

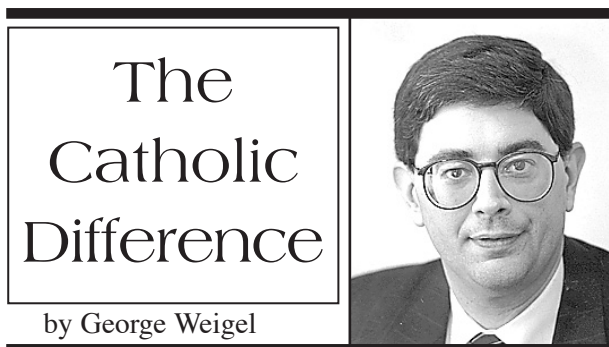
For Europe, it is back to the drawing boards

The 70,000-word European constitutional treaty signed in Rome last October was a monstrosity.

According to the eminent international legal scholar J.H.H. Weiler, constitutions should do three things: they should define the relationship of citizens to the state; they should delineate the respective competencies of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government; and they should express the sense of moral purpose that animates a political community. The Euro-constitution did a bad job at the first two and ignored the third.

It made a mockery of the idea of a “constitution” by promiscuously promising something to virtually everyone as a matter of constitutional first principles: from protection of “the physical and moral integrity of sportsmen and sportswomen” to the right of children to “express their views fully.” It prefigured a further decline of democracy in Europe, as overreaching supranational courts and busybody supranational bureaucracies would be called upon to enforce these “rights.” And most ominously, it falsified the past in service to a dubious future, by willfully ignoring the Christian roots of contemporary Europe's commitments to human rights, democracy, and the rule of law in an effort to create a thoroughly secular European public space.

The Euro-constitution had to be unanimously ratified by the 25 member states in order to come into force, however. In an act rich in irony—for French politicians had been key players in drafting the constitution—French voters decisively rejected the constitutional treaty on May 29. They likely did it for a lot of reasons, including fears of a “Europe” that would actu-



ally foster some measure of economic competitiveness. But whatever the reasons, the result ought to trigger a healthy reconsideration of what precisely the project of “Europe” has become, and where it ought to be going.

As I argue in my book, *The Cube and the Cathedral: Europe, America, and Politics Without God* (Basic Books), Europe's greatest need today isn't for a constitution—it's for children. Europe is depopulating itself

in numbers not seen since the Black Death in the 14th century. Decades of below-replacement-level birthrates will send Europe into fiscal crisis in the next 10 or 15 years, as the burden of state-run health care and

pension systems becomes unsustainable. That same demographic crisis is already creating grave security problems within Europe.

But why isn't Europe reproducing itself? What's going on when a continent healthier, wealthier, and more secure than ever before fails to create the human future in its most elemental sense, by creating successor

generations? I call what's going on a “crisis of civilizational morale,” and it, too, isn't going to be fixed by 70,000 words of legalese. I rather doubt that the French electorate was roundly rejecting the secularism implicit in the Euro-constitution when it voted against ratification; still less do I imagine that French voters were calling for the recovery of Europe's Christian roots. Yet that's the likeliest path to European renewal—the re-evangelization of Christianity's historic heartland. And that path would have been further impeded by a constitution that cast a dubious eye on religiously-informed moral argument in European public life.

Here is an opportunity for Pope Benedict XVI, who knows that the impulse behind post-World War II efforts at European integration came from devout Catholics—Konrad Adenauer, Alcide de Gasperi, Robert Schuman. At the Cologne World Youth Day in August, might Pope Benedict call a new generation of European Catholics to leadership in the process of building “Europe”—and building it through converting it? I hope so.

At the same time, the pope might well change the default positions in the Holy See's Euro-diplomacy. Two weeks before the French shot down the Euro-constitution, a senior Vatican official told the Council of Europe of the Holy See's “satisfaction” with the Euro-constitution's mention of the continent's “religious heritage.” He should have done nothing of the sort. The weasel-language about “religious heritage” was shoe-horned into the text at the last moment, in place of a forthright acknowledgment of Europe's Christian roots. Pope Benedict might suggest to his diplomats that speaking truth to power isn't the prerogative of obstreperous French voters alone.

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Stewardship

Commitment of parishes plays a crucial role

BY DAVID OSBORNE

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Parishes that commit to stewardship must have conviction for its role in the Church's mission, Christian life, and for principles that are essential to its promotion.

A successful stewardship process starts with the understanding that the response of the faithful to the Church's mission is a function of the quality of Catholic Faith and Life given to them. As St. John said, “We love because God first loved us” (1 Jn.4:19). Therefore, parishes must faithfully deliver the fullness and beauty of the Word of God; otherwise, people will not know why Catholicism is worth producing with their resources, and why it is worth living and dying for God's love.

Following this, parishes must not reduce stewardship to fundraising, but believe in the “Great Commission” given by Christ: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you” (Mt 28:19).

The Church has only three duties: to evangelize, catechize and sanctify people. Stewardship participates in this work of grace and faith. It is “faith building work” and invites people to share in that work as a means of salvation by using their resources to produce the kingdom of God.

Commitment to these principles leads to the understanding that a person's need to give back to God and His Church is greater than the Church's need to receive. This is why the focus of stewardship activities must be about

changing hearts, minds, and habits, and not about “picking people's wallets.” This approach should empower parishes to promote stewardship, because the Church has the obligation to help people make a right, due, and adequate response to God's gifts of love.

The next principle is that effective public relations attract both people and their resources. Parishes should target communication to specific parish populations, including parishioners who may feel alienated from the Church and adults who do not have children in the home.

In addition, parishes need to promote their vision by communicating how it brings Jesus to people and people to Jesus. Most people are unable to make a connection to what their resources produce at a parish, causing them to be less generous. Therefore, effective public relations will highlight the importance of their contributions of time, talent, and treasure.

Parishes also have to be committed to sound organizational management and present a transparency of operations. Parishioners care about why things are done in certain ways and how the work of the parish is accomplished. However, obstacles to better understanding cause suspicion, especially over fiscal management.

When dealing with the stewardship of treasure, parishes need to begin concentrating on gifts of people's assets even more than gifts from people's income. Fundraising

focuses on people's income. However, many Catholics treat weekly collections and annual appeals as “discretionary,” something to participate in after bills are paid. This attitude stems from a lack of awareness about how financial gifts produce religiosity or lack of gratitude for what one has received from God. This mind-set lessens the spiritual value of one's gift back to God, because one does not consider his gifts as significant.

If people want to make true sacrificial gifts to God, then they have to be encouraged to give from what they consider to be their assets (this goes for gifts of time and talent, too). Another reason why parishes should give more attention to gifts of assets is that over 80 percent of the wealth in the Archdiocese of Newark is controlled by those who are age 65 or older. They only hold 9 percent of that wealth in cash, and almost every charitable organization is competing for gifts of discretionary income.

Finally, parishes have to commit to ongoing, stewardship renewal. The average parish has an annually 17 percent change in membership. New families move in every year and some move away. The make up of a parish could be entirely different in just a few years. Therefore, parishes have to commit to representing the stewardship message every few years, not only to invite the new families to respond, but also to encourage the whole community to believe in God's gift of never ending love.

Parishes must not reduce stewardship to fundraising.



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Pastors appointed throughout archdiocese

AREA—Nine new pastors have been appointed by Archbishop John J. Myers.

Father Stephen A. Carey, parochial vicar of St. Mary Parish, Dumont, was appointed pastor of Madonna Parish, Fort Lee, effective June 1.

Father Carey was born in Kearny. He studied biology at the University of Pennsylvania, where he remained after graduation to fill various administrative positions. He studied for the priesthood at Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange.

He was ordained on May 23, 1998. After ordination, Father Carey was appointed parochial vicar of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Roseland. A year ago, he was appointed parochial vicar of St. Mary Parish.

Father Richard Supple, O. Carm, has been appointed pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Bogota, effective June 15.

Father Supple, who as a Carmelite seminarian was assigned for two years at St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Creskill, was ordained as a priest in the Carmelite Order Feb. 9, 2002, in Illinois. After ordination, he returned as parochial vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Bogota.

Father Paul A. Cannariato, parochial vicar of St. Henry Parish, Bayonne, has been appointed pastor of St. Mary Parish, Closter, effective July 1.

Father Cannariato entered Immaculate Conception Seminary, Mahwah, in 1978, and received his M.Div. in June 1981. He was ordained on Nov. 19, 1983.

After ordination, he was appointed parochial vicar of St. Michael Parish, Cranford. In January 1990, Father Cannariato was named parochial vicar of St. John the Baptist Parish, Jersey City. In December 1998, he was named parochial vicar of St. Henry Parish, Bayonne.

Father Dominick J. Lenoci, parochial vicar of St. Catharine Parish, Glen Rock, has been appointed pastor of Assumption Parish, Emerson, effective July 1.

Father Lenoci was born in Hoboken and grew up in Holy Trinity Parish, Fort Lee. He studied at Villanova University before entering Immaculate Conception Seminary. He was ordained in May 1995.

After ordination, Father Lenoci was appointed parochial vicar of St. Theresa Parish, Kenilworth. In May 1999, he was appointed parochial vicar of St. Catharine, Glen Rock.

Father James J. Reilly, administrator of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Kearny, was appointed pastor effective May 5.

Clarification

In the June 1 official appointments listing, it was published that Father Joseph R. Chapel, S.T.D. was "on staff" at Immaculate Conception Seminary, School of Theology South Orange. Father Chapel is an associate dean and professor there.

A native of Jersey City, Father Reilly attended Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Aloysius grammar schools in Jersey City, and Seton Hall Prep, South Orange.

Father Reilly graduated from Seton Hall University, South Orange, in 1964. He received a S.T.L., 1974, and a Master in Church Administration, 1976, both from Catholic University, Washington, DC. In May 1990, he received a Master in Public Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University. While completing his master degree in public administration, Father Reilly served as chaplain St. Joseph's Home, Jersey City.

Father Reilly was ordained May 25, 1968. His first assignment was at Our Lady of the Valley, Orange, where he taught religion in the high school. He then served as parochial vicar of Notre Dame Parish, North Caldwell, and later at Our Lady of Sorrows, Kearny. He was then named parochial vicar of St. Mary, Star of the Sea, Bayonne, in April 1988.

He was appointed chaplain/campus minister of Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rutherford, in March 1993, and at Upsala College, East Orange, and Kean University, Union, in July 1994.

Father Reilly served as chaplain at Bloomfield College and Union County College, 1995-2004. For the last three years, he has served on the governor's Advisory Council for Volunteerism and Community Service.

He was appointed administrator of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Kearny, in September 2003.

Father John P. Ryan has been appointed pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Mahwah, effective July 1.

A Hoboken native, Father Ryan was ordained in 1963, after completing studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary. He served Immaculate Conception Parish, Elizabeth, 1963-1968, and St. Joseph Parish, West New York, from 1968-1972.

After that, Father Ryan served as a chaplain at Paramus Catholic High School from 1972-1977 and then St. Andrew's Parish, Westwood, from 1977-1980. He was pastor of St. Michael Parish, Palisades Park, 1980-1982, and then pastor of Our Lady of the

Valley, Orange, where he served until 1994.

