

Summer civics and the stem cell controversy

On May 24, the U.S. House of Representatives accelerated America's descent into Huxley's brave new world by voting to provide Federal funding for embryo-destructive stem cell research.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) had made clear that this issue involved fundamental issues of justice; yet 73 Catholics—57 percent of the Catholics in the House—voted to spend taxpayer dollars to destroy human life for research purposes.

Here they are, by name and district: Joe Baca (CA-43); Xavier Becerra (CA-31); Sanford Bishop (GA-2); Sherwood Boehlert (PA-24); Robert Brady (PA-1); Ginny Brown-Waite (FL-5); Michael Capuano (MA-8); Dennis Cardoza (CA-18); Michael Castle (DE-At Large); William Clay (MO-1); Jim Costa (CA-20); Joseph Crowley (NY-7); Henry Cuellar (TX-28); Peter DeFazio (OR-4); William Delahunt (MA-10); Rosa DeLauro (CT-3); John Dingell (MI-15); Michael Doyle (PA-14); Anna Eshoo (CA-14); Lane Evans (IL-17); Mark Foley (FL-16); Vito Fossella (NY-13); Charles Gonzalez (TX-20); Raul Grijalva (AZ-7); Luis Gutierrez (IL-4); Brian Higgins (NY-27); Maurice Hinchey (NY-22); Ruben Hinojosa (TX-15);

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The Catholic Difference

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Napolitano (CA-38); Richard Neal (MA-2); David Obey (WI-7); Frank Pallone (NJ-6); Bill Pascrell (NJ-8); Ed Pastor (AZ-4); Nancy Pelosi (CA-8); Jon Porter (NV-3); Charles Rangel (NY-15); Silvester Reyes (TX-16); Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-34); Tim Ryan (OH-17); John Salazar (CO-3); Linda Sanchez (CA-39); Loretta Sanchez (CA-47); Joe Schwarz (MI-7); Jose Serrano (NY-16); Clay Shaw (FL-22); Hilda Solis (CA-32); John Sweeney (NY-20); Ellen Tauscher (CA-10); Mike Thompson (CA-1); Nydia Velazquez (NY-12); Peter Visclosky (IN-1); Diane Watson (CA-33).

If your representative is on this list, take some time this summer to write him or her a letter; better yet, arrange a meeting in person. In either case, demand answers to these questions:

1) Why did you support legislation that, for the first time in American history, requires the Federal government to promote and support the destruction of innocent human life? (If the solon in question says that it's impossible to recognize the humanity in these tiny embryos, remind him or her that that's exactly what he or she looked like at that stage of life.)

2) Why did you vote for a bill that tramples on the moral convictions of the majority of the American people who do not favor embryo-destructive stem cell research?

3) Why did you vote for a bill that deflects scientists' attention from forms of stem cell research that have already shown great promise, or may show such promise in the future? Were you aware that, to date, not a single therapeutic application has been derived from embryonic stem cell research, while miracles of biblical proportion—the blind recovering their sight, the lame walking—are being performed with therapies using adult stem cells and stem cells from umbilical cords?

4) Why did you vote for H.R. 810 when the President's Council on Bioethics reports that there may be ways to create the kind of "pluripotent" stem cells sought by scientists without destroying embryos in the process?

5) Why did you vote for embryo-destructive stem cell research while knowing that this practice will strengthen pressures for cloning, against which the United States has no federal legal barrier today? (And if you didn't know this, why didn't you?)

Lay responsibility is clear here; so is episcopal responsibility. Raising these questions this summer is one way for the bishops to fulfill their commitment to take the pro-life argument to misguided Catholic legislators. We've all got our work cut out for us.

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Lay responsibility is clear.

Stewardship

A God-filled summer

BY DEACON ROBERT BAKER

Director of Research and Planning

Summer has arrived and, at some point, we will all be going in different directions.

One of the special things about summer is the anticipated slowdown. Most of the year is spent in a hectic pace for meeting deadlines, working long hours and just trying to keep up on all our tasks.

I remember a retreat I attended years ago. Our retreat master taught us a prayer that started, "The Lord is my Shepard, I shall not rush."

We do indeed rush around and fail to see, hear and feel the presence of God at times. I will never forget an awakening I received while on vacation in Florida. My family and some close friends vacationed on Anastasia Island, in St. Augustine.

This was my first visit to that part of Florida. I was also entering into my third year of formation in the permanent diaconate program and our formation director, Deacon Joe Lubas, gave us a summer assignment.

We had to do a reflection paper on the diaconate and God in our lives. I was having a very difficult time putting it in writing. I took my laptop along, hop-

ing to get some of the paper completed during vacation. After we unloaded the van, someone suggested taking a walk along the beach before it got dark.

We all left the condominiums and headed down to our private beach. As I entered the beach, the first thing I noticed was the sand—it was snow white and looked as soft as baby powder! I just had to remove my shoes to feel it. The sun was setting and the sky was alive with color. The only sound was the waves breaking ashore. It was beautiful and wonderful!

Here was God, I thought to myself, and as I walked along, I grew more aware of God's presence. I watched my family and friends and the footprints they all left in the sand. It was through them that I realized how God was walking with me at that moment, as in the poem *Footprints*.

Deacon Joe got his paper and I got a simple lesson on life. My life is filled with God through my family, friends, co-workers, religious and my brother clergy.

In order to realize God's presence and enjoy it, one must slow down and look around. Take notice of God's stewardship in your life through his gifts of time, talent and treasure.

