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Attending the annual gala sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark are, from left: John K. Mara, executive vice president and general counsel of the New York Giants; Donald M. Daniels, chairman of Cathedral Healthcare System; Andrew Berry, Esq., chairman of McCarter, English, LLP, gala chairman; Most Reverend John J. Myers, J.C.D., D.D., Archbishop of Newark; Allan Daul, executive director of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, and Henry J. Amoroso, Esq., chairman of the Board of Trustees of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark.

## Catholic Charities celebrates

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE  
Editor

WHIPPANY—Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark tapped Chrismene St. Come and baby Jibril as recipients of its 2005 Spirit of the Heart Award. The organization also saluted the New York Giants football team as the recipient of its Humanitarian of the Year Award.

The awards ceremony, the organization's 31st annual gala, was held June 22 at the Birchwood Manor.

Archbishop John J. Myers congratulated the organization for its work and praised the courage of the award winners. Archbishop Myers, in his remarks to the audience, noted that the root of the word "courage" is "heart," as it relates to the human spirit standing resolute in the face of adversity or tragedy.

Allan J. Daul, M.S.W., executive director of Catholic Charities, identified courage, compassion, generosity and respect for the dignity of every person as the foundation of the group's mission. "Love in the pursuit of freedom is at the heart of all we do at Catholic Charities,"

Daul said. "Our cause is a noble and challenging one: to advance the mission of charity and justice in the Archdiocese of Newark."

St. Come, who is deaf, was cited for her courage in overcoming daunting obstacles throughout her life.

Born in Haiti, she came to the agency in 1996. At the time she was living with her four children in a domestic violence shelter. Through her participation in Project HEAL (Helping, Educating, Assisting and Linking), St. Come obtained assistance in applying to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) for naturalization. She passed the INS test through her lip-reading skills.

Jibril, who was born with only one kidney and suffers from severe heart problems and physical disabilities, was placed in a Catholic Charities' foster home just one week after being born. Now 12 months old, he is slated to have his second open-heart surgery on July 7. His name means "angel" in Arabic and through the commitment of his foster family and Catholic Charities he has demonstrated an indomitable spirit, despite his serious medical condition.

## Archbishop backs non-embryo research

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Archbishop John J. Myers and several Catholic bioethicists were among 35 experts in medicine and ethics who recently announced their support for research into an experimental laboratory technique that could produce embryolike stem cells without creating or destroying human embryos.

Supporters of this research said the laboratory technique, if successful, would avoid moral objections by people opposed to extracting pluripotent stem cells from human embryos because the process destroys the embryos.

Pluripotent stem cells can develop into any cell in the human body and many scientists believe that they hold the key to curing a variety of diseases.

A joint statement by the 35 experts said the laboratory technique would be similar to the process for cloning human embryos. But the genetic material injected into the egg would be modified in advance so that instead of producing an embryo a pluripotent stem cell would be produced, said the statement.

The cell would be "incapable of being or becoming an embryo," said the statement.

The statement was posted June 20 on the Web site of the Washington-based Ethics and

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Archbishop Myers discusses the stem cell issue in his column, which appears on page two.

## 'God's hand' helped singer reach Carnegie Hall stage

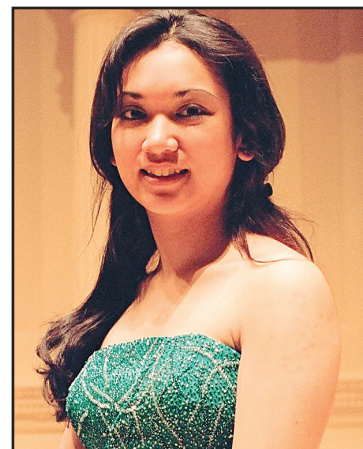
BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE  
Editor

NEWARK—You could say that she sings like an angel.

It was an eventful week in the life of Noelle Arteché, a parishioner at Holy Spirit Parish, Union. Arteché, a lyric soprano, performed at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, New York, on June 19. Four days later she graduated from Union High School.

"I woke up so thankful that day to have such a great opportunity," Arteché said during a phone interview, less than 24 hours after being on stage. "It was an incredible experience. I worked hard and felt well

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Lyric soprano Noelle Arteché gave a recital at Carnegie Hall on June 19. The Union High School graduate said her next step as an artist will be to enroll at a music conservatory.



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# A 'third way' of thinking about stem cells



Last week, I joined with a group of prominent scientists, bioethicists and experts in medicine to seek support for an experimental laboratory technique that could produce embryo-like stem cells for use in researching potential cures for disease.

Wait a minute, you say. Archbishop Myers supporting stem cell research? Involving embryos? Well, yes and no.

The Church has long been a supporter of research in stem cells in order to find cures for diseases. It supports stem cell research using umbilical cords, bone marrow and adult stem cells. Experts agree that these sources of stem cells could produce the kinds of medical miracles society is seeking. In fact, bone marrow and umbilical cord cells already provide therapies for more than 50 diseases and disorders. Most important, no human life is harmed or ended in the process.

The Church teaches, and people of faith throughout the world agree, that life begins at the moment of conception. The moment that the sperm and egg meet and create an embryo, a life is formed. So the "other" form of stem cell research, the one that destroys living human embryos for their raw material, is unjustifiable. Every human embryo is an individual life in process, developing and dividing purposefully from the very beginning (in Latin, *ab ovo*, from the egg), a life that deserves to be treated with dignity. Unfortunately, the history of the 20th century bitterly reminds us that some kinds of human experimentation are never justifiable even if they promise great benefits.

Today, we hear news reports almost daily about exaggerated claims involving embryonic stem cell research. Such claims hurt our society on two levels: they promote acceptance of a tiered categorization of human life, and they set up an untrue assumption that those who are against embryonic stem cells are

## Sincerely in the Lord



BY ARCHBISHOP JOHN J. MYERS

denying hope to people afflicted with the diseases and disorders that we all hope one day we can cure.

That is why a new method, a "third way" of thinking about stem cells called Altered Nuclear Transfer-Oocyte Assisted Reprogramming (ANT-OAR), is an important development. This method, outlined in a

recent White Paper by the President's Council on Bioethics, involves removal of a somatic cell from a patient and alteration of its DNA to control or direct the types of gene activity the nucleus is capable of supporting. Then, the DNA is removed from an unfertilized oocyte (egg cell) and fused to the altered adult cell. The new cell would be neither an egg nor an adult cell, but a hybrid that exhibits the properties needed for research. This new cell could be used to produce embryonic-like stem cells, genetically identical to the patient from whom the original adult cell was taken. A growing number of scientists are quite confident that this new proposal should allow researchers to produce directly the kind of pluripotency (capacity to develop into all of the various tissue types of the human body) that embryonic stem cell researchers seek—without creating or destroying human embryos. Thus, ANT-OAR is in keeping with Church teaching on the dignity and value of all human life, and is scientifically capable of success.

This is the key to this method, because unlike what happens in cloning of an embryonic stem cell, the adult cell nucleus will not be converted to a totipotent state (the state from which human embryonic development can proceed). It will never generate a live embryo, and will respect life and the dignity of the individual at all stages of life.

Like all areas of research, ANT-OAR will take some years of testing to yield results.

However, the method of stem cell research now in fashion is ethically unacceptable. An alternative method—a third way—must be encouraged and promoted.

ANT-OAR is a real opportunity to shift the focus of the national dialogue on stem cell research in a positive direction, one that respects scientific inquiry, encourages hope, and is consistent with the Gospel message of the Greatest Commandment: to love your neighbor (at every stage of life) as yourself.

## Stewardship

# The love of a father for his children is boundless

BY DEACON ROBERT BAKER  
Director Research and Planning

Since Father's Day was recently celebrated, I want to share with you something that I wrote as part of my Father's Day Homily and to my sons.

As I thought about it, I realized how much the elements of Stewardship apply to the family setting as well.

My pastor, Father Kevin Carter, is always remarking on how wonderful it is to see my boys and I doing things together. They are always asking me to help with something or go somewhere with them.

Both are in their twenties. A day rarely goes by that one or both of them call me on the cell twice a day. They may not realize it, but it makes me feel great!

My own father never played catch with me, never taught me how to throw a football or play basketball. We never went out as father and son or had those bonding experiences that only a father and son would understand.

A father cannot be more proud of his sons than I am of mine. Through the years we have spent a lot of time together in Little League and Babe Ruth baseball, basketball, football, scouts and karate. We have talks and times together that their mom is not aware of because they are "guy things."

In simple terms, I tried my best not to be my father. My sons, I am extremely proud of you both

and cherish the times that we share together. I know that there were times when you thought that I was too tough on you, but you will understand all this when you have chil-

dren of your own.

Here are a few things that I'm going to tell you about those times.

I loved you enough to ask you where you were going, whom you were going out with and what time you were coming home.

I loved you enough that I couldn't sleep until you got home safely and everything was okay.

I loved you enough to be silent and let you discover that your best friend was a jerk.

I loved you enough to let you see my mistakes

and learn that parents aren't perfect.

I loved you enough to tell you to call me at any hour of the day or night, no questions asked, if you needed to be picked up, because things got out of hand.

I loved you enough to say that I don't care if your friends did eat Twinkies and a coke for breakfast. You eat what mom and I put on the table.

I loved you enough not to let your friend's just honk the horn when they drove up to the house. They had to come in so that mom and I could meet them.

I loved you enough to bring you up in the true faith of God, showing you God's love both in my words and my actions.

I know that you missed out on a lot of things that other kids experienced. Like being caught shoplifting, getting high, arrested for drunk driving, or comparing your jailhouse tattoos with your friends.

I try my best to be a father to you. To be someone you would look up to or want to be like. Most of all, to be someone you proudly call dad.

Dads, your wife and children are the jewels in your crown. If you let them, they'll make you the richest man in the world if you invest your time, talent, and treasure, wisely.

*I try my best  
to be a father to you.*





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Archbishop Myers celebrates Vespers at St. Bartholomew Hall in Scotch Plains with the Neo-Cat leaders and catechists of St. Mary's parish, Plainfield.

# The Way comes to the Church of Newark

BY JOSEPH A. VANCIO

Special to The Catholic Advocate

*In a series of three articles, I will attempt to present the history and background of the Neocatechumenal Way along with some insight into the formation and life of the members. The last article in the series will be an interview with three current members of the Way in the Archdiocese—a priest, a laywoman and a catechist.*

It was almost 30 years ago, in 1976, that the first community of the Neocatechumenal Way was founded in the Archdiocese of Newark—in St. Mary, Help of Christians Parish, West New York. Since that time many laity and priests of this ecclesial reality have joined together with us in the Archdiocese to live out our mission of bringing the Gospel to northeast New Jersey.

We surely have heard of the missionary seminary, Redemptoris Mater in Kearny that was founded in 1990, or maybe we haven't. Yet, at times, we may hear various phrases uttered in different parts of the diocese, such as, "He is a Neo-Cat," or "She is a Neo-Cat," "Neo-Cat" priests and seminarians, "Neo-Cat" small groups in parishes, of Itinerancy, of the Way.

But often many of us remain puzzled and unsure as to what exactly this is all about? The title—Neocatechumenal Way—can seem cumbersome to many and is "church language" derived from the Greek words for new (*neo*) and catechumen, which means "one in whom the Word of God echoes" (*kat-echo*). It means a way of living out the Christian life in the new catechetical experience!

The Holy Spirit makes manifest in the Church, in various ages, appropriate gifts to live out the mission of the Gospel. These fellow Catholics and parishioners of the Way, our brothers and sisters, are inspired and sustained by a formation and spirituality based on the baptismal catechumenate or baptismal preparation method similar to the Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), although, members have already been baptized.

Pope John Paul II in a letter on Aug. 30, 1990, *Ogniqualvolta*, recognized the

Neocatechumenal Way as "an itinerary (a way) of Catholic formation valid for our society and for our times."

It is a wondrous journey of turning to Christ through an emphasis on small community of people who walk with each other, pray for each other and witness to the faith and guide each other along the path and experience a re-conversion.