In August 1994, Father Ryan was named parochial vicar of St. Thomas More Parish, Fairfield, until his appointment as administrator of Madonna Parish, Fort Lee, in 1995. He was appointed pastor there in May 1996.

Father Alexander M. Santora, campus minister at Kean University, Union, has been appointed pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish, and administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Hoboken, effective July 1.

Father Santora attended Holy Rosary School and St. Peter's Prep, Jersey City. He graduated from St. Peter's College, Jersey City, with a BA in history, 1974. He received an MA in teaching from Montclair State College, Upper Montclair, 1981.

Father Santora graduated from Immaculate Conception Seminary, Mahwah, with an M.Div., 1982. He was ordained on Oct. 30, 1982. From October 1982 to January 1983, he served as a parochial vicar in the parish where he served his deaconate, St. Theresa Parish, Linden.

Father Santora served as parochial vicar at St. Aloysius Parish, Jersey City, from January 1983 to August 1993. In September 1986, he spent a semester as a Charles E. Merrill Fellow at Harvard University Divinity School.

Father Santora served as the chaplain for the Jersey City Police Department from February to November 1989, and as a state-appointed member of the Jersey City Board of Education from 1989 to 1996. He earned an MS in Journalism from Columbia University, 1990.

Father Santora served on the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark from 1992-95. He worked as a counselor, and supervisor of counselors, for the Hudson County Correctional Center, South Kearny, from 1993-95.

In 1993, Father Santora took up residence at Our Lady of Czestochowa Rectory, Jersey City, where he still resides. Since August 1995, he has served as chaplain/campus minister at Kean University. Father Santora has written the weekly "Father Matters" column in the Jersey Journal newspaper since 1998.

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Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

PASTOR

Reverend Patrick M. Mulewski


Pastor of St. Pius X Parish, Old Tappan, has been appointed to a second six-year term ending June 19, 2011.

Reverend William A. Mahon

Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, East Orange, has been appointed pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Orange, as well effective July 1.

Reverend William T. Morris

Pastor of St. Mark Parish, Rahway, and Administrator of the of St. Mary Parish, Rahway, has been appointed pastor of St. Mary Church, Rahway, as well effective immediately.



ADMINISTRATOR

Very Reverend Michael G. Ward, V.F.

Pastor of St. Cecilia Parish, Kearny, has also been appointed administrator of St. Anthony Church, East Newark, effective immediately.

RETIREMENT

Reverend Pedro Navarro

has been granted retirement, effective July 1.

Pope says traditional family must be defended, helped

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI turned his attention to the family in early June, encouraging Church members to help couples in crisis and reaffirming Church teaching that marriage between a man and a woman is the only legitimate basis for family life.

Because human beings were created in the image of God, and because God is love, “the vocation to love is that which makes the person an authentic image of God: One becomes similar to God to the degree that one becomes one who loves,” the pope said June 6.

The pope’s speech to the Diocese of Rome’s annual convention at the Basilica of St. John Lateran was the most extensive of his three interventions on the family in three days.

Pope Benedict told the diocesan convention that contrary to what many people think today marriage is not a “casual sociological construction,” but a reflection of the truth about the human person, the meaning of life and the relationship of human beings with the God who created them out of love and for love.

A lifelong pledge of fidelity between a man and a woman and the openness to having children also are a reflection of the identity

of the human person as an “indissoluble” unity of body and spirit.

“Man is a soul which expresses itself in the body and a body that is given life by an immortal spirit,” he said.

“The body of man and of woman has, then, a theological character that is not simply corporeal, and that which is biological in the human person is not simply biological, but is an expression and fulfillment of our humanity,” Pope Benedict explained.

“Human sexuality is not something that exists alongside our being a person, but belongs to it,” he added.

When a man and a woman say “yes” to each other, they are pledging their entire being to one another: body and soul, he said. Saying “yes” implies using one’s freedom to make a choice and a commitment, noted the Holy Father.

“The greatest expression of freedom is not the search for pleasure without ever making a true decision; rather, it is the ability to make a decision about a definitive gift in which freedom, freely given, finds its fullest expression,” he said.

“The various modern forms of the dissolution of marriage — like free unions, ‘trial marriages’ and the pseudomarrriage

between persons of the same sex — are expressions of an anarchic freedom,” he stressed.

What many people today think of as freedom is a way of acting based on the idea that each person should do whatever he or she wants, whenever he or she wants, paying no attention to what it means to have been created male and female and called to love completely and responsibly, the pope remarked.

Just as understanding the full meaning of human sexuality requires an acknowledgment of the human vocation to love, so the true meaning of parenthood can be grasped only when seen in the light of love, Pope Benedict said.

The pope said it is “contrary to human love, to the profound vocation of man and of woman, to systematically close their union to the gift of life and, even worse, to suppress or tamper with the life about to be born.”

Pope Benedict said the Church’s obligation to help build strong families must not stop with defending marriage, preparing engaged couples and helping married couples in crisis.

The fundamental role of parents to educate their children in the faith, in morality and in good citizenship also is under attack today, he said.



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Pope Benedict XVI affirms Catholic teaching on marriage and the family as Italian Cardinal Camillo Ruini listens during a speech to the Diocese of Rome’s annual convention at the Basilica of St. John Lateran on June 6.

“A particularly insidious obstacle to education today,” he said, “is the massive presence in our society and culture of that relativism, which recognizes nothing as definitive, leaving as the ultimate standard only the individual and his or her desires.”

The pope said that without

guidance a person’s individuality and desires end up “being a prison,” rather than freedom.

Meeting at the Vatican June 4 with pilgrims from the Diocese of Verona, Italy, Pope Benedict said it was right that concern for the family was at the center of their diocese’s recently concluded synod.

Challenge issued

SAN DIEGO (CNS)—A Honduran cardinal challenged U.S. Catholic health care leaders June 5 to be witnesses in their professional and personal lives to the “humanizing and transforming spirit” of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, gave the keynote address on the first day of the Catholic Health Association’s June 5-8 assembly in San Diego. “It is not important to ‘do a lot,’ but to take better care of the ‘evangelical quality’ of what we do, purify the content of our action, its evangelical value,” the cardinal said. “There are little and simple gestures that could show great love, intimate closeness with the ill, brave defense of their rights, and could point toward a more human and humanizing medical world.” The gestures include providing assistance to “the most forgotten and marginalized” and attending to the “most vital needs” of each person, he said.

Pope appeals for calm

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI appealed to the people of Bolivia to engage in real dialogue and work for the common good as the country faced a third week of protests and political tension. “At present, various regions of the world are experiencing social and political tensions which, in some cases, risk becoming serious conflicts,” the pope said June 5 after reciting the Angelus prayer with visitors in St. Peter’s Square. “My thoughts go particularly to Bolivia and to the worrying situation it is living through,” he said. The latest round of Bolivian street protests began May 16, with indigenous groups calling for a greater voice in the country’s governance and demanding that the country’s oil and gas industry be nationalized and revenues channeled to the nation’s poor. Students, workers and peasants have joined the protests, and several regions of the country have added to the general confusion by calling for regional autonomy.

Human trafficking

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Four Middle East countries were among a group of 14 that could face U.S. sanctions for not doing enough to stop human trafficking, the U.S. State Department said June 3. Eight countries were new to the list: Bolivia, Cambodia, Jamaica, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Togo and the United Arab Emirates. Six countries previously cited remained on the list: Myanmar, Ecuador, Cuba, North Korea, Sudan and Venezuela. “Trafficking in human beings is nothing less than a modern form of slavery,” said U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in releasing the department’s annual “Trafficking in Persons Report.” This year’s report covers the period from March 2004 to March 2005. Bangladesh, Equatorial Guinea, Guyana and Sierra Leone, which were on the offender list in the 2004 report, were removed this year after showing signs of progress. Rice said that up to 800,000 people are victims of international traffick-

ing every year, with millions more trafficked internally.

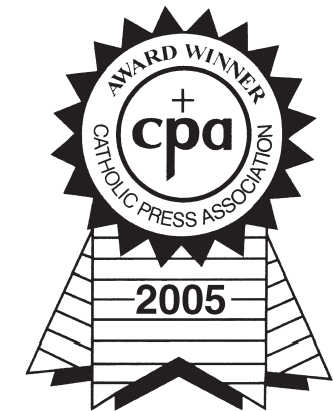
Hunger, poverty cited

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The leader of the Bread for the World Christian citizens’ anti-hunger lobby acknowledged the difficulty in recent months of prompting congressional action on hunger and poverty in remarks at a conference designed to spur action toward addressing those two issues. “It’s been very difficult to get a few moderate Republicans to get ahead of where President (George W.) Bush is. There is tremendous party discipline,” said the Rev. David W. Beckmann, a Lutheran minister who heads Bread for the World. “It’s like trying to move a mountain.” But more recently “we have felt the mountain move” with regard to those issues, Rev. Beckmann said June 4. “God is in the mountain-moving business.” Rev. Beckmann spoke at the opening session of “One Table, Many Voices: A Mobilization to Overcome Poverty & Hunger” in

Washington. The conference’s two major co-sponsors were Bread for the World and Call to Renewal, a Christian anti-poverty network.

Pastoral experience

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Archbishop William J. Levada, the new head of the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, said his U.S. pastoral experience makes him sympathetic to the doctrinal and teaching challenges faced by local bishops around the world. In an interview with Catholic News Service June 6, Archbishop Levada also said that while the congregation sometimes must discipline errant theologians its primary work is positive—safeguarding sound doctrine so the faith can be shared with the world. That task is something all theologians should share, he said. Archbishop Levada was visiting the doctrinal congregation’s offices in early June. He plans to move to Rome at the end of the summer, after he wraps up affairs in his current Archdiocese of San Francisco.



Six CPA awards won

NEWARK—*The Catholic Advocate* won six awards at this year’s Catholic Press Association Convention in Orlando, FL.

Third Place went to the paper for Best Illustration in the April 7, 2004 “Hope and Healing” bereavement supplement; Best Advertising Volume Building Campaign for “A Father’s Day Appeal” from the Office of Planned Giving; Best Retail Campaign for the Catholic Cemeteries Office and Best Column General Commentary to Maria Garcia in *New Jersey Catolico*.

Two Honorable Mention awards also went to the paper for the 2004 diocesan directory and General Excellence for *New Jersey Catolico*.

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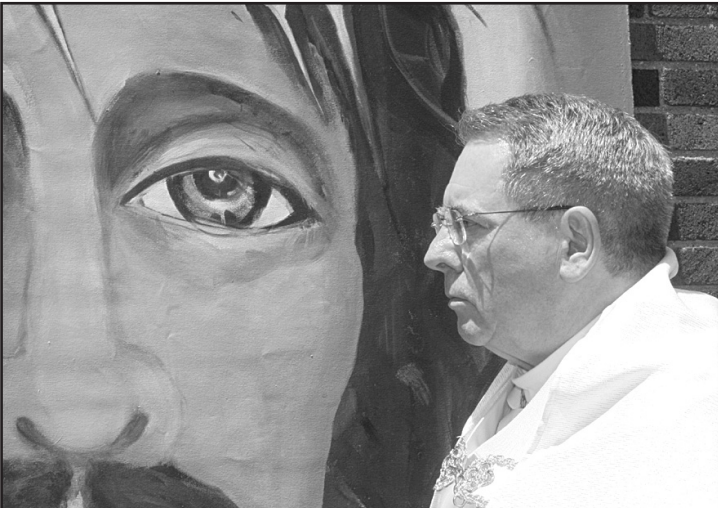
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YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST—Archbishop John J. Myers visited Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, Harrison, to celebrate Mass in honor of the Feast of Corpus Christi. With him as he prepares to process with the monstrance is Father Miroslaw Krol, parochial vicar of the parish. Right photo, the archbishop in front of mural outside the church.