Yes, life can be a beach; just stop and come in, the water is fine! Have a safe and God filled summer!



Stewardship Endowment awards first eight grants

BY BRIAN FORES

Staff Writer

AREA—Eight parishes will share the first grants offered by the archdiocesan Stewardship office since the initiative began in 1999.

The eight parishes will receive amounts ranging from \$8,000 to \$138,000. The office has awarded a total of \$383,958 this year.

The Stewardship Endowment has totaled over \$8,000,000 in five years, according to David Osborne, Director of Stewardship and Planned Giving. Parish grants were funded through revenue generated from the endowment, he explained, adding that the Archdiocese plans to continue awarding grants annually.

Eligibility depends on a number of criteria. Inner-city parishes and schools were considered for the grants, which were awarded on a priority basis.

Qualifying institutions had to demonstrate a need for "critical capital repairs" according to guidelines set forth by the endowment, and are defined as "immediate unsafe or serious conditions."

This year's recipients are Christ the King Parish, Hillside; Sacred Heart Parish, Jersey City; Sacred Heart Parish, (Vailsburg) Newark; St. Benedict Parish, Newark; St. John the Baptist Parish, Jersey City; Visitation School Parish, Jersey City; Garfield, Catholic Academy, Garfield and SS Joseph and Michael Parish, Union City.

"It was the Archbishop's intention to aid our most needy parishes with the Stewardship Endowment grants. Through the sacrifice of time, talent and treasure of Newark's faithful, that ideal has become a reality, and will continue to be so for years to come," noted Msgr. Robert E. Emery, Vicar General for the Archdiocese of Newark.

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Archbishop bestows Papal Honors

NEWARK—The Most Reverend John J. Myers bestowed papal honors from the late Pope John Paul II upon 17 priests and 18 lay people in recognition of their special service to the Archdiocese and the Church during a Sunday Evening Prayer service June 26 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The Archbishop learned of the honors shortly before the Holy Father's death April 2.

Pope John Paul II bestowed the honorary title of Reverend Monsignor upon a dozen priests of the Archdiocese of Newark, and elevated five Monsignors of the Archdiocese. Eighteen lay men and women were also honored by the late Pontiff.

Five men were elevated in rank and 13 men and women were honored with membership in the Equestrian Order of Saint Gregory.

The rank of Monsignor honors a priest with one of three different titles: Chaplain for His Holiness, Prelate of Honor, and Protonotary Apostolic.

Among the priests elevated, seven were named Prelate of Honor, and 10 were honored as Chaplains for His Holiness.

Under relatively new Church rules, 35 is the usual age for Chaplains for His Holiness and 45 years of age for Prelates of Honor.

Elevated to the post of Prelate of Honor were: Reverend Monsignor Richard J. Arnholds, Vicar for Pastoral Life, Pastor, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield; Reverend Monsignor Robert F. Coleman, Rector, Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange; Reverend Monsignor Frank G. DelPrete, Judicial Vicar, Metropolitan



Archbishop Myers offers congratulations to clergy receiving papal honors, left to right, Msgr. William J. Reilly; Msgr. Venantius Fernando, Msgr. Edward G. Bradley, Msgr. Kenneth J. Herbster; Msgr. Gerald H. McCarren, Msgr. Gregory J. Studerus, Msgr. Frank G. DelPrete, Msgr. Renato Grasselli, Msgr. Robert E. Emery, V.G., Msgr. Sean Cuneen, Msgr. Richard J. Arnholds, Msgr. John E. Doran, Msgr. Robert F. Coleman, Msgr. Joseph R. Reilly, Msgr. James M. Cafone, Msgr. Thomas P. Nydegger and Msgr. Joseph F. Ambrosio.

Tribunal, and Pastor, SS Peter & Paul Parish, Hoboken; Reverend Monsignor John E. Doran, Pastor, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange; and Reverend Monsignor William J. Reilly, Coordinator for Multi-Cultural Affairs, Pastor, Most Holy Name Parish, Garfield.

Also named Prelates of Honor were: Reverend Monsignor Sean E. Cuneen, V.E., Episcopal Vicar for Union County, Pastor, Our Lady of Peace Parish, New

Providence; and Reverend Monsignor Robert E. Emery, Vicar General, Moderator of the Curia and Chancellor of the Archdiocese.

The title of Chaplain for His Holiness was bestowed upon Reverend Monsignor Joseph F. Ambrosio, Coordinator of the Italian Apostolate and Pastor, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Newark; Reverend Monsignor Edward G. Bradley, Director,

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Bishop Arias explores lives of prominent Hispanics

Book Briefs

**Spanish-Americans:
Lives and Faces**
Bishop David Arias
(Trafford Publishing, BC,
Canada, \$21.26. 268 pages)
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BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Writer

Bishop David Arias, O.A.R., Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus for the Archdiocese of Newark, has published a new book, *Spanish-Americans: Lives and Faces*.

The work offers 100 biographies of prominent Hispanics who have made significant contributions to shaping the history, geography and culture of the United States. An appendix includes the profiles of an additional 100 influential persons of Hispanic heritage.

Represented are a whole range of Hispanics, from explorers, scholars, missionaries, soldiers and politicians, to writers, musicians, actors and artists.

Biographies of early Spanish explorers include Cabeza de Vaca, who set down among the oldest writings about native Americas, Pedro Menendez de Aviles, founder of the city of San Augustine, FL, in 1565, considered the oldest-lasting settlement in North America, and Hernando de

Soto, "who traversed Georgia, South Carolina, Texas, Arkansas, and many other territories, and crossed the Mississippi" during the 16th century, Bishop Arias said.