We Catholics believe that conversion to Jesus Christ is a lifelong and ongoing process. Thus, when we witness others changing their lives, giving up old ways of doing and being and committing themselves to Jesus Christ, it makes us want to recommit ourselves as well. And when the members of the Way recommit themselves to Christ, the parish is indeed renewed.

## Beginnings

The Way began in 1964 in the slums of Madrid through the work and prayers of two dynamic Spanish lay leaders, Mr. Francisco (nicknamed Kiko) Argüello, an artist, and Ms. Carmen Hernandez, a chemist by trade. Both, inspired by the poor with whom they were living and working, began to proclaim the Gospel to lead others to fraternal communion and mature faith through the Word of God, Liturgy and Community.

In a 1974 audience in Rome with the founders and members of the movement, a few years after the Way began in that shantytown in Madrid, the late Pope Paul VI said to them: "To live and foster this re-awakening is what you call a kind of 'post-baptism,' which can renew in our contemporary Christian communities the effects of maturity and depth which were achieved in the early Church during the period of preparation before Baptism. You do this afterwards. Whether 'before' or 'after' is secondary, I would say. The fact is that you aim at the authenticity, fullness, coherence and sincerity of Christian life. And this is the great merit, which, I repeat, consoles us enormously."

Thus, this new catechetical experience was born in the wake of the renewal of the Second Vatican Council. The work of Kiko and Carmen drew the attention of the then-Archbishop Morcillo of Madrid who encouraged the founders to spread the Way to what-

ever parish asked for it. This experience of evangelization expanded gradually through the Archdiocese of Madrid and to other dioceses in Spain.

## Present Situation

Now, over 40 years later, the Way has spread throughout the world. In the words of Pope John Paul II in 1997 at Rome for the 30th anniversary celebration of the Neocatechumenal Way, "How far you have come with the Lord's help! In recent years the Way's growth and spread in the Church has been truly impressive. Begun in the slums of Madrid, 30 years later it has become, like the Gospel mustard seed, a great tree, which is now spread to more than 100 countries of the world, with a significant presence also among Catholics of the eastern-rite churches."

The Pontifical Council of the Laity in Rome on Aug. 15, 2002 granted a decree of approval to the Statutes of the Way for the universal Church.

Benedict XVI, before being elected as Pope, met the Neocatechumenal Way on several occasions and introduced the communities in his former Archdiocese of Munich, Germany. In reference to the Neocatechumenal Way and the new ecclesial realities, he said in 1985: "... What is hopeful at the level of the universal Church is the rise of new movements, which nobody had planned, and which nobody has called into being ... What is manifested in them is something like a Pentecostal season in the Church. ... young people who want to live this faith fully and who bear in themselves a great missionary elan. ... The joy of the faith that one senses here has something contagious about it. Here new vocations to the priesthood and to the religious orders are now growing spontaneously."

In the year 2000, then-Cardinal Ratzinger said: "We cannot stay just calm while everything around us is falling into paganism, we have to find new ways to bring the Gospel again also to non-Christian environments... the Neocatechumenal Way has a model."

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# Clergy sexual abuse remains major issue for U.S. bishops

CHICAGO (CNS)—As they have been at every U.S. Catholic bishops' meeting since June 2002, clergy sexual abuse of minors and the protection of children from such abuse were a significant part of the June 16-18 meeting in Chicago of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Major items on this June's agenda were approval of revisions of the 2002 "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" and the related "Essential Norms" implementing the charter legislatively.

The bishops adopted those documents by respective votes of 229-3 and 228-4.

As a legislative text the norms still need Vatican approval. But Vatican rejection seemed quite unlikely since the final version approved by the bishops had only four minor variations from the draft jointly developed by U.S. and Vatican officials: a correction of a typographical error, the addi-

tion of a missing canon law reference and two minor editorial changes intended to clarify the meaning of the text.

The revised charter and norms are to take effect for five years.

While several other abuse-related items were also on the bishops' agenda, they also took time to approve other documents and projects, vote on financial matters and discuss the growing phenomenon of lay ecclesial ministry.

Documents the bishops approved during the meeting included a new Program of Priestly Formation, a statement in support of Catholic schools, a statement on missions and a statement committing themselves to mutual support and correction in implementing the child protection charter. All were adopted by overwhelming margins.

The new Program of Priestly Formation will replace the 1992 edition of that program if the



Msgr. Francis Maniscalco, spokesman for the U.S. bishops, directs questions from the media during a panel discussion.

Vatican gives approval. It sets norms for seminary admissions and seminary formation.

Reflecting the increased awareness of the horror of child sexual abuse, the new program for the first time explicitly orders the rejection of any seminary applicant and expulsion of any seminarian who has molested a child or shows inclinations to do so.

It also devotes extra attention to ensuring that seminarians are well-rounded human beings as an integral part of achieving their mature commitment to chaste celibacy before ordination. For the first time it explicitly addresses questions of sexual orientation, saying that when the Vatican publishes its expected norms on the admission of homosexually oriented men to the seminary or priesthood, U.S. seminaries will follow those policies.

The statement on Catholic schools urges more efforts to make Catholic schools available to all Catholic children and, especially in poor rural and inner-city areas, to non-Catholics whose parents seek the quality of education and values that Catholic schools can offer.

The mission statement reminds Catholics that everyone is called by baptism to participate in the mission of spreading the Gospel to all nations. It especially urges those engaged in teaching and formation of Catholics to expand the missionary awareness and involvement of Catholic men, women and children in U.S. Catholic parishes and schools.

The "Statement of Episcopal Commitment," adopted by a 223-4 vote, deals with the difficulty that by church law, bishops, who are ultimately accountable only to the Holy See and not the bishops' conference on virtually all Church matters, could not be subjected to

the child protection charter and norms in the same way priests and deacons are. It commits the bishops to report to the papal nuncio any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor by a bishop and to work and reflect with one another to promote full implementation of the charter in every diocese.

In another follow-up action in their ongoing work to respond to the sexual abuse problem, the bishops elevated their Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Abuse to a standing committee and renamed it the Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People.

Its chairman will be elected by the bishops and will be an automatic member of the USCCB Administrative Committee, but unlike any other committee of that kind, its membership is to include one bishop from each of the 14 USCCB regions—at least double the size of other standing conference committees.

Also on the clergy sexual abuse issue, the bishops committed themselves to spending up to \$1 million from a reserve fund to help pay for a study of the causes and context of that abuse over the past half-century. The study is expected to cost between \$2 million and \$5 million, and the bishops' financial commitment is expected to help generate additional funds from foundations and philanthropists to pay for the entire study.

With a new translation due soon for the English version of the latest official Roman Missal in Latin, the Committee on Liturgy asked the bishops to approve a series of current U.S. adaptations in the Mass, in use for more than 30 years, in order to obtain the necessary prior Vatican permission for their continued use before the new English translation of the main Latin

text is submitted for approval.

Despite the Vatican requirement that such adaptations get prior clearance, the bishops voted to defer action on the adaptations until they can study the new English translation, which is expected to be ready within the next few months.

Following up on a request to a group of U.S. bishops last year by the late Pope John Paul II, the bishops decided that each diocese in the country should establish an annual day of prayer specifically for priestly vocations.

In preparation for a probable debate and vote this fall on a document on lay ecclesial ministry, the bishops devoted about half an hour June 16 to hearing presentations by three bishops on various aspects of that issue.

With more than 30,000 lay people now employed full time or part time in U.S. Catholic parishes as lay ecclesial ministers, working in the name of the Church under the authority of its ordained ministers, questions about the role of such lay ministers and their relation to the ordained have come increasingly to the fore in recent years.

The proposed document is intended to address such issues as the theology of lay ecclesial ministry, the call to such ministry, formation and discernment, authorization and certification, collaboration with church authorities and workplace conditions.

In another look toward their fall meeting in Washington, the bishops approved a proposal that their Committee on Domestic Policy, in collaboration with other committees, will develop an updated statement on growing Church opposition to use of the death penalty, which the bishops will be asked to debate and vote on in November.

## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS



### Pope prays for world's refugees

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI offered a special prayer for the world's refugees, and said helping them was a sign of authentic faith for Christians. The pope made the remarks at a noon blessing June 19 to several thousand people gathered in St. Peter's Square. World Refugee Day was celebrated worldwide the following day. He said the Catholic Church feels close to refugees and tries to help them spiritually and materially.

### Gay marriage opposed in Spain

MADRID, Spain (CNS)—Senior Spanish clergy joined hundreds of thousands of protesters in central Madrid, calling on the government to withdraw a bill that will allow homosexual couples to marry and adopt children. Under the slogan "The Family Matters," printed on a massive banner held aloft by helium-filled balloons, the demonstrators filed slowly through searing heat to a rally at the city's central plaza of Puerta del Sol June 18. About 500,000 people participated in the demonstration.

### Bishop Serratelli chairs doctrine

CHICAGO (CNS)—The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops at their June 16-18 meeting elected Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli of Paterson as chairman of the Committee on Doctrine until November 2006. The doctrinal chairmanship became vacant because Archbishop William J. Levada of San Francisco, chairman for the past year and a half, resigned after Pope Benedict XVI named him prefect of the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Bishop Serratelli was elected to fill out the remainder of Archbishop Levada's term by a vote of 141-93 over the other candidate, Bishop Leonard P. Blair of Toledo, Ohio.



# Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

### ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY/MINISTRY

**Reverend Michael A. Andreano**, Vice Chancellor and Assistant to the Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, has also been appointed Acting Executive Director of the Office of Clergy Personnel, effective immediately until such time when a Permanent Executive Director will be named.

**Reverend Joseph A. Mancini**, Parochial Vicar of St. Stephen Parish, Kearny, has also been appointed Executive Director of CYO/Youth and Young Adult Ministries, effective July 1.

### PASTOR

**Reverend Krzysztof Szczotka**, Pastor of St. Adalbert Parish, Elizabeth, has also been appointed pastor of Ss. Peter & Paul Parish, Elizabeth, effective immediately.

**Reverend Joseph A. D’Amico**, Pastor-designate of St. Leo Parish, Elmwood Park, has been appointed pastor of St. Leo Church, Elmwood Park, effective July 1.

### PAROCHIAL VICAR

**Reverend Cresencio Balino**, Parochial Vicar of St. Rocco Parish, Union City, and St. Brigid Parish, North Bergen, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Newark, effective June 15.

**Reverend Jose de Jesus Montes de Oca**, Coordinator for Hispanic Ministry, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Aloysius Parish, Jersey City, effective June 15.

**Reverend Anthony Giudice, O.F.M., Cap.**, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Hackensack, effective July 1.

**Reverend Hector Poulin, S.D.B.** has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Elizabeth, effective July 1.

**Reverend Bruce E. Harger** has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale, effective Aug. 1.

### FACULTY

**Reverend Nicholas G. Figurelli**, faculty member at Oratory Catholic Preparatory School, Summit, has been appointed to the faculty of Seton Hall Preparatory School, West Orange, effective July 1.

### RESIDENCE

**Reverend Michael A. Andreano**, Vice Chancellor, Assistant to the Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia and Acting Executive Director of the Office of Clergy Personnel, has been appointed to residence at Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica Rectory, Newark, effective June 1.

### NEWLY ORDAINED PERMANENT DEACONS

**Deacon John P. Bejgrowicz** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Linden.

**Deacon Joseph J. Carlo** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Holy Spirit Parish, Union.

**Deacon Vincent DeFedele** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Corpus Christi Parish, Hasbrouck Heights.

**Deacon Peter R. Emr** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, Paramus.

**Deacon Alejandro Estremera** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at St. Rose of Lima Parish, Newark.

**Deacon Albert J. Ganter** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at St. John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale.

**Deacon Keith T. Gibbons** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Holy Trinity Parish, Westfield.

**Deacon Andrew J. Golden** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at St. Peter the Apostle Parish, River Edge.

**Deacon James J. Guida** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at St. Mary Parish, Rutherford.

**Deacon John C. Holoduek** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Epiphany Parish, Cliffside Park.

**Deacon David J. Hughes** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at St. Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills.