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MISSION NEWS

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Sudanese seminarian

This student at St. Paul’s Major Seminary in Khartoum, Sudan, has lost both his parents and other family members in the ongoing conflicts. Offers another seminarian: “When my parents were killed, I felt so alone — but then I turned to Jesus and to our heavenly Father. From God I received healing and the greatest feeling of love and comfort. It will be my vocation as a priest to bring this unconditional love and inner peace to all here who continue to suffer.”

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June 16

College of Saint Elizabeth, Morristown, scholarship and excellence gala dinner show, Madison Hotel, Morristown. (973) 290-4442.

June 17

St. Phil's Singles, miniature golf at Willowbrook Golf Center, Wayne, 7:30 p.m. (973) 248-9245.

St. Francis Xavier Parish, Newark, Divine Mercy Devotion, 3 p.m., every Friday. (973) 482-8410.

Caldwell College, tricky tray, 6:30 p.m., in student center gym. Cost \$15-25. (973) 618-3411 or kbuse@caldwell.edu.

June 18

St. Phil's Singles, outdoor volleyball in field behind St. Philomena school gym, Livingston, 2:30 p.m. (973) 340-4001.

Catholics Who Happen to be Single, "Dance the Night Away," Starlight Dance Studio, Nutley, 8 p.m. Cost \$12. (973) 743-6100 or email Lenora at century153@yahoo.com.



Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, defensive driving course, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Cost: \$55. (201) 227-6254.

June 19

Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Newark, Ibgo Catholic community's first confirmation celebration, noon. (973) 824-6548.

June 21

Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, six-week exercise program, Tuesdays and Thursdays, times vary. (201) 227-6250.

June 24

St. Phil's Singles, dinner at the Godfather Pizzeria, East Hanover, 7 p.m. (973) 560-9728.

St. Theresa Parish, Kenilworth, evening prayer and Adoration in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 9 p.m. Call Elaine Kozak at (908) 276-8167.

June 25

Office of Family Life, Archdiocese of Newark, Spiritual Journey for Leaders in Action (Spanish), Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave., Newark, noon-6 p.m. Cost \$7. (973) 497-4326.



Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth, health fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (908) 994-5333.

St. Vincent Parish, Bayonne, reunion/fundraiser beefsteak dinner, Mass 5:30 p.m. Cost \$50. Call Pat Conway at (201) 437-9003 or Michael Dellabella at (201) 437-1130.

June 26

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Maplewood, final Sunday Liturgy, 11 a.m. (973) 763-5019.

St. John the Baptist Parish, Jersey City, outdoor festival in honor of patron saint, 1-8 p.m. Bad weather plans: indoors in school auditorium. (201) 653-8814.

July 7

Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Teresa, summer luncheon at Crystal Point Yacht Club, Point Pleasant, noon.

Cost: \$40. Reservations close June 30. Call Mrs. Robert Stiloski at (732) 988-7264.



St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, summer directed retreat by the ocean through July 10, the Upper Room Spiritual Center, Neptune. Call Anna Graziano at (973) 338-9538 or Mary Anne Bainbridge at (973) 239-8169. Cost: \$195.

July 8

Benedictine Sisters at Saint Walburga Monastery, Elizabeth, weeklong Monastic Live-In for Catholic women over the age of 18 starting the evening of July 8. A vocation discernment weekend will take place July 8-10. For information or to register call (908) 353-3028.

Campus ministry provides for strong spiritual life

BY LIESL FORES
Staff Writer

UNION—College graduates Lindsey Graca and Joseph La Placa found a spiritual home at Kean University in its campus ministry's Newman Club, the student organization of the Newman Catholic Center, an international higher education association.

The two, who have been dating since high school, met chaplain/campus minister Father Alexander Santora and discovered the richness of the ministry their sophomore year, when they happened to attend a Sunday evening Mass at the university center.

La Placa, who is a member of the Lambda Alpha Sigma Honor Society and graduated *magna cum laude* in May, explained that both he and Graca participated in campus ministry at Roselle Catholic High School and wanted to continue their involvement in college.

As former vice president of the Newman Club, he asserted that the organization "gives back to the community." He described some of the group's activities, such as a Giving Tree project—which was initiated by the him and Graca and provided useful items and monetary contributions to the needy—food drives and, La Placa's favorite, visiting residents at Cornell Hall nursing home in Union.

"Over the years you get to know these people, not just by face but by name. They recognize you

... they get excited when they see you," he said. "It feels good."

Graca, who also graduated *magna cum laude* and was a member of the Lambda Alpha Sigma Honor Society as well as Lambda Phi Eta, the national communications honor society, stressed that the Newman Club has helped her "so much—in every area possible."

This past year's vice president of the club explained that being raised in a household where going to Church and faith were so important, it made her realize priorities. God, she says, is "number one" in her life: "Without Him nothing is possible."

This "allowed me to concentrate on my [school] work," she said, emphasizing that campus ministry helped, because she is "living as God wants me to."

Describing the many retreats that she attended during her time with the Newman Club as particularly meaningful for her, Graca remarked that they gave her the opportunity to "really grow spiritually" and to "see what's important—its not the material things."

She noted that especially today, organizations like the Newman Club are "essential for young Catholics to take part in," adding, "I've met so many



Lindsey Graca and Joseph La Placa, chosen as "Outstanding Students in Campus Ministry," at their college graduation from Kean University.

wonderful people throughout the years."

Both La Placa and Graca commented that they have become good friends with their peers in the group—with whom they plan to keep in touch—as well as Father Santora and are hopeful for the future of the college association, though they themselves will be moving on.

Calling it a "great experience," La Placa asserted, "Hopefully the club will continue at Kean. ...If the group grows, it can do more and more," and stressed a goal for

students to "help others and get involved in the community."

"Our group may have been small," said Graca, "but there's no limit to what people can do when they're working for God."

"Kindness is contagious," she observed, expressing her wish that the good will of the Newman Club and its incoming members may pervade. "That's what I pray for every day."

Father Santora, who has been at Kean for 10 years, described the couple as "very devoted to the Church and their community."

"They're very active together—they always work together," he said, pointing out that besides all the service projects they worked on, the pair often would attend Sunday Mass at the university, sometimes with their families, though neither one of them lived on campus.

"They are really good kids and should be minted," Father Santora said of Graca and La Placa, who were chosen by the archdiocesan campus ministry office as this year's "Outstanding Students in Campus Ministry."

Graca, a communications major who is involved in community theater and interned at her former high school assisting on their

development campaign, says she'd like to continue working in a Catholic school setting, in a public relations/communications capacity, describing it as "giving back all that was given to me."

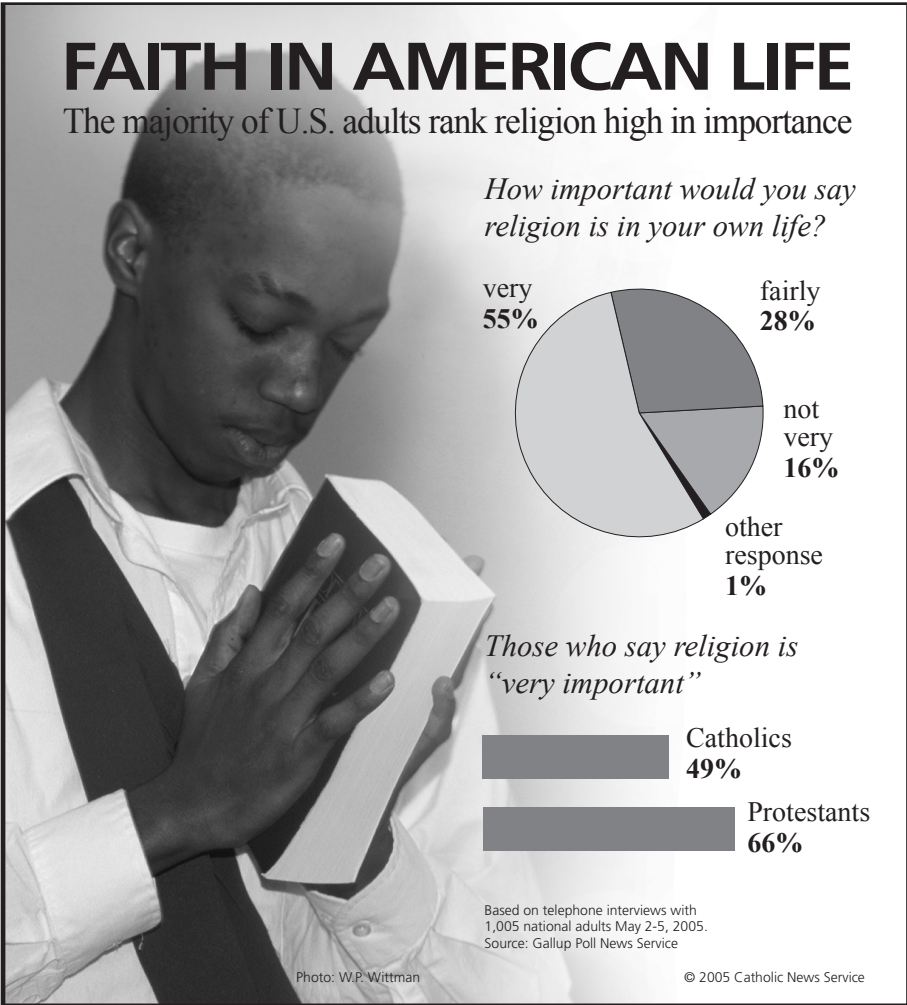
Noting that this is a time when Catholic schools are closing, she remarked, "I feel fortunate and blessed to have had a Catholic education," and added that she wanted to help ensure its future. "I want that for my children."

La Placa, who works at Chili's Restaurant along with his girlfriend, was just accepted into the chain's restaurant management program; after training, he'll be able to manage a Chili's anywhere in New Jersey.

The business major, who plays guitar and sings in a rock band, The Dap, and is also involved in community theater, says he will try to bring his faith into his work by following "God's plan," which he believes to be "to give back to others, to be honest and true ... to make sure to do the right thing, not stepping over any lines, to be true to yourself."

"It has to do with morals and ethics," he said.

The values they continued to form and the relationships they forged in their campus ministry experience with the Newman Club, Graca and La Placa concede, have been an integral part of their college days and will help and guide them in all their life endeavors.



Each pope had ‘unique mission’

Editor,

The modern world has had three great popes, each assigned with a unique mission.

John XXIII had a vision of the universal church. In the diplomatic service of the Catholic Church, John was stationed in the Near East to shepherd his flock of Catholics. Among his associates were Muslims, Jews, Orthodox Christians from Eastern churches and Protestants.