Anthony Quinn, the famed Mexican-born actor is profiled, as well as Nobel laureate Severo Ochoa, a Spaniard who later became an American citizen in 1956.

"He was a bio-molecular scientist who specialized in enzymes, metabolism of carbohydrates and ribonucleic acids," the bishop said. Ochoa received the Nobel Prize in Physiology in 1959.

Others include Cesar E. Chavez, who gained attention in 1968 as leader of a nationwide boycott of California table grapes in a drive to achieve fair labor contracts for immigrant workers, Gabriella Mistral, a Chilean-born poet who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1945, and Maria Grever, a Mexican-born composer whose songs have become a part of the American song book.

Others include actors Cesar Romero, Raul Julia, Rita Hayworth and Desi Arnaz, athlete Roberto Clemente of the Pittsburgh Pirates, and the famous surrealist painter Salvador Dali.

"Business people are represented too,"

the bishop said. "Prudencio Unanue, the founder of Goya, among the largest Hispanic companies in the U.S. today, is profiled."

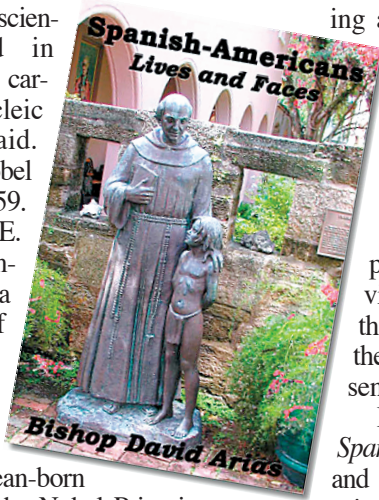
Important Catholic missionaries are listed, such as Father Junipero Serra, a Franciscan living at the end of the 18th century, known as the "Evangelizer of California."

The book contains 268 pages of interesting and enlightening history for all Americans. "It is intended for the general public, but I think it will be a useful reference tool for all schools, colleges and universities," he explained.

Each biography is accompanied by a portrait of the individual. Bishop Arias explained that a photo puts an identity to the name, and "you have a better sense that this was a real person."

Bishop Arias worked on *Spanish-Americans* for four years, and said that the original idea to write the book came from his personal readings on Hispanics in the United States. "I knew of all these great figures that had made contributions and are not well-known by the American public in general, so I wanted the Americans to know about the lives of these people," he said.

To find out more about *Spanish-Americans: Lives and Faces*, visit www.trafford.com and do a title search.



U.S. Catholics rose by 560,000

NEW PROVIDENCE, N.J. (CNS)—The number of U.S. Catholics rose last year but the Church registered declines in sacramental practice, according to figures in the 2005 Official Catholic Directory.

The 2,050-page directory, also known as the Kenedy Directory after its New Jersey publisher's imprint, lists all parishes, missions, schools, hospitals and other Catholic institutions in the United States and its possessions. It also lists all ordained clergy and gives statistical data on the church by diocese and nationally.

At the start of 2005, there were 67,820,833 Catholics, an increase of about 560,000 over the previous year, the directory said.

However, fewer infant baptisms, first Communions, confirmations and Church-recognized marriages were recorded last year than the year before.

In the case of marriage, the decline represents a long-term downward trend that began in the early 1970s but appears to have accelerated in recent years. The 1971 directory, which reported a little more than 48 million Catholics in the country, said there had been more than 426,000 Catholic marriages the previous year.

This year's directory records a Catholic population more than 40 percent higher, but the number of marriages recorded in the past year has dropped nearly in half, to 223,862. More than half of that 34-year decline has occurred in the most recent 12 years, starting in 1992 when, according to the 1993 directory,

there were just under 326,000 Catholic marriages.

The rate of decrease in other sacramental practices recorded in the directory was slower. Infant baptisms dropped from 985,141 in 2003 to 977,578 last year. First Communions dropped from 896,670 to 872,132. Confirmations dropped very slightly, from 645,426 to 645,379.

The new directory reports 43,422 religious and diocesan priests at the start of 2005, about 800 fewer than a year earlier. It reports a slight increase in permanent deacons, from 14,693 to 15,027.

The number of nuns declined by about 1,500, to 69,963, but the number of religious brothers rose slightly, from 5,504 to 5,517.

The number of students in Catholic elementary schools fell, but the numbers in Catholic high schools and colleges rose. At the elementary level enrollment dropped from 1.89 million to about 1.85 million. High schools, however, rose from about 680,000 students to 693,000, and colleges reported an enrollment of nearly 773,000, almost 26,000 more than last year.

The number of priests, brothers and nuns teaching in Catholic elementary and secondary schools fell, while the number of lay teachers rose. For the first time in many decades the number of priests and religious in teaching positions dropped below 10,000. The number of lay teachers grew slightly, from just under 170,000 to a little over that number.

The directory includes in its data Church statistics from the dioceses in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and U.S. possessions in the Pacific.