**Deacon Michael J. Keary** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.

**Deacon Theodore J. Kotz** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at St. John the Baptist Parish Hillsdale.

**Deacon Stanley W. Kwiatek, Jr.** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Holy Spirit Parish, Union.

**Deacon Dennis F. La Scala** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at St. Michael Medical Center, Newark.

**Deacon Anthony M. La Terza** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at St. Mary Parish, Rahway.

**Deacon Clodualdo M. Leonida** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at St. Nicholas Parish, Jersey City.

**Deacon Louis P. Loffredo, Jr.** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at St. Lucy Parish, Newark.

**Deacon James Looby** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Cresskill.



**Deacon Walter J. Maher** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at St. Mary Parish, Dumont.

**Deacon Pierre J. Merceus** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Holy Spirit/Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, East Orange.

**Deacon Guy W. Mier** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.

**Deacon Michael P. Missaggia** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Bayonne.

**Deacon Orlando L. Perez** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, Paramus.

**Deacon Victor J. Puzio** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Wallington.

**Deacon Gregory C. Quinn** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at St. Thomas More Parish, Fairfield.

**Deacon Kevin Regan** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at St. Anastasia Parish Teaneck.

**Deacon Jerry S. Rossi** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield.

**Deacon Cesar C. Sarmiento** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Resurrection Parish, Jersey City.

**Deacon John P. Sarnas, Jr.** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Kearny.

**Deacon Rajgopal K. Srinivasa** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at St. Antoninus Parish, Newark.

**Deacon Reynaldo M. Trinidad** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at St. Mary Parish, Nutley.

**Deacon Nicholas Valdez** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Assumption of Our Blessed Lady Parish, Wood Ridge.

**Deacon Thomas Walsh** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Guardian Angel Parish, Allendale.

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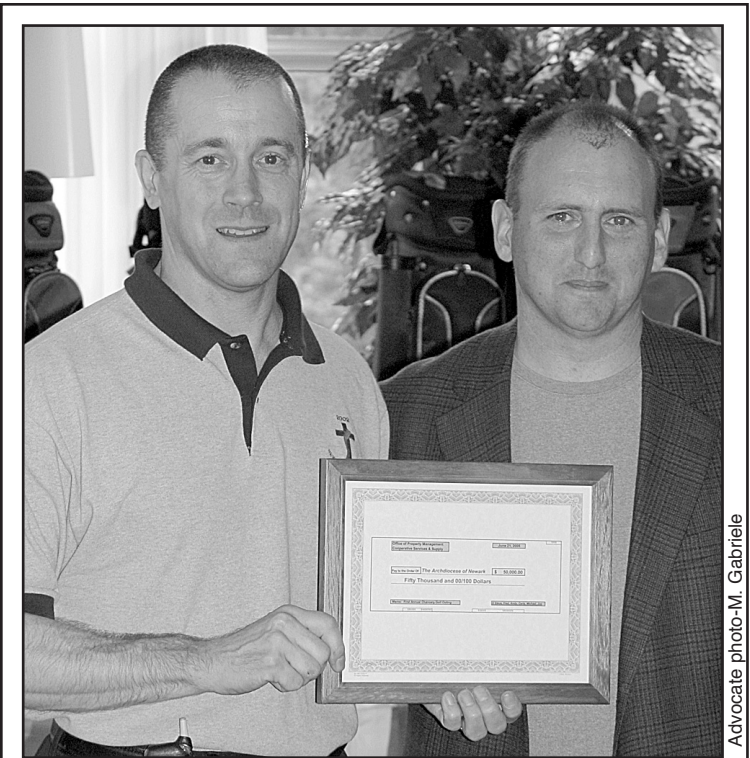
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**BASILICA DONATION**—Deacon Joseph A. Dwyer Jr., (left) vice chancellor for Administration for the Archdiocese of Newark, accepts a ceremonial check for \$50,000 from Steve Belloise, executive director of Property Management Administration. Belloise's group raised the funds by sponsoring a golf outing held June 21 at the Knoll Country Club in Parsippany. The event attracted over 100 archdiocesan contractors, vendors and supporters. The money will be earmarked for a new sound system at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. The donation will coincide with a \$6-million, two-year renovation project now underway at the cathedral, which includes the restoration of the plaza entrance areas, sidewalk, roof and interior woodwork.



**July 1**  
**St. Philomena Parish**, Livingston, Mass, 7 p.m., Right to Life issues, every First Friday. (973) 992-0994.

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**July 14**  
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**July 15**  
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**July 16**  
**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish**, Orange, parish feast through July 17: 1-11 p.m., Sat.; 1-9 p.m., Sun. (973) 674-2052.

**Columbus Hospital**, Newark, is sponsoring a community health fair on Saturday, July 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Messiah Baptist Church, 13 Oak St., East Orange. Participants can qualify for free blood pressure, blood sugar, and vision screenings. Educational materials on a variety of health issues will also be available.

**July 17**  
**Holy Name Hospital**, Teaneck, defensive driving course, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Cost \$55. (201) 227-6254.

Are you going to World Youth Day?

The Catholic Advocate is seeking information on parishes sending groups to World Youth Day, Aug. 14-22, as well as individuals willing to share photos and experiences from the event. If your parish is sending a group to Cologne, Germany, contact Brian Fores, staff writer, at (973) 497-4196 or foresbri@rcan.org, with the number of people going on the trip.

The Way

Continued from page 3  
Today there are more than 20,000 Neocatechumenal communities worldwide in 800 dioceses, 6,000 parishes and 105 nations.



Photo by Joseph Polillo

Francisco "Kiko" Arguelles, one of the original founders of the Way, on May 12, 2004 speaks to members and responsables of the Neo-Cat communities in the United States at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC.

Neo-Catechumenal Communities	1998	2003
Bergen County	6	12
Essex County	13	17
Hudson County	9	15
Union County	10	21
Total	38	65

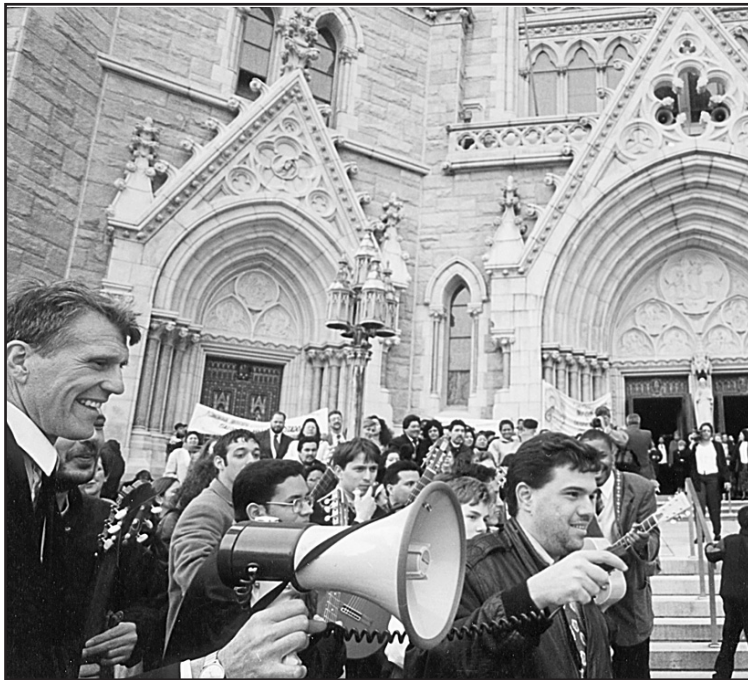
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**In the Archdiocese of Newark**  
Laity and priests formed in the spirit of the Way continue to increase in the archdiocese. This year there are over 70 seminarians in Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Kearny, and six of the 11 men ordained priests by Archbishop John J. Myers on May 28 are formed according to the spirituality of the Way.  
The priests who receive their formation in the Kearny Seminary are available after three years of service, as determined by the Archbishop of Newark, to serve wherever needed throughout the world. The seminarians of the Way live in community life and have spiritual formation in Kearny but attend daily classes and seminary programs with the other Archdiocesan seminarians at Immaculate Conception Seminary on the Seton Hall University campus in South Orange.  
Of the 60 priests ordained from Redemptoris Mater since its founding in Newark, approximately half of them work in the parish-

es and institutions of the archdiocese. The rest have been sent on mission by Archbishop Myers to various United States parishes and dioceses, such as Boston, MA; Bridgeport, CT; Louisiana; Pennsylvania; Washington DC and Puerto Rico. Some priests also serve overseas in Australia, Austria, Estonia, France, Germany, Guam and Tanzania. At the request of the Holy See, the archdiocese maintains a mission in the British West Indies and three priests serve there in the Turks and Caicos Islands.  
In the archdiocese, there are 65 small communities of the laity living the Way in about 25 parishes, with a presence in each of the counties. The above graph shows a 40 percent growth in communities of the Way in a six-year period from 1998 to 2003.  
In the Catholic Church there are many ministries and gifts as in a garden where various flowers and plants grow and have different functions and niches. Yet all are part of the one garden—often

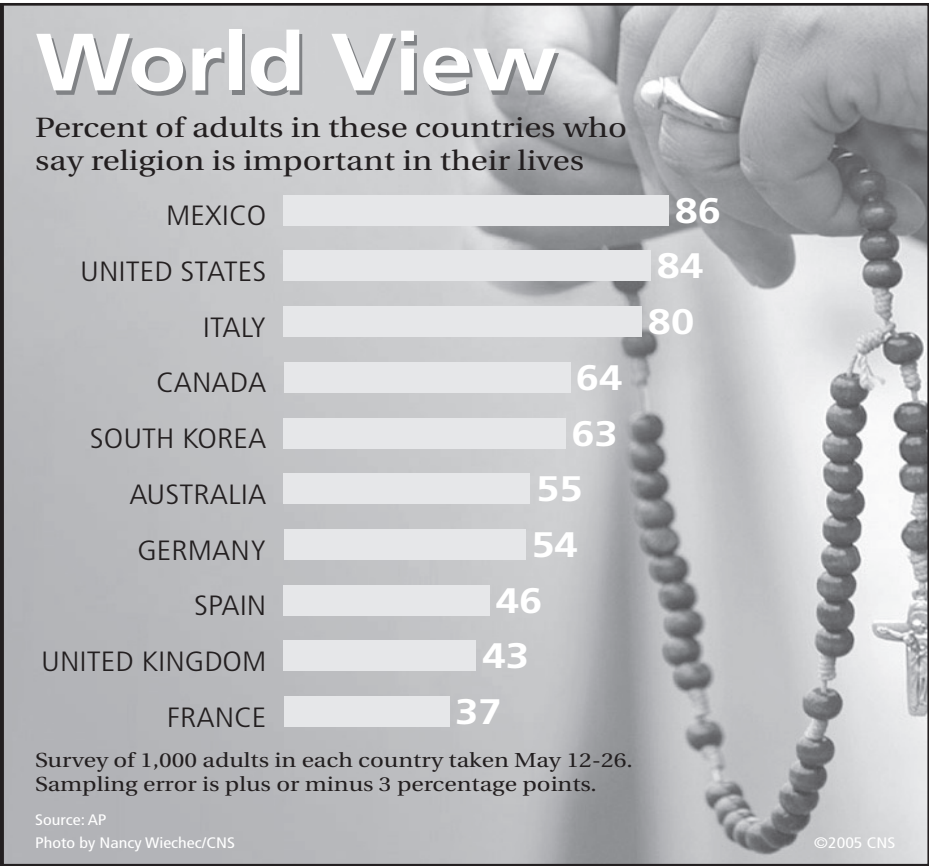
each plant depending on others for existence. St. Paul writes of the one body of Christ with many parts and gifts making up the whole body. One part is not more or less because of a different gift but all function for the good of the whole body.  
Even the founding fathers of our nation expressed a similar principle when they adopted the motto for our country, *E pluribus Unum*. The Latin phrase means, "we, though many, are one people!"  
As we strive to understand the

Way and its presence among us, may understanding dissipate any possible fear and suspicion of the unknown, may it bring tolerance, harmony, unity and strength.  
This article was prepared with the assistance of Rev. Anthony J. Figueiredo, S.T.D. Mr. Vancio, formerly Director of Research and Planning for the Archdiocese from 1981-2005, is a Consultant and Director of the Heritage Tour. Father Figueiredo is on the faculty of Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University.