In this non-Catholic group, he saw people of exemplary virtue who had a great love for God. One of his first actions when he became pope was to open the windows so that the Catholic Church could see the other world of people outside its domain.

Paul VI was a man of brilliant intellect with a comprehensive knowledge of the Catholic Church. He also served in the diplomatic corps. He had been Pope Pius XII’s secretary of state, a very vital position. He became the architect of the Second Vatican Council, coordinating and organizing Pope John XXIII’s vision of the Catholic Church.

John Paul II was the fulfillment of the Second Vatican Council. He was pope not only of the Catholic Church but also the

“global pope” that John XXIII envisioned for the universal church.

One a holy, humble man, the next a holy, brilliant man, the last a holy, contemplative man—all reflected God’s desire to help us and to make us happy.

Frances Semler
Closter

Column on target

Editor,

Msgr. John Gilchrist’s May 18 column in *The Catholic Advocate*, “Culture of religious fervor in the United States” speaks about the success of evangelical preachers and the belief that as many as 60 percent of their congregations are former Catholics confirms what many of us know. Too many Catholics are poorly catechized. Our priests must do more teaching from the pulpit!

Deanna Hohmann
West Caldwell

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.

There are hungry Americans

National Hunger Awareness Day last week came and went with most Americans unaware of the fact many of their fellow citizens do not have enough to eat in a country blessed with abundance.

For the most part it is not for lack of caring. To be sure the Catholic Church and Archdiocese of Newark are in the forefront of battling hunger and poverty. But they cannot do it alone.

During National Hunger Awareness Day, anti-hunger advocates participating in the national conference of Bread for the World, were on Capitol Hill meeting with members of Congress in support of the Hunger-Free Communities Act.

The need for such overdue legislation is painfully obvious. More than 36 million Americans, including 13 million children, live in households that struggle to put food on the table. With strong and effective national nutrition programs in place, experts feel national hunger can be cut in half by 2010 and ended by 2015. Wouldn’t that be a glorious accomplishment. A crucial factor, however, is to keep the fiscal axe from falling on nutrition and food assistance programs.

It is ironic that in a country with an ever-growing obesity problem, many people across the nation and even across the street are malnourished.

Today after a nice meal, contact your representative and tell him or her to enact the Hunger Free Communities Act.

Academic excellence in abundance

It is not easy becoming an Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar but, once again, students throughout schools of the Archdiocese of Newark have achieved the lofty academic honor.

What it takes to become a Bloustein scholar speaks for itself. A student must place in the top 10 percent of his or her class, have a minimum combined SAT score of 1260 or be ranked first, second or third in their class by the end of the junior year.

The names of this year’s scholars are published on page 17 of today’s issue. The hard work of both the students and teachers are obvious and deserve hearty congratulations.

A question box about faith and practice

Today’s Question: Could you comment on why, in many parishes, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist purify the vessels after Mass when instructions on the liturgy designate this action as distinctly priestly? – Joseph Orchard, Union.

While the General Instruction of the Roman Missal provides that “the sacred vessels are purified by the priest, the deacon, or the instituted acolyte after Communion or after Mass,” (#279), the document in Chapter IX also provides for “Adaptations within the Competence of Bishops and Bishops’ Conferences.”

On June 15, 2001, the Latin members of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops approved “Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America.” On June 21, 2001, they also requested an indult (permission) from the Vatican to grant the diocesan bishop the faculty to allow the “priest celebrant to use the assistance, when necessary, even of extraordinary ministers in the cleansing of the sacred vessels after the distribution of Communion has been

What’s the Matter?

By Msgr. Richard J. Arnholz

completed in the celebration of Mass.”

On March 22, 2002, Pope John Paul II, through the congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, approved the norms and granted such an indult to the Bishops of the United States. This faculty dispensed from the norm of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, third typical edition, for a period of three years. The indult is automatically extended unless a decree to the contrary is issued. So this practice continues to be approved in the dioceses of the United States, where the diocesan bishop chooses to extend the faculty.

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.

Beginnings of the Christian evangelical movement

Theodore J. Frelinghuysen, a young Dutch Reformed minister, came from Holland in 1719 to be pastor of four churches in the Raritan Valley of New Jersey.

By the mid 1720's he was tired of gazing at the stodgy, self-indulgent Dutch people who attended church on Sundays. They came out of habit and custom rather than any religious fervor. He began to wake them up with fiery sermons that aggravated many, but also moved many to penance and religious fervor in his and other parishes nearby.

Theodore had a friend, a graduate of Yale, named Gilbert Tennant who was the pastor of the Presbyterian Church at New Brunswick. Gilbert was also offended by the self-satisfied attitude of his own congregation.

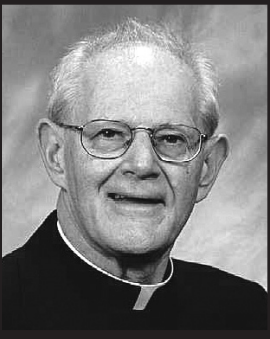
Inspired by Frelinghuysen, he began to preach hell, fire and brimstone. Sure enough, Presbyterian congregations began to "get religion" at services around New Jersey. Repentance became an "in" thing by 1727. Here in Newark, even Arron Burr and his wife began to get religion.

Up in Massachusetts, another gentleman named Jonathan Edwards, a Yale graduate, who knew Gilbert, became pastor of his grandfather's church at Northampton, Massachusetts. He was a quiet scholar by nature but he was appalled at the licentiousness of the youth of the town who loved "drinking, dancing and lewd practices." He began meeting and preaching to young people. It caught on. Soon the whole town was in a "conversion" mode.

These three men set the stage for the man who would spark all of the colonies into a revivalist frenzy. He was an Englishman names George Whitefield. He

Voices

By Msgr. John Gilchrist



had graduated from Oxford College in England. He was a member of the "Holy Club" at school—an association of young men known for their piety. The chief members of the Holy Club were Charles and John Wesley. These boys were the founders of the Methodist Church. But the Methodist Church began as a quiet, high church, Anglican movement. Whitefield changed all that.

He came to Philadelphia. He was tall, slender and handsome. He had a smooth voice. He was young. Whitefield looked upon "all the world as his parish." He preached anywhere and everywhere. He found that he was most effective out of doors—especially on the steps of public buildings.

Whitefield, by 1740, had traveled from Georgia to New England. Everyone wanted to hear him. People poured out of their Lutheran, Episcopalian,

Presbyterian, Baptist, and Congregational churches to follow all four of these preachers. The rigid lines of denominationalism were shattered.

And the "new" preachers encouraged their followers by dismissing "staid old preachers" in their churches. Whitefield wrote about other pastors, "The reason that the congregations are dead is because dead men preach to them." Tenant wrote, "Is a dead man fit to bring others to life?"

Meanwhile at the revivals—"experienced Christians" as they were known, turned out in droves to hear a new brand of fiery sermon. They would be "bathed in tears," "They would cry so loudly the preacher's voice could not be heard." Some fainted onto the floor and "all were lost in wonder, love and praise" (Jesse Lee, preacher). That was evangelicalism in its infancy and at its best.

So there you have the beginnings of the "Christian Evangelical Movement" of today. Here you find "Bible preaching," "Traveling preachers," and "mass conversions." Here you also find the beginnings of the "American Spirit,"

a new thing in the world—an American thing that tied the colonists together and would produce the "Spirit of Liberty."

Next time we will consider the Evangelicals versus the traditionalists or as they called it "the New Lights against the Old Lights."

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

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The six steps of Mother Teresa's 'simple path'

There is no better example and role model for us in Twenty-first Century America than Mother Teresa.

In our very materialistic society, where we are all encouraged to do our own thing, to make sure we get "our turn," where amassing material goods and how we look is paramount, we can stop and find someone who knows and speaks the truth, one who can lead us to at least a brief interlude of sanity. If you feel that the world is gettin' you down, as they say in the song, I have just the prescription for you.

It's a little book about Mother Teresa's spirituality called *A Simple Path*. The editor (for the book is really a compilation of statements from people who knew and worked with Mother Teresa) is Lucinda Vardey and she has done a lovely job of getting at the essence of Mother Teresa's life, her work, her spirituality.

In one of the first essays Vardey points out that in every crisis in the church, at every time of upheaval and pain, God has sent someone to lead us out of the darkness into his wonderful light. Into a world where way too many people think MTV is reality, God sent us the little tiny nun, an Albanian by birth and a native of India by choice to lead us on a new way to find Him. This book was published in 1995, just a year before her death, and Mother Teresa's death and she cooperated fully in its writing.

Mother Teresa's "simple path" consists of six steps that we must begin to incorporate into our lives. This is the path: The fruit of silence is prayer. / The fruit of prayer is faith. / The fruit of faith is love. / The fruit of love is service. / The fruit of service is peace.

Over the Coffee Cup

By Mary Costello



It all starts with silence. Ours is a noisy, fast-paced world. If we don't have the radio going, the TV is blaring, the kids are talking and the CD player is doing its thing. We have to seek out silence in our lives. It is rejuvenating to have even a few minutes of absolute quiet. We can turn the radio / CD player in the car off, we can close ourselves in a bedroom (or even the bathroom!) to find some quiet time. Here is what Mother Teresa said about silence: "I always begin my prayer in silence, for it is in the silence of the heart that God speaks. God is the friend of silence—we need to listen to God because it's not what we say but what He says to us and through us that matters."

The next step is prayer. Sometimes we get caught up in the rote prayers, which are wonderful. But we

can learn a different way to connect to God, a sort of underlying thread of prayer that runs through our whole day. This is what Mother says about prayer: "You can pray anytime, anywhere. You do not have to be in a chapel or a church. You can pray at work—work doesn't have to stop prayer and prayer doesn't have to stop work."

More on prayer from Mother: "If you trust in the Lord and the power of prayer you will overcome any feelings of doubt and fear and loneliness that people commonly feel."

Sister Dolores, one of the Missionaries of Charity said: "If everyone in the world took five or ten minutes daily to stop and think, it would help us all to go about God's work, because we need reflection, we need to ask God for his blessing daily, and we need to bring Him into our lives so we can give Him to others."

It's interesting to note that in Mother Teresa's path, faith comes next. Faith is the fruit of prayer, yet the path continues on to love, service and peace. I think many of us feel that when we have faith, we have everything, yet faith is just a steppingstone to peace. No one ever told me Mother Teresa was a great philosopher, yet she is right-on in her path. Faith is not an end in itself, only a gift given us to help us on the way to the peace we can be given when we surrender.

A Simple Path was published by Ballantine Books, NY.

Mary Costello is a freelance columnist.

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Late pope's sainthood cause opens

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The Diocese of Rome has formally opened the sainthood cause of Pope John Paul II, asking Catholics around the world to present evidence “for or against” his reputation for holiness.

The edict signed by Cardinal Camillo Ruini, papal vicar of Rome, launched the information-gathering stage of the late pope's cause. In mid-May, Pope Benedict XVI waived the normal five-year waiting period and said work on the sainthood cause of his predecessor could begin immediately.