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ONE OF MANY—Jesus and His apostles at the Last Supper is one of 14 pieces of art included in every language version of the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Pope Benedict XVI has said that the works of art are not meant to be decorative, but are meant to be a proclamation of the Gospel.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

O'Connor retirement

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The pending retirement of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor from the Supreme Court has set in motion a battle over her replacement that will run through the summer, but it also highlights a remarkable judicial career. O'Connor's July 1 announcement that she would retire as soon as her replacement can be confirmed ends an era for not only the first woman on the Supreme Court but of someone who for years was "the most powerful person in America," as she was described by Mark Chopko, general counsel for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "She sits smack in the middle" of many crucial decisions made by the court since she was named to it in 1981, Chopko explained. Chopko said that O'Connor always took great pains to decide a case based on the facts of the individual case. That made it difficult to predict which side she would take, he said.

'Informed consent'

RAPID CITY, S.D. (CNS) — A federal judge June 30 temporarily barred South Dakota from enforcing a new "informed con-

sent" law that would require doctors to tell women seeking an abortion that abortion ends the life of a human being. U.S. District Judge Karen Schreier of Rapid City said the law forces "unconstitutional compelled speech" on doctors who may disagree with the state's view. She ruled in favor of a request by Planned Parenthood of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, which sought a temporary injunction against the law. A full hearing on Planned Parenthood's request for a permanent injunction against it is slated for October. A Planned Parenthood facility in Sioux Falls performs nearly all the abortions.

Vietnam delegation visits

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — An official delegation of the government of Vietnam visited the Vatican for the first time since 1992 to discuss Church-state relations. Ngo Yen Thi, director of Vietnam's government commission for religious affairs, led the delegation during its June 27-July 2 trip to Rome. The Vatican and Vietnamese representatives looked at "the question of relations between Vietnam and the Holy See with the hope that they would

advance rapidly in the direction of normalization," according to a Vatican statement. Meanwhile, a Vietnamese news agency reported the government has saying an agreement had been reached aimed at "increasing contacts to promote mutual understanding, to regulate problems of common interest and to improve bilateral relations." In addition to meeting officials of the Vatican Secretariat of State, the government delegation attended a June 29 Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI.

Bishops praised

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI praised Zimbabwe's bishops for reminding the nation's politicians of the importance of working together for the common good and for their recent pastoral letter. The pope said the bishops made a "significant contribution to the electoral process" before the country's parliamentary elections in March. In a joint statement in 2004, the bishops "rightly noted" that the "responsibility for the common good demands that all members of the body politic work together in laying firm moral and spiritual foundations for the future of the nation," the pope said. He spoke July 2 at the end of the bishops' *ad limina* visits to the Vatican. Heads of dioceses are required to make such visits every five years.

Aid to deserters

TORONTO (CNS) — The campaign to help U.S. military deserters stay in Canada rather than serve in Iraq has drawn official support from Canada's largest ecumenical social justice coalition. Kairos—which is funded by the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian, Lutheran and United churches—has signed a War Resisters Support Campaign declaration calling on the Canadian government to "demonstrate its commitment to international law and the treaties to which it is signatory by making provision for U.S. war objectors to have sanctuary in this country." "Given the strong opposition from Kairos and the churches to the war in Iraq, because of our understanding that it was illegal as well as immoral, we felt that this particular initiative—the war resisters—was congruent with that position that we took," said Kairos team leader Dale Hildebrand.

Ministry continues

THE DALLES, Ore. (CNS) — Within the year, Father Joseph Kelbel will probably die. A priest for 25 years, he has told parishioners at the churches he administers in the small north-central Oregon towns of Dufur, Maupin, Grass Valley and Wasco that his doctors recently gave him two to

12 months to live because of complications related to treatment for his diabetes. "I do not mind talking about my medical situation at all," said Father Kelbel, who is in residence at St. Peter's in The Dalles, in the Baker Diocese. "In fact I think it is a blessing to let people know that God is good and that He has our life in His heart and mind. It's become my ministry. I think it's affecting a lot of people. I've always felt since ordination that death is something I don't need to fear," he told the *Catholic Sentinel*, the diocesan newspaper.

Synagogue visit

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI's decision to visit a synagogue in Cologne, Germany, during his visit for World Youth Day is an important gesture for a German-born pope to make, said Cardinal Joachim Meisner of Cologne. During a July 5 press conference at Vatican Radio, the cardinal confirmed that Pope Benedict would visit the Cologne synagogue during his Aug. 18-21 stay in Germany. "With a German pope visiting his homeland for the first time and during the year marking the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II, which has left its traces," the pope's decision to accept the Cologne Jewish community's invitation was important, the cardinal said.

Formation, life style in The Way

BY JOSEPH A. VANCIO

Special to The Catholic Advocate

Part two in series about the Neocatechumenal Way.

In the first article, we spoke of the history and background of the Neocatechumenal Way. The present installment attempts to give some insight into the formation and life of the members.

Background

Many priests and laity in the archdiocese are formed in a spirituality based on the traditions and thirty years of practice of the Neocatechumenal Way (henceforth referred to as The Way). The teachings and practices of The Way are an ongoing formation so that one can live a fuller life as a Catholic and as a parishioner. The Way is not a religious congregation as understood in the sense of Religious nuns, brothers and priests living in orders like the Vocationists, Salesians, Jesuits, etc.

As an ecclesial or spiritual way of living, we can compare The Way to similar realities in the Church that impart a spirituality or a method, so to speak, on how to live the Gospel. There are many lay spiritual groups such as, the secular Franciscans or Third Orders, Charismatics, and the Focolare (unity and brotherhood) movement, among others. These special movements of grace in the Church have the goal to intensify a person's faith-life, to give direction for prayer and service in everyday life and ultimately aim at the renewal of society.

