

Doctrine is the engine for the journey of faith

A lot of press coverage of Archbishop William Levada's nomination as prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith [CDF] revisited some old shibboleths about "watchdogs reining in dissidents," as if "the doctrine of the faith" were a political platform and the prefect of CDF a party whip, hustling wavering legislators into line with threats of retribution. Which might make a degree of sense, if you think of Catholicism as simply another life-style choice with no more tether to the truth than any other hobby.

If, however, the Catholic Church is what it claims to be—the earthen vessel containing the truth of the world—then "doctrine," the boundary that distinguishes authentic Catholicism from counterfeit Catholicism, is something entirely different. Doctrine, in a truly Catholic understanding of the term, is liberating, not confining.

First, the Bible. There will be no new books added to the Bible. The canon of Scripture is closed; that's a matter of doctrine. But does that make Scripture a dead letter? No. The doctrine that the Word of God can be received intact by every new generation of believers, inviting them to a fresh engagement with God's revelation in written form.

The Church's sevenfold sacramental system is another matter of doctrine: these seven sacraments, the Church teaches, are the sacraments in a way that other acts of worship are not. Does that teaching make baptism, confirmation, the Eucharist, the sacrament of reconciliation, holy orders, matrimony, and the anointing of the sick empty rituals, performed simply because others did these things before us? No. The givenness of the sacramental system—the fact that we don't have to make this up—teaches

The Catholic Difference

by George Weigel



every generation of Christians a seminal truth: just beyond the ordinary—bread and wine; water, salt, and oil; marital love and fidelity—lies the extraordinary reality of God's passionate love for the world, manifest in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, whom we meet in the sacraments.

And then there is the matter of authority in the Church, which touches Archbishop Levada's new responsibilities. Authority in the Church is not intended to impede creativity; authority in the Church is meant to insure that Catholics, including theologians, don't settle for mediocrity. The teaching authority of the Church, of which CDF is one instrument, has one purpose: to hold all of us accountable to the *regula fidei*, the "rule of faith," that is the living Christ. Theologians, like other intellectuals, can be tempted to be impressed by their own cleverness. The teaching authority of the Church, including CDF, exists to call

theology to a love of the truth, not to self-absorption in its own genius.

Some (including some Catholics) find it odd that the Catholic Church should have an office dedicated to the integrity of its tradition. Perhaps they might look at the situation of Christian communities that have no such offices, communities whose boundaries are so porous that it's hard to tell who's in and who's out—or even what "in" and "out" mean. More to the point, though, concerns about an office of vigilance and encouragement that calls theologians to a faithful and creative exploration of "the tradition" miss the distinctively Catholic meaning of "tradition."

Latin helps here. "Tradition," our translation of the Latin *traditio*, comes from the verb *tradere*, which means "to hand over" or "hand on," as in a patrimony. As the Catholic Church understands it, this "handing on" begins, not with us, but within the Holy Trinity itself: for the Trinity is a communion of complete giving-and-receiving. That radical self-giving

entered history in Jesus of Nazareth and continues in the life of the Church, which is His mystical body, through the power of the Holy Spirit. That is why tradition is the living

Tradition is the living faith of those who have died.

faith of those who have died. And that is why "tradition" must be distinguished from forms of traditionalism which bespeak the dead faith of the living.

Doctrine isn't excess baggage on the journey of faith. Doctrine is the engine that makes the journey possible, in integrity.

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Stewardship

Accountability for the gifts God has given us

BY DAVID OSBORNE

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Catholic stewardship is everything we do with God's grace and our lives after we say, "I believe."

It begins with rejoicing in what God has freely given and matures into encouraging others to believe, helping others to receive God's fellowship, and enabling others to make a proper, charitable response to God and their neighbors.

One day, God will ask us to account for the gifts He has given. Therefore, we must prepare our lives to testify to the value of God's grace.

A stewardship process works in union with the principles of evangelization. As Catholics are brought to enthusiasm for their faith and begin living in Christ, promoting stewardship principles encourages them to share their faith and resources to produce Catholic Life.

As people hear the message of salvation in Jesus Christ and come to join in the fullness of the Catholic faith, forming people with a stewardship consciousness helps them make a right, due and adequate response to God and His Church.

As the People of God foster Gospel values in our

society, promote the dignity of the human person, the importance of the family, and the common good of society, the virtue of stewardship helps people to use their physical and spiritual resources to transform the material order by making present and building up the kingdom of God.

In most cases, a lack of progress at a diocese or parish can be traced back to the implementation of an ineffective process. Frequently, this stems from improper focus or overpromotion of financial gifts as the only stewardship response. However, even though our religious organizations at every level face urgent needs for financial resources, misusing the steward-

ship message and process only makes matters worse.

Dioceses and parishes must implement a process to promote ongoing, daily conversion. After establishing God as life's first priority, then a cyclical

stewardship initiative can begin by educating and encouraging people to live life with an attitude of gratitude and with a spirituality of sharing.

The stewardship message consists of helping people and religious organizations be accountable for all that has been entrusted to them, and enabling people to make a conscious return to the Lord of their increases.

Catholic stewardship specializes in harvesting the

resources needed to carry on the Church's mission. There is a great difference between "planting and nurturing the seeds" of the Word of God and "harvesting the fruit." I hope to play a role in enabling clergy to evangelize, catechize and sanctify the faithful with a consciousness of the stewardship response that is expected from disciples of Christ. This will take many one-on-one meetings to help clergy do long-range pastoral and organizational planning, many professional training seminars for clergy, parish professional staff, and lay leaders, and much grace and patience to change habits in our culture that do not promote gratitude and generosity.

Some specific things that parishes can do:

- Start or enhance the stewardship committee by providing continuing education and practical training.
- Learn how to do long-term pastoral planning, how to present the state of the parish and its finances to parishioners, and how to promote the pastoral vision by inviting people to participate or reminding them about the importance of their contributions.

• Improve communication to specific parish populations, including those who feel alienated from the Church and adults who do not have children in the home, who are often overlooked by an emphasis on family-centered programs.

• Encourage trained lay leaders to provide more input into the decision-making process of the parish for both financial and non-monetary issues.

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but simply a lack of funding and access,” Cardinal Keeler added. “By helping to establish a nationwide public cord blood bank, this legislation will begin saving more lives almost immediately.”

Bush has vowed to veto the Stem-Cell Research Enhancement Act, which he said crosses “a critical ethical line by creating new incentives for the ongoing destruction of emerging human life.” It would be his first veto in more than four years in office.

Richard M. Doerflinger, deputy direc-

Communion

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“I usually just deal with deaf people, not those with multiple disabilities,” said Deacon Smith, whose ministry includes Pre-Cana, sacramental preparation, and jail visits.

So Deacon Smith called on colleague Sister Eileen Byrne, O.P., who recently retired as director of the agency’s Apostolate With the Developmentally Disabled. “We worked on this sacramental preparation together,” said Deacon Smith.

In 1982 and again in 1995, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops mandated full inclusion of disabled people in the sacramental life of the Church.

Deacon Smith and Sister Byrne are among the people making that mandate a reality.

Over eight sessions at Michael’s home, Sister Byrne used visual aids and Deacon Smith signed questions and explanations to the boy, who has no developmental disabilities.

“We got Michael to identify who Jesus is, that He is the Son of God,” Deacon Smith said.

They asked Michael, “Who’s the most important person in this picture?” Michael grabbed the image of Jesus.

“He put Jesus up in the sky. ... This child knew instinctively who Jesus is and where He is from,” Deacon Smith said.

Michael also learns the faith from his parents. “We regularly bring him to church,” Juel Parondo said. And they communicate via computer and sign language.

“Most of my signs, I learn from him [Michael] now,” said Parondo, a sign language beginner.

At P.S. 27, Michael is learning to read and improving his sign language. He’s making friends. And thanks to Catholic Charities, Michael has a wheelchair to explore his new world.

The family’s gratitude runs deep.

“We’ve gotten so many gifts,” Juel Parondo noted.

The Parondos are especially thankful for Deacon Smith and Sister Byrne. “They’ve been a very important part of our lives since we’ve come here,” Parondo said.

tor of the bishops’ pro-life secretariat, called the House debate “a David and Goliath story” in a May 25 statement.

“The pro-life movement and its allies in Congress went up against the combined resources of Hollywood celebrities, the research establishment and a wealthy, for-profit biotechnology industry, and fought them to a standstill,” Doerflinger said. “The bill to promote killing of human embryos for their stem cells will not become law.”

He praised the passage of the cord-blood legislation, however, and said it “should be enacted into law without delay, so it can begin helping patients with devastating disease.”

The “underlying question for all men and women of good will is this...Are our actions supporting a culture of life or ever-expanding culture of death,” said Father Anthony J. Figueiredo of

Immaculate Conception Seminary in South Orange.

The Church, he continued, “supports stem cell research guided by strong moral principles.” For Roman Catholics, Father Figueiredo continued, the “bottom line” moral principle is “the defense of human life from the first moment of conception through to natural death.” Embryonic stem cell research “defends neither of these two elements.”

Father Figueiredo went on to stress that the Church supports stem cell research “which does not involve the killing of innocent human life—cells may be used and have been used with proven scientific success from adult tissue and umbilical cord blood.”

The Church believes, he concluded, “in eliminating disease through science that is ethically responsible.”

Official Appointments



Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY/MINISTRY

- Reverend Michael A. Andreano**, Vice Chancellor and Assistant to the Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, has been appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee for Continuing Education and Ongoing Formation of Priests for a period of five years, effective immediately.
- Very Reverend Robert A. Antczak, V.F.**, Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Jersey City, has been appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee for Continuing Education and Ongoing Formation of Priests for a period of five years, effective immediately.
- Reverend Joseph R. Chapel, S.T.D.**, on staff at Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, has been appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee for Continuing Education and Ongoing Formation of Priests for a period of five years, effective immediately.
- Reverend Msgr. James S. Chorna**, Pastor of St. Agnes Parish, Clark, has been appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee for Continuing Education and Ongoing Formation of Priests for a period of five years, effective immediately.
- Reverend Michael J. Kreder**, Pastor of St. Mary Church, Rutherford, has been appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee for Continuing Education and Ongoing Formation of Priests for a period of five years, effective immediately.
- Reverend Monsignor Gerard H. McCarren, S.T.D.**, Spiritual Director at Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, has been appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee for Continuing Education and Ongoing Formation of Priests for a period of five years, effective immediately. He has also been appointed Chair of the Liturgical Commission for a period of three years, effective immediately.
- Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Nydegger**, Vice Rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, has been appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee for Continuing Education and Ongoing Formation of Priests for a period of five years, effective immediately.
- Reverend Monsignor Joseph R. Reilly, Ph.D.**, Rector of the College Seminary-St. Andrew Hall at Seton Hall University, South Orange, has been appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee for Continuing Education and Ongoing Formation of Priests for a period of five years, effective immediately.

- Reverend Monsignor Robert E. Templeton**, Pastor of St. Anthony Parish, East Newark, has been appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee for Continuing Education and Ongoing Formation of Priests for a period of five years, effective immediately.
- Reverend Giovanni Rizzo**, Parochial Vicar of Holy Family Parish, Nutley, has been appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee for Continuing Education and Ongoing Formation of Priests for a period of five years, effective immediately.
- Reverend Monsignor Robert E. Harahan, S.T.D.**, Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, has been appointed Director of Formation for the Permanent Diaconate of the Archdiocese of Newark for a period of three years, effective July 1.
- Deacon John J. McKenna**, Executive Director of Human Resources, has been appointed Director of Personnel for the Permanent Diaconate of the Archdiocese of Newark for a period of three years, effective July 1. He has also been appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee for Continuing Education and Ongoing Formation of Priests for a period of five years, effective immediately.
- PASTOR**
- Reverend Monsignor Ronald J. Marczewski**, Pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Caldwell, has been appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Bayonne, effective Aug. 1.
- ADMINISTRATOR**
- Very Reverend Thomas Crangle, O.F.M., Cap., V.F.**, Pastor of St. Ann Parish, Hoboken, has also been appointed Administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Hoboken, for a period of one month, beginning June 1.
- Reverend Alexander M. Santora**, Campus Minister at Kean University, Union, has been appointed Administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Hoboken, effective July 1.
- PAROCHIAL VICAR**
- Reverend Jerome S. Arthasseril**, Parochial Vicar of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, East Orange, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Verona, effective June 15.
- Reverend Robert J. Cio**, Parochial Vicar of Ascension Parish, New Milford, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Jersey City, effective June 15.

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Health needs of the poorest countries remain a priority

GENEVA (CNS)—A Vatican official told health ministers from around the world that the Catholic Church would continue to dedicate its resources to helping the sick in the world's poorest countries.

Easily treatable infectious diseases are spreading in the Third World while science is focused on creating treatments and drugs for sale in the world's richest nations, said Cardinal Javier Lozano Barragan, president of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers.

The cardinal represented the Vatican last month at the World Health Assembly, the annual gathering of representatives from the World Health Organization's 192 member states.

The assembly focused on a full range of health issues, but

Cardinal Lozano, like many of the speakers, focused on HIV/AIDS, the situation of the poor and the health needs of mothers and their children.

On the issue of maternal and child health, he told the delegates that "among the 211 million human beings who are newly conceived 46 million are subjected to induced abortions, 32 million die prematurely or at birth, and thus only 133 million survive."