Cardinal Ruini's announcement was published May 31 on the front page of the Vatican newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, and was ordered posted on the doors of Church offices in Rome and in Pope John Paul's native Poland.

The request for information was expected to prompt an avalanche of testimonials from

Catholics and could also bring to light unpublished letters and other writings of the late pope.

The edict noted that Pope John Paul's reputation for holiness “exploded in a remarkable way at the moment of his death.” Now the faithful should com-

municate directly with the Rome diocesan offices to help document the sainthood cause, it said.

It invited all Catholics to come forward with “any information that can in some way support arguments for or against the reputation for holiness” of Pope John Paul.

The diocese was also to gather all the writings attributed to Pope John Paul throughout his life. The edict directed “whoever is in possession of such writings to forward them with due care” to officials working on the cause.

Of primary interest, it said, were unpublished manuscripts, diaries, letters and other private writings of the late pope. Those who want to keep the originals can send authenticated copies instead, it said.

Even without the normal five-year waiting period, the work on Pope John Paul's cause is expected to take several years. In addition to studying his writings and interviewing witnesses, the Church officials must confirm that two miracles occurred after his death, as the result of prayers asking for his intercession with God.

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Fidelity in time of persecution

Readings: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:7-16, 32-34; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33.

Among the many blessings of the natural order, few are greater than the gift of good health and a peaceful society. Gratitude for these gifts of the human experience should be expressed in our prayers each day!

Those who have endured war and civil turmoil will recognize the situation faced by Jeremiah the prophet. His mission as a teacher in stressful times made his life burdensome. How would he find strength to persevere?

As a young priest, Jeremiah was called by God to provide the leaders and common people of Judah with a key to understand the relation between the political realities of their time and their vocation in service of the Covenant between God and his people. From the beginning, God informed Jeremiah that the task would be difficult, with opposition from all sides. “They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord” (1:19; see 1:7-8).

Jeremiah bore with difficulty the threats against his life by those irked because of his preaching. A sensitive person, he recorded the interior struggles with his vocation. He prayed for divine protection, assuring himself that, as protector, God would exercise judgment against his enemies. “O Lord of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause!” (Jer 11:20).

But has God played falsely with Jeremiah in assuring his safety? He displayed his inner anguish in prayer. “O Lord, you have deceived me and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed” (20:7). God's message that danger threatens the kingdom of Judah because of the people's infidelity to the Covenant has brought ridicule and threats of death (20:8). Jeremiah wished to flee, to escape from his mission but his conscience goaded him on. “If I say, ‘I will not mention him, nor speak any more in his Name,’ there is in my heart, as it were, a burning fire shut up in my bones...” (20:9).

Sunday Readings

12th Sunday
of Ordinary Time
(June 19, 2005)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



The text proclaimed in this Sunday's liturgy must be situated within this preceding context. Humanly speaking, there seems to be no solution to the struggle between good and evil except battle and/or judgment. Jeremiah's confidence in God's promise to protect him evokes the image of a fierce warrior. This recalls the song of victory after the Israelites crossed the sea in which Pharaoh's army perished (Ex 15:1-12). However, Jeremiah did not expect his enemies to be obliterated: “My persecutors will stumble, they will not overcome me. They will be greatly ashamed, for they will not succeed...” (20:11). He prayed for the vindication of his cause because he believed that God is faithful to his word. For a moment, he could see the future triumph, because God protects the poor who trust in him. “Praise the Lord, for he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers” (20:13).

In the Gospel, the mission sermon of Jesus includes a warning that the pattern of misunderstanding and persecution in His ministry would befall them as well. Because Jesus proclaimed that life is communion with God in time and into eternity, he instructed them to place persecution in the context of divine judgment.

We pray for the strength to bear witness to the Good News.

Gospel message of respect for every human life, especially for the unborn child, the seriously handicapped or frail elderly people in our midst. Today we pray for the strength to bear witness to the Good News as it challenges the priorities or standards of our society!

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

The Pope Speaks

Pope Benedict XVI



God's marvelous works of salvation

Dear brothers and sisters,

Our meditation today centers on Psalm 111 (110), a hymn of praise and thanksgiving which contemplates the mystery of God and his marvelous works of salvation. These saving acts of the Lord manifest the justice, compassion and love which form the intimate and everlasting covenant he makes with his people.

The psalmist invites us to respond to this covenant by contemplating God's holy name with the fear which is the first stage of wisdom. The term fear does not mean terror, but sincere respect for the Lord and genuine assent to the ways of God. Let us too raise our hearts to the Lord in thanks and praise!

I extend a special welcome to the English-speaking pilgrims here today, including groups from England, Scotland, Australia and the United States of America. Thank you for the affection with which you have greeted me. Upon all of you, I invoke the peace and joy of Jesus Christ Our Lord.

“Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell” (Mt 10:28). Divine providence governs all creatures and every detail of human life, even to the hairs of our head. “Do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on...” (Mt 6:25). Our only concern should be to live in constant witness to the mystery of God's love, manifested in the life of his people and in the self-giving of Jesus.

Some may ask: “Do these readings meet a real need in the Church today?” Look around you on Sunday morning. Do you know the story of the family from Eritrea or Liberia? Did some who fled from Hungary in 1956 or from Poland 25 years later find a home in your neighborhood? The priest from Vietnam may have spent years in prison because of his vocation. Many from other lands as well have borne valiant testimony to their faith, and perhaps they count martyrs among their families or fellow parishioners. The poignancy of Jeremiah's struggle with his lifework may be echoed many times among the faithful today. We should unite with them in our prayers, especially at the moment of Eucharistic sacrifice. How some of them yearn for the benefits of the sacraments!

Perhaps, we may never be tested by persecution as we pursue the tasks of our Christian vocation. Nevertheless, we find mockery and ridicule if we voice the

Celebrating 75 years of faith

Q: How many families are in the parish?

A: 910 families and 2800 parishioners.

Q: What is their demographic, cultural breakdown?

A: No predominant cultural or ethnic group; many young families, singles, retirees with a core of long-term parishioners.

Q: What are some important upcoming events on the parish calendar?

A: We are presently celebrating the parish's 75th anniversary. On Sunday, Dec. 12, 2004 we opened our yearlong celebration with a Jubilee Mass celebrated by Archbishop Myers.

Some of the activities that have taken place thus far include: Recitation of the Holy Rosary prior to Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8); a three-day parish mission conducted by Father Frank McNulty in February entitled "Finding God," and a comprehensive parish history has been developed and turned into a parish yearbook to be published in November. Marian oriented prayer and learning events throughout the year are being conducted at church.

Q: Can you tell me a little about the people of the parish—is it a close-knit community?

A: People in the parish come together to help each other. When someone is in need, people step up like a family to help out. There are many second- and third-generation parishioners in ICC parish, which helps lend to the family feeling we experience.

Q: What makes your parish special?

A: Worship, hospitality and service. To sum it up, the people are what make our parish special. They pray together, they share together and they

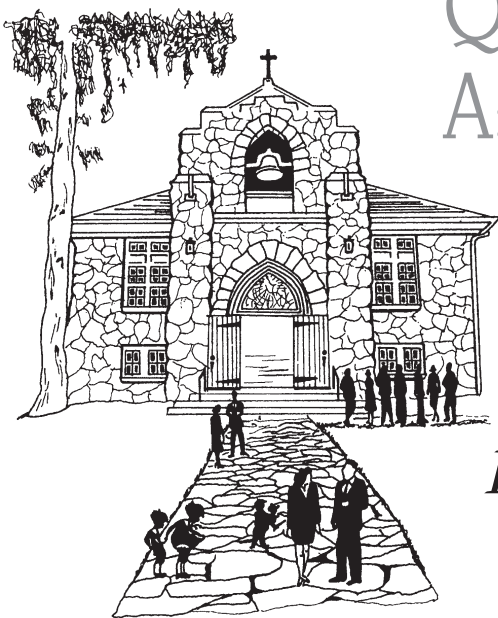
care for one another and those outside the parish.

Q: Do you have any traditions, i.e., ethnic celebrations or feast days that are important in the parish's life?

A: An annual spiritual tradition is a Memorial Mass held each year the weekend after All Souls Day in November in which all parishioners and family members of parishioners who passed away during the previous year are remembered.

Another is the annual St. Patrick's Day dance in the parish hall. This event is well attended by parishioners.

Small Christian Community prayer groups are conducted at church on Tuesday mornings and at the homes of various parishioners throughout the week.



Q: Describe some of the programs and/or ministries in your parish and name some of the people involved.

A: One of the traditions in the parish is a very strong buildings and grounds committee. This group is comprised of many professionals in related areas who bring their expertise to the committee. Stan Ploszaj is the chairman of the committee.

Food collections for the Center for Food Action—this activity is coordinated by Andy Lohan, a 40-year member of the parish.

Inter-Religious Homeless Program—During the months of August and September on

Monday nights the parish hall is opened up to a group of homeless that enjoy dinner prepared by parishioners and they then spend the night sleeping in the parish hall.

Meals for Harrison House—One Sunday per month members of the parish prepare dinner for nine AIDS patients at the Bergen Medical Center. Peg Mariani coordinates this activity.

Dominican Republic Clothesline Program—A team of 15 students, under the direction of Father Ron Stanley, chaplain at Ramapo College, Mahwah, travel to minister to the poor in the remote hill country of the Dominican Republic. Besides doing various educational and construction projects in the villages, the students take with them necessities for distribution to the villagers there.

Q: Is there a parish school?

A: Today, the ICC parish community, along with Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Mahwah, and St. Paul's Parish, Ramsey, co-sponsors St. Paul Interparochial School, Ramsey.

Immaculate Conception, Mahwah

The school provides a great education program from kindergarten through 8th grade for students from more than 20 towns in northern New Jersey and New York State. The curriculum provides an excellent faith and service-oriented education to its students. The school has been in existence for more than 50 years and more than 95 percent of the graduates of St. Paul's go on to attend area Catholic high schools.

Q: Describe the religious education program.

A: The director of religious education is Carol Willis. The program involves 300 students from pre-K through 9th



Sue Butler, 75th Anniversary Liturgy Chairperson, welcoming Archbishop Myers to the reception following the opening Mass.

grade with 34 catechists supporting Carol.

Q: [For the pastor] How long have you been pastor at this parish? Have you witnessed any changes in your time there?

A: I've been here for nearly 13 years. There has been tremendous growth in our religious education program, increased social justice awareness and generous social action service (e.g. adopting a seven-member Kosovo family and seeing them study and work

Meet the Pastor



Father M. Christen Beirne

Date of Birth: Feb. 28, 1944

High School: Seton Hall Prep

College/Seminary/

Graduate School: Seton Hall University, Immaculate Conception Seminary

Date of Ordination: May 31, 1969

Hero: Pope John XXIII

Favorite Saint:

Martin de Porres

Favorite Sport: Ice Hockey

Favorite Food:

Anything spicy

Favorite Subject in School: Math

Favorite Movie:

Pay It Forward

Last Book Read: *When Jesus Came to Harvard*, by Harvey Cox

Occupation if I weren't a Priest: Civil Engineer

Immaculate Conception Parish is located at 900 Darlington Ave., Mahwah. Contributors to this article included Joseph and Patti Petrucci, Dan Shockloss, Andy Lohan, Sue Butler, Frank Fyffe, Carol Willis and Father Chris Beirne, pastor. Photo by Peter Wendrychowicz. Compiled by Brian Fores.