The novelty of The Way lies in its being a catechumenate for adults, both baptized and non-baptized. It is a formation to discover or rediscover the graces of baptism in order to be faithful to one's Christian vocation. In the early Church, baptism was normally preceded by a lengthy and intense period of preparation, which prepared the newly baptized to be faithful to their baptism in an non-Christian environment; in the increasingly secularized culture of our own times, The Way offers this preparation in a post-baptismal catechumenate.

International Structure

As a Church reality approved for lay membership, The Way is guided throughout the world by an International Responsible Team of three persons: the two original founders, Mr. Kiko Argüello and

Miss Carmen Hernandez, along with a priest of the diocese of Rome, Italy, Don Mario Pezzi. All three responsables hold the position for life.

The international responsables reside in Rome, Italy, and maintain liaison and consultation with diocesan bishops in over 100 countries, as well as keeping in touch and giving direction to the worldwide Neocatechumenal communities.

Spiritual Foundation

The three pillars, so to speak, of The Way are the Word of God, the liturgy and community. Through these means, a continuous education takes place in order to nourish and deepen the faith-life of the participants. The principal elements of this "preparatory school for the Christian life" are a blending or synthesis of the Gospel-based preaching of our salvation in Christ Jesus, a change

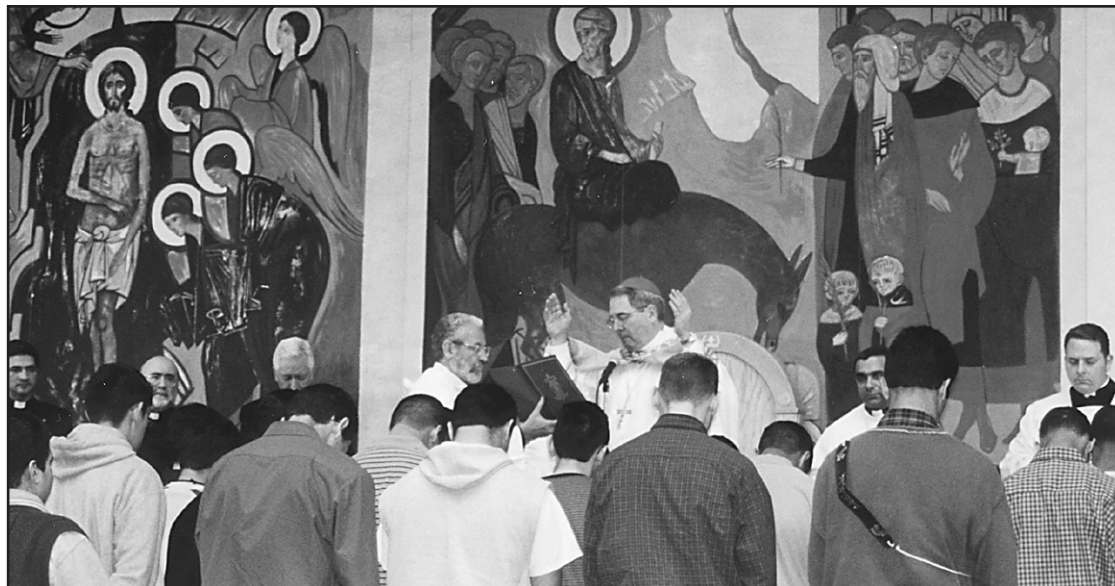


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Young men from NeoCat communities in the Archdiocese of Newark stand up for priesthood and are presented to Archbishop John J. Myers.

of moral life and a deeper participation in the liturgy.

New members go through three main phases of formation to revitalize their baptismal faith. The first phase takes about four years and teaches one the language of the Bible and the stages of salvation history — "to learn to walk in humility." The second and third phases introduce the

neocatechumen into the spiritual battle for his/her soul by learning the tools of prayer, return to the sacraments, centering in the Eucharist and finally, "to walk in praise," whereby to study, live and celebrate the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount.

One can progress to become an official catechist of The Way depending on the level and depth

of one's development in spirituality and understanding of the Way. A catechist is one who assists in the formation of other neocatechumens for The Way, he/she can be a leader of a small community, and has the possibility to be sent (Itinerancy) to other communities, dioceses or countries to give witness.

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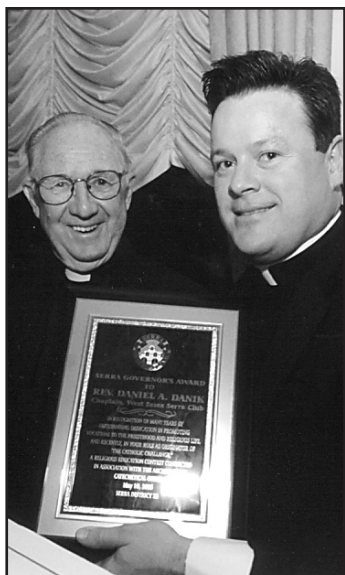
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PROMOTING VOCATIONS—The Serra Clubs of the Archdiocese of Newark recently held their 51st annual Archbishop's Vocation Fund Dinner at Mayfair Farms, West Orange. In the top photo, left to right, Archbishop Myers discusses the evening with Msgr. Robert E. Emery, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia; Father James J. Reilly, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Kearny, and Father Patrick Wilhelm, Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Sorrows. In the bottom left photo, the Robert F. Searson Award winner, John J. Bendokas of the Serra Club of the Oranges. In the bottom right photo, Father Brian Plate, Director of Vocations, congratulates Father Daniel A. Danik, chaplain of the Serra Club of West Essex, recipient of the Governor's Award.