Cantors of the Way from many parishes of the Archdiocese gather for a ceremony at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.





## Rosary important

Editor,

I want to thank you for the picture on page 14 of the May 18 edition. It was of the new priests reciting the Rosary just prior to their ordination.

This is something that has been strongly needed. We must reteach our young ones the importance of this prayer. Thank you for making me think things are changing for the better.

Anne Gilmartin  
Dumont

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## A question box about faith and practice

**Today's Question: If the punishment of hell is so overwhelmingly painful, how is the devil able to be bothered with people by tempting them to sin. Shouldn't the devil be all consumed with his agony and not be able to tempt anyone? – Patrick Murphy, St. Lucy Parish, Newark.**

The "fall" of Satan and his angels "consists in the free choice of these created spirits, who radically and irrevocably rejected God and His reign...It is the irrevocable character of their choice, that makes the angels' sin unforgivable. There is no repentance for the angels after their fall, just as there is no repentance for men after death.

"Scripture witnesses to the disastrous influence of the one Jesus calls, 'a murderer from the beginning,' who would even try to divert Jesus from the mission received from His Father. 'The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.' In its consequence the gravest of these works was the mendacious seductions that led man to disobey God.

"The power of Satan is, nonetheless, not infinite. He is only a creature, powerful from the fact that he is pure spirit, but

## What's the Matter?

By Msgr. Richard J. Arnholz



still a creature. He cannot prevent the building up of God's reign. Although Satan may act in the world out of hatred for God and His kingdom in Christ Jesus, and although his action may cause grave injuries—of a spiritual nature and, indirectly, even of a physical nature—to each man and to society, the action is permitted by divine providence which with strength and gentleness guides human and cosmic history. It is a great mystery that providence should permit diabolical activity, but 'we know that in everything God works for good with those who love Him.'"

(*Catechism of the Catholic Church*—392-395)

*The Catholic Advocate* welcomes questions from its readers about our Catholic faith and how it is practiced. Email questions or comments to [advnews@rcan.org](mailto:advnews@rcan.org). Please give name and parish.

## 'Wouldn't that be a miracle'

Prisoners who have paid their debt to society have earned the right to return to the real world. But sometimes it is not easy.

To help in that vital transition is a new program sponsored by the state's Chaplaincy Network. Its name says it all—Bridging the Gap Between Prison and Community. The Archdiocese of Newark is among the participants.

A direct result of the state's Safe Cities Initiative, the 18-24 month transitional project will train faith community volunteers to mentor prisoners scheduled for release. The basic structure is a six to 12 month training prior to release followed by a year of monitoring.

The reintegration process, notes Deacon Edward A. Campanella, plays a crucial role in restoring former inmates into productive members of society. According to Deacon David Loman, director of the archdiocesan prison ministry since the fall of 1998, there are some 28,000 inmates in the Garden State, the majority of whom will be released. It is a reality that cannot be ignored, Deacon Loman stressed. In facilities throughout the four counties of the Archdiocese alone, he added, there are an average of 10,000 people behind bars. Most, he lamented, "don't have anybody."

Once released, the former inmates will be mentored by volunteers from their respective faith communities.

Bridging the Gap Between Prison and Community is hardly a glamorous task. Just as it is not for everyone, the choice of participants will be selective. Both mentor and volunteer will be screened for compatibility. In addition, participants must have the endorsement of their pastor and institutional chaplain. Formal training for both prisoner and mentor is mandatory. Only nonviolent prisoners are eligible. As Deacon Loman sees it "if we can get 100 people from the archdiocese, wouldn't that be a miracle?" And miracles do happen!

Interested persons in the Archdiocese of Newark should contact Deacon Campanella via email at [edcampy@comcast.net](mailto:edcampy@comcast.net).

## Valuable lessons of the liturgy

Graduations abound this time of year so it is fitting that the Archdiocese of Newark recently held a unique commencement exercise for the first-ever Certificate of Liturgical Studies recipients.

The three-year graduate level program, underwritten by the Archdiocese of Newark, is a collaborative effort between the Office of Divine Worship and Felician College. It is designed for those involved in professional and volunteer ministries.

May God bless the inaugural class, all of whom are true pioneers in a program full of powerful potential.

## Respect Life

### It pays to read the fine print

**BY MSGR. RICHARD MCGUINNESS**  
*Director of the Respect Life Office*

We are being bombarded with news releases, magazine articles and TV programs describing the value of embryonic stem cells in curing diseases.

If you read or listen carefully you will almost always see or hear words like, "may," "might," "promising" or "perhaps" before the word "cure," with regard to the use of embryonic stem cells. There is no need to use words like these when referring to adult stem cells because cures have already happened using adult stem cells.

Adult stem cells have been found in the brain, blood, cornea, retina, heart, skin, dental pulp and bone marrow. They are also found in cord blood. Embryonic stem cells are obtained from living embryos but result in the death of the embryo.

The Church favors the use of adult stem cells but rejects the use of embryonic stem cells because it is based on the destruction of human life. We are sure that adult stem cells work, and they have already cured illnesses.

It seems foolish to destroy human life when we can create the same cures using adult stem cells.

## 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.



# Evangelical movement is on the move again

The Evangelical movement is on the march. It is in high gear.

On May 16, the *U.S.A. Today* featured a front page article on Billy Graham. On June 24, more than 1,300 Protestant and Catholic churches sponsored his Crusade at Flushing Meadows, New York.

On May 15, the *Los Angeles Times* ran a long piece entitled "Faithful are Carving a Niche in the Workplace." It revealed that Christian evangelical groups are making inroads in corporate America. In companies such as America Online, Intel, American Express, American Airlines, and dozens of others companies, Christian prayer groups are forming and praying at work on a daily basis.

On May 22, the *New York Times* ran a front page article that read "On a Christian Mission to the Top—Evangelicals set their sights on the Ivy League." Evangelical student groups are growing in power and influence in the very heart of liberalism—the old Ivy League schools—especially Harvard where the liberal movement in America began.

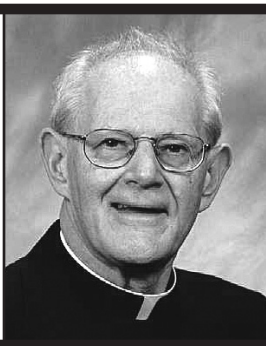
And it cannot be contested that it was the evangelical movement that gave Congress and the Presidency of the United States to the Republican Party.

The irony is not that the contest is something new. It is just that the liberal Protestantism movement has always disdained the Bible thumping, singing, stomping, fundamentalist evangelical movement as ignorant, emotional and representative of back woods America. Now, the liberals find themselves overwhelmed by a movement that they cannot understand or deal with.

In the United States, almost every 50 years there has

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By Msgr. John Gilchrist



been an "Awakening," a revival of religion that has been characterized by a mass movement of faith and outpourings of prayer. The great "revivals" took place in 1740, 1799, 1857, 1905, and the healing revivals of the 1950's.

The first "Great Awakening" came in 1740 when Johnathan Edwards and a few other young men "turned loose the fire" in their sermons. All over the colonies two things happened. First, "Evangelicalism" as it was called pulled people out of their ethnic and sectarian churches. George Whitefield and others preached anywhere and everywhere—in schools, on courthouse steps, at local inns, and in any church that would have them. Denomination did not matter to them.

Listen to Whitefield, "Father Abraham, whom have you in heaven? Any Episcopalians? No! Any Presbyterians? No! Any Independents or Methodists? No! No! No! Whom do you have there? We don't know

those names here. All who are here are Christians."

A common bond was created that surpassed any denomination. As Samuel Davies said, "A Christian! A Christian! Let that be your highest distinction."

The Christian Right today maintains that same concept, it is a catholic form of religion based only on faith in Jesus. The mega churches never ask what your denomination is. They just say "Welcome, brothers and sisters" we are happy to see you.

Secondly, a new patriotic consciousness was born through the great awakening. America was God's chosen nation. And America had a divine destiny to change the world.

However, as you might expect, the pastors of traditional congregations were not in favor of all this emotion. It was stealing their sheep and it was not a dignified form of worship.

In New England, a reaction set in among the Puritan congregations. Many Congregational churches rejected this religious fervor and emotionalism.

They were more stern and severe, and also more intellectual. They were strongly affected by the rationalist philosophers of Europe. Many were "Deists" like Franklin and Jefferson. In time many rejected the Trinity and the Unitarian Church was born. It was said that Unitarians believed "in the Fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, and the neighborhood of Boston." They were rationalists who prayed not to God – but "to whom it may concern."

It was here that liberalism in America was born. And its seat was Harvard University. It still is.

Next time: "Déjà vu – all over again."

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

*In the United States, almost every 50 years there has been an "Awakening."*

# Awareness of world events brings responsibilities too

For many years I said I hated Ted Turner. The Atlanta Braves are my least favorite major league ball club; I don't like their chop-chop cheers and that wha-wha-wha war hoop gives me a headache. I dislike Turner's politics and I resent the millions and millions of dollars he gives to Planned Parenthood and population control organizations every year.

But then one day when I said I hated him, someone reminded me I'm a Christian. Shoot! So now I don't hate Turner any more; I still disagree with him about his politics and I don't like him very much but I pray for him every night and try to forget my deep seated animosity against his baseball team.

But we do have to thank Ted Turner for one thing: CNN. Whether we like the cable channel's politics, or whether we think their reporting is truly "fair and balanced," we still have to thank Turner and CNN for awakening in us a marvelous awareness of the world around us, with all its glorious beauty as well as its warts and scars. CNN was the first channel to cover news of the world with an in-your-face attitude and in that coverage (now copied by most other all-news channels) we sometimes see amazing things and we sometimes see things we really wish we had never seen.

We can now lie on our couch in our air-conditioned den, eating popcorn (sharing it with the dog) and watch a prison uprising in Bangkok. We can go to sleep at night wondering about the election returns in Thailand or Greece and actually have an idea of what the issues there might be.

We can see, not only on CNN but on the Discovery Channel, even Animal Planet, how beautiful the world

## Over the Coffee Cup

By Mary Costello



that God created for us really is. The majestic mountains, the amazing jungles and wild oceans.

However, there is a downside to all of this. When our parents or grandparents died and went to Heaven, I don't think God quizzed them about what they did about hunger in Asia or babies dying of dysentery in the Dominican Republic. After all, they weren't even aware of life on an island in the Caribbean or what people in Asia actually ate.

But we are. We are—or should be—acutely aware. In fact, even apart from CNN, many of us actually vacation on the magnificent islands only a few hundred miles off our shores, basking in the white sands, drinking margaritas or mai-tais in marble hotel bars while the people who are waiting on us hand and foot (literally) live in tar-paper shacks.

We worry about hem lengths and hair color while

mothers in two-thirds of the world worry about getting enough rice to feed their children one more meal.

In the US, "middle class" means having three television sets, a refrigerator, a freezer, a microwave oven and two cars. In much of the world, "middle class" means having sheets of plastic covering the windows in the plywood walls of the shanty they call home.

We worry about birth control and abortion. Mothers the world over cry themselves to sleep over the one in four children who die before they reach the age of two.

I really don't want to make anyone feel guilty. I'll admit I'm not doing much myself for either the girl babies who are still murdered in China each year or the thousands of people in Sri Lanka who are still mourning—the tragedy of Dec. 26, 2004. But I'm awfully afraid that on Judgment Day God is going to ask us what we did for the people who are migrant workers in this country. Or what we did to help the millions of people who are forced by economics to enter this

*In much of the world, "middle class" means having sheets of plastic covering the windows.*

country illegally because that's the only way they know to feed their families back in Guatemala or Honduras.

I don't think we can say, "But I didn't know." We can't say, "No one told me." We

can't tell Him: "I had to buy a new boat." We can't tell God, "But those babies who were dying were 500 miles away. I didn't know they were there."