Friars elect new superior

UNIONDALE, NY—Father Bernard Murphy, C.F.R., was elected Community Servant (Superior) of the Community of Franciscan Friars of the Renewal at its seventh General Chapter held at Emmanuel Retreat House. Father Murphy is a former novice master. He succeeds Father Glenn Sudano, C.F.R., who completed two terms as Servant.

The friars also elected Council members: Father Richard Roemer, Community Vicar; Father Benedict J. Groeschel, 1st Councillor; Father Glenn Sudano, 2nd Councillor; Father Andrew Apostoli, 3rd Councillor; and Father Luke Fletcher, 4th Councillor.

The community, which was founded in 1987, numbers 90 friars and expects at least ten candidates to join this year. They have ten friaries, including missions in England, Honduras and at Most Blessed Sacrament Friary on 13th Avenue in Newark. There is a parallel community of Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal in the Bronx, New York.

The Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Renewal follow the Capuchin tradition and work with the poor and homeless and preach personal and ecclesial reform.

Redemptoris Mater Seminary cites benefactors

HASBROUCK HEIGHTS—Archbishop John J. Myers presided at the eighth annual Family of Nazareth Inc. Gala Dinner in support of Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Kearny.

Held at the Hilton Hotel, the gala-dinner was attended by some 300 guests.

Redemptoris Mater Seminary was founded in 1990 as an answer

to Pope John Paul II's call for a New Evangelization. Priests formed in this seminary are a vital part of the New Evangelization. This year is the 15th anniversary of the Seminary and already over 60 priests have been ordained from Redemptoris Mater. Half of them are working in the Archdiocese of Newark and the other half in missions abroad: the

Turks & Caicos Islands, Puerto Rico, Guam, Toulon, Berlin, Vienna, Tanzania, Estonia, Boston, Louisiana, Washington, D.C., Peoria, and Dallas.

This year the gala dinner honored Timothy Comerford on behalf of PSEG, for the firm's active involvement in supporting the local community. Comerford serves on the Board of Regents of Felician College and he lends his

support to Redemptoris Mater.

Father Kevin Hanbury, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies of the College of Education/Human Services, Seton Hall University, and Father Anthony Ziccardi, former Associate Dean of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, were also recognized for their work in creating the Six Year Program.



Honoree Timothy R. Comerford and his wife are congratulated by Archbishop John J. Myers and Msgr. Renato Graselli, Rector of Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary.

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DIACONATE 2005—Archbishop John J. Myers ordained 14 men as transitional deacons at Mass on Sunday, May 21 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. A poignant moment of the Mass, top left photo, came with the laying on of hands by the archbishop. At the end of Mass the new deacons stood as a group with the archbishop. They include, left to right, front row, Deacon Rafael Galvez-Pineda and Deacon Antonio Nuno Rocha. Second row, Deacon Raul Ivan Silva, Deacon James Hooyeon Cho, Deacon Gerald Joseph Buonopane, Deacon Kyung Paul Lee, Deacon James Gregory Tucker and Deacon Rafael Velazquez. Top row, Deacon Zeljko Josip Guberovic, Deacon Giandomenico Maria Flora, Deacon Esterminio Chica, Deacon Bryan Emerson Page, Deacon James Patrick Ferry and Deacon Joseph Kwiatkowski.(Left) During the Litany of Supplication, each man prostrates himself before the altar.



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Clement Smith of Caldwell College receives his bachelor of science degree in management from Caldwell College President Sister Patrice Werner, O.P., Ph.D.

Make a difference, graduates told

CALDWELL—The Reverend Philip A. Smith, O.P., president of Providence College, told over 380 Caldwell College graduates last month that although their college days were “purged by the fires of 9/11, shocked by the priestly sexual abuse allegations, dismayed by the scandals of corporate greed and sobered by the awareness that we are a world at war,” they still have the responsibility to make a difference in this world for the better.

“If we have it in our power to explore the depths of outer space, then surely we have it in our power to shelter and clothe the homeless and feed the hungry,” Rev. Smith said. “Surely we can

find cures for devastating diseases like AIDS to demonstrate concern for the welfare of others.”

Rev. Smith told the capacity crowd inside the George R. Newman Center that “adversity has always brought out the best in individuals and united us by common values and made us hopeful for a new world marked by peace and justice.

“However, we must accept the responsibility that we cannot change society unless we change ourselves first,” he said. “We create ourselves everyday by the choices we make and the deeds that we do. Only when we are transformed can we ask others to join us in this new world.”

He told graduates that in them “we see the face of the future and the hope for tomorrow.” He encouraged the graduates to make sure they touch the hearts and minds of others. “Offer love to the disheartened...hope to those in despair and dignity to the down-trodden...It can be the most pow-

erful means of change on earth. Surely shedding one another tears can make a friend.”

In closing, Rev. Smith told the Class of 2005, “Whatever career you pursue, never settle for mediocrity.”

Caldwell College President Sister Patrice Werner, O.P., Ph.D., awarded Honorary Degrees to Rev. Smith, Doctor of Laws (LL.D.), Honoris Causa, Mary Jo Codey, New Jersey’s First Lady, Doctorate of Humane Letters (L.H.D.), Honoris Causa and Sister Joan Doyle, O.P., prioress for the Dominican Sisters of Caldwell and former chair of the Caldwell College Board of Trustees, Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.), Honoris Causa.

Students enrolled in the graduate studies program received either their Master of Arts or Master of Science degrees. The college president also presented undergraduates with their Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees.



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Alexander Caravella - Northern Valley Old Tappan
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Brittany Conrad - Pascack Valley
Aja Corsaro - Northern Valley Old Tappan
Ryan Costa - Bergen Catholic
Matthew Daly - Bergen Catholic
Madeline Delehanty - Immaculate Heart Academy
Brienne Deptuch - Academy of the Holy Angels
Robert Doidge - Bergen Catholic
Stefanie Faivre - Academy of the Holy Angels
Javier Fernandez - Northern Valley Old Tappan
Robert Frank - St. Joseph's Regional
Emily Grasso - Academy of the Holy Angels
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Nicole Johnson - Paramus Catholic
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• Two students have been offered full academic scholarships. • One student has been offered partial academic scholarship. • Nineteen students have been offered an opportunity to take a placement test in order to win an

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Bloustein distinguished scholars

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



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

The 226 Distinguished Scholars for the 2004-2005 academic year received award offers of \$1,000 annually for the next four years.

This year's distinguished scholars from the secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Newark are:

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Academy of the Holy Angels, Demarest, Lauren Behr, Nicole Buscemi, Christine Foster, Giselle Gastell, Elizabeth Kohli, Corrine McCarthy, Meghan Mullooly, Julia Osellame, Genna Reed, Sarah Stevens, Jessica Sweeney, Nicole Zeller.

Queen of Peace High School, North Arlington, Lisa Chow, Cara Doronila, Jennifer Engelhardt, Pamela Leckie, Anthony O'Boyle, Susan Pedersen, Richard Santos, Jessica Selecky.



Immaculate Conception High School, Lodi, Sundus Ayub, Michele Backes, Rina Mehta.

Saint Joseph Regional High School, Montvale, Christopher Byrd, Dean Duchak, Michael Flynn, Brian Roe, James Shea.

Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell, Roman Asudulayey, Thomas Brown, Ronan Byrnes, Thomas Cacciola, Oswald Calvario, Terence Conyngham, Ryan Corcoran, Joseph Daly, Antonio David, Charles Dougherty, Charles Emala, Michael Gadaleta, Patrick Gardocki, Bradford Hartung, Daniel King, Eugene McGee, Scott Pioli, John Schlatterer, Michael Teehan, Eric Wiegand, Christopher Wilk.



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Paramus Catholic Regional High School, Paramus, Christina Chimento, Jaclyn Cirello, Nicole Gentile, Michael Hughes, James Ihn, Laura Maikisch, Daniel Matassa, Kelly McCauley, Julie Sinclair.

St. Mary's High School, Rutherford, Eva Kulig, Gregory Lipinski, Marc Lorenc.



Don Bosco Preparatory High School, Ramsey, Robert Brown, Mark Castiglia, Christian Clark, Mario DeFranco, Scott Dotto, Paul Gianella, Keith Gross, Nicholas Magrogan, George Mihalik, Anthony Scoccimarro, Andrew Segna.

Immaculate Heart Academy, Washington Township, Lindsay Brust, Jennifer DeMartino, Kristin Elia, Angela Holuba, Kathleen Hynes, Kelly Kearns, Lauren Kelly, Mary Langan, Gabrielle Mercadante, Margaret Montgoris, Jaclyn Olsen, Denise Rockwell, Lisa Shihanian, Kathleen Shinnick, Charlotte Thurston, Kathryn Van Orden.

ESSEX COUNTY

Mount Saint Dominic Academy, Caldwell, Caitlin Arndt, Germaine Benemile, Alexa Bianchi, Cristina Garcia, Catherine Griwert, Nicole Quinn.

Marylawn of the Oranges Academy, South Orange, Laura Hernandez, Alexandra Laurent, Niulquie Sajous.



Immaculate Conception High School, Montclair, Mark Espinosa, Katherine Harripersaud, Giuvell Rivera.

Our Lady of Good Counsel High School, Newark, Robert Cruz, Mark Roman, Myra Suazo.

Saint Benedict's Preparatory School, Newark, Tremain Caesar, Joshua Daniels, Andre Luis.

Seton Hall Preparatory School, West Orange, William Buziad, George Chan, Matthew Curtis, Christopher D'Agostino, Randall Dorf, Casey Fleming, Serguei Galkine, Andrew Markham, Brian Martin, Carlos Martins, Anthony Moriello, Christopher Phillips, Carlos Rodriguez, Gabriel Saint Cyr, Stuart Santos, Joseph Scala, Daniel Tagliente, Brian Trembley, William Wiet, Jonathan Yochum.

Saint Vincent Academy, Newark, Rosalie Barbosa, Fatima Ferreira, Darcele Frederique.

Lacordaire Academy, Upper Montclair, Colleen Baird, Ashley Gillespie, Emily Vallillo.

HUDSON COUNTY

Holy Family Academy, Bayonne, Mary Badawy, Danielle Chimento, Alexandra Rios.



Saint Dominic Academy, Jersey City, Anna Lynn Agcopra, Barkha Aggarwal, Christine Capetola, Brinda Desai.

Marist High School, Bayonne, Osama Afifi, Christine Limpin, Michael Staron.



Saint Mary High School, Jersey City, Krystal Arango, Kathleen Pormento, Stephanie Santer.

Academy of the Sacred Heart, Hoboken, Erin Ganley, Ursula Gener, Ansa Riaz.

Academy of Saint Aloysius, Jersey City, Rowena Merene, Anna Nguyen, Leah Villamaria.

Hudson Catholic Regional High School, Jersey City, Daniel Cruz, Mauro DeSantis, Edward Garcia, Thomas Gil.



Saint Aloysius High School, Jersey City, Elizabeth Kerr, Maleka Stoddart.