July 14

Fourth Annual Michael Tanner Memorial golf outing benefiting St. Joseph of the Palisades High School athletics is sold out. \$50 for lunch. Call John Toomey, (201) 864-9700, ext. 13.

July 15

Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark, marriage encounter weekend, July 15-17. Call Sal and Sylvia Vassallo, (973) 857-8184 or (800) 823-5683.

July 17

St. Michael Parish, Cranford, start of annual collection of new gift items for babies with HIV/AIDS. Needed items include disposable diapers, new clothing, baby food, baby care items (powder, shampoo, lotions, etc.), linens, toys and other items. (908) 276-0360.

July 18

Xavier Center, Convent Station, "Monday for Men," dinner, speaker, discussion, 6:30-9 p.m. Cost: \$25. (973) 290-5100 or XavierCenter@scnj.org.

Xavier Center, Convent Station, will offer use of the Labyrinth July 18-23. (973) 290-5100 or XavierCenter@scnj.org.

July 20

Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, weight reduction program, 7-9 p.m. Cost \$60. Registration and

pre-payment required. (201) 227-6250.

July 21

St. Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff, St. Mary of Magdala Prayer Service, 7:30 p.m. Homilist: Kiernan Scott, EdD, theology professor at Fordham University. (201) 891-1122.

July 22

Felician Sisters of Lodi, Evening Hour of Sacred Prayer, Music and Song Before the Blessed Sacrament, 7-8 p.m., at Immaculate Conception Convent Chapel, Lodi. (973) 473-7447.

July 23

St. Michael Parish, Cranford, Triduum Services in honor of St. Anne and St. Joachim, through Monday, 7 p.m. On July 26, the feast of St. Anne and St. Joachim, Masses at 7 a.m., noon, and special Liturgy at 7 p.m. followed by refreshments.

July 25

Xavier Center, Convent Station, "T'ai Chi Process Retreat," through July 29 with Antonia

Cooper, O.S.F. Also, "Creativity Retreat" with Pat Reynolds, S.C., through July 30. (973) 290-5100 or XavierCenter@scnj.org.

July 27

Felician College, Lodi, information session on adult education programs, 7 p.m.

Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, smoking cessation program, 7-9 p.m. Cost \$60. (201) 227-6250.

July 28

Legatus, "What is an Evangelical Catholic?," Father Jay Scott Newman, speaker, following Mass, 6:30 p.m., at St. Joseph Shrine, Stirling. (908) 350-3109.

August 1

Centro Guadalupe, Union City, opening course on moral theology with emphasis on sexuality and marriage, with Father Victor Gonzalez, O.A.R., 7-9:30. Cost \$45. (201) 348-8400.

August 9

Felician College, information session on computer information systems program, 7 p.m. (201) 559-6051.

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

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Local Structure

At the local level, The Way is parish-based and the role of the pastor is key. The pastor is the center of the parish Neocatechumenal

community. The pastor leads the preaching and the call to conversion for the two-month founding series of evening meetings.

The Way is implemented in small communities, led by the catechist, within the parish. The small community style emphasizes the communitarian aspect

of the formation where a strong bond is fostered that gives each person the opportunity for a familiar support system in the faith. Thus, there is formed in a parish "an ensemble of small communities" to work together.

Once the Neocatechumenal small communities are founded, other than the weekly liturgies of the Word of God (every Wednesday) and the Eucharist (every Saturday evening), it is essential that there be a monthly "common gathering" or "convivence" for celebration, prayer and support where the faith is also passed on to one's children. These special celebrations are intended as instructions and support gatherings to be attended by and for NeoCat members of the parish.

Young men from the communities who answer the call to priesthood are formed at Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Kearny. Later, as ordained



Photos by Joseph Polillo

NeoCat Easter Vigil with Baptismal Pool celebrated by the communities of St. Mary Parish, Plainfield.

priests, they maintain a unique bond to and mutual support from the international, regional, and local Neocatechumenal communities.

The Holy Family of Nazareth is presented to all neocatechu-

mens as the model for their growth "in wisdom, age and grace" as Jesus did in His submission to Joseph and Mary. Thus, a foundation is formed for this new evangelization in the modern, secular environment.



International Responsible Team of The Neocatechumenal Way, seated front left to right, Kiko Argüello, Carmen Hernandez and Don Mario Pezzi.



O Blessed Trinity,

We thank you for having graced the church with Pope John Paul II and for allowing the tenderness of your fatherly care, the glory of the cross of Christ, and the splendor of the Holy Spirit to shine through him.

Trusting fully in your infinite mercy and in the maternal intercession of Mary, he has given us a living image of Jesus the Good Shepherd, and has shown us that holiness is the necessary measure of ordinary Christian life and is the way of achieving eternal communion with you.

Grant us, by his intercession, and according to your will, the graces we implore, hoping that he will soon be numbered among your saints.

Amen

CNS graphic

This is the prayer for the sainthood cause of Pope John Paul II. It appears in several languages on the official web site of the cause at www.johnpauliibeatification.org.

A question box about faith and practice

Today's Question: If the Church forbids divorce, then please tell me why you must produce a civil divorce decree when applying to the Church for an annulment?—Carole Ann Pezzillo, Rochelle Park

The Lord Jesus insisted on the original intention of the Creator who willed that marriage be indissoluble. (cf. Mt. 5:31-32). He abrogates the accommodations that had slipped into the Old Law. (cf. Mt. 19: 7-9).