Thanks to Ted Turner, we do know they are there. And I'm very afraid we're going to have to do something about it.

*Mary Costello is a freelance columnist.*



# Stem cells need ‘good science’

WASHINGTON (CNS)—U.S. laws need to promote “good science” and not “encourage the immoral and unsavory practices of therapeutic cloning and embryonic stem-cell extraction,” a Catholic priest trained in neuroscience said June 20 at a Capitol Hill press conference.

Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, director of education at the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia, was part of a panel convened by the National Pro-Life Action Center to oppose expanded federal funding for stem-cell research involving the destruction of human embryos.

The Senate was expected to vote in the next few weeks on the Stem-Cell Research Enhancement Act, which would lift President George W. Bush’s ban on federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research, allowing such funding for research using so-called “spare embryos” created for in vitro fertilization. The House approved the legislation on a 238-194 vote in May, and Bush has said he will veto it.

“As a former embryo myself, I have some strong opinions about how embryos should be treated,” Father Pacholczyk said. “And those opinions don’t ultimately depend on religion or on imposing anything on anybody. They depend only on recognizing that all of us came from very humble embryonic origins ourselves.”

The priest, who earned a doctorate in neuroscience at Yale University, said that “pragmatically minded” Americans might see “the proposal to get some good out of something that will be thrown into the dumper” as “a no-brainer.”

“But the matter is not so simple,” he said. “When expediency takes over, it’s all about who can manage to get their hands on the youngest humans first so as to destroy them.”

Saying that “young humans are not biological waste,” Father Pacholczyk said scientists and organizations supporting embryonic stem-cell research “should be deeply ashamed of themselves.”

He specifically cited the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, which also drew criticism from other members of the panel.

Kimberley Zenarolla, director of strategic development for the National Pro-Life Action Center, called the foundation “one of the strongest advocates” of embryonic stem-cell research and said it had been falsely asserting that embryonic stem-cell research holds much greater promise than research using adult stem cells or umbilical cord blood.

Peter Cleary, national director for media relations at the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, told Catholic News Service June 21 that the organization is “exploring as many avenues as we possibly can” to find a cure for diabetes and its complications.

He called the foundation “a significant supporter of adult and embryonic stem-cell research,” saying that both avenues of research “hold tremendous promise.”

In fiscal 2004, Cleary said, the foundation gave \$4.7 million in research grants to studies involving embryonic stem cells and nearly \$2.5 million for adult stem-cell research.

At the press conference, Schenk said publicly funded embryonic stem-cell research would “cross the line” that was set by international consensus following the Nazi experiments on prisoners without their consent during World War II.

Those experiments “demonstrate that the reduction of human beings to means to an end, however noble those ends may seem, is intrinsically evil and can never be morally justified for any reason or set of circumstances,” he said.

In the case of embryonic stem-cell research, Schenk added, “we cannot employ research data that has been unethically and immorally obtained, much less tissue and cells obtained against the will of the subject whose life was forfeited in the process.”

*“As a former embryo myself, I have some strong opinions about how embryos should be treated.”*

—Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk

## The Pope Speaks

Pope Benedict XVI



## Joy and thanksgiving

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today I would like to reflect with you on Psalm 124 (123), a song of joy and thanksgiving because God has saved his people from every evil. Whether they were threatened by enemies who rose against them, by raging waters about to engulf them, or by beasts of prey, the Lord was by their side. He came to their help and rescued them from danger.

We too can be sure that God will come to save us, even when all hope seems lost. And so the psalm concludes with a profession of faith, “Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” St. Augustine gives two different interpretations to this psalm. It can be thought of as the song of the martyrs in heaven, rejoicing that God has delivered them from their sufferings and rewarded them with the crown of glory. And it can be thought of as our song, the song of the church on earth, expressing our confident hope that whatever difficulties may befall us, the Lord will be by our side.

# The message of Jesus’ suffering and death

**Readings: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 144; Rom 8:9-13; Mt 11:25-30.**

With what images do oppressed people express hope that their plight will be overcome? Naturally they tend to depict their own community as honest and innocent in the face of evildoers, and many would hope for a quick and resolute intervention by a valiant leader who would set all things right. Their past history would provide heroes to emulate.

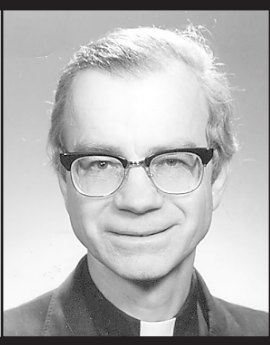
The great teachers of Israel often harked back to the heroic deeds of David, who freed their ancestors from Philistine oppression. Often they expressed confidence in his dynasty, assured that successors would ward off attacks of their enemies and provide good government for the internal affairs of the society. Tragically, as in other societies, many of Israel’s leaders failed. After the destruction of Jerusalem and exile in Babylon (587-538 B.C.) the people hoped that the dynasty would be restored to its former prestige. Even when that failed to happen, they read the ancient prophecies and psalms with faith that a son of David would reign again, inaugurating the new age when God’s authority would be recognized and obeyed by all humanity.

The prophets realized the folly of relying merely on superior strength—military or economic—for the maintenance of a just and peaceful society. The second part of the book of Zechariah reiterates the message that the God of Israel wishes that war be abolished from the experience of Israel and the world. A newly anointed king of a neighboring country might ride into his capital on a stallion girded for battle. In contrast, the King who comes to Jerusalem

## Sunday Readings

14th Sunday  
of Ordinary Time  
(July 3, 2005)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



will choose a donkey. This befits a vision of modesty and humility, showing that the leader serves his people and relies on God for the strength he needs. The picture also alludes to the prophecy about Judah (the ancestor of David) in the blessing of Jacob for his 12 sons. A lion in repose, whose authority will not be challenged, “he will tether his donkey to the vine” (Gn 49:10-11).

Under the power of the Roman Empire, many Judaeans at the time of Jesus felt this presence as the heel of oppression. Some hoped for a warrior Messiah (Anointed One) who would liberate the chosen people. They forgot that the first son of David who succeeded him was Solomon, whose name means “man of peace.” Even after His resurrection, Jesus was asked: “Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now?”

*The prophets realized  
the folly of relying  
merely on superior strength.*

(Acts 1:6). Indeed, He had given the principles for establishing God’s kingdom of justice, love and peace in Israel and throughout the world. However, this would be accomplished, not by military or political force, but by individuals and societies responding from inner conviction to the divine will. “That’s not the way freedom is achieved!” object the worldly wise. So they go on, wreaking havoc upon their societies generation after generation. Each new leader imposes his will upon the multitudes in the name of liberty and with the promise of a better life. Some changes take place but the old abuses soon creep in again.

To whom do the poor and oppressed turn? With the gift of faith and wisdom learned in affliction, they can see the message of Jesus’ suffering and death. They do hope—and rightly so—for a way of life that allows them to express their inherent human dignity and to have a share in the world’s goods to provide for their families.

They expect the Church to guide them towards these goals. But they also know that, in present and future trials, they should respond to the Master’s invitation. “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest” (Mt 11:28). The true goal of every life is not only justice and peace, but intimacy with the Teacher whose meekness and humility triumphed over the oppressive forces of a world that glories in power and might.

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



# Keeping 'a big parish small'

BY ALAN MATTINGLY  
Special to The Catholic Advocate

For many families, it has become the unachievable quest: bringing everyone to the table together. And the bigger the family, the more impossible it seems.

Imagine that quest in a family of 11,000. St. Thomas the Apostle in Bloomfield is such a family, one of the biggest parishes in the Archdiocese of Newark. But it tries not to think of itself that way.

"The challenge is to keep a big parish small," said Msgr. William Hatcher, who has been the pastor for 11 years. "To make sure we do things to keep people connected with each other."

For the St. Thomas family, the connection usually involves sharing the chores—whether it's in visible roles in the liturgy and religious education or in more anonymous jobs like making baptism garments. The defining image of St. Thomas, some members say, is that of an active parish.

The Church's stewardship initiative of recent years has helped make the most of that activity, Msgr. Hatcher said, leading parishioners to create ministries that didn't exist, such as a support group for parents of children with catastrophic illnesses.

In September, St. Thomas will publish a directory detailing more than 50 ministries and organizations available to parishioners.

Joan Ferraer, the principal of St. Thomas School since 2001, said the opportunities for involvement appeal to a variety of people, giving them all a "sense of community."

A community, yes, but one that is unmistakably big—and diverse. Of the 3,800 families



Photo by Ron Monacelli

Msgr. Hatcher baptizes David Yokelson at the Easter Vigil, March 26th of this year. David also received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Vigil.

registered at St. Thomas, more than 1,300 come from outside Bloomfield. Dozens of ethnic groups are represented (more than 30 languages are spoken by parish members), including a growing Filipino membership that numbers about 500.

In the last two years, the parish conducted nearly 300 baptisms, more than 100 weddings and almost 200 funerals.

St. Thomas has a full-time pastoral staff of nine, including Msgr. Hatcher, Father Peter Funesti and Father Gregory Hann; and five part-time staff members, including three permanent deacons.

But there are plenty of other hands to help. There are 103 volunteers for the parish's food pantry, 43 to help with clerical work, 30 who take the Eucharist to the homebound. The liturgies have the services of 77 altar servers, 36 lectors and 36 ushers, not to mention a music program with no shortage of talent: seven paid song leaders and more than 30 other participants.

"Among people I meet out in the whole archdiocese, they always say, 'Oh, you have a big parish,'" Msgr. Hatcher said. "But they also know it's a very active parish, and a very generous parish. Not just generous to itself, but outside itself. There is that outreach. We are conscious of who we can help, according to our means."

Besides its own food pantry, St. Thomas participates in a food pantry run by the Archdiocese in Newark, and is one of 35 parishes involved in an Interfaith

Hospitality Network, providing food and lodging to the homeless. Every Christmas, its giving-tree program provides gifts to needy children.

And with the closing of other schools in town, St. Thomas now offers the only Catholic elementary education in Bloomfield, with 415 children enrolled from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.

Ms. Joan Ferraer, the principal, says the 65-year-old school remains healthy financially because of the commitment of the parish. "People put their money where their mouth is, and the parish puts its money where its mouth is," she said.

The parish's contribution is budgeted at \$150,000 annually but fluctuates based on factors such as enrollment and other fund-raising. The Home and School Association has raised \$100,000 each of the last two years with such traditional fundraisers as raffles and a gala.

The parish also accommodates 700 students in its religious education program, with 50 catechists teaching classes over three nights a week. And because some parents are frustrated with scheduling, the program is starting two-week summer classes as an alternative. A waiting list has already been started.

Father Hann, who joined the St. Thomas staff last June, says the summer program exemplifies the sort of parishioner "ownership" that sets St. Thomas apart.

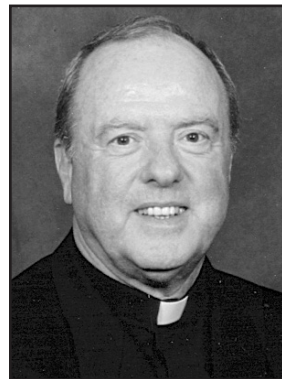
"I don't think people have to be told anything," he said. "They see a need and they fill it. You don't have to put a hook around people's necks."

Perhaps that's because it's not all about work. Brittany Scheckel calls the senior high youth group, which she has belonged to for four years, "a little family—home away from home." Some days that means 300 students at a pizza party, and some days it means shoveling snow for the elderly or sending cards to the homebound.

The Friday night prayer group started as just that—a prayer group—but has branched into service work such as helping the Missionaries of Charity in Newark. And for individual members, the group has often been a springboard to other parish involvement, including the parish council, said Ampy Escobinas, the group's leader.