Saint Peter's Preparatory School, Jersey City, Dale Addeo, William Carley, Murray Connell, Steven Erickson, Francis Fallon, Matthew Gelchion, Raphael Gerraty, Brian Kennedy, Carl Kraus, Kevin Kronyak, Michael Martini, Michael McGovern, Adam Muzyczyn, Patrick O'Rourke, Michael Ockay, Sanyam Parikh, Ankur Patel, Kevin Styles.

Saint Anthony High School, Jersey City, Brittany Barrow, Sean McCurdy, Naemah Ricketts.

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Benedictine Academy, Elizabeth, Christine Baptista, Angelica Cunha, Suzanne Santos, Veronica Sanchez.

Union Catholic Regional High School, Scotch Plains, Elyssa Di Giovanni, Eva Hausbrandt, Karina Linares, Mark Manuel, Sophia Rose Mayroudas, Kelly Rapolas, Cheryl Ritter, Andrew Timmes, Marybeth Tran.



Saint Mary of the Assumption High School, Elizabeth, Cynthia Baeza, Vanessa Espinosa, Grazielle Zanetti.

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, Summit, Jean Cambria Katharine O'Donnell, Elizabeth Sweeney, Carol Szurkowski, Claire Whipple.

Saint Patrick High School, Elizabeth, Joana Costa, Jason Mondesir, Telema Briggs.

Oratory Preparatory School, Summit, Robert Crum, Marc Cubelli, Joseph Kenny.

Congratulations

Felician College awards diplomas to Class of '05

LODI—A light rain couldn't dampen the spirits of the 350 graduating students at Felician College's 41st commencement exercises held Sunday, May 22.

In his commencement address, John P. Ferguson, President and CEO of Hackensack University Medical Center, advised the Class

of 2005 to "surround yourself with a great attitude" to achieve success. "Do what's right, do the best you can at all times, and treat others as you want to be treated," said Ferguson, who was awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters degree. Joseph M. Sanzari, CEO of Joseph M. Sanzari Inc. and

member of Felician's board of regents, also received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree.

Valedictorian, Mary-Kathryn Herronan, received a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education. She called upon her fellow graduates to "pay it forward, help others around you, and do something

meaningful. We acquired these tools here at Felician."

The ceremony marked the inaugural graduation of several cohorts from adult degree programs. The first cohort of adult students from Felician's on-site business management program at the East Rutherford Operations Center (EROC) of the Federal Reserve received associate degrees.

Executive Vice President Carl W. Turnipseed, Financial Services Group, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and

Senior Vice President John F. Sobala, Financial Services Group, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, were on hand to assist with the presentation of diplomas.

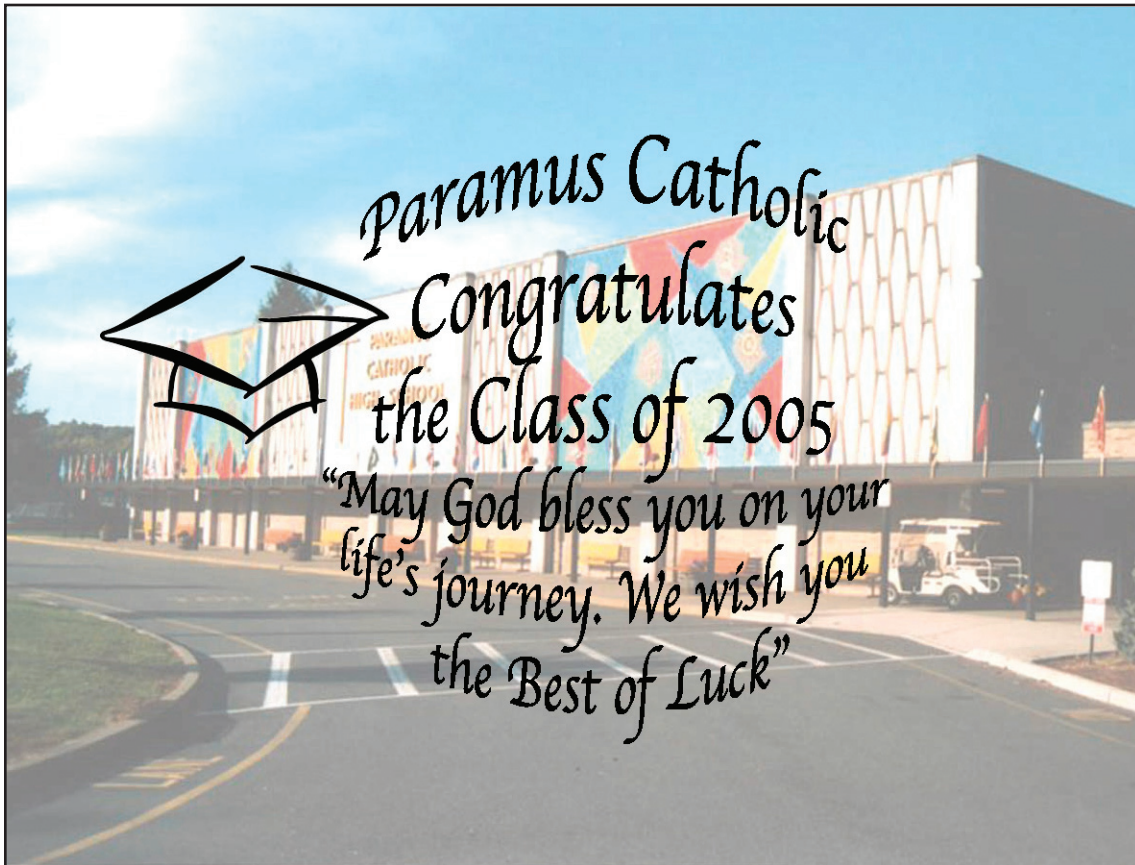
The first cohort of registered nurses to complete the fast-track RN to BSN program earned Bachelor of Science in nursing degrees. The group began its studies in October 2003 and completed the 19-month academic program in May by attend-



Margaret Gardineer, assistant professor of English, adjusts the graduation hood of Curri Snover before commencement.

ing class one full day a week.

The first group of cyberspace grads to complete all course work totally online for a Master of Arts in Religious Education (MARE) degree set foot on campus for the first time at graduation. For the past three and a half years, these students have relied on their fingertips and a computer to take courses, upload assignments, access the library, and interact in scholarly discussions.



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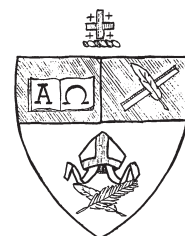
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4	25,155	2,097	484	35,798	2,984	689
5	29,393	2,450	566	41,829	3,486	805
6	33,631	2,803	647	47,860	3,989	921
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The information provided by parents on the application will be kept confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility.

The school will advise parents of their child's eligibility within 10 working days of receipt of the application. Any parent dissatisfied with the eligibility determination may contact the school to request an informal conference or may appeal the decision by requesting a formal hearing. Parents may call the school for further information on the program.

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CALDWELL — Caldwell College junior accounting major Robertine Lusamba has received two prestigious business awards from the United States Achievement Academy for excellence in her business courses.

The academy awarded Lusamba the Business Merit Award. She was nominated by Professor Anatoly Kandel, Ph.D., the Toohey Chair in Economics.

Lusamba also received the Collegiate All-American Award from the academy for being among the outstanding business students in the United States and for achieving a 3.8 GPA.

When not in class, Lusamba spends her time tutoring fellow stu-

dents in economics, accounting, French and advanced composition.

She is a member of the International Student Organization, the vice president of the Accounting Club and treasurer of the Student Government Organization (SGA).

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Plans under way for World Youth Day

NEWARK—The CYO Youth and Young Adult Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark is making preparations to attend World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany, Aug. 14-22.

Al Forsythe, Director of Youth Ministry, noted "People are excited because this will be their first exposure to the new pope, and it will be in his native country."

As a prelude to the main events, there will be "Days of Encounter" from Aug. 11-15, where participants will tour nearby German dioceses with local people waiting to greet them.

On Aug. 16, opening Masses will be celebrated in the three main cities of World Youth Day, Cologne, Bonn and Düsseldorf. That evening, a Youth Cultural

Festival will begin, offering different programs in each of the three locations.

The following three days will offer numerous events, including opportunities for participants to meet the many bishops from around the world who will be present, to ask them questions and discuss their faith. Aug. 18 will be the welcoming ceremony for Pope Benedict XVI.

The weekend events will take place at Marienfeld, the area located west of Cologne in the Rhein-Erft county. On Saturday, Aug. 20, pilgrims will join the Holy Father in an overnight vigil in preparation for the major final Mass.

The Pope will celebrate the final Mass for World Youth Day on Sunday morning, Aug. 21. Some 800,000 participants are expected to attend. At this concluding event for the 20th World Youth Day, the Holy Father will announce where the next international World Youth Day is to be held.

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Mission

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confession once a month. In the summer, they run a Bible class.

Doing arts and crafts and having field trips to get them out of the city for a little while gives children a recreational outlet as well.

While Sister Francille says that there are enough catechism teachers at this time—volunteers from other parishes—the sisters need people to help during the week, volunteering as tutors and assistants for other after school activities.

The Missionaries are also looking for volunteers to work at the soup kitchen, which serves about 200 people for breakfast at 9:30 a.m. every day except Thursday.

On the second floor of the facility at 60 Jay St., an overnight women's shelter sleeps up to 20 single women; however, it cannot accommodate women with children or pregnant women. Clients can come at 4 p.m. and have a place to sleep for up to three weeks. Space is on a first come, first served basis. Though the shelter is usually filled to capacity, at the moment there are about 10 or 11 women staying there at night.

Sister Francille has expressed a need for volunteers for overnight duty at the shelter: anywhere from 4 p.m. to 6:45 a.m. the next day to

supervise, give breakfast and make sure everyone leaves on time. "Whatever they can offer," she stressed.

Besides these programs, the Missionaries visit the sick and elderly in Newark and area nursing homes and hospitals too. At nearby Saint Michael's Medical Center, the sisters assist the hospital ministry team, bringing Communion to patients.

According to Sister Francille, aside from gathering children

that every day different people drop off food for the sisters and for the soup kitchen.

And with the monetary donations that many make, the sisters are able to help pay the tuition for a number of children in their programs who have particularly difficult circumstances to go to area Catholic or private schools, with expenses such as uniforms and books also paid. "It's really nice," asserted Sister Francille.

The local superior noted that in the past few years the Missionaries have made much progress. Pointing out that when she arrived the after school program had 12 children, she said, "Now the numbers are growing—it's amazing their needs." In all, there are about 70 kids in the after school and catechism programs.

Msgr. Neil J. Mahoney, current administrator of St. Augustine's, commented, "I am truly inspired by [the Missionaries'] ability to care for those in greatest need. They are not just social workers but women of profound faith who bring the love of God into our community. They certainly reflect the selfless service of Mother Teresa."

For more information or to volunteer, call Sister Francille at (973) 481-9056 or (973) 483-0165 between 8:30-11:30 a.m. or 4-6 p.m.

*"What I care about
is the people."*

— Sister M. Francille, M.C.

for Sunday Mass, they also pick up adults who cannot get to church on their own.