Between the baptized, "a ratified and consummated marriage cannot be dissolved by any human power or for any reason other than death." (Canon 1141)

Divorce is a grave offense against the natural law. It claims to break the contract, to which the spouses freely consented, to live with each other until death. Divorce does injury to the covenant of salvation, of which sacramental marriage is the sign. Contracting a new union, even if it is recognized by civil law, adds to the gravity of the rupture: the remarried spouse is then in a situation of public and permanent adultery.

Divorce is immoral also because it introduces disorder into the family and into society. This disorder brings grave harm to the deserted spouse, to children traumatized by the separation of their parents and often torn between them, and because of its contagious effect which makes it truly a plague on society.

If civil divorce remains the only pos-

What's the Matter?

By Msgr. Richard J. Arnholz



sible way of ensuring certain legal rights, the care of the children, or the protection of inheritance, it can be tolerated and does not constitute a moral offense. (See the Catechism of the Catholic Church – 2382-85)

Inasmuch as, through the marriage license, the witnessing priest or deacon also acts in the name of the State, while the Church does not recognize the possibility of divorce of a sacramental marriage, the civil entity of marriage must still be addressed by the State through a decree of divorce.

While there may be sufficient grounds for the Church to grant an annulment for what appeared to be a sacramental marriage, to avoid confusion or conflict the Church requires that the legal entity be officially dissolved through civil divorce or annulment before it will consider an ecclesiastical annulment.

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

A lifetime commitment to God

In this issue *The Catholic Advocate* gives due recognition to Religious and clergy jubilarians who have devoted their lives to God, His Church and its people.

These special men and women of the Archdiocese of Newark heard the Lord's call and have responded to it day after day anywhere from 75 to 60 to 50 and 25 years respectively. In fact a quick calculation of this year's jubilarians shows an astounding 1,955 years of service.

All well educated, they are doing God's work at every level of schooling, healthcare, administration, the chaplaincy, vocations and military. What they have accomplished is impressive and has affected untold thousands of lives.

The ministry of these jubilarians is a vivid example of the type of commitment sorely lacking in today's society.

Becoming a jubilarian is a milestone that should be celebrated. It is also a time to express to these wonderful people of God a well-deserved thank you. Consider it done.

Join forces to protect all life

Although it is the height of summer, it is not too early to make plans for the fall.

Right now, circle Saturday, Oct. 15 on the calendar. That is when the Archdiocese of Newark will hold its annual Respect Life Seminar.

To be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the auditorium of St. John the Apostle Parish, Linden, this year's theme is "Help Build a Better World Where Human Life is Always Loved and Defended, Every Form of Violence Banished." That sure says it all and vividly illustrates the formidable challenges of protecting life from conception through to natural death. Archbishop John J. Myers, who has been in the forefront of the Church's position on stem-cell research, will celebrate Mass at 11 a.m.

Two prominent speakers will provide expert insight into the Respect Life effort. Taking the podium will be Cathy Cleaver Ruse, Esq., former director of planning and information for the Pro-Life Secretariat of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Msgr. William F. Smith, academic dean at St. Joseph's Seminary, in Dunwoodie, Yonkers, New York.

The speakers will be followed by a panel discussion on pertinent topics and political guidelines for parishes.

Open to everyone, registration is required. Call the Respect Life Office at (732) 388-8211.

Attendance at the seminar will benefit all those who attend and help save precious and often marginalized lives. Be there.

At the helm of a vibrant diaconate

For the past eight years, the permanent diaconate has been in the able hands of Deacon Edward Porter who retired at the end of last month.

A deacon since 1988, Deacon Porter has left his mark on an office that is vital to the Church.

He can take pride in the fact the permanent diaconate in the Archdiocese of Newark is quite vibrant. In June the archbishop ordained 36 new permanent deacons.

To Deacon Porter, congratulations on a job well done.

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

Send to: *The Catholic Advocate*, P.O. Box 9500, Newark, NJ 07104-0500 or email mielejos@rcan.org

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.

The classic struggle over evangelical fervor

“To accomplish changes in the civil and religious condition of the world, revolutions and convulsions are doubtless indispensable. Look now at the history of our fathers and behold what God has wrought...a powerful nation in full enjoyment of civil and religious liberty where all the energies of men find scope and excitement on purpose to show the world by experiment of what man is capable. It will awaken desire and hope and effort and produce revolutions and overturnings until the world is free.”

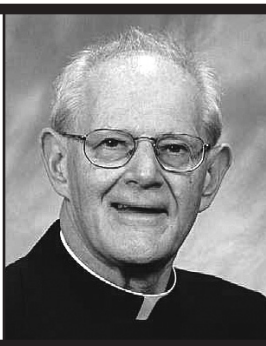
No, that is not George Bush. These are words of the preacher Lyman Beecher in Plymouth, Massachusetts in 1827. The conviction that America is God’s chosen instrument to extend freedom and democracy throughout the world has always been a part of the American psyche. Ronald Reagan spoke of the “shining city on the hill.” It was as if America had a divine vocation—a mission to the world. That patriotic belief has always been a part of the evangelical movement.

We mentioned the rationalist movement last time. It began in the colonies, moved into a belief in Unitarianism (a denial of the Trinity) and ultimately in 1802 captured Harvard University. Rationalism then spread throughout academia—the other Ivy League schools—and ultimately into the American mainstream as a philosophy of liberalism.