On the issue of infectious diseases, he said that each year the preventable or treatable diseases are "responsible for the deaths of 17 million persons, of whom 90 percent live in developing countries."

In many of the world's poorest countries, he said, one cannot even find the drugs needed to treat tuberculosis, malaria and small-

pox and "95 percent of people living with AIDS do not have sufficient money to purchase antiretroviral medications."

The cardinal told the assembly that between 1975 and 1997, more than 1,220 new drugs were introduced to the market but "only 13 of those medicines were dedicated to the treatment of tropical infectious diseases," he said.

Pope John Paul II established and Pope Benedict XVI has ratified the Good Samaritan Foundation to strengthen the Catholic Church's ability to provide assistance to the world's neediest people, the cardinal said.

Father Robert J. Vitillo, special adviser on HIV/AIDS for Caritas Internationalis, the umbrella organization for Catholic charities worldwide, also participated in the assembly and related events.

Ground zero memorial

NEW YORK (CNS)—Cardinal Edward M. Egan of New York dedicated a Catholic memorial at ground zero May 22 to serve as a complement to the national memorial planned for the site of the World Trade Center destroyed Sept. 11, 2001. St. Joseph's Chapel, located near ground zero on the ground floor of a seven-story apartment building in lower Manhattan's Battery Park City, has been renovated and designated as the Catholic memorial. Visitors to ground zero will be able to walk a few steps toward the Hudson River and enter an environment keyed to the same theme but designed to encourage prayer and meditation.

Pastoral care cited

NEW YORK (CNS)—The mergers, downsizings and sometimes sales of Catholic health care institutions taking place across the United States bring a need for pastoral care of their staff members, whose lives are disrupted by the changes, a group of administrators of Catholic hospitals was told May 19. Gregory Kirsch, vice president for mission at Little Company of Mary Healthcare in Torrance, CA, said people who were losing their jobs needed help in dealing with anger, grief, depression and a sense of abandonment. People connected with the religious orders that originally established the hospitals often had the additional problem of feeling an

entitlement to their place in them, he said. Those who did not find their jobs eliminated could still feel anger about what was happening to their colleagues and to the institution, anxiety about what might happen to them in the future, and sometimes "survivor guilt," he said.

End-of-life treatment

NEW YORK (CNS)—The treatment of Pope John Paul II during his last days demonstrated that medical personnel are not ethically required to "do everything" when someone is dying, a priest-physician said May 19. Jesuit Father Myles N. Sheehan, senior associate dean at Loyola University's Stritch School of Medicine in Maywood, IL, noted that the pope did not die in the intensive care unit of a hospital, but remained in his apartment. The pope's doctors also did not go through "the whole menu of possibilities" to carry out every medical procedure, according to the priest. In his final days, when the pope was informed of the gravity of his condition, he asked if hospitalization was necessary. When doctors said it was possible to care for him in the Vatican, the pope decided to stay in his apartment, a spokesman told reporters at the time. "Overly aggressive intervention can be medically and morally wrong, and distract from the patient's preparation for the end of life," Father Sheehan said.

Policies are concern

NEW YORK (CNS)—A group of religious orders and other investors is asking the retail giant Wal-Mart to assess the company's policies and practices in light of their "social, environmental and economic sustainability." A resolution filed for shareholder action said Wal-Mart, which will hold its annual stockholder meeting June 3 in Fayetteville, AR, is facing widespread "negative public perceptions" about its operations. "Wal-Mart's business success is dependent on its domestic and global workers receiving a sustainable living wage to meet their basic needs, and the environmental viability of the communities in which the company operates," the resolution added. The Shareholder Association for Research and Education, an agency based in Vancouver, British Columbia, said in a report earlier this month that Wal-Mart activity had drawn concern in Canada as well as the United States. The agency helps pension funds build sound investment practices that protect beneficiaries.

'Pile of documents'

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI visited the source of what he said was a daily "pile of documents," the Vatican Secretariat of State. The pope met May 21 with top officials of the secretariat in the office library, located across the courtyard from his office and apartment in the



PRESIDENT ARRIVES—Denver Archbishop Charles J. Chaput applauds along with an enthusiastic audience of 1,600 as President George W. Bush arrives at the second annual National Catholic Prayer Breakfast in Washington.

House honors slain nun

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The U.S. House of Representatives honored the life and work of Sister Dorothy Stang, the Sister of Notre Dame de Namur killed Feb. 12 in a remote section of Brazil's Amazon rain forest, with a resolution approved unanimously May 23.

The resolution, which now goes to the Senate for consideration, says Sister Dorothy "lived her life according to the mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame, making known God's goodness and love of the poor through the Gospel

way of life, community and prayer, while continuing a strong educational tradition and taking a stand with the poor people, especially women and children, in the most abandoned places, and committing her one and only life to work with others to create justice and peace for all."

Sister Dorothy, a native of Dayton, Ohio, worked for nearly four decades with peasants and rural workers in Brazil, particularly on land reform and human rights issues.

Apostolic Palace. "I came without any words written down, but with a heart full of deep gratitude and with the intention of learning," Pope Benedict said, according to a transcript released later by the Vatican press office. The Vatican Secretariat of State coordinates the daily work of the entire Roman Curia, as well as overseeing relations with more than 170 governments and dozens of international agencies. Even in countries where the Vatican does not have an ambassador, it has a representative to the local Church who keeps the Secretariat of State informed about the life of the Church.

God's love affirmed

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The Christian belief in the Trinity is an affirmation that God is love, said Pope Benedict XVI. "The phrase that summarizes all of revelation is this: 'God is love,'" the pope told thousands of people gathered in St. Peter's Square May 22 for the recitation of the *Angelus* prayer. Like the Trinity, he said, "love is always a mystery, a reality that surpasses reason without contradicting it. Rather, it exalts its potential." The doctrine of the Trinity, which says the Father, Son

and Holy Spirit are three persons in one God, reflects the truth that "God is not solitude, but perfect communion," the pope said. "For this reason, the human person—the image of God—realizes himself in love, which is the sincere gift of self," he said.

Christian cultures

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The countries of Eastern Europe can help the entire continent by ensuring their Christian cultures are not watered down as they move toward greater unity with the rest of Europe, said Pope Benedict XVI. The pope met separately May 23 with the president of Bulgaria, the prime minister of Macedonia and Catholic-Orthodox delegations from both countries. The delegations were in Rome to visit the tomb of St. Cyril, who, with his brother, St. Methodius, took Christianity to the Slavic peoples. The Orthodox mark the brothers' feast day May 24. The pope told Bulgarian President Georgi Parvanov that the brothers' impact on his nation made an unbreakable link between Bulgaria's culture and Christianity, a link Bulgaria must keep strong as it acts as a "bridge between the West and East."

Most Americans oppose funding of embryonic stem-cell research

WASHINGTON (CNS)—A majority of Americans oppose federal funding of stem-cell research involving the destruction of human embryos, while 36 percent support it, according to a new poll commissioned by the U.S. bishops’ Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities.

“It is always wrong for government to promote the destruction of human life,” said Richard M. Doerflinger, deputy director of the secretariat, in a statement. “To do so when a clear majority of the taxpayers themselves reject this approach would be especially irresponsible.”

The poll was released last month as the U.S. House of Representatives was considering legislation that would allow federal funding of stem-cell research using embryos created but not used for in vitro fertilization. A vote was expected on the legislation before the summer recess.

In a letter, Cardinal William H. Keeler, chairman of the bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities, urged House members “in the strongest possible terms to oppose all destructive and morally offensive proposals” such as H.R. 810.

“Government has no business forcing taxpayers to become complicit in the direct destruction of human life at any stage,” the Baltimore cardinal said. “Nor is there any point in denying the scientific fact that human life is exactly what is at stake here.”

He said the legislation “radical-ly departs” from government policy since 1995 protecting embryos from any risk of harm or death in federally funded research projects. At the same time, advances in research using adult stem cells make it doubtful that embryonic stem-cell research “will ever catch up with the therapeutic benefits now arising from adult stem cells,” he said.

“The current federal policy of funding research on a limited number of existing (embryonic stem-cell) lines has achieved its stated goal—that of exploring which avenues of stem-cell research will most quickly and effectively lead to promising treatments,” Cardinal Keeler wrote.

“The emerging answer is that (embryonic stem-cell) research is not one of those avenues,” he added. “If there is to be any

change in the existing policy, it should be to end this limited funding ... altogether, so taxpayers’ resources can more effectively be marshaled for research now showing itself to be more ethically and medically sound.”

In the survey conducted by International Communications Research, 1,010 Americans were told that “Congress is considering the question of federal funding for experiments using stem cells from human embryos” and that embryos “would be destroyed in their first week of development to obtain these cells.”

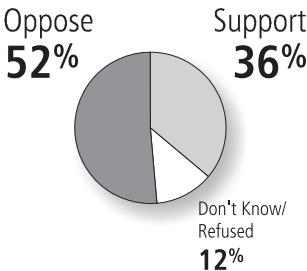
Asked whether they “support or oppose using your federal tax dollars for such experiments,” 36 percent were in support, 52 percent were opposed, 10 percent said they didn’t know and two percent refused to answer.

In a second question, respondents were told that stem cells “can also be obtained from adults, from placentas left over from live births, and in other ways that do no harm to the donor” and that “scientists disagree on which source may end up being most successful in treating diseases.”

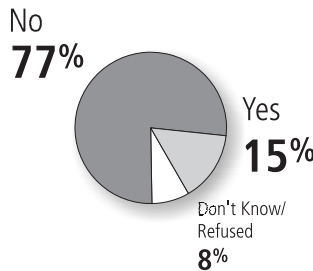
CELL RESEARCH

Study shows more than half of Americans oppose federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research

Do you support or oppose using federal tax dollars for experiments involving the destruction of human embryos?



Should scientists be allowed to clone human embryos to be destroyed in medical research?



Questions were part of a national survey conducted by International Communications Research, which polled over 1,000 American adults by telephone May 6-11.

Survey results rounded.
Source: USCCB

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Asked how they would prefer their tax dollars “to be used this year for stem-cell research,” 22 percent said they supported “all methods, including those that require destroying human embryos, to see which will be most successful,” while 60 percent said they favored “research using adult stem cells and other alternatives to see if there is no need to destroy human embryos for research.”

Another eight percent said they supported neither option, eight percent said they didn’t know and two percent declined to answer.

The margin of error for the

International Communications Research poll, conducted by telephone May 6-11, was plus or minus three percentage points.

An identical poll in August 2004 found that Americans opposed funding stem-cell research that required the destruction of early human embryos by a margin of 47 percent to 43 percent. On the second question, 61 percent favored funding only morally unproblematic avenues of research while 23 percent supported all avenues, including methods involving the destruction of human embryos.

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June 1

Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield, parish carnival through June 5. Wednesday /Thursday 6-10:30 p.m.; Friday 6-11 p.m.; Saturday 2-11 p.m., and Sunday 2-10 p.m. (973) 748-1800.

June 3

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, “Catholics Who Happen to Be Single,” meeting, 7:30-10 p.m. Cost \$5. Call Lenora at (973) 743-6100 or email century153@yahoo.com.

The Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Teresa, meeting, 3:15 p.m., Chapel of St. Peter Hall, Jersey City.

June 4

St. Phil’s Singles, crafts and antiques festival at the Peddler’s Fair, Oakland, noon. (973) 248-9245.

The Community of God’s Love, Rutherford, healing Mass, Grace Episcopal Methodist Church, 6 p.m. (201) 935-0344.

June 5

Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Newark, blood drive, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (973) 743-9796.

St. John the Baptist, Fairview, re-naming of parish school building as the McTague Education Center after Father Charles McTague, noon. (201) 945-4865.

Missionary Franciscan Sisters, Tenafly, garage and bake sale through June 6, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (201) 568-0478.

Knights of Columbus, Belleville, vocations breakfast, 7-11:30 a.m., 98 Bridge St., (973) 759-9656.

June 6

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, Rosary Altar Society meeting, 7 p.m. (908) 232-1162.

June 8

Family Life Ministries and Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Newark, annulment information evening, SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Hoboken, 7:30 p.m. (973) 497-4327.

June 11

St. Phil’s Singles, hiking at Black River Park, Chester Township, and dinner, 12:15 p.m. (973) 340-4001.

Knights of Columbus, Belleville, chicken dinner, 4-7 p.m., 98 Bridge St. Adults, \$10; children, \$3. (973) 759-9656.

June 12

St. Phil’s Singles, softball game, St. Joseph’s Hall, Livingston, and dinner, 2 p.m. (732) 382-5242 after 6 p.m. or visit www.homestead.com/stphilssingles.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, World Youth Day fundraiser for parish youth. Call Stephanie at (973) 423-5694.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Orange, Feast of St. Anthony of Padua, 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Masses, pasta dinner, 6 p.m., cost \$10. (973) 674-2052.

June 14

Holy Family Interparochial School, Norwood, parish carnival through June 18. Advanced sale tickets, \$10 for 18. (201) 784-5752, (201) 816-0627 or (201) 666-8434.

June 17

Caldwell College, tricky tray auction, 6:30 p.m., student center gym. Cost \$20 in advance, \$25 at door, \$15 alumni. (973) 618-3411.