And as in any family, the

## Meet the Pastor



Msgr. William C. Hatcher

**Date of Birth:** Aug. 7, 1943

**High School:** Holy Family, Union City

**College/Seminary:** Seton Hall University, Immaculate Conception Seminary

**Date of Ordination:** May 29, 1971

**Hero:** Pope John XXIII

**Favorite Saint:** Alphonsus Liguori

**Favorite Sport:** Ice Hockey

**Favorite Food:** Italian and German

**Favorite Subject in School:** Math

**Favorite Movie:** *Life is Beautiful*

**Last Book Read:** *God and the World* by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI)

**Occupation if I weren't a Priest:** Math teacher

most valuable service sometimes is simply encouragement. The September Club, a group for senior citizens, gathers weekly for activities, fellowship and speakers who address issues affecting older people, but its members are proud of their involvement beyond their own group.

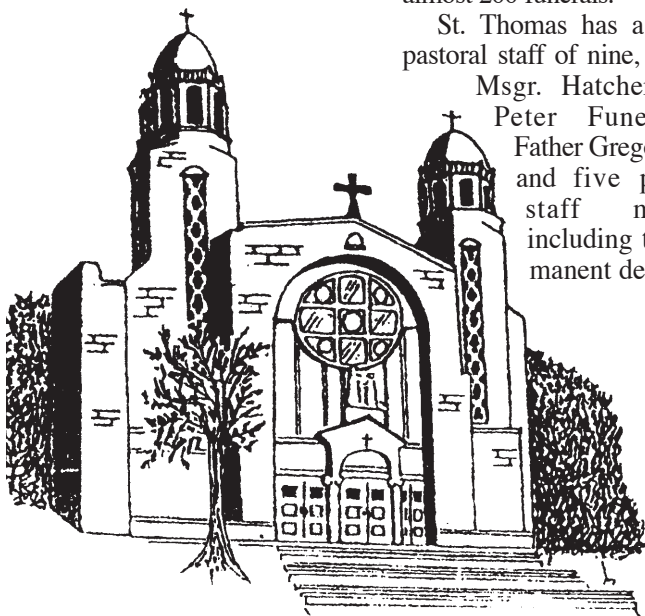
"We support everything that goes on in the parish," said Valerie Cerny, who has been a member of the club for 10 of her 42 years in the parish. "If there's a concert, we're there. If it's Irish night or Italian night, we're there for everything."

It is not a bad support group to have. The September Club is one of the biggest at St. Thomas, and draws about 60 members every week, Mrs. Cerny said.

"Sometimes more," she added. "If we're eating that day, there's more."

Just one more way to bring people to the table.

*St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is located at 60 Byrd Ave., Bloomfield.*



*Saint Thomas the Apostle, Bloomfield*



# RENEW celebrates quarter century, honors founders

BY LIESL FORES  
Staff Writer

JERSEY CITY—RENEW International recently celebrated its 25th anniversary at an annual dinner gala honoring founders Msgr. Thomas A. Kleissler and Msgr. Thomas P. Ivory.

The worldwide organization that began in the Archdiocese of Newark helps foster spiritual renewal, evangelization and the soundly effective and deeply significant practice of parish-based small communities in more than 13,000 parishes in the United States, over 23 countries and on six continents.

Its new program, "Why Catholic? Journey through the Catechism," launched officially in July 2004, has already taken root in the archdiocese, being offered as one of the two programs chosen by the Evangelization Task Force that parishes can select in order to help their evangelization efforts.

Why Catholic? is an adult faith-formation program that looks closely at what makes up Catholic identity and offers practical ways to strengthen one's faith. (See page 3 of the March 23 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*.)

Most Rev. Peter L. Gerety, Archbishop Emeritus of Newark, gave the invocation for the evening, commending the efforts of the RENEW staff, who have "inspired thousands upon thousands of [Christ's] disciples."

The first honoree of the evening was Margaret F. Grace, who received the Spirit of RENEW Award. She and her late husband, J. Peter Grace, were recognized for their "encouragement and generous support" of the organization throughout the years.

In her acceptance, Grace asserted her opinion that Msgr. Kleissler was "one of the first persons since the Second Vatican Council to be really working at something that affects people in the parishes."

The recipients of the President Award went to eight of Msgr. Kleissler's former parishioners from Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Park Ridge, who were integral in helping him pioneer the initial spiritual renewal program that was to be the model for RENEW's extraordinary success.

The awardees are Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Brunnock, Mr. and Mrs. David Dievler, Joseph Duggan, Patricia Ann Foley, Monica Garofalo and Margaret Gelnaw.

Garofalo represented the group, conveying in her acceptance speech the story and sentiments—of which she says she is sure are similar to that of her fellow honorees—of how she came to know Msgr. Kleissler over 40 years ago and how she and her husband became involved in the small faith community experience.

"During RENEW, that's where my faith came alive; that's where I came to know Jesus," she stressed. "It transformed us—that's what RENEW is all about."

Looking out at the crowd, and in particular at the young people, Garofalo asserted, "The light has been passed on. You must love RENEW as much as we did. I'm not at all concerned—it's in good hands."

Msgr. Ivory, pastor of Presentation Parish, Upper Saddle River, thanked all the people who helped along the journey of RENEW, as well as Archbishop Gerety, who, he pointed out, made "spiritual renewal a priority."

He recalled the early days of the initiative, when he was ministering as the archdiocesan direc-

tor of religious education and began to work with Msgr. Kleissler, who had founded the Office of Pastoral Renewal, on a spiritual renewal process.

After a video montage of the life and work of Msgr. Kleissler, the president of RENEW International, he was presented his award by Michael Brough, the organization's director.

Expressing his most pressing emotion of gratitude, Msgr. Kleissler said that he first thanked God. "This has been God's work. He wants this to spread."

He also named his parents and family, the bishops and their "tremendous leadership," Father Ivory, and all his collaborators, both clergy and lay—giving particular credit to his early parishioners. "The best formation I ever got was from lay people. ... They were forming my priesthood," he said.

Finally, he stressed how grateful he is for the gift of his Catholic faith, which he said, "is at the core of my very being," and thanked God for his call to the priesthood.

"If I had a hundred lives to live, I would choose that every time."

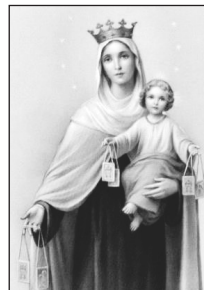


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Michael Brough, director of RENEW International, (left), presents an award to Msgr. Thomas A. Kleissler, co-founder and president, on the occasion of the organization's 25th anniversary gala. Msgr. Thomas P. Ivory, co-founder, also was honored.

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# Teacher among 'leading educators'

NORTH ARLINGTON— Alan A. Maisano, Social Studies Department Chairperson, Student Council Moderator, and Music Club Moderator at Queen of Peace High School, has been inducted as a founding listee into the International Biographical Centre's (IBC) "Leading Educators of the World."

IBC, in Cambridge, England, has published the highest level of biographical information for

over 40 years. Only a select few are chosen for their contributions to the category of "excellence in education."

Maisano, as a noted and eminent professional in the field of education, has been considered as an inaugural member of the IBC's Leading Educators of the World List. In any one year, only a select group of the world's foremost educators from all disciplines populate this list. These

are teachers whose daily work has helped to make a difference in the lives of their students.

Maisano, a Kearny resident and a member of the faculty at Queen of Peace since 1975, is no newcomer to teaching honors. He has been recognized by "Who's Who Among American Teachers" for nine consecutive years. Only 5 percent of the nation's teachers are honored in each edition and less than 2 percent are included in more than one edition.

In recognizing Maisano's listing by IBC, Principal Cathy Condon stated, "Alan Maisano is one of QP's treasures, he has brought a high level of professionalism and genuine caring to our school and specifically our Social Studies Department. We are truly blessed to have Alan as part of our faculty."

In addition to all his duties at Queen of Peace, Maisano has served as an adjunct instructor of American History through Seton Hall University's Project Acceleration. This allows students to earn college credits and to also opt to take the course on an Advanced Placement basis.



Principal Cathy Gordon congratulates Alan Maisano.



**SCHOOL STATUE DEDICATED**—Father David W. Milliken, pastor of Ascension Parish, New Milford, blesses a statue of the Risen Christ near the school entrance. Donated by an anonymous parent, in appreciation for the education his children received, the ceremony took place on the Ascension Thursday. Ascension parish is the only parish in the archdiocese named for the Feast of the Ascension. When the school opened in 1952, the original architectural drawings included a statue of the Risen Christ.

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# Prisoner aftercare explored

AREA — Representatives from the prison ministries of dioceses throughout New Jersey met recently with state Department of Correction officials to discuss the Chaplaincy Network sponsored “Bridging the Gap Between Prison and Community” program.

The aftercare project, a direct result of the state’s Safe Cities Initiative, will train faith community members to mentor prisoners scheduled for release. “This reintegration process is a very important part of restoring the incarcerated as productive members of our parishes and society at large,” noted Deacon Edward A. Campanella of the Archdiocese of Newark.

E. James DuBois, Acting Assistant Director of the Department of Corrections, explained at the meeting “prison outreach does not end at the prison gates, it extends beyond the walls of the correctional institution into the communities into which the incarcerated men and women will be returning.” Once released, the former prisoners will be mentored by volunteers from their respective faith communities.

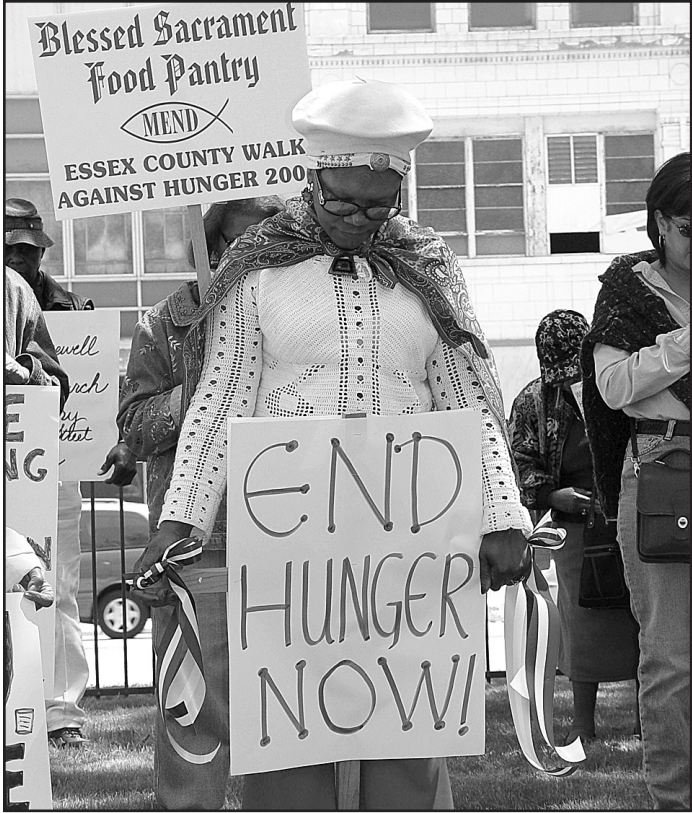
There are two phases in the 18-to 24-month program. The time frame includes a six-to 12-month training period prior to release followed by a year of mentoring once out of prison.

Both mentor and participant will be screened for compatibility. Participants must have the endorsement of their pastor and the institutional chaplain.

Formal training is required. Mentor training will focus on the Department of Correction rules and regulations, parole requirements, along with mentoring guidelines. Training for prisoners includes intensive goal setting and mentoring.

Those interested should contact Deacon Campanella at edcampy@comcast.net.

Parish bulletins are needed by *The Catholic Advocate*. The front cover rendition of church buildings will be used on the Around the Archdiocese page. Send a bulletin to 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark, NJ, 07104.