With all these responsibilities in mind, the local superior has put forth the possibility of "twinning" with one or more parishes, offering the work of the sisters in exchange for financial and volunteer support and assistance.

"What I care about is the people," she said, referring to getting aid for those her community ministers to. In turn, she stressed, "we'll be available to help [the twin parishes] with whatever they need help with."

She emphasized that they do have regular volunteers whose time and contributions have been indispensable and added

Ramsey knights elect new officers

RAMSEY—The Rev. Patrick Pindar Council, 3962, Knights of Columbus, has elected officers for 2005-2006. This year's slate features many new members.

Msgr. Lawrence Cull, pastor of St. Paul Parish, is the chaplain. Thomas Wallner was elected Grand Knight; Joseph Reap, Deputy Grand Knight; Stephen

Adams, Chancellor; Michael Adams, Recorder, and Roy Gargiulo (Past Grand Knight), Treasurer.

Deacon Vincent Meyers, PGK, will serve as Financial Secretary. Michael Hayward was elected Warden; Ronald Damato, Advocate; Christopher Greenan, Lecturer; Alex Stecyna, Inside

Guard; James Cheviot and William Roll, Outside Guards.

First Year Trustee is Michael Roll, PGK; 2nd Year Trustee is Thomas Larsen, PGK; and 3rd Year Trustee is Ryan Duffy, PGK.

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New editor

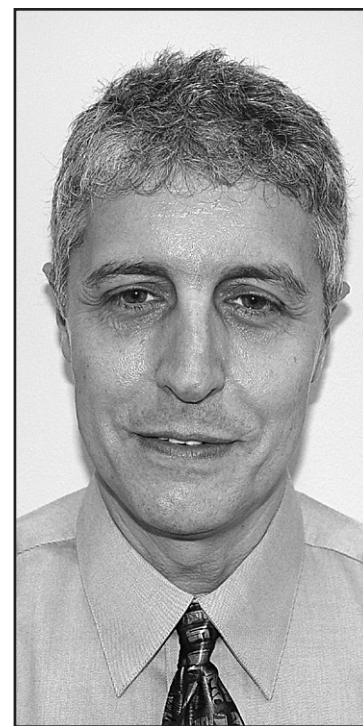
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He went on to work for business and trade publications in New York and focused on news coverage of durable manufacturing industries, with assignments that took him throughout North America, Mexico and Europe.

"As editor, I plan to work with the dedicated staff here at *The Catholic Advocate* to develop a more lively format and upgrade our editorial operations. I plan to put a lot of emphasis on community outreach in the four counties that make up the archdiocese. I look forward to meeting with pastors and staff in the various parishes, schools and organizations to gather feedback on timely assignments and editorial projects."

A lifelong New Jersey resident, Gabriele, 51, attended Nutley High School and is a 1975 graduate of the Philosophy and Religion Department of Montclair State University (MSU). He recently ended a three-year term as a member of the executive committee of the MSU Alumni Association.

Last November he was invited to give a lecture at the Nutley



Michael Gabriele

Historical Society, and the event was featured on page one of *The Nutley Sun*.

Gabriele and his family reside in Clifton and are members of St. Clare Parish. His wife, Julia, is a lector. He is a member of the Clifton Association of Artists, Studio Montclair Inc., and Nutley Little Theatre.



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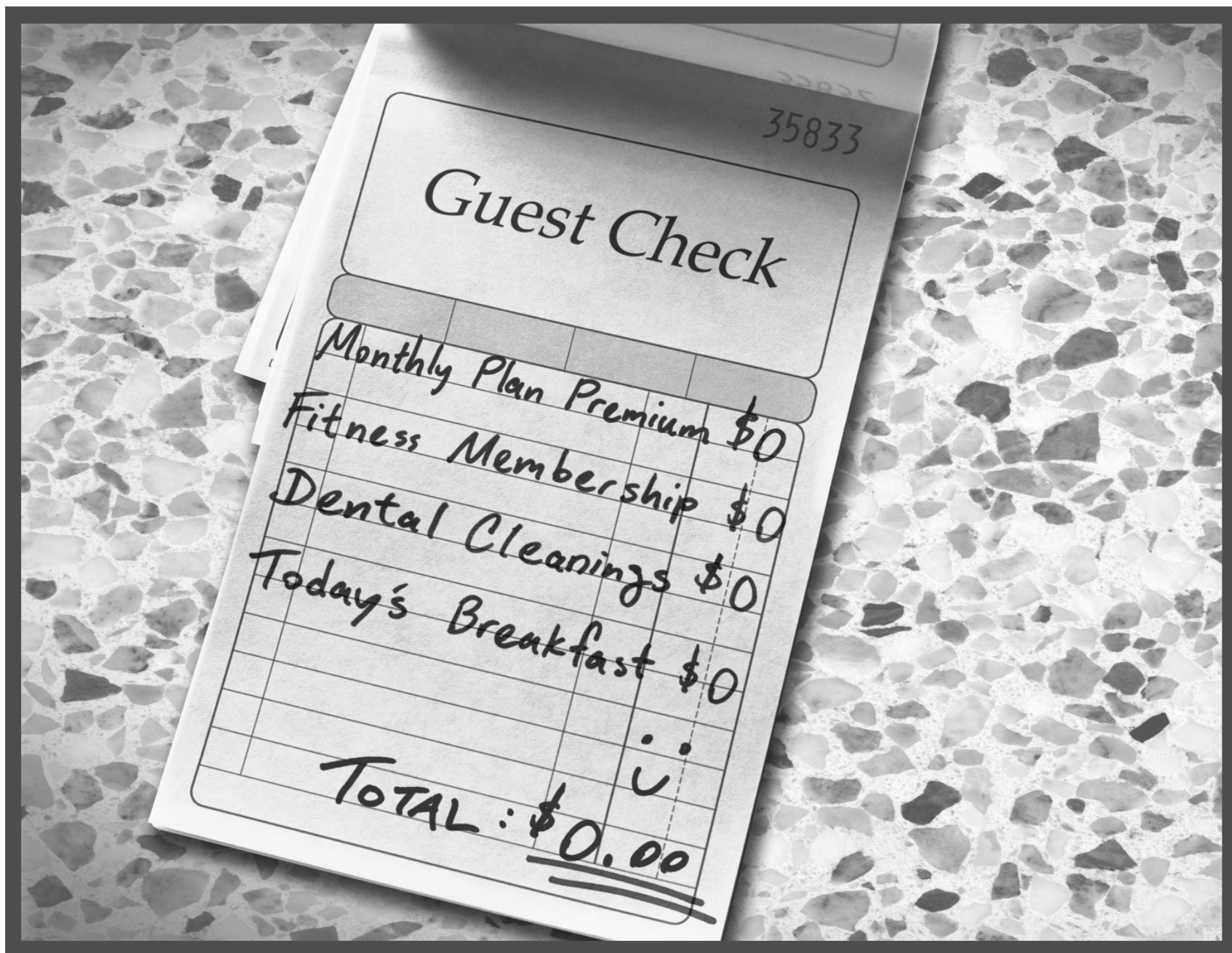
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- Stay clear of bees on cool, overcast days, when they are most easily angered.
- Wear neutral colors since bees

are attracted to bright colors.

- Avoid perfumes or scented suntan lotions.
- Don't go barefoot.
- For best protection, wear long sleeves, long pants, and gloves.

Bee sting treatment:

- Scrape the stinger out of the wound with a straightedge. Don't squeeze the stinger or use tweezers, which can release more venom into the site.

- Reduce any swelling and inflammation with cool water or an ice pack. Don't leave ice on the sting for more than five minutes.

- To soothe a bee sting, use an over-the-counter anesthetic.

- You can also make one of these home remedies and apply the paste to the sting:

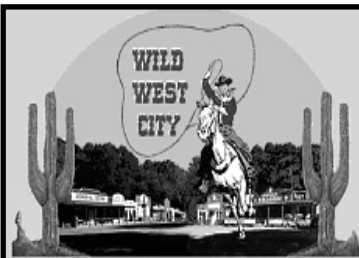
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Catholic Campus Ministry annual golf outing nears

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Proceeds will be distributed to the organization's 12 campus ministries, which include Bloomfield College, Essex County College, Ramapo College, Kean University, New Jersey City University, and Montclair State University. Father John B. Baron is the archdiocesan director of Campus Ministry.

A donation of \$300 per person covers green fees and cart, brunch, cocktails and dinner. Contact

Jennifer Tunnicliffe at Newman Center for registration information at 973-642-1613 or via e-mail at newmancenter@optonline.net.

Registration for the golf outing begins at 10 a.m. with brunch from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The cocktail party is slated to start at 5 p.m., followed by a buffet supper at 6 p.m.

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Local soprano to perform

UNION—Noelle Arteché will give her first concert at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall four days before graduating high school.

Arteché, a Mount Saint Mary Academy student and parishioner at Holy Spirit Parish, will perform on Sunday, June 19 at 8:30 p.m.

A soprano, she began formal voice training at the age of 11.

Already a veteran of several musical productions, Arteché has also received numerous honors, including first place for her performance at the 73rd annual Interscholastic Declamation Contest of the National German Honors Society at Rutgers University, New Brunswick.

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Appointments

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Father James V. Teti, parochial vicar of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Verona, has been appointed pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Ridgefield Park, effective July 1. A native of Maplewood and Mendham, Father Teti earned a BA in political science from Yale University, New Haven. He studied for the priesthood at the Pontifical North American College, Vatican City, and received a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome.

Father Teti studied for an S.T.L. with a specialization in fundamental theology from the Gregorian University. After returning from studies in Rome, he was appointed parochial vicar of Our Lady of the Lake, Verona, in June 1998. In June 2000, he was appointed secretary in the Office of the Archbishop. In June 2001, he was appointed

parochial vicar of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Verona.

Father Theodore W. Osbahr, V.F., pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Irvington, has been appointed pastor of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Roseland, effective Aug. 1.

A Roselle native, Father Osbahr was ordained in 1967 in Innsbruck, Austria, after studies at Seton Hall University, Immaculate Conception Seminary and the Canisianum, Innsbruck.

Upon his return to the United States, Father Osbahr was assigned to the faculty of Oratory Prep, Summit. He was principal there, 1974-1976, then

was assigned to St. Aloysius Parish, Jersey City.

In 1980, he was named to team ministry at St. Ann Parish, Newark, where he served for two years before being assigned to Sacred Heart Parish, Lyndhurst.

Father Osbahr was named pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Bayonne, 1988, and pastor of St. James Parish, Springfield, 1991. Then he was appointed parochial vicar of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes, before becoming parochial vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield, 1996. In August 1998, he was named administrator of St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Irvington.

Catholic Charities gala June 22

NEWARK — Archbishop John J. Myers will host the 31st Annual Catholic Charities gala, Spirit of the Heart - A Celebration of Faith, Hope, and Charity on Wednesday, June 22, 6 p.m., at Birchwood Manor.

The gala promotes public support for the programs and services of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, formerly Catholic Community Services, one of New Jersey's oldest and largest community-service agencies.

The evening's honorees include the New York Football Giants, who will receive the 2005

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