June 18

Knights of Columbus, Belleville, blood drive, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (973) 676-4700, ext. 144 or Ron Byers at (201) 991-8718.

St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, Father’s Day choir prelude concert and Mass, 4:30 p.m. Free. (973) 992-0994.

Office of Family Life Ministries, Archdiocese of Newark, support group for fathers whose children have died meeting, Notre Dame Parish, North Caldwell, 10 a.m. (973) 497-4327.

Trip:

Ascension Parish, New Milford, trip to Nova Scotia from July 6-12. Includes six nights of lodging, as well as meals, entertainment and tours. Cost \$945. Call Josie at (201) 265-0485 or Anna at (201) 387-2632.

Official Appointments



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Reverend Nerva W. Dugue has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph the Carpenter Parish, Roselle, effective June 15.

Reverend Patrick R. Flannery, Parochial Vicar of St. Peter Parish, Belleville, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Newark, effective June 15.

Reverend Marco Hurtado-Olazo, Parochial Vicar of St. Leo Parish, Irvington, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff, effective June 15.

Reverend Zephyrin K. Katompa, Pastor of St. Roseline Parish, Toulon, France, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Holy Rosary/St. Michael Parish, Elizabeth, effective June 15.

Reverend Don Bosco Park, Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of the Church of the Korean Martyrs, Saddle Brook, effective June 15.

Reverend Frederick A. Pfeifer, Parochial Vicar of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Newark, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Leo Parish, Irvington, effective June 15.

Reverend Amilcar Benito Prado, Parochial Vicar of Resurrection Parish, Jersey City, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of SS. Peter & Paul, Hoboken, effective June 15.

Reverend Donald B. Ransom, Parochial Vicar of St. Mary Parish, Rahway, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Philip the Apostle, Saddle Brook, effective June 15.

Reverend Stephen Toth has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Presentation Church, Upper Saddle River, effective June 15.

CHAPLAIN

Reverend Paul J. Prevosto, on staff at Oratory Preparatory School, Summit, has also been appointed Chaplain of Oratory Preparatory School, Summit, effective immediately. He has been appointed, as well, to residency at St. Bartholomew Rectory, Scotch Plains, effective July 1.

RELEASE

Reverend Leonardo M. Caceres, Parochial Vicar of Holy Rosary/St. Michael, Elizabeth, has been released from pastoral service in the Archdiocese of Newark for pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Frejus-Toulon, France for a period of three years beginning June 15 and ending June 15, 2008.

Reverend Wojciech Jaskowiak, Parochial Vicar of Immaculate Heart of Mary/St. Patrick Parish, Elizabeth, has been released from pastoral service in the Archdiocese of Newark for pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese of Agana, Guam, for a period of five years beginning June 15 and ending June 15, 2010.

WITHDRAWAL

Reverend Marian Spanier, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Hackensack, has withdrawn his request for a Sabbatical.

THE NEWLY ORDAINED

Reverend Yunior Almonte-Mendez has been appointed Parochial Vicar of the Parish of the Resurrection, Jersey City, effective June 15.

Reverend Justino Cornejo has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Immaculate Heart of Mary/St. Patrick Parish, Elizabeth, effective June 15.

Reverend Edson Fernando Costa, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Anne Parish, Fair Lawn, effective June 15.

Reverend Francesco Donnarumma has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Rocco Parish, Union City, and St. Brigid Parish, North Bergen, effective June 15.

Reverend Giuseppe Fedele has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Immaculate Conception Parish, Secaucus, effective June 15.

Reverend Robert J. Gelinas has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Cedar Grove, effective June 15.

Reverend Colin A. Kay has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Anne Parish, Fair Lawn, effective June 15.

Reverend Thomas P. Quinn has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, effective June 15.

Reverend John Z. Radwan has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Henry Parish, Bayonne, effective June 15.

Reverend Philip A. Sanders has been appointed Summer Parochial Vicar of St. Mary Parish, Dumont.

Reverend Francisco De Asis Trujillo-Gonzalez has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York, effective June 15.

Reverend Juan Carlos Zapata has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Leo Parish, Elmwood Park, effective June 15.

NEWLY ORDAINED TRANSITIONAL DEACONS

Reverend Mr. Gerald Buonopane, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, effective May 31 to May 18, 2006.

Reverend Mr. Esterminio Chica has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. Francis de Sales Parish, Lodi, effective May 31 to May 18, 2006.

Reverend Mr. James Hooyeon Cho has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. Joseph Parish, Maplewood, effective May 31 to May 18, 2006.

Reverend Mr. James Ferry has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. Henry Parish, Bayonne, effective May 31 to May 18, 2006.

Reverend Mr. Rafael I. Galvez-Pineda has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at Holy Trinity Parish, Hackensack, effective May 31 to July 31, 2005.

Reverend Mr. Giandomenico Flora has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at Holy Family Parish, Nutley, effective May 31 to May 18, 2006.

Reverend Mr. Zeljko Guberovic has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Union City, effective May 31 to May 18, 2006.

Reverend Mr. Joseph Kwiatkowski has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington, effective May 31 to May 18, 2006.

Reverend Mr. Paul Kyung Lee has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City, effective May 31 to May 18, 2006.

Reverend Mr. Bryan Page has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, effective May 31 to May 18, 2006.

Reverend Mr. Antonio Rocha has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. Cecilia Parish, Kearny, effective May 31 to May 18, 2006.

Reverend Mr. Raul Silva has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, effective May 31 to May 18, 2006.

Reverend Mr. James Tucker has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. Thomas More Parish, Fairfield, effective May 31 to May 18, 2006.

Reverend Mr. Rafael Velasquez has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. Mary, Plainfield, effective May 31 to May 18, 2006.

ALSO

Reverend Mr. Carl Fisette, newly ordained transitional deacon of the Diocese of Providence, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at Holy Trinity Parish, Westfield, effective Sept. 10 to May 18, 2006.

Reverend Mr. Lawrence Swink, newly ordained transitional deacon of the Archdiocese of Washington, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, effective Sept. 10 to May 18, 2006.

Reverend Mr. Robert Walsh, newly ordained transitional deacon of the Archdiocese of Washington, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes, effective Sept. 10 to May 18, 2006.

‘Beam of hope’

Editor,
Arthur Hertzberg’s statement “The major European institution that stood for morality looked away from genocide,” appeared in the *New York Times*, May 14, 2005, op-ed piece entitled “The Vatican’s Sin of Omission.”

Although Pope Pius XII’s name does not appear in this article, the reference to him is obvious. But the presentation of Pius XII as one who failed to respond adequately to the challenges of the Holocaust is not acceptable. Documentation proves that such a statement is false.

The Catholic Church did not cause these crimes and could not have prevented Hitler from implementing them.

Has the *New York Times* repudiated the position it held before, during and after World War II? On Dec. 30, 1915, the American Jewish Committee appealed to Pope Benedict XV to use his moral influence and speak out against anti-Semitism. Within a few weeks (Feb. 9, 1916), Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Gasparri, signed a pro-Jewish document prepared by Msgr. Eugenio Pacelli, the future Pope Pius XII.

In fact, a statement appeared in the *New York Times*, April 17, 1916 under the headline, “Papal Bull Urges Equality for Jews.” It was printed in *Civiltà Cattolica*, and in *The Tablet*.

Twenty years later, during his 1936 visit to the United States, Cardinal Pacelli met with two officials of the American Jewish Committee and re-affirmed Benedict XV’s condemnation of anti-Semitism, promising to make its teaching more widely known.

The *New York Times* (Dec. 25, 1941) described Pius XII’s Christmas message: “The voice of Pius XII is a lonely

voice in the silence and darkness enveloping Europe this Christmas....In calling for a ‘real new order’ based on ‘liberty, justice and love,’ to be attained only by a ‘return to social and international principles capable of creating a barrier against the abuse of liberty and the abuse of power,’ the pope put himself squarely against Hitlerism.”

During a private conversation in 1942, Pius XII said, “No doubt a solemn protest would have gained me the praise and respect of the civilized world, but it would have brought to the poor Jews an implacable suffering, even greater than the one they are now suffering.” His conversations with the world’s leaders, replete with amazing insight and comprehension, have been recorded.

The Vatican newspaper, *L’Osservatore Romano*, condemned Adolf Hitler, Nazism, racism, and anti-Semitism by name. The pope’s messages on Vatican Radio, his participation in the plot of German generals to overthrow Hitler, the testimony of countless witnesses, Eichmann’s diaries, the pope’s intervention for Lend-Lease to Russia, the evidence produced at Nuremberg, the extraordinary Jewish tributes, the hundreds of pages of sworn depositions—are all dismissed by his accusers.

Truth and justice demand a re-evaluation of the attacks against Pius XII.

Documentation proves that, during World War II, Pope Pius XII responded adequately to these challenges.

The Vatican became a beam of hope, a focus for the protection of human life and human rights through the Vatican Information Office, which was one of Pius XII’s greatest wartime humanistic contributions.

Sister Margherita Marchione Ph.D

Ordinations bring a great joy

Ordinations make this an especially joyous time for this local Church of Newark.

For those who may be hand-wringing about the Church and vocations, just look at the Archdiocese of Newark. In mid-May, 14 men were ordained as transitional deacons. In what is always a moving experience for family and friends and a special moment for Archbishop John J. Myers, a dozen new priests were ordained on Saturday. On June 11 the archdiocese will welcome 36 permanent deacons. Also gratifying and heartening is the fact that today, the archdiocese has some 100 men studying for the priesthood at one of its seminaries, or in Rome or elsewhere.

By any measure, it is a good year. Sixty-two men have committed themselves to the spiritual lives of the faithful. Significant too is that the Class of 2005 continues to represent the rich cultural diversity that is the Archdiocese of Newark.

The diaconate and priesthood are special callings. Each ordinand is well aware of and welcomes the awesome responsibility of being there for God’s people.

As all of the 62 embark on their new ministries they can do so confident that the faithful is proud of them and deeply appreciative of their decision to serve.

All the best to the Class of 2005

Graduation, a time of personal achievement, immense pride and a degree of apprehension, is upon young people throughout the Archdiocese of Newark.

Students at Seton Hall University, Saint Peter’s College, Felician College and Caldwell College have already received their degrees. In the coming days, local Catholic high schools will award diplomas.

Walking across that stage and receiving a tangible symbol of academic success is a milestone that should be savored and celebrated.

Whether it is the work world or additional academic pursuits ahead for those with diplomas now in hand, graduates are prepared intellectually and spiritually because of the quality Catholic education they have received.

To the Class of 2005, a hearty congratulations.

A question box about faith and practice

Today’s Question: Would you please comment on the Instruction *Redemptionis Sacramentum*, and whether or not its precepts are followed in the Archdiocese of Newark? – F. C. Lagerquist, Assumption Parish, Emerson

On Holy Thursday, April 17, 2003, Pope John Paul II signed and gave to the Church his fourteenth encyclical letter, *Ecclesia De Eucharistia* (Church of the Eucharist).

In this beautiful document, the Holy Father stated that the Holy Eucharist “stands at the center of the Church’s life. It unites heaven and earth. It embraces and permeates all creation,” and “is the most precious possession which the Church can have in her journey through history.”

At the same time, he noted that there are positive and negative developments in its celebration and worship since the Second Vatican Council, and he called upon the Roman Congregations to develop an instruction explaining the deeper level of liturgical norms in the light of recent abuses of liturgical law throughout the world.

Thus, on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, March 25, 2004, Cardinal Francis Arinze, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, signed a new instruction entitled *Redemptionis*

What’s the Matter?

By Msgr. Richard J. Arnholts



Sacramentum (Sacrament of Redemption), which was approved by Pope John Paul II, following an extended consultation with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

In addition to recommending observance of current liturgical law, it also urges that efforts be made to encourage an appreciation of “the sense of deep wonder before the mystery of faith” which is at the heart of an interior participation in the liturgy.

Its precepts are to be followed in the Archdiocese of Newark, and around the world. Oftentimes, however, not every priest or every layperson reads such Instructions. If you are aware of something in your parish not in line with this Instruction, it might be helpful to discuss the matter charitably with your pastor.

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

Respect Life

What’s a kid to think?

BY MSGR. RICHARD MCGUINNESS
Director of the Respect Life Office

Kids today have a difficult time learning to live their Catholic faith.

Many of the stars they see on TV or films are having extra-marital affairs, sometimes many divorces, and frequently having babies out of wedlock, as though these things are normal. The internet is filled with pornography, making it easy to think that sex without love and marriage is “normal.” Sex education classes often presume that students are expected to begin sexual activity during school years because they will not be able to control

themselves. Thus they will have to use “safe sex” contraceptives to avoid pregnancy and disease.

They need to hear the truth of Christ’s teaching—abstinence before marriage, chastity and fidelity after marriage. They need to hear that this is God’s plan—what He expects of them. That the marital embrace is a sacred, beautiful and holy expression of love between husband and wife that brings true happiness and joy. We must help kids see the wisdom and goodness of God’s gift of human sexuality.

Preparation for marriage can’t begin too soon, and it can prevent a lot of unhappiness for kids who never heard of God’s plan for family life.