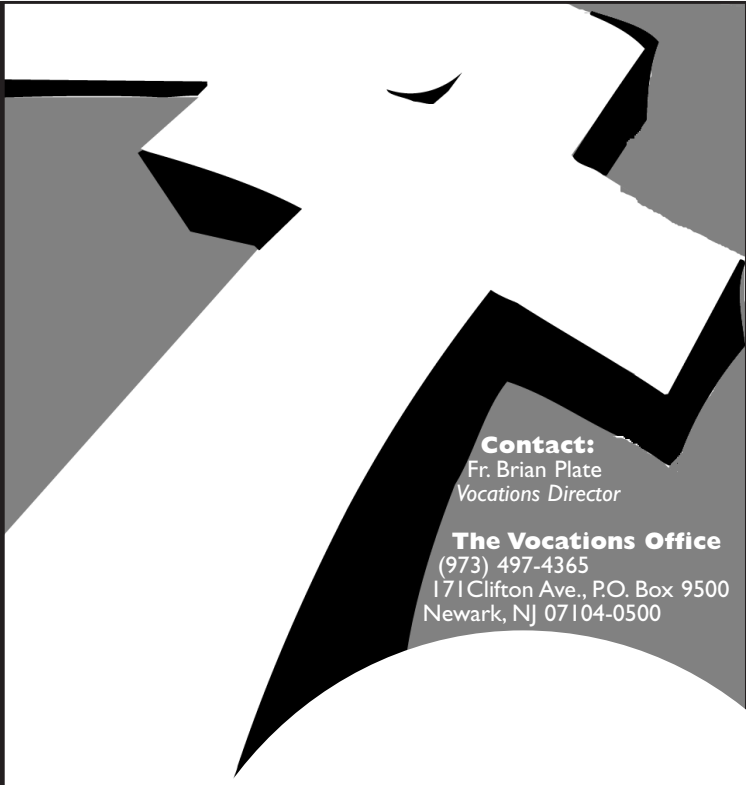


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He answered.

John 1:38-39

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# Student funds aid orphans


VERONA — Fifth grade students from Our Lady of the Lake School raised over \$8,000 for Adigrat orphans in Ethiopia.

The funds are for children-headed households under the care of the Religious Teachers Filippini. The young Ethiopian children raise each other because many have lost their parents to illness.

As part of their fund-raising efforts, the students had posters around the school and church soliciting donations.

As a result of their efforts, the students received a special papal blessing from the late Pope John Paul II shortly before his death.


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Stem cell

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Public Policy Center, an independent organization whose stated aim is to apply Judeo-Christian moral traditions to U.S. domestic and foreign policy issues.

More than half of the statement's signers were Catholics or people associated with Catholic institutions.

The Vatican and the U.S. bishops have opposed stem-cell harvesting which destroys human embryos.

An official of the bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities told Catholic News Service that the laboratory technique, if successful, could meet the Catholic criteria for stem-cell research.

"This new proposal addresses the Catholic Church's fundamental moral objection to embryonic stem cell research as now practiced, by offering to create cells with the properties of embryonic stem cells without ever producing or harming a human embryo," said Richard Doerflinger, deputy director of the pro-life secretariat.

"If animal trials show the technique to work as planned, and the eggs needed for the technique can be obtained in an ethical manner, it could provide a morally acceptable way to pursue biomedical research with these cells," he said.

The joint statement called for "initial research using only nonhuman animal cells."

If these experiments show "beyond a reasonable doubt" that the technique "can reliably be used to produce pluripotent stem cells without creating embryos, we would support research on human cells," it said.

The experimental technique is called "oocyte assisted reprogramming." Oocyte is the scientific term for "egg."

*"It could provide a morally acceptable way to pursue biomedical research."*

*— Richard Doerflinger*

Father Tad Pacholczyk, director of education at the National Catholic Bioethics Center and a statement signer, said that there is "good scientific reason to believe" that the procedure will lead to the direct production of a pluripotent stem cell.

"The critical element for moral analysis is that an embryo not be engendered," he told CNS.

Experiments with animal cells are needed first to confirm that in the process "nothing similar to an embryo would be produced," he said.

The statement did not directly appeal for government or private funding of the research, but it comes at a time when federal

funding of human embryonic stem-cell research is limited to stem-cell lines in existence prior to Aug. 9, 2001. President George W. Bush has said he would veto legislation that relaxes the restrictions.

There is no restriction on private funding of human embryonic stem-cell research.

In a June 20 article in the Wall Street Journal, two of the statement's signers said that if the technique proves successful, it could release federal funds for research with embryolike stem cells.

"There is good scientific reason to believe that this (producing pluripotent stem cells) can be done using biotechnologies," said the op-ed article by Robert George, professor of jurisprudence at Princeton University, and Markus Grompe, director of the Oregon Stem Cell Center.

They added that finding alternatives to extracting stem cells from embryos would help resolve "our nation's divisive debate" over the morality of destroying human embryos to get stem cells.

The technique could also provide a medical benefit as scientists could control the gene structure of the stem cells produced, they said.

"Their genetic constitution would be virtually identical to that of the donor, thus helping to overcome the problem of immune rejection," said

George and Grompe.

Other signers of the joint statement included: Legionary of Christ Father Thomas Berg, executive director of the Westchester Institute for Ethics and the Human Person; Jesuit Father Kevin FitzGerald, professor of Catholic health care ethics at Georgetown University; Jesuit Father Kevin Flannery, dean of the philosophy faculty at the Gregorian University in Rome; John Haas, president of the National Catholic Bioethics Center; and Edward Furton, ethicist at the National Catholic Bioethics Center.

George and several other signers are also members of the President's Council on Bioethics which advises President Bush on bioethical issues.

The council released a report in May listing four possible alternatives to extracting stem cells from embryos. Among the alternatives listed was "altered nuclear transfer" of which oocyte assisted reprogramming is a variation.

Father Pacholczyk said that in altered nuclear transfer certain genes are eliminated in an effort to create a nonembryonic cell, but this raises the question of whether what is produced might be a defective embryo.

In oocyte assisted reprogramming, certain genes are not eliminated but reprogrammed with the aim of changing the cell into a pluripotent stem cell, he said.

*The joint statement and list of signers can be found at [www.eppc.org/publications/pubID.2374/pub\\_detail.asp](http://www.eppc.org/publications/pubID.2374/pub_detail.asp)*

Singer

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prepared. God's hand was with me every step of the way."

Arteche's recital—12 selections—featured Italian and German art songs and arias plus three encores, including two songs in Tagalog—a Philippine language. She performed a composition by the late Felipe Padilla de Leon, the first grand opera composer and National Artist of the Philippines. The foundation, which bears his name, supports young Filipino American artists. Arteche, during her performance, acknowledged the composer's daughter-in-law, Cynthia de Leon, who heads the foundation and was in the audience.

Arteche is a first-generation American born of Filipino parents and, in an emotional highlight of the evening recital, she sang an aria to honor her

father on Father's Day.

Barbara Urbine-Reidy of Elizabeth, Arteche's teacher, reported that her student charmed the audience and earned four standing ovations. Ron Levy, an internationally acclaimed pianist who has performed with numerous singers of the Metropolitan Opera, New York, accompanied Arteche. She praised Levy for the melding of her voice with his piano.

Urbine-Reidy explained that Arteche, who began her formal training six years ago, has "unusual, beautiful dark tones in her voice that she can explore," in terms of her artistic development.

Earlier this year Arteche won first place for her performance of German lieder at the 73rd annual Interscholastic Declamation Contest of the National German Honors Society at Rutgers University, New Brunswick.

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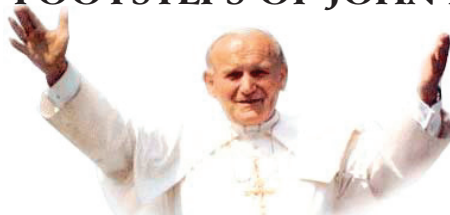
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# ADL honors nun's anti-semitism work

WASHINGTON — The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) recently honored Sister Rose Thering, the subject of the new documentary, *Sister Rose's Passion*, with the ADL Cardinal Bea Interfaith Award in recognition of her life's work in repairing the Catholic Church's relations with the Jewish people and for fighting anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial.

"There is not enough time, and there are not enough superlative adjectives to adequately describe what the life and work of Sister Rose Thering have meant to the world," said Abraham H. Foxman, ADL National Director. "She changed the course of history. She is a woman of valor who has brought enlightenment, honor, scholarship, and pure passion to remembering and teaching about the Holocaust, to battling the demon of anti-

Semitism and to challenging the ignorance and prejudice and the teaching of contempt for Jews."

An American Dominican nun, Sister Rose challenged Catholic authorities all the way to Rome and played a seminal role in convincing the Second Vatican Council to repudiate the centuries-old charge of deicide against the Jewish people more than 40 years ago.

At 84, Sister Rose continues her energetic crusade against anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial. She is the subject of an Academy Award-nominated HBO/Cinemax short documentary film directed by Oren Jacoby. It tells the story of how this devout woman, raised in rural Wisconsin where there were no Jews, came to challenge 2,000 years of Church teachings.

She oversees the Sister Rose Thering Endowment for

Jewish Studies at Seton Hall University, where she remains on the faculty. She is also a member of the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education and serves on the board of many organizations.

ADL plans to use the documentary and her story in schools to further enhance education about the Catholic Church and its historic efforts to repair relations with the Jewish people in the aftermath of the Holocaust.

The ADL Cardinal Bea Interfaith Award was established to perpetuate the memory of Cardinal Bea, the German Jesuit scholar who deepened and enriched relations between Catholics and Jews. Cardinal Bea's efforts made possible the positive statement of Vatican Council II on Jews and Judaism. Past recipients of the award include the late John Cardinal O'Connor, Arch-bishop of New York; the late Most Rev. Francis John Mugavero, Bishop of Brooklyn; Justin Cardinal Rigali, Archbishop of St. Louis; Adam Cardinal Maida, Archbishop of Detroit; and Bishop James W. Malone of Youngstown, Ohio.



Sister Rose is presented the Cardinal Bea Interfaith Award by Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League.

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# Volunteers take a bow

ALLENDALE—The vast variety of volunteers who visited the Allendale Community for Mature Living during the past year were honored during National Volunteer Week.

Volunteers included the Jubilant Singers of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Ridgely Park.

Other students also made

significant contributions to the Allendale Community by presenting holiday programs among them the youth group from Guardian Angel Parish, Allendale.

In addition, the UJA Mitzvah Day Volunteers put on a talent show and the District Youth Ministry of Bethlehem Lutheran Parish, Ridgewood, helped resi-

dents make greeting cards. Girl Scout Troop 1211 of Ramsey visited numerous times to lead craft classes, plant flowers and provide chocolates for Valentine's Day.

Another Girl Scout, Charlotte Matri of Troop 880, Upper Saddle River, came to the community once a month to complete her Gold Medal project. She assisted residents in making seasonal crafts.

Several of the Sunshine Volunteers have become a vital part of the community. Karen Koromhas,

who serves as minister of Education at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, has been teaching a biweekly Bible study at the Atrium since 2000. That's when two members of her church moved to the Allendale Community and asked her to come lead a study.

Every other week, the study is taught by Sandy Talone of Mahwah, whose husband pastors Fardale Trinity Church.

Some of the Bible study participants were also charter members of the Allendale Community Church, a non-denominational service that meets in the Atrium Lounge. Atrium resident Phil

Jonas shares his talents as a former concert pianist, accompanying soloists and congregational singing each Sunday.

Several other seasoned residents are also Sunshine volunteers, giving back to their own community by welcoming newcomers.

Dubbed "Mr. Congeniality" by fellow residents, Dave Gordon enjoys making his neighbors laugh. Once a month he hosts "Dave's Comedy Hour." The 91-year-old resident also makes a great emcee for the Atrium's talent shows.

Another resident, who is far from retired, is Learle Van Emburg. Formerly of Mahwah, she facilitates a biweekly discussion group entitled "Joy for Everyday Living" and also calls evening bingo.

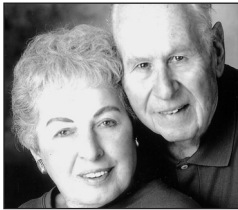
There are many others who volunteer at Carlton Court, the community's assisted living residence, and at the Allendale Nursing Home, which are located adjacent to the Atrium. "We greatly appreciate everyone who shares their time and talents here," remarked Michael Giancarlo, the community's administrator. "They open up a world of cultural experiences to our residents. But more importantly, these volunteers become like extended family for the seniors."

To learn more about volunteer opportunities at the family-owned and operated retirement community, contact Mary Stampleman at (201) 818-7978, ext. 7982. The website is [www.allendalecommunity.com](http://www.allendalecommunity.com).