How to report abuse

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

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

Reflections of the preacher from 'Noooo Jersey'

In 1962 and 1963 I went to Kentucky during the summer months. There I spent time with a huge bear of a man, "The Dean of the Mountains," Father Ralph Beiting. Together we dragged a trailer and some seminarians all over eastern Kentucky doing street preaching—mostly in front of court houses.

Our purpose was to introduce the "new Catholic Church"—the ecumenical Church—to people who grew up believing that priests had horns—and "666" written on their heads. We had the "mark of the beast" upon us, so they believed.

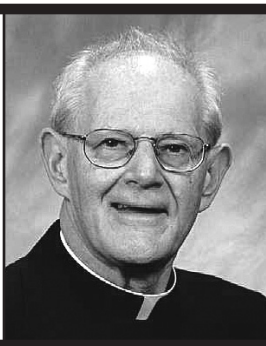
We would come into a town and beg electricity from the local sheriff and then set up our trailer and station wagon near the court house.

At night we played music on the loudspeakers to draw a crowd. Those mountain towns did not have much television in those days. And then Father Beiting would get up—we did not wear Roman collars—and tell the small crowd that this "great preacher" had come all the way from "Noooo Jersey" to preach the word. The loudspeakers would play "I Walk in the Garden Alone"—that was my theme song.

Then I would climb up on the rear platform of that station wagon and I would "let the fire roll." I preached up a storm. I told them that Jesus loved them. I begged them to repent. I pictured hell fire and

Voices

By Msgr. John Gilchrist



heaven. I talked about the mercy of the Lamb.

At the end I let them know that I was a Catholic priest and all I wanted to do was preach Jesus and "make friends."

I had stepped into the world of evangelism and street preaching.

The remarkable thing about the whole experience was their acceptance of me—the street preacher from New Jersey. It was something that mountain people understood. They

saw it all the time. Of course, when the seminarians passed among them with literature on the Church—and we let them ask questions—then the fur flew.

I had stepped into the world of evangelism and street preaching. And believe it or not, it had its roots here in New Jersey.

In the 1700's, there were few Catholics in then United States. The Protestant denominations were dour; almost grim, in their services. Moreover, the different churches were totally distinct and almost disdainful of each other. Many people did not go to church.

A Dutch Reformed minister came from Germany to the Raritan Valley. He could not stand the lethargy that he found among the congregants. He began to preach "with spirit" and to demand conformity to God's Law. By 1726, he had energetic young preachers preaching the Gospel outside of the church, even in private homes. The other ministers were very unhappy, but Theodore J. Frelinghuysen (Yes, the family is still around) had set a new tone for dull Protestant services. He had set a spark which would develop into a blazing fire that would sweep across the colonies. It would be called the "Great Awakening" and it would have as much to do with the American Revolution as taxes and resentment against the King. It would also, in its aftermath, set two distinct philosophies (or theologies) against each other. These philosophies are today found exactly in a post-war Democratic Party that draws its philosophy from Harvard against a populist evangelical biblical philosophy that has taken its root in the Republican Party and the middle of America especially the South.

Next time we will look at this "Great Awakening."

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

Nothing is ordinary about the blooming of spring

In a perfect world there would be a banana man. You know, like we used to have a milk man. The banana man would come to your house every morning at sunrise and lay on your doorstep two perfectly beautiful, just-ripe bananas. And we would have a banana on our cereal.

Don can't figure out why we can't have nice bananas every morning. He doesn't ask for much, he reminds me, and he doesn't. Just a box of Raisin Bran, coffee and a banana. But my bananas turn brown and mushy the minute I set them on the kitchen counter and nobody wants a brown, mushy banana on his cereal. To have a perfectly ripe—not too green, not too brown—banana every morning, I'd have to go to the grocery store every night.

The other banana problem—just as annoying—is what to do with all the brown, mushy bananas that are a natural result of buying more than one banana at a time. I always used to throw them in the freezer to use—at a later date, of course—to make banana bread. Until the day I came home from the grocery store with a week's supply of frozen orange juice, some pork chops, a roast for next Sunday, a couple loaves of bread and found my freezer was full—stuffed to the gills—with brown bananas. We had banana cream pie, banana pudding, banana bread, banana cake, bananas Foster, banana crepes and bananas in Jello until we were turning yellow and mushy ourselves. I don't save overripe bananas any more.

I have been reminded (I'd hate to say by whom) that a) whining about overripe bananas is really not becoming, and b) if that's all I have to complain about, things must be going pretty well in my life. I must admit that is true.

As spring rains give way to summer's heat and

Over the Coffee Cup

By Mary Costello



the hustle and bustle of that busy season I find myself breathing more often each day, "Thank you, Lord."

Mid-June is usually the beginning of "Ordinary Time" (Lent was early this year) but it always seems to me that there is nothing "ordinary" about peonies blooming and irises in all their gloriously scented glory lining the sidewalk near my neighbor's house. This morning I watched a runner (she must have been about 20), stop dead in her tracks to bend over and take a whiff of a huge purple iris poking its nose through the picket fence. I know the feeling. Around me everything is suddenly green, green, green. My neighborhood reminds me of Ireland with its "Forty Shades of Green!" Thank you, Lord, for Ordinary Time.

My next-to-youngest grandson, John Paul, a.k.a., "Jack," who is almost one, comes to me, puts his

head down on my shoulder and cuddles onto my soft lap. Is there any feeling in the world sweeter than the one we get when a baby curls up and falls asleep on your lap? My daughter seems to feel guilty when she has to ask me to baby-sit. She doesn't know that I would gladly pay for the privilege. Thank you, Lord, for babies who like to cuddle, even if it's only for 15 minutes a day.

One day last week we had some work going on in the house and I invited everyone in visitors, workmen and whoever else happened to be in the neighborhood—for a grilled cheese sandwich. Our son, Ben, who was one of the workers, requested tomato soup to go along with the grilled cheese and as I turned on the grill and sliced the Velveeta I could almost feel myself going back in time when that menu was a Friday night staple here on Bradfield Drive. If we had company, which we did many

Friday nights, I'd grill fifteen or twenty grilled cheese sandwiches before I was through. Thank you, Lord, for great memories.

Soon I'll be traveling to North Carolina for grandson Michael's eighth grade

graduation; then Meg and Jesse will be coming with their two little boys and summer will be in full swing. We'll fill up the little plastic pool on the back patio with warm water and have an early afternoon swim. Then we'll set two tired, happy boys (as well as their mother and grandmother) down for a long snooze. Thank you, Lord, for late spring and visions of a happy summer.

Mary Costello is a freelance columnist.

Thank you, Lord, for late spring and visions of a happy summer.

Campaign launched to meet spiritual needs of the military

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services has launched an \$8 million fund-raising campaign to support and enrich the lives of Catholics in the armed forces and patients in Veterans Affairs medical centers.

With a \$1 million pledge from the Knights of Columbus and “a large six-figure gift” from retired Gen. Alexander Haig, who served as secretary of state under President Ronald Reagan, the capital campaign already has received more than \$3.5 million in cash and pledges, according to a May 24 news release from the military archdiocese.

In addition, the Constantinian Order of St. George has donated services valued at \$550,000, the archdiocese said.

More than half of the fund-raising goal is designated to start a new program called “Catholics Seeking Christ,” a peer-to-peer ministry program for young Catholics in the armed forces both in the United States and abroad.

The program also will minister to “those of different or no faith who find themselves far from home for the first time and subjected to the temptations that abound in the wider world,” the release said.

“Young Catholics in our armed forces have sadly become an invisible, often overlooked segment of our American Catholic community,”

said Archbishop Edwin F. O’Brien, who heads the military archdiocese, in a statement.

“We want to awaken in them an excitement about their faith, more of a connection to their Catholic identity, and a deeper appreciation of the riches of Catholic tradition,” he added. “We are developing a groundbreaking outreach to do so—that is the principal objective of this fund-raising campaign.”

Some of the campaign funds will be used to establish an Archbishop’s Endowment Fund and to purchase a facility in Washington to house the archdiocesan offices and to serve as a residence for the bishops and priests working in those offices.

The archdiocese also hopes the campaign will result in more vocations to the Catholic chaplaincy from military families and from active-duty members.

The 1.5 million Catholics in the armed forces make up about 28 percent of the U.S. military, but Catholic chaplains account for only 8 percent of the chaplains corps.

In addition to those in the active military, the archdiocese serves military families, Catholic patients in VA medical centers and U.S. government civilians working overseas.

“We want to awaken in them an excitement about their faith.”

— Archbishop Edwin F. O’Brien

Repentance and Divine Mercy

Readings: Hosea 6:3-6; Psalm 50:1-15; Rom 4:18-25, Mt 9:9-13

As in the seasons of Advent and Lent, the Church challenges us again to reflect on repentance as the first step in our preparation for divine gifts. Even for those who have never strayed from the commandments or those who have reshaped their priorities long ago, there is a great benefit in listening to God’s call again. “Jesus’ call to conversion and penance, like that of the prophets before him, does not aim first at outward work... fasting and mortification, but at the conversion of the heart, interior conversion” (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1430).

The prophet Hosea described his marriage to the unfaithful Gomer as an experience that gave him a deep insight into God’s patience with the people of Israel, the Northern Kingdom, also known as Ephraim. The preceding context of our passage shows that the people of Hosea’s day were suffering and that they acknowledged that their infidelity was the source of their woes. God was punishing them for their sins but, in his mercy, “he will raise us up to live in his presence” (Hos 6:1-2).

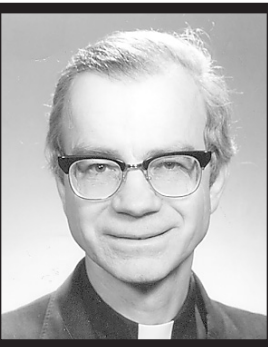
The call to “know the Lord” means to have a profound experience of God’s love akin to the human intimacy of marriage. Laudable as this appreciation of the Covenant may be, the people did not reckon with the burden of their infidelity. Indeed, divine beneficence may be compared with the spring rain, which renders the earth productive. However, they neglected to prepare the soil; they did not dispose their hearts to receive God’s life-giving blessing.

“Your piety (hesed, i.e. mercy, loyalty, devotion) is like a morning cloud...” (Hos 6:4), an outward sign that does not bear true fruit. They went through the community exercises of sacrificial worship but did not invite God to transform their hearts. “Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of

Sunday Readings

Tenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
(June 5, 2003)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



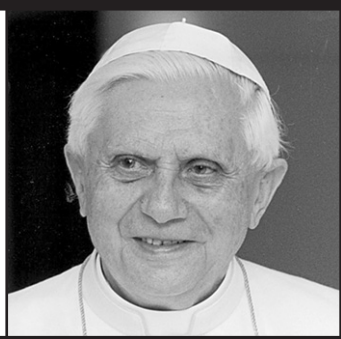
our whole life... At the same time it entails the desire and resolution to change one’s life, with hope in God’s mercy and trust in the help of his grace” (CCC #1431).

“It is love (hesed) that I desire, not sacrifice...” (Hos 6:6). Because Hebrew does not have an easy way to state preference for one thing over another, a direct contrast may seem to pit the interior virtue against the outward sign of devotion. However, Hosea later bewailed the loss of sacrificial worship because of impending exile (9:4-5), so he did not intend to disparage sacrifice. In every age we need the experience of prayer in community, but must strive to dispose ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit, “who gives the human heart grace for repentance and conversion” (CCC #1433).

Oppressed by the Roman Empire, the people of Jesus’ time resented the heavy taxation and they despised those Jews who collected revenues for the Emperor. Merchants and nobility did appreciate the benefits of international

The Pope Speaks

Pope Benedict XVI



Trust in the Lord

Psalm 116 (115) is a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord who has faithfully sustained the psalmist in times of tribulation. It begins as a personal prayer but then develops into a public act of worship. The psalmist sees himself in the temple, before the people, offering a sacrifice of thanksgiving and raising the “cup of salvation.” Our Christian tradition discerns in this psalm an invitation to trust in the Lord, who never abandons his faithful servants. The “cup of salvation” evokes both the Eucharist and the Lord’s passion, and calls each of us to engage courageously in our daily spiritual combat.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today (May 25) is Africa Day. My thoughts and prayers are with the beloved people of Africa. I encourage our Catholic institutions to continue giving generous attention to their needs, and I hope and pray that the international community will become ever more involved in the problems of the African continent.

Tomorrow (May 26), the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, I will preside at holy Mass at 7 p.m., in the square of the Basilica of St. John Lateran. Afterward our traditional procession to St. Mary Major will take place. I cordially invite all of you to join this celebration where we give witness together to our faith in Christ, present in the Eucharist.

peace and trade, but the peasants and working class, to which the Pharisees belonged, linked the tax collector with sins of greed, extortion and compromise with the enemy.

Matthew’s bookkeeping experience built upon an education that would serve the Church in a special way. “Every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old” (Mt 13:52). No matter how corrupt people might think a tax collector to be, Jesus saw potential for uplifting his talents to serve the Kingdom. Indeed, the presence of the divine physician would transform the life of anyone who heard his call.

The Greek translation of Hosea 6:6 uses the term *eleos* (mercy) to render the Hebrew word *hesed*. When this term describes God’s actions, it may be translated steadfast love, loving kindness or mercy; the latter is appropriate for God’s action in the sinner. The human response, employing the same Hebrew word, may be rendered piety, loyalty or devotion, because we cannot show mercy toward God. However, as children of God, we are challenged to manifest God’s loving kindness to others, especially in the form of patience, forgiveness and mercy toward those who have sinned against us. This imitation of God is the core of the call “to be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Mt 5:48).