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# Vacation program offers time off for caregivers

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The vacation program is especially designed for seniors living alone or with extended family. It offers short stays—lasting anywhere from several days to several weeks—at the retirement community with complete access to recreational programs and educational activities. Seniors needing skilled nursing care or assistance with the activities of daily living can also be accommodated.

Located on 12 acres off Route 17 South, the Allendale Community for Mature Living features three fully licensed residences.

Independent living is available at the Atrium, which offers apartment-style housing supplemented by housekeeping, dining services and a social calendar.

The Allendale Nursing Home provides 24-hour registered nurse coverage and rehabilitation as needed. Along with newly upgraded facilities, the nursing home offers an array of social and recreational activities geared to residents' interests. Due to the additional paperwork required for admission in the nursing home, a two-week minimum stay is required.

"Respite care performs a vital role in today's fast-paced society," noted Michael Giancarlo, administrator of the Allendale Community. Vacations enable caregivers to recharge their batteries by providing an extended break from their non-stop responsibilities.

"Plus, the seniors benefit from the change of pace and venue. Freeing up their loved ones to enjoy a vacation gives them immense satisfaction as well," added Giancarlo.

Seniors may opt to schedule their vacation stay to take advantage of special events sponsored by the Community

or to coincide with their caregivers' summer plans. In addition to scenic outings and religious services held regularly for all faiths, upcoming activities include a patriotic performance by the Saddle River Concert Band on Friday, July 1 at 7 p.m. in the Atrium Lobby and a July 14 performance by the Hobbyaires, a big band comprised of senior men from Ridgewood. This group will perform swing and big band music at 7 p.m. in the Atrium Lounge. Also, every Tuesday morning in July at 11 a.m., vacation program participants can join residents in learning

French. All programs are open to the public.

The more mobile vacationing seniors will be encouraged to participate in the Senior Social Club which operates weekdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the grounds of the Atrium and offers diverse, interactive programming for area seniors.

The Allendale Community is located at 85 Harreton Rd. in Allendale.

For more information about the vacation program or the Senior Social Club, call Mary Stampleman at (201) 818-7978 ext. 7982 or visit [www.allendalecommunity.com](http://www.allendalecommunity.com).



**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR—** Sister Leonore Parlati, C.S.A.C., of the Sisters of the Catholic Apostolate (Pallottine Sisters) and former principal of Sacred Heart School, Kearny, was honored recently by Mayor Albert Santos and the Clara Maass Extended Care Facility for her volunteer work since retiring as principal two years ago.

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# Archdiocese honors couples celebrating 50th anniversary

BY LIESL FORES  
Staff Writer

NEWARK—More than 100 couples from Bergen and Hudson counties celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary as a community at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Organized by director Judith Miller and the Office of Family Life Ministries, with the help of the Office of Divine Worship, the annual Mass honors those who

## Jubilee Mass

NEWARK— Rev. Luke Edelen, O.S.B. a Benedictine Monk of Newark Abby, will celebrate the silver jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood at a Mass of Thanksgiving at the abbey, 520 Martin Luther, Jr. Blvd., 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, July 2.

have committed their lives to the sacrament of marriage.

Archbishop John J. Myers was the main celebrant for the liturgy, and Father Michael Donovan, parochial vicar at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes, gave the homily.

Relaying the story of an elderly man who cared for his sick wife for eight years, tending to all of her needs and devoting himself to her completely, Father Donovan explained that by bringing Jesus Christ into their marriage, the man was able to treasure this time with his wife and accept her inevitable death.

"Every waking moment he would stare at her and picture her with Jesus," making it "easier and easier to see her with Christ," Father Donovan recounted, adding that the man "looked upon each day as a gift from God."

"This church is filled with such stories," he asserted, emphasizing, "We need you as examples" of the true meaning of a faithful and faith-filled marriage.

"Let your example tell the world that it can be done, because through God, all things are possible," he said.

After the homily, there was a special blessing of wedding bands, in which couples were asked to hold hands and touch each other's rings.

Ida and Michael Corbo of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Hackensack, were visiting the Cathedral Basilica for the first time. Originally from Italy, where they were married, the Corbos' found the Cathedral Basilica breathtaking.

"I never saw anything so beautiful," said Mrs. Corbo.

Mr. Corbo explained that their son had told them about the Mass, and the couple decided to take part in the ceremony.

Gisela and Johann Winter of Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, Paramus, saw the announcement for the liturgy in



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Judith Miller (background), director of the Office of Family Life Ministries, assists Archbishop Myers in handing out blessed pins to couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries.

their church bulletin.

"It's a celebration and a renewal," said Mrs. Winter, adding that they also came "for the blessing."

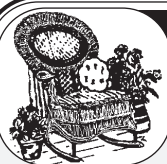
"Anybody who is married for 50 years should celebrate in a cathedral with a Mass, because it's a really big thing!" declared Mr. Winter.

Family and friends of the jubilarians filled the Cathedral Basilica to share the special event with them. After the liturgy, Archbishop Myers greeted and handed out

blessed pins to each couple.

People marking 40, 51, 54 and 61 years of marriage were also honored at the Mass. A liturgy bringing together couples celebrating 50th wedding anniversaries from Essex and Union counties will take place on June 12 at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

A Mass for couples from Essex and Union counties was celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica earlier this month.



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## Two new pastors named

Archbishop John J. Myers has recently appointed two new pastors.

**Father William A. Mahon**, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, East Orange, has also been appointed pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Orange, effective July 1.

Father Mahon, a graduate of St. Gregory College, Shawnee, OK, and Marist College, New York, attended Immaculate Conception Seminary.

Father Mahon has served at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Cedar Grove; Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Scotch Plains, and St. Anne Parish, Garwood. He was appointed pastor of St. Joseph Parish in November 2001.

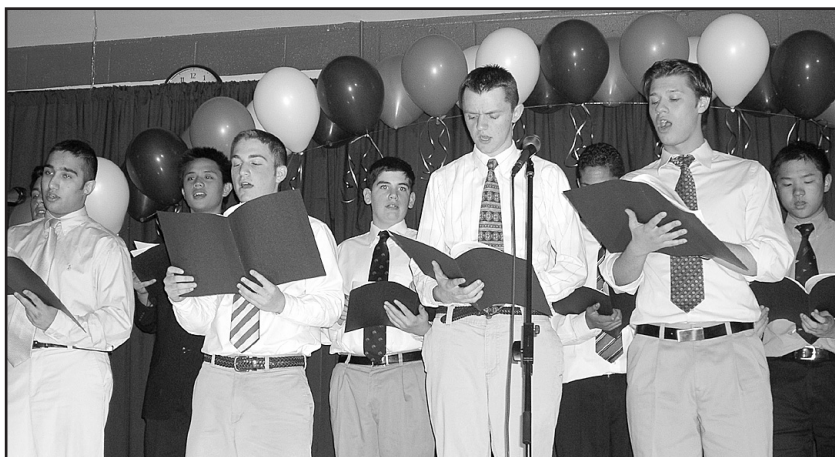
**Father William T. Morris**, pastor of St. Mark Parish, Rahway, and administrator of St. Mary Parish, Rahway, has been appointed pastor of St. Mary Parish, as well, effective immediately.


A graduate of Seton Hall University, Father Morris has served at St. Helen Parish, Westfield, and as chaplain of Ramapo College, Mahwah. He was appointed pastor of St. Mary Parish in November 2001.





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### Spiritual Events

**Novena** in honor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel begins July 7th at 7:00pm and continues for 9 nights.

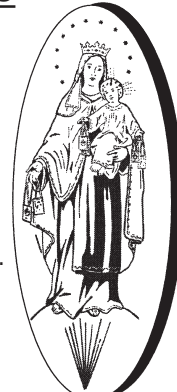
**Candle Light Procession** July 13th following the 7:00pm Mass and Novena.

**Healing Mass** with Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop of Brooklyn Celebrant, July 15th at 7:00pm.

**Processions** with the image of Our Lady will be held on July 16th & July 17th immediately following the 12:00 noon mass.

**Feast Day Mass Schedule: July 16, 2005**

8:30am, 10:00am (Italian), 12:00 Noon mass with Bishop Arthur Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson Celebrant.



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## Student-athletes given guidance

**TENAFLY**—Our Lady of Mount Carmel School (OLMC) recently held its annual National Student Athlete Day. Two years ago, OLMC was the first elementary school in the United States to fully participate in the program.

The school invites speakers from Ivy League institutions to address its student-athletes and parents. This year's speakers and their topics were:

- Jeff Orleans, Yale '67, executive director of the Ivy League—Ivy Leaguers as Role models
- Darren Spicer, Princeton University soccer, Academic All American, majoring in Politics – Dedication, goal setting, and leadership
- Lisa Copeland, Columbia university basketball captain and softball player, 2003-04 Academic All Ivy, majoring in Psychology—Teamwork and commitment
- Patrick Neundorfer, Princeton University ice hockey, Academic All Ivy, majoring in Economics—Positive attitude, time management, and leadership
- Cack Ferrell, Princeton University cross country, track & field, All American—Student-athlete experiences
- Tenke Zoltani, Columbia University cross country, track & field, Academic All Ivy, majoring in Economics/Political Science—Goal setting and preparation
- Jim Bolster, Columbia University men's swimming coach—Coaching student-athletes
- Seth Roland, University of Pennsylvania soccer '79—Applying student-athlete lessons to career/life
- Louise Gengler, Princeton University Varsity Club, former Princeton women's tennis coach—Student-athletes in community service.

Principal Fran Orefice presented the school's student-athletes with certificates. Ivy League pennants were distributed to the youngsters.

Former student-athletes of Ivy League institutions wrote letters of encouragement to the student-athletes of OLMC School. The letters were included in the program.

Chris Sailer, a 1981 Harvard University graduate and lacrosse coach at Princeton wrote, "There is no underestimating the importance of a quality education, for that above all will open the doors to your future. As a student-athlete, you are fortunate that your learning takes place not just in the classroom but also on the courts and fields that you love so much. Athletic participation provides you with a wonderful environment to learn important values that will impact your future in a positive way—things like teamwork, hard work, sportsmanship, commitment, sacrifice, resiliency, goal setting, and leadership. Many of the world's most accomplished people trace their achievements and their drive back to the lessons they learned on the playing fields of their youth."

Michael Hill, assistant general manager of the Florida Marlins wrote, "The ability to manage your time, prioritize your life, make tough sacrifices and make difficult decisions are qualities some people twice your age have not mastered, but it is those qualities that make you successful today and in the future." Ralph Izzo, president and chief operating officer of PSE&G wrote, "As a former student-athlete at Columbia University, I can tell you that the lessons I learned on the baseball field about discipline, teamwork and leadership were key to my successes in the classroom and in the corporate world."

## NJ Devils honor SHP headmaster

**EAST RUTHERFORD**—Reverend Msgr. Michael E. Kelly, headmaster of Seton Hall Preparatory School, West Orange, since 1980, is the recipient of this year's Dr. John J. McMullen Service to New Jersey Hockey Award.

The award has been presented annually since 1984 by the New Jersey Devils, to an individual or individuals who have supported amateur hockey throughout the state.

Msgr. Kelly has been a member of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association's (NJSIAA) Ice Hockey Committee since 1995. During that ten-year period, the number of high school varsity ice hockey programs has increased to more than 130. Keeping the best interests of the student-athlete a top priority, he was behind the format change that doubled the number of teams participating in the Devils/NJSIAA High School Ice Hockey Championships at Continental Airlines Arena this year.

Msgr. Kelly was instrumental in establishing Seton Hall Prep's ice hockey program back in 1969. Since then, the ice hockey team has won four non-public school championships, three state championships, and seven Gordon Cup Championships.

He served the NJSIAA as president during the 1991-92 school year, and in 1998, received its award of honor. Msgr. Kelly was inducted into the Seton Hall University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986.

Msgr. Kelly is treasurer of the Iron Hills Athletic Conference, after previously serving as the president of the Board of Control.

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