Jesus challenges us to learn the meaning of the Father’s words to Hosea: “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” To receive divine mercy, “the human heart is converted by

looking upon him whom our sins have pierced” (Jn 19:37, quoted in CCC #1432). In the sacraments we come to receive the blessings of Christ’s unique Sacrifice and the strength to become instruments of his Father’s mercy toward those whose lives we touch.

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

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A parish in transition

BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Writer

Our Lady of Fatima Parish, North Bergen, situated in Northern Hudson County, serves a parishioner base that lives within walking distance of the church.

In a town overpopulated with vehicles and where parking is a major issue, proximity is of major importance for a parish whose congregation is made up largely of seniors.

And like many other Archdiocesan parishes, Our Lady of Fatima is seeking to find new life through the New Energies Parish Initiative.

Father John Korbela, pastor for 12 years, has extended his term another year to help the parish with the transition. With a profound concern for the specific needs of his parishioners, he is taking steps toward the major project of constructing a new parking lot.

"Parking is a tremendous problem. In North Bergen, I'd say there is one car for every driver. In a two-family home, that can mean up to 10 cars," Father Korbela stated. He explained that, to adjust, the parish holds most of its functions during the afternoon or early evening.

"Many seniors won't participate in a function unless it's as part of a group. Some won't come because they don't have a car. Others may have a car, but they won't move it after a certain hour because they would lose their parking space, and have to walk several blocks," Father Korbela said.

Despite having celebrated the 40th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone this year, and the convenience of its geographic location, parishioners and staff

have gracefully accepted that change must come, and are working toward a better future for their spiritual community.

"There has been talk of a merger, for instance, with St. John Nepomucene in Guttenberg," said Robert Dowd, a Korean War Veteran who began worshipping at Our Lady of Fatima in 1969, because the parish's first pastor, Msgr. George O'Gorman, had been Dowd's chaplain during his service in the army.

"When I first came here, there were 1,600 families. Now, it's much less. As our children have grown up and gone to college, they move on and have families of their own elsewhere—it's mostly seniors now. Anything outside of a 10-block radius, unless there's transportation, is too far," he said, referring to St. John's. "It's a shame," he added, "the parish is not even 50 years old."

Our Lady of Fatima was founded by Msgr. O'Gorman, who worked tirelessly to rally the support necessary to build the modern structure that became the parish church, completed in 1965.

With only the church building, the basement of which is used as a meeting space, and a small rectory across the street, the parish has managed to enhance the lives of many through its dedicated core of parishioners, and is particularly noted for its care of the poor and homeless.

The parish has had only three pastors in its short lifespan, Msgr. O'Gorman, Msgr. John Gilchrist and Father Korbela, who runs the parish without the aid of assisting clergy.

Today, Our Lady of Fatima consists of about 1,000 registered

families. While its older parishioners are Germans, Irish and Italians whose parents were among earlier waves of immigrants, Hispanic and

Our Lady of Fatima, North Bergen

Croatian parishioners have joined the community in the most recent decades.

Father Korbela said that attempts to begin a Spanish Mass at the parish have failed because other nearby parishes with larger Hispanic communities already offer Mass in Spanish. He added that for many Hispanics, this parish is a transitional one, as is the area in general, with many moving to other neighborhoods as their earning power increases.

"Many of the Hispanics in this area put their children into our religious education program, because the children want to have the classes in English, while they continue to attend Spanish Mass elsewhere," Father Korbela noted. He added that the enrollment for the religious education program is healthy, with nearly 200 students.

Despite the challenge of forging new relationships as part of New Energies, Our Lady of Fatima's parishioners maintain an obvious fondness for their spiritual home.

Pat Gutierrez, a parishioner since the mid-70's, said, "When I go on vacation, I miss coming to Mass here," adding that Father Korbela takes the time to write thoughtful homilies. Gutierrez, a Eucharistic minis-

ter, is the president of the Marian Helpers, a combination of the Holy Name Society (for men) and the Rosary Altar Society (for women), created after the numbers in each group grew too small.

Margaret Lee, a parishioner since the beginning of the parish and mother of four children,

said she didn't like the new church at first. The building, with its modern design and huge open space, reflected changes required by Vatican II and the style of the time.

She noted, "The church building is very bare and austere. It took a long time to get used to the architecture. The statues had no color—they were stainless steel. When the church was redone in the 1980's [under Msgr. Gilchrist], the statues were painted, the sanctuary was brought forward and a small chapel was created behind it, which is easier to heat in the winter and cool in the summer."

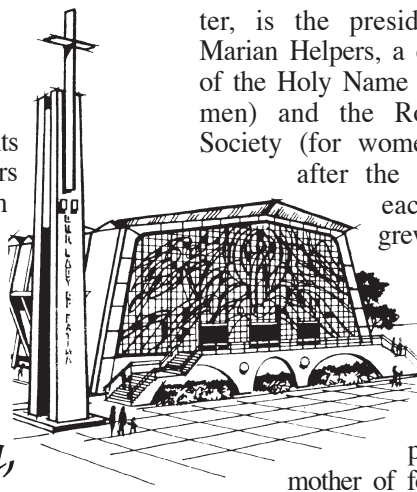
Lee explained, "It made the church much warmer when they did that." A Eucharistic minister for over 20 years, Lee also became involved in a women's group that aides single mothers in the Several Sources program, Ramsey, and the York Street Project in Jersey City.

Dowd added, "I'm hoping that Sacred Heart [in the Hudson Heights section of North Bergen] is on the list. If we're going to merge with another parish, then that would be my preference." He explained that Our Lady of Fatima already has a reciprocal relationship with Sacred Heart. "We know the people, and go back and forth to their events, and they to ours. For certain Mass times that they don't have, they attend Mass here, and the same is true of us," he said.

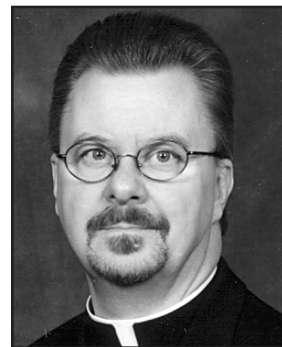
Father Korbela clarified, "We are in conversation with several different parishes, but nothing is determined yet."

Yet he has important goals for his last year as pastor of Our Lady of Fatima, "I'd like to improve the financial stability of the parish, finish the parking lot and see what's going to happen in terms of merging or reconfiguring. I'd also like to create some stability for the next person—to provide a stable base for him to begin his own ministry."

Father Korbela explained, "The benefit of being pastor here is that you get to know the people, and you see that despite their



Meet the Pastor



Father John J. Korbela

Age: 57

Date of Birth: June 11, 1947

High School: Marist High School, Bayonne

College/Seminary/Graduate School: Saint Peter's College, Jersey City; Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington

Date of Ordination: May 25, 1974

Heroes: My parents

Favorite Saint: Francis of Assisi

Favorite Sport: Track

Favorite Foods: Thai, Asian-fusion

Favorite Subject in School: English

Last Book Read: *Unlikely Ways Home* by Edward L. Beck, C.P.

Proudest Moment:

Awarded teaching fellowship to Notre Dame, IN, for MBA program, but decided to enter the seminary instead

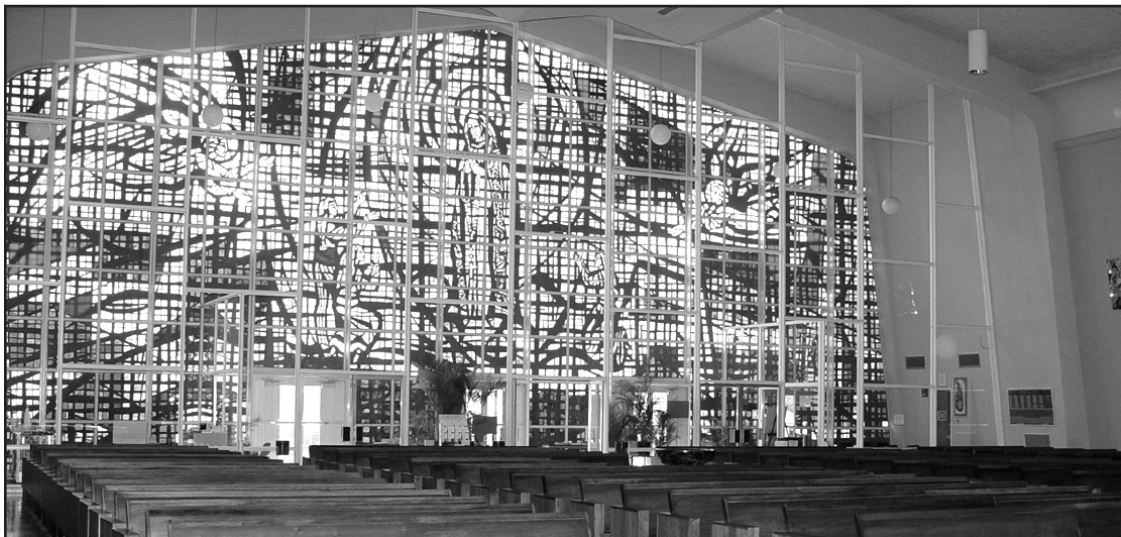
Occupation if I weren't a Priest: Graphic artist or advertising

advanced age, they try to help and contribute as much as they can. They are very responsible to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, often doubling the goal."

He added, "The people are very caring and very sensitive. They really do try to help others. It may not be a wealthy community, but they are very generous, and do a lot in spite of limited resources."

The pastor revealed that, no matter what the outcome of the coming year, he has full confidence that his flock will adjust. "With older people, they've had a lifetime of experiences and know how to put things into perspective. They don't panic when things change. They are sure it's not going to be the end of the world, and they don't exaggerate situations."

*Our Lady of Fatima Parish is located at 8016 Kennedy Blvd. The book *Seeds of Faith, Branches of Hope*, by Father Christopher Ciccarino was used as a source for this profile.*



The façade of Our Lady of Fatima church consists of an enormous stained-glass window depicting the Blessed Mother.

Advocate photo—Brian Fores

New priests

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each candidate was asked by Archbishop Myers if they would respect and obey him and his successors. The archbishop then invited the assembly to pray that God will pour out the gifts of heaven on those chosen to be priests.

The especially important moment of ordination came when Archbishop Myers laid hands on each elect. That was followed by each priest in the congregation laying hands on the heads of the newly ordained. At that point the archbishop prayed the prayer of ordination.

Just before the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the newly ordained were vested with stole and chasuble. Archbishop Myers then anointed the hands of each new priest with Holy Chrism.

In his homily, the archbishop made particular mention of the “special and indispensable role” and “utmost importance” of Holy Orders in the life of the Church. Creation and salvation, explained Archbishop Myers, are primarily God’s work. God, he stressed, chooses His sacramental ministers.

Priests, the archbishop reiterated, are “indispensable.” Without Holy Orders, he explained, “the Church would not be the Church of Jesus Christ.”

Stressing that the Blessed Virgin Mary is “holier than any ordained minister,” Archbishop Myers said the new priests must pray to her that they will be “worthy disciples of her son.”

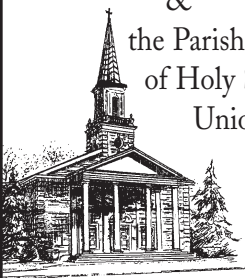
Congratulations
to
Al Ganter
and Ted Kotz!

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The Parish Community
of St. John the Baptist
Hillsdale, NJ

May God Bless
Deacon Joseph Carlo
& Deacon
Stanley Kwiatek!

Rev. Msgr. Vincent J. Doyle
&
the Parish Family
of Holy Spirit,
Union




Deacon Nick Valdez
Your parish congratulates you
and looks forward to many years
of service in the ‘Franciscan Way!’



Church of the Assumption
of Our Blessed Lady
Wood Ridge, New Jersey

Congratulations
to **Deacon Andrew Golden**



ST. PETER’S

The priests and people
of St. Peter’s Parish in River Edge
Wish You All the Best
in Your Service to the Lord.
May God Bless You and Your Family.




God bless you,
Deacon Louis Loffredo
on your ordination

St. Lucy’s Church
National Shrine of St. Gerard
Newark, New Jersey


*“You are a blessing in our midst—
God reward you for your generous response
to His call to serve.”*

Deacon John Bejgrowicz
St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Staff, Parishioners and Linden Knights of Columbus

Congratulations
to
Deacon Michael D. York
Our prayers are with you!



Rev. Msgr. Richard M. McGuinness
St. John the Apostle
Linden



With great joy the
Catholic Community of the
Church of Saint Mary
Rutherford, NJ
celebrates the
Diaconate Ordination of
Deacon James Joseph Guida

Rev. Michael J. Kreder, pastor
Rev. Charles W. Hartling
parochial vicar
Rev. Joseph L. Cassidy
senior retired priest
Rev. James O. Sheerin
weekend assistant

Deacon John DiMeo	Deacon Michael Matthews
Sr. Ines Marie DiBonaventura	Sr. Marietta Anne Harding
Sr. Mary Immaculate McGovern	Sr. Ann Monica Seemann
Mary E. Lanni, pastoral associate	Betty Hatler, religious formation
Dr. Robert A. Berckes, SMHS principal	Olga Koutcherova, sacred music
Mary Mazzaro, religious formation	
Monica D’Alessio, SMES principal	

Sheila McPherson & Kevin McLean, trustees
Patricia Hickey, pastoral council chairperson
David Valente, finance committee chairperson
Deborah Moran, administrative secretary
Tom and Kathi Clare, stewardship chairpersons

Archbishop to ordain 36 permanent deacons

NEWARK—Thirty-six candidates for ordination as permanent deacons will be presented to Archbishop John J. Myers for service to the Church of Newark at a Mass on Saturday, June 11, 10 a.m., at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Following are members of the Class of 2005. Their sponsoring parishes are their home parishes, unless otherwise indicated in parenthesis.

John P. Bejgrowicz is a senior lab technician. Bejgrowicz and his children Lisa Marie, Patricia and Laura Ann are from St. Elizabeth of Hungry Parish, Linden.

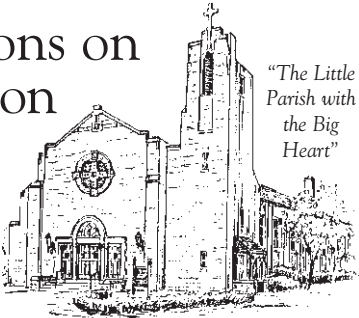
Dana, Matthew, Carrie, Sarah, David, Christopher and Sharon are from Holy Spirit Parish, Union.

Vincent J. De Fedele is a pharmacist. De Fedele, his wife Maria and children Christopher and Philip are from Corpus Christi Parish, Hasbrouck Heights.

Joseph J. Carlo is a check processing coordinator. Carlo, his wife Kathryn Ann and children

Deacon John Sarnas

Congratulations on your Ordination



"The Little Parish with the Big Heart"

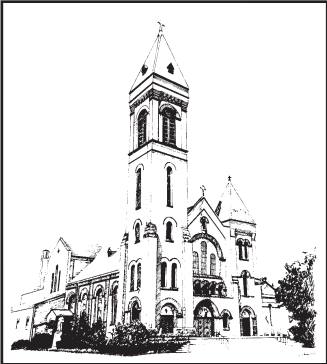
Rev. James J. Reilly, Pastor
Rev. Patrick R. C. Wilhelm, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Anthony Paskus, Weekend Assistant
Deacon Leonard J. Mackesy
Parish Staff and Parishioners

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
136 Davis Avenue • Kearny, NJ 07032

**To: Deacon and Mrs. Jerry Rossi
& Deacon and Mrs. Guy Mier**

It is easy to die for Christ.
It is hard to live for him.
Dying takes only an hour or two.
But to live for Christ means to die daily.
Only during the few years of this life
Are we given the privilege of serving
Each other and Christ.

Congratulations!



Sacred Heart Parish Community
Bloomfield, New Jersey

Peter Emr is a school principal. Emr, his wife Kathy and son Alex are from Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, Paramus.

Alejandro Estremera is an operations manager. Estremera, his wife Helen and children Alejandro Jr. and Ivelisse are from St. Rose of Lima Parish, Newark.

Albert J. Ganter is a human resources director. Ganter, his wife Kerry and children Albert and Stephen are from St. John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale.

Keith T. Gibbons is a teacher. Gibbons, his wife Teresa and children Terri, Kelly, Kyle, Augustin and Luke are from Holy Trinity Parish, Westfield.

Andrew J. Golden is a property tax consultant. Golden, wife Josephine and children Andrea and Alessandra are from St. Peter the Apostle Parish, River Edge.

James J. Guida is an attorney. Guida, wife Anita and daughter Nataliana are from St. Mary Parish, Rutherford.

John C. Holoduek is a principal. Holoduek, his wife Donna and chil-

dren Trapper and John-John are from Epiphany Parish, Cliffs Park.

David J. Hughes is a banker. Hughes, wife Joann and children David and Elisabeth are from St. Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills.


Michael J. Keary is a pharmacist. Keary and wife Sandra are from Holy Trinity Parish, Hackensack. (Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark)

Theodore J. Kotz is a business development manager. Kotz, his wife Georgina Marie and children Anna, Theodore, Robert, James, Christopher and William are from St. John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale.

Stanley W. Kwiatek, Jr. is a retired Union police officer and an adjunct professor of criminal justice. Kwiatek, wife Barbara Ann and children Donna and Denise are from Holy Spirit Parish, Union.

Dennis F. LaScala, Ph.D. is a psychologist in a sheriff's office. LaScala and his wife Michele and daughter Dana are from St. Aloysius Parish, Caldwell. He also serves at St. Michael's Medical Center, Newark.

The Parish Family
of Holy Spirit and Our Lady, Help of Christians
rejoices with
Deacon Pierre-Jacques Merceus
on his ordination.



*Seigneur, fais croître en lui les vertus évangéliques:
qu'il fasse preuve d'une charité sincère, prenne soin des malades
et des pauvres et s'efforce de vivre selon l'Esprit.*

SMA Fathers

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Anthony M. LaTerza is a structural design manager. LaTerza, his wife Shelley and daughter Tara are from St. Mary Parish, Rahway.

Clodualdo M. Leonida is a teacher. Leonida, his wife Elisa Tahanlangit and children Claudeen and Mark are from St. Nicholas Parish, Jersey City.

Louie Loffredo is a cook from St. Lucy Parish, Newark.

James Looby is a pastoral associate. Looby, wife Theresa and children Colleen, Joseph and Megan are from St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Cresskill.

Walter J. Maher is a building manager. Maher and wife Kathleen and son James are from St. Mary Parish, Dumont.

Pierre J. Merceus is an electrician. Merceus, his wife Simone Lucienne and children Peterson, Casandrah, Daniel and Jimmy are from Holy Spirit/Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, East Orange. (Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Orange)

Guy W. Mier is an accountant. Mier, his wife Catherine and children Guy II, Louis and Brian Joseph are from Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield. (Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark)

Michael P. Missaggia is a call center representative. Missaggia, his wife Joanne and daughter Michelle are from St. Vincent DePaul, Parish, Bayonne.

Orlando L. Perez is a communications executive. Perez, his wife Marlene and children Orlando Jr., Jennifer and Melissa are from Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, Paramus.

Victor J. Puzio is an accountant. Puzio, his wife Carol and children Christopher and Nicole Marie are from Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Wallington.

Gregory C. Quinn is a financial consultant. Quinn, his wife Patricia Eugenia and children Catherine and David are from St. Thomas More Parish, Fairfield.

Kevin Regan is a sales manager. Regan, his wife Carole and children Deirdre and Timothy are from St. Anastasia Parish, Teaneck.

Jerry S. Rossi is a route salesman. Rossi, his wife Mary and children Pete and Katie are from Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield.

Cesar C. Sarmiento is a controller. Sarmiento, his wife Lourdes and children Christine, Catherine and Corinne are from Resurrection Parish, Jersey City.

John P. Sarnas is a public health officer/bank director. Sarnas, his wife

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CLASS OF 2005—Left to right, front row, James Looby, Reynaldo M. Trinidad, Cesar C. Sarmiento, Orlando L. Perez, Stanley W. Kwiatek, Jr., Deacon Edward Porter (Director), Vincent J. DeFedele, Anthony M. LaTerza, John P. Bejrowicz, Guy W. Mier, Dennis F. LaScala. Second row, James J. Guida, Rajgopal K. Srinivasa, Nicholas Valdez, Joseph J. Carlo, Alejandro Estremera, Thomas Walsh, Clodualdo M. Leonida, Louis P. Loffredo, Jr., John C. Holoduek. Third row, Theodore J. Kotz, Victor J. Puzio, David J. Hughes, Walter J. Maher, Keith T. Gibbons, Kevin Regan, John J. Wedemeyer. Back row, Albert J. Ganter, Michael J. Keary, Michael P. Missaggia, Michael D. York, Pierre J. Merceus, Peter R. Emr, John P. Sarnas, Jr., Deacon Joseph Lubas (Associate Director). Not pictured: Andrew J. Golden, Gregory C. Quinn, Jerry S. Rossi.

Deacons

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Zofia and children Magdalena and Malwina are from Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Kearny.

Rajgopal K. Srinivasa is a computer consultant. Srinivasa, his wife Maureen Anne and children Nivedita Asleha and Monica Renee are from St. Antoninus Parish, Newark.

Reynaldo M. Trinidad is a technology auditor. Trinidad, his wife Edna Luna and children Rosalina, Reynaldo Jr. and Reginald are from St. Mary Parish, Nutley.

Nicholas Valdez is a religion teacher. Valdez, his wife Caroline and children Joanne and Lisa are from Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Wood-Ridge.

Thomas Walsh is a builder. Walsh, his wife Susan and children Christopher and Timothy are from Guardian Angel Parish, Allendale.

John J. Wedemeyer is a banker. Wedemeyer, his wife Karen and children Matthew and Brian are from Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City.


Michael D. York is a professional engineer from St. John the Apostle Parish, Linden.

DEACON ANTHONY LA TERZA
CONGRATULATIONS!
FROM ALL YOUR FRIENDS
AT
ST. MARY'S CHURCH
RAHWAY

Congratulations and Best Wishes
to
Vincent De Fedele
on his ordination to the Diaconate

The People of Corpus Christi Church
Hasbrouck Heights

Deacon James Looby
Congratulations!
You are a great blessing for our parish family



Fr. Joseph O'Brien, O. Carm.
Fr. Sam Citero, O. Carm.
and the people of
St. Therese Parish,
Cresskill, N.J.

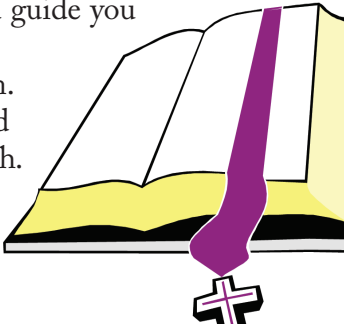
**Deacon Peter Emr &
Deacon Orlando Perez**


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Our Lady of Visitation
Parish Community
Paramus
Looks Forward
to Your Continued Service!

May the Lord bless and guide you
John Holoduek
in your life as a deacon.
In gratitude to the Lord
for your service in our parish.

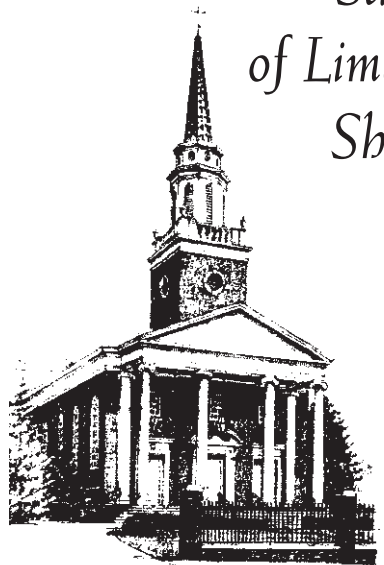
Priests and Parish
Community of Epiphany
Cliffside Park





The parish community
of Guardian Angel,
Allendale
congratulates and offers prayers
for Tom Walsh

Saint Rose
of Lima Parish
Short Hills



Congratulates
David Hughes
on his ordination
to the order
of Deacon

Archdiocesan high schools prepare commencements

The following is a listing of upcoming graduations in the Archdiocese of Newark:

Union Catholic High School, Scotch Plains, Baccalaureate Mass, June 3, 7:30 p.m., Immaculate Conception Parish, Scotch Plains. Graduation: June 4, 9 a.m., school gym. Valedictorian: Marybeth Tran. Salutatorian: Karina Linares.

St. Dominic Academy, Jersey City, Baccalaureate Mass, May 31, St. Aloysius Parish, Jersey City; Bishop Thomas A. Donato, celebrant. Graduation: June 5, 3 p.m., St. Aedan Parish, Jersey City. Valedictorian: Brinda Desai. Salutatorian: Christine Capetola.

Queen of Peace High School, North Arlington, Baccalaureate Mass, June 1, 4 p.m., Queen of Peace Parish. Graduation: June 4, 1 p.m. Valedictorian: Pamela Lecki. Salutatorian: Jennifer Engelhardt.

Academy of St. Aloysius, Jersey City, Baccalaureate Mass: June 2. Graduation: June 4, 11 a.m., St. Aloysius Parish, Jersey City. Valedictorian: Rowena Merene.

Holy Family Academy, Bayonne, Baccalaureate Mass: June 7, 10:30 a.m., St. Henry Parish, Bayonne, Bishop Thomas Donato,

celebrant. Graduation: June 7, 7 p.m., St. Henry Parish. Valedictorian: Mary Badawy. Salutatorian: Alexandra Rios.

St. Joseph Regional High School, Montvale, Baccalaureate Mass: June 4, 4:30 p.m., Presentation Parish, Upper Saddle River. Graduation: June 5, 11 a.m., school gym. Valedictorian: Michael J. Flynn. Salutatorian: Dean P. Duchak.

Marist High School, Bayonne, Baccalaureate Mass: June 2, 7 p.m., Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City. Graduation: June 4, 2 p.m., Marist High School. Valedictorian: Michael Staron. Salutatorian: Osama Afifi.

St. Mary of the Assumption High School, Elizabeth, Baccalaureate Mass: June 3, 11 a.m., St. Mary of the Assumption Parish. Graduation: June 3, 7 p.m., St. Mary of the Assumption Parish. Valedictorian: Vanessa Espinosa. Salutatorian: Amanda Menzenbach.

Our Lady of Good Counsel High School, Newark, Baccalaureate Mass: May 27, 9 a.m. Graduation: May 27, 7 p.m. Both events at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish.

St. Anthony High School, Jersey City, Baccalaureate Mass: June 2, 5 p.m., St. Anthony Parish,

Jersey City. Graduation: June 2, 2 p.m., St. Anthony Parish, Jersey City. Valedictorian: Naeemah Ricketts. Salutatorian: Brittany Barrow.

Roselle Catholic High School, Roselle, Baccalaureate Mass: June 2, St. Joseph the Carpenter Parish, Roselle. Graduation: June 5, 10 a.m. Valedictorian: Robert Carroll. Salutatorian: Joseph Sullivan.

Seton Hall Prep, West Orange, Baccalaureate Mass, June 4, 6 p.m., Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. Graduation: June 5, noon, Seton Hall University, Walsh Auditorium, South Orange.

Mount St. Dominic Academy, Caldwell, Baccalaureate Mass, Motherhouse Chapel of the Sisters of St. Dominic, Caldwell, June 11, 4 p.m. Graduation: June 12, 11 a.m., Caldwell College Student Center.

Academy of the Sacred Heart, Hoboken, Baccalaureate Mass: May 24, SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Hoboken, 6 p.m. Graduation: May 26, SS. Peter and Paul Parish, 7 p.m. Valedictorian: Ursula Gener. Salutatorian: Erin Ganley and Ansa Riaz.

St. Vincent Academy, Newark, Graduation: June 5, Providence Hall Gym. Valedictorian: Fatima Ferreira. Salutatorian: Darcele Frederique.

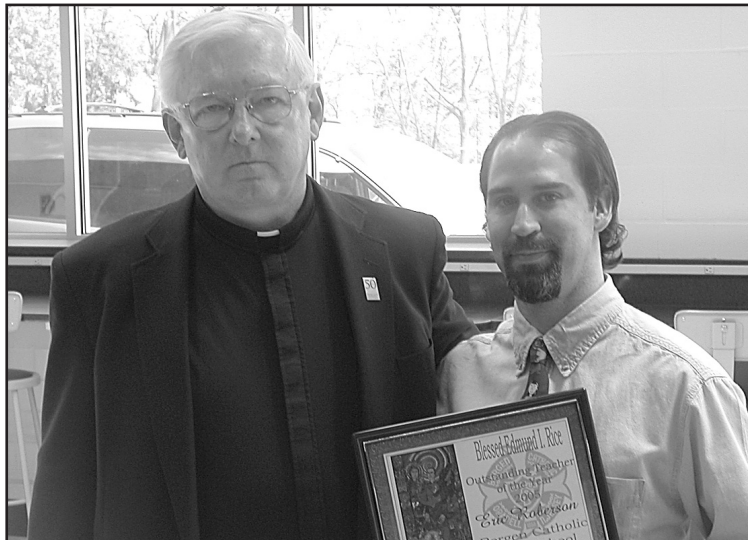
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Teacher recognized

ORADELL—Eric Roberson, completing his 14th year of teaching at his alma mater, was honored recently as Bergen Catholic High School's "Teacher of the Year" in an awards ceremony during a Teacher Appreciation Day luncheon held at the school.

Roberson has taught various subjects and been involved in many extracurricular activities during his years at Bergen Catholic. In addition to instructing several mathematics courses, he has also taught religion, public speaking, computer application and SAT preparation classes. He also instructed a Summer Enrichment Algebra class for incoming freshmen during the last six summers.

Roberson's extracurricular activities have included serving as moderator of the school's Forensics team, Math Enrichment Lab, Student Government Association, Mock Trial team, and intramural basketball program. He also coached the junior varsity soccer team for four



Brother Lawrence T. Murphy, C.F.C., school president, congratulates Eric Roberson, the Teacher of the Year.

years (winning the Bergen County championship in 1995) and the freshman and j.v. baseball teams three seasons.

Roberson has also been included in the latest edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*, and had been named in two previous editions as well.

A 1984 graduate of Bergen Catholic, where he was a member of the National Honor Society and the soccer and ice hockey teams, Roberson matriculated at St. Anselm College in

Manchester, NH, earning a B.A. in mathematics.

He began his teaching career at St. Therese of Lisieux School, Cresskill, where he spent three years before returning to his alma mater.


"I love teaching at Bergen Catholic—it's a great school with terrific kids," remarked Roberson, noting that the school hasn't changed that much since he was a student, except that "curriculum and facilities have steadily improved!"



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Archbishop Myers is welcomed to Saint Joseph Regional High School by the Honorable George Zeller, Mayor of Montvale.

John R. Job, principal, presents a medal of honor to Archbishop Myers for his "outstanding dedication, support and commitment to all of the faithful at Saint Joe's."



Capital campaign gets an A+

MONTVALE—Archbishop John J. Myers, honorary chairman of the Profiles in Excellence capital campaign for Saint Joseph Regional High School, recently celebrated a liturgy of thanksgiving at the school.

The Mass was attended by students, parents, faculty and friends of the school community, and was in celebration of the success of the capital campaign, the first ever in the 42-year history of Saint Joseph's.

In remarks to the congregation, Archbishop Myers praised the leadership of Saint Joseph principal John R. Job and the campaign chairman, Dennis Miller, in guiding the project to successful completion. He had visited the school in September 2003 to officially "kick off" the campaign.

To date, Profiles in Excellence has generated almost \$2.75 million in pledges. Its success has thus

far resulted in the completion of three major projects: the renovation of the Insera Theater for the Performing Arts, the construction of the new field-house housing a new weight training facility and locker room, and the installation of a multi-sport turf playing field and new track.

Two additional projects are soon to be realized—an upgrade of the school's technology program and the installation of a virtual science lab, and the establishment of an endowment fund to provide financial assistance to deserving students.

Following the morning liturgy, the congregation was invited to a brunch in the school cafeteria, where Job and Miller presented plaques to the members of the steering committee who were instrumental in bringing the campaign to a successful completion.

School receives accreditation

WALLINGTON—Most Sacred Heart of Jesus School has been awarded accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

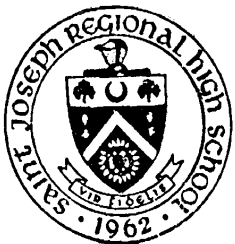
Accreditation signifies the school has engaged in a rigorous process of developing self-knowledge, hosted an evaluation team of independently appointed educators and created an ongoing strategic plan.

The 18-month process, governed by a steering committee, involved many elements of the school community, including faculty, parents and students.

Accreditation also indicates that Most Sacred

Heart of Jesus School has met Middle States' standards for a quality school. These standards reflect current research and best practices from throughout the education profession. During the term of accreditation the school community will engage in a commission-directed series of reports and/or site visits.

The commission, which works with public and private schools from New York State to the District of Columbia, in the US Caribbean, and in various locations around the globe, is one of three accrediting commissions of the more than 100-year-old Middle States Association.



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The exhilaration of graduation is written on the face of a member of the Class of 2005.

Seton Hall

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Seton Hall’s Board of Trustees and Board of Regents, was the last to address the graduates. Offering prayers for success, Archbishop Myers encouraged the students to “seek God and His ways always.”

Valedictory Address

The College of Nursing’s top student, Jeffrey Paul Booth, gave the valedictory address following the conferral of the degrees. Booth, a *summa cum laude* graduate of the accelerated nursing program, spoke about the importance of strong values, especially the love

of family, friends and life. “I challenge you to find something you’re good at, whether it’s a sport, playing an instrument, or being a parent, and pour your heart into it.”

Felician wins regional award

LODI—Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) at Felician College finished second in a recent SIFE regional competition in Pennsylvania.

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Commencement

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Hudson Catholic Regional High School, Baccalaureate Mass, June 2, 7:30 p.m., St. Aedan Parish, Jersey City. Graduation: June 4, 10 a.m., St. Aedan Parish. Valedictorian: Thomas Gil. Salutatorian: Edward J. Garcia.

Immaculate Heart Academy, Washington Township, Baccalaureate Mass, June 4, 7 p.m. Graduation: June 5, 10 a.m., school gym. Valedictorian: Kathleen Hynes. Salutatorian: Kelly Kearns.

St. Joseph of the Palisades High School, West New York, Baccalaureate Mass: June 2, 7 p.m., St. Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York. Graduation: June 3, 7 p.m., Marty Seglio Auditorium. Valedictorian: Franncy Cornelio. Salutatorian: Abigail Ong.

Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell, Baccalaureate Mass:

June 4, school gym. Graduation: June 5, Felician College, 11 a.m. Valedictorian: Charles D. Dougherty. Salutatorian: Michael G. Gadaleta.

St. Mary High School, Rutherford, Baccalaureate Mass, St. Mary Parish, Rutherford, June 6, 8:30 a.m. Graduation: 7 p.m., St. Mary Parish.

Immaculate Conception High School, Lodi, Baccalaureate Mass, June 3, 6 p.m., Immaculate Conception Convent Chapel. Graduation: June 4, 11 a.m., Felician College. Valedictorian: Rina Mehta. Salutatorian: Michele Backes.

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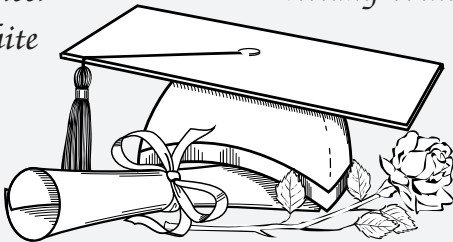
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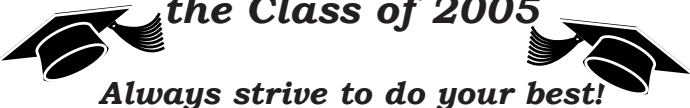
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Students take ‘the Catholic Challenge’

BY LIESL FORES
Staff Writer

NEWARK—Drawing upon the competitive spirit of students in the schools and religious education programs of the Archdiocese of Newark, the archdiocesan Catechetical and Schools offices, with the assistance of Serra International, debuted their first-ever quiz show-styled “Catholic Challenge.”

The brainchild of Father Daniel A. Danik, Serra moderator for West Essex, the project took less than a year to come to fruition.

Last spring, Father Danik mentioned the idea of a contest for kids that tested their knowledge of matters of the Catholic faith to fellow members of Serra, a Catholic organization that fosters and promotes vocations.

Having been involved in religious education/CCD in some form or another for most of his priestly ministry, Father Danik explained, he noticed that students often were extremely knowledgeable about sports teams and players, movies, and celebrities, but knew little about characters in the Bible.

“They could name all 25 Yankees but couldn’t name three apostles,” he quipped.

The Serrans advised Father Danik to approach Archbishop John J. Myers about the concept, who in turn asked the priest to coordinate with the Catechetical and Schools offices to devise a plan. Soon after, a committee was formed, including members from both offices, Serra and two elementary school principals.

Beginning in the fall of 2004,

an invitation went out to all seventh and eighth grade students in the schools and parish religious education programs to take part in the Catholic Challenge. Each school and program determined participants individually, sending one from each of the two grades to the county rounds, which took place on Mar. 12. One hundred-twenty contestants participated in the semi-finals, and top scorers were awarded prizes.

In April, all 38 finalists competed at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark. Questions, based on the archdiocesan curriculum and formulated by the Catechetical Office, ranged in topic from Church history and organization to Scripture and matters of faith, sacraments, prayers and morality, and were asked in the form of true/false, multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank and straight questions.

According to Sister Delphine Croft, O.P., an associate director in the Catechetical Office, the

material was grounded in “what we felt they should know.”

Four winners took home prizes. The fourth place winner, eighth grader Jinnelle Pecson of St. Joseph School, West Orange, got four season passes to Six Flags Great Adventure. The third place winner, eighth grader Jack Wooley of St. John the Apostle School, Clark/Linden, received an iPod

“It’s important for kids to be recognized for their knowledge of the faith.”

—Ron Pihokker

Archbishop Myers noted that “these are historical times,” making reference to the election of the new pope, Benedict XVI.

Pointing out that as Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith since 1981, “it was [the Holy Father’s] job” to make sure Catholics knew their faith, the archbishop said, “It is very fitting at this time that we underscore the importance of knowing our faith.” He added that we can hold the new pontiff up as an example.

Sister Dominica Rocchio, S.C., archdiocesan superintendent of schools, remarked that the competition had been a success and that the offices and committee were looking forward to running Catholic Challenge again next year.

“It was a lot of fun,” said Ron Pihokker, director of the Catechetical Office, asserting how much he enjoyed working with the Serrans and expressing his gratitude to Archbishop Myers for his support.

Pihokker noted that though “it’s important for kids to be recognized for their knowledge of the faith,” it’s also essential for them to be “in a relationship with Jesus Christ—that’s the most important thing.”

He added that through Catholic Challenge parents were encouraged to become involved in their children’s religious education.

Bob Lorfink, father of winner Joseph, said he was very proud of his son and that he had been confident his son would do well in the contest.

Irene Milatz, Joseph’s religion teacher at Assumption School, remarked, “He’s an extraordinary student, with an extraordinary family. Much he learned at home—not just at school.”

As for the winner himself, Lorfink said he liked competing and had prepared for the challenge, spending 20 minutes after lunch every day practicing with Milatz. He also commented that he was “very excited” about going to Disney World. But, the eighth-grader will have to decide which of his six brothers and sisters to take with him.



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A future through education

WEST ORANGE—Board president, Ron Mount, delivered alarming words before an audience of 300 people last month at the 21st annual Dinner of the Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC). "Somebody call 911!" he proclaimed. "As a matter of fact, you should all call 911 to report the state of emergency that exists in some of our inner-city public schools. In order for a school system to function well, it has to be a reflection of the best parts of a community, not the worst."

During his speech, Mount took the opportunity to convey the importance of the organization's mission. "SFIC is about giving a quality education, now, so all kids have a chance at a future, now."

Since 1983, SFIC has helped over 35,000 underprivileged inner-city children receive a high quality, values-based education at private and parochial schools, by granting roughly \$20 million in scholarships grants.

The dinner has traditionally been the largest fund raising event sponsored by SFIC. Proceeds help fund scholarships for qualifying children in Bergen, Hudson, Essex, and Union counties.

Dinner chairman John T. Dolan, Esq., a longtime SFIC trustee and supporter, thanked all the donors for their "generous contributions."

Archbishop John J. Myers, honorary chairman of the dinner, spoke of the many SFIC programs and the education offered by schools of the Archdiocese of Newark. "Our schools serve many people and they do so regardless of

religious affiliation. Many of our inner-city schools have few Catholic students in them." He added that the teachers are not only qualified to do their jobs, but they are devoted to giving inner-city children an education where "character development is as important as reading and writing."

The honorees at this year's dinner were Elizabeth and Robert La Blanc, benefactors of the Jeanne-Marie La Blanc Scholarship, administered by SFIC.

Since 1982, the La Blancs have granted over 84 scholarships to parochial high schools and eight scholarships to Manhattan College, in memory of their daughter Jeanne-Marie.

"SFIC is about giving a quality education."

— Ron Mount, board president

Mount presented the La Blancs with the SFIC's *Vitae Discimus* award. The Latin phrase translates to "We Teach By Our Lives," which, according to Mount, aptly describes the couple's compassion and unwavering drive to help others.

Speeches made by two La Blanc scholarship recipients solidified Mount's message. Joseph Pangilinan, a junior at St. Mary's High School in Jersey City, stated, "Sometimes all a person needs is one small chance...this chance can lead to great things. Mr. and Mrs. La Blanc's contributions have inspired me." Laura Rodriguez, a graduate of Academy of the Sacred Heart in Hoboken, and a first year student at Manhattan College,

called the La Blancs her "angels sent from God."

Entertainment for the night included performances by musical directors Rev. Tyron Williams and Prof. Robert Banks, and the Gospel Choir at St. Leo/Sacred Heart Inter-parochial School in Irvington.

Following the choir performance, James Spanarkel, Event Emcee and SFIC trustee, assured the audience that their money is well spent at SFIC. "That's one of the best parts of the Scholarship Fund. They wear their mission statement on their sleeves, like most people who work day-in and day-out for non-profit organizations. Except that at a lot of non-profits, you don't know where your money goes."

Pointing to the choir members, Spanarkel added, "That's where your money's going!"

SFIC is processing applications for almost 3,000 inner-city students desperate to begin or continue their education in a Catholic school, an environment that fosters the common good of society. Lorraine Cunningham, Executive Director of SFIC, noted, "Without an increase in financial support, many of these kids might not receive the scholarship grants they so desperately need. As enrollment decreases, more parochial schools could close. We must not let that happen."

Anyone interested in making a donation or learning more about the Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children can visit their website at www.sficnj.org or call Lorraine Cunningham at (973) 497-4579.



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Archbishop John J. Myers with, from left, board president Ron Mount and honorees Elizabeth and Robert LeBlanc.

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Archdiocese salutes firefighters, EMS workers

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

NEWARK—The commitment, courage and skills of the emergency medical services (EMS) and those in the firefighting ranks were saluted at separate Sunday Masses recently at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Archbishop John J. Myers celebrated both liturgies. At the noon EMS Mass, the archbishop said “We honor you, we welcome you.”

Msgr. Richard J. Arnholds, pastor of Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, delivered the homily.

With the Mass, said Msgr. Arnholds, “we celebrate the caring compassion of our emergency medical services personnel.” EMS workers, he stressed, “respond to a call from God to be of special assistance to those in distress, providing help to the sick and injured at times of critical need.” They also, he went on, “cooperate in the healing ministry of Christ, rendering selfless service to anyone in need at the moment.”

Saying “through your care, you remind us that God cares for us too,” Msgr. Arnholds added, “You do the works of Jesus and His Father as you bring comfort to the least of your brothers and sisters who are sick.”

In welcoming remarks before the 3 p.m. firefighters’ Mass, Archbishop Myers said, “We honor and thank you and pray for your safety.”

In his homily the archbishop stressed that firefighters should never be taken for granted.

He made mention too of the “special worry” that the firefighters’ loved ones have to endure.

Those in public service, Archbishop Myers explained, have “a special opportunity to make Jesus Christ known through their dedication, hard work and fidelity to family (and for that) I thank you.”



EMS workers and firefighters from throughout the Archdiocese of Newark filled the Cathedral Basilica. After the Mass for firefighters, Archbishop Myers posed with members of area fire departments.

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WASHINGTON (CNS)—Over the years, many Catholic cruise ship patrons have returned from their travels with complaints—not about the food or the service—but about the suitability of the priest on board who was serving as cruise chaplain.

These travelers have been quick to put in a call or send a letter to their local bishop, complaining that the cruise priests were not well-suited for the job because either they were married, they had been suspended from ministry or, in rare cases, they were men pretending to be priests.

Enough people complained to prompt a new program to be put in place last summer under the direction of the Apostleship of the Sea to provide approved and certified Catholic priests for cruise ship duty. The Apostleship of the Sea is the Catholic Church's official ministry in the maritime industry.

Currently, 700 priests have signed up for the program. They are approved to say Masses on cruise ships, and two U.S. cruise lines, Celebrity and Holland America, have agreed to contact only these priests when they need one.

Father John Jannicky, national director of the Apostleship of the Sea and coordinator for the human mobility apostolate of the U.S. bishops' Migration and Refugee Services, hopes that eventually more cruise lines will tap into this database. Currently, three other cruise lines are in the process of negotiating with the Apostleship of the Sea to get on board with the program.

The priest told Catholic News Service that the process of hiring priests for cruise ships had never before been formalized. Typically, cruise line representatives find

priests by calling someone they know, going through brokers or contacting a lay organization called Celibacy Is the Issue. Known as CITI, the group operates what it calls Rent A Priest and has been supplying priests to cruise ships for the past four years.

According to Father Jannicky, the problem is not only with ships recruiting priests who are not sanctioned by the church to celebrate Mass, but also the lack of supervision for these priests, unclear expectations for them and the ships' lack of liturgical essentials for celebrating the Mass.

The new program essentially sets up a contract between the approved priest and the cruise line which spells out what the priest is required to do and what benefits the ship will provide. It also ensures that the priest will be available to celebrate Mass and provide pastoral care for the ship's crew as well as for the passengers.

Father Jannicky said the priests who often sign up for this

ministry are retired or on school break, sabbatical or vacation.

The way a cruise ship uses the service of a priest on board varies. Some want to have a priest for every trip, others use them occasionally and some have them just for special holy days. Some cruise lines also use Protestant ministers or rabbis for some services. Catholic priests are responsible for celebrating daily and weekly Masses, providing pastoral care and sacraments and offering ecumenical and interdenominational services.

"It's a great ministry for the Church," Father Jannicky noted. "It's important and valuable and we don't want to take it lightly."

He said that since the program began the Apostleship of the Sea has received positive feedback from cruise lines, particularly from Celebrity cruise line, which has said that its guests tend to comment positively about the priests more than other people on the ship.

Kids' outdoor parties need preparation

AREA—Warmer weather is the perfect time to get the kids outside for an outdoor party of the year. Here are tips to make the day a success.

Invitations:

- Buy seed packets and write party details in permanent felt-tip pen on the back.
- Attach a card with party details to a bunch of artificial flowers.
- Ask kids to dress in gardening clothes, or decorate their clothes with leaves and flowers.

Decorations:

- Tie paper flowers around the yard.
- Hang posters of fruits and vegetables.
- Set out real or plastic fruits and vegetables.

Games:

- Buy unusual foods and flowers. Have guests guess the names by look, smell or taste.
- Give each kid a garden glove and materials such as small pompoms, wiggly eyes, felt, puffy paints, felt-tip pens, etc. Have kids decorate the fingers to make Garden Glove Puppets.
- Give each guest a flat metal tray filled with a layer of potting soil. Have the kids "write" their

names in the soil with grass seeds. Spray the dirt lightly with water and set the tray in indirect sunlight. After the party, send the trays home with the guests and in a few days, their names will start to grow.

- Have a variety of small vegetables and fruits on the table. Ask kids to create a Veggie Monster by using toothpicks to attach the different pieces of fruits and vegetables.

Refreshments:

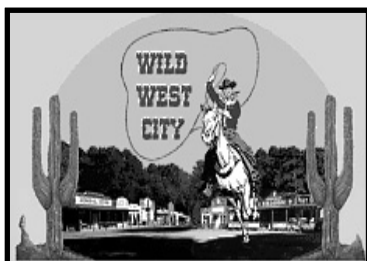
- Frost a sheet or round cake with white icing and sprinkle on green-tinted coconut. Top with edible or candy flowers.
- Put cut-up fruits and vegetables on a skewer stick.
- Have bowls of nuts and seeds.
- Decorate sandwiches with fruits and vegetables to make funny faces.

Favors:

- Packets of seeds
- Children's gardening books
- Small gardening kits, including gloves, a trowel, a sprayer, seeds, etc.



FORE—Making final preparations for this year's Roselle Catholic High School Golf Classic, June 27 at the Roselle Golf Club, are, left to right, the chairman's foursome, Gerry Malia, Rich Wischusen '78, Bill McCue '78 and Chairman Charles Wischusen '70. The fee includes lunch, dinner, carts and greens fees. Shotgun play begins at 1 p.m. For sponsorship opportunities call Jane Vecchione (908) 245-2350 or visit www.rosellecatholic.org.



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New headmaster at Oratory

SUMMIT — Oratory Preparatory School has named Timothy M. Lynch as the new headmaster of the 98-year old college preparatory school for young men.

Lynch, who assumes the post July 1, will serve as the school's chief executive officer and public spokesman. He will also be responsible for leadership of the school community, board relations, strategic planning and implementation, institutional advancement and financial management. He most recently served as President-Principal of McCorristin Catholic High School in Hamilton, increasing enrollment, strengthening the institutional advancement program, and furthering the utilization of technology throughout the school.

Lynch will replace Brother Robert Wickman, F.S.C., who has served as headmaster since 2002 and who will be accepting a new assignment through his religious community, the De La Salle Christian Brothers.

In commenting on the appointment Brother Ralph Darmento, F.S.C., Deputy Superintendent of

Schools, said, "In Timothy Lynch, we believe we have an educational leader of outstanding experience, superb academic credentials and excellent personal qualities." Commenting further on Lynch's recent experiences as an administrator of Catholic schools in Maryland and New Jersey, he said, "In each of these schools, Mr. Lynch was instrumental in advancing the academic culture of the schools while strengthening public relations and alumni commitment."

Michael Farrell, chair of the Board of Trustees and member of the search committee that selected Lynch, stated, "The search committee was attracted to his strong sense of Catholic school community, his undeniable work ethic and, in keeping with the path we have struck under Brother Robert's leadership, an approach to education that values academic rigor and the education of the whole person."

"He is well equipped to lead our community in meeting the challenges facing our students and those confronting educational systems today."

In commenting on his appointment, Lynch said, "I consider it an honor to serve the Oratory Preparatory School family and the archdiocese. As a steward of the school's mission, I pledge to work with Oratory's community members to ensure the continued growth of a Catholic college preparatory program second to none."

Between 1971 and 1976, Lynch was a public school teacher in Buffalo, New York. From 1976 until 1979, he taught in Catholic schools in Hamburg and Kenmore, New York. Beginning in 1979, Lynch began serving as a principal in both Catholic and private schools in New York, including Nardin Academy in Buffalo. From 1989 until 1992, he served as President of Nardin Academy, overseeing the administration and management of the school's Montessori, elementary and high school programs.

In 1992, Lynch was named principal of Bishop Timon High School in Buffalo, serving until 1994 when he assumed the post of principal at St. Mary's Elementary School, Annapolis,



Oratory Prep's new headmaster, Timothy Lynch (center), met recently with outgoing headmaster Brother Robert Wickman, F.S.C. (left) and Michael Farrell, chair of Oratory's board of trustees.

MD. He served at St. Mary's until 2000, when he became principal of Holy Cross High School, Delran, NJ. In 2002, he was named President-Principal of McCorristin Catholic High School in Hamilton, NJ.

Lynch holds a bachelor's degree in history, master's in education/social studies, and master's in administration and supervision from Canisius College, Buffalo.

He is a member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, and the Council

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