Five presidents—Jefferson, two Adams, Fillmore and Taft were Unitarians. A host of scholars—Nathaniel Hawthorne, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Henry

Voices

By Msgr. John Gilchrist



Longfellow, James Russell Lowell, Horace Mann and William Cullen Bryant—all came out of Harvard. They were Unitarians and liberals.

Through the liberal press, the theatre, the arts, the world of letters and secular universities, all sorts of philosophies have swept from Europe into the United States over the past two hundred years.

The ultimate triumph of liberalism came when it

moved into the White House under F.D. Roosevelt and finally when John F. Kennedy brought a host of Ivy League types into power with him. Democratic candidates of various types have represented the liberal cause for the past 70 years except for the “Rockefeller Republicans” of the eastern States.

We are now witnessing a classical struggle. In his little book *Separated Brethren*, (1958) William Whalen listed

these priorities for the liberal cause in the United States: birth control, sex education in schools, the scientific method, civil rights, prison reform, labor unions, the United Nations, slum clearance, separation of church and state, and cremation. We might add today: cloning, abortion, stem cell research and gay marriage. The concept that America has a mission to bring democracy to the world is not a part of liberal thought. It smacks too much of a form of imperialism for liberals. It seems to be an arrogant ideal.

The evangelical movement is a reaction against many of the above causes. And the rising tide of evangelical fervor is now moving with a vengeance against the liberal establishment of the country.

We Catholics have a position on many of these issues. But we must be careful to steer our own course. For while this is the sixth time that such an evangelical fervor has swept this nation, our Church has proceeded on a steady course, always guided by our faith and our God given intellect. No matter which way the tide flows, liberal or evangelical, the Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, in good times and bad, follows the path of natural law and morality.

In the meantime, while we Catholics observe the war of conflicting ideals of today, also understand that “There is nothing new under the sun.” When the evangelical fervor cools down, as it will, and while the liberal elite continues to flow back and forth with every new tide of intellectual fashion, we can watch the show and rest secure for we ride on the bark of Peter. Our Pilate is at the helm. We may pitch and roll but we will always stay on course. Praise the Lord! Halleluia! We really do have the “Old Time Religion.”

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

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we will always stay on course.*

Lining up one’s inside and outside self

I was on page 143 of a Ralph McInerney novel when I realized I had already read the dang thing. Now McInerney is not Dostoevsky. He writes the kind of books you read in a hammock on a hot summer day. I hope he is not writing at a level designed for the graduates of the fine Catholic institution he teaches at. I pray the Notre Dame alum are into things a little headier than these silly mysteries their professor puts out (they are entertaining, I’ll admit). On second thought, I went to a fine college and I’m reading them so who am I to cast stones.

I was three-quarters of the way through the book when I figured it out. For a few minutes I was despairing, thinking I had succumbed to early dementia. (I’m not that old.) Then I decided to look on the bright side. Think of all the books I once loved that I can now re-read. I’ll read *Jane Eyre* and not know that Rochester has a demented wife wandering around on the third floor. I’ll read *Pride and Prejudice* and wonder until the last page what happens to Mr. D’Arcy. I can even read all the wonderful Colin Dexter mysteries (quite unlike Ralph McInerney’s, these are what the book reviewers call page turners) and not know who did the dastardly deed until the very end.

We’ve had a houseful of company, so I guess I could blame my mental lapse on that. We started leaving the door unlocked when we had all the visitors because someone was forever getting locked out (no doubt the spare key hidden on the porch had already been used and not returned to its hiding place) and had to pound on the door until someone was kind enough to get up and let him in.

I didn’t really worry about burglars. If a stranger had walked in during the middle of the night he

Over the Coffee Cup

By Mary Costello



might have been greeted by Meg who would have been up nursing Sam. Or Lizzie, still playing computer games. Or even Don, sitting in his blue chair, no doubt trying to get to the end of a Colin Dexter before his eyes, and the paperback book, simply became too heavy. No doubt whoever was up would have offered him a left-over hot dog (we’ve been grilling almost every night) and asked where he planned to sleep. There are so many people wandering around, we all would have just thought he belonged to somebody else.

Beds, however, were another problem. The only thing we could have offered him was the upstairs couch or a sleeping bag in the family room.

Someone said to me last week, “We all have to live our own façade.” Scary but true. Many of us build a structure around ourselves, the person we want other people to see and think we are. It can be

a very hard task. When we are pretending to be someone we are not, we live with the fear that the façade will slip and we’ll go to nearly any length to ensure that people can’t see the real person: the immature, silly, fear-filled, angry or resentful me. It can even be dangerous to live a life in a façade. For instance, someone might buy a Lexus—on credit—and max out his credit cards on jewelry and fine art but is only making \$9 an hour. Sometimes we find it so hard to keep our façade in place we turn to alcohol and drugs to take away the pain. Yet, sometimes a façade is good since our plastic face, our false face, can actually help us to become a better person. We want to be a better person, so we “act our way into a new way of thinking.”

The important thing in life is to strive to make our inside self and our outside self (the façade) line up perfectly. When they line up, when we are who we are totally, through and through, every minute of

every day, no matter who is watching or who will find out what we are doing, then we can start to live our lives in serenity and truth. One day we wake up and find ourselves becoming (at least

in some small way) the person God intended us to be. And that’s real joy.

Well, the weatherman says the temperature is going to reach 100 today, so I think I’ll find myself a nice cool place to lie down and read a book, maybe even that one where I was on page 143 when I realized I’d read it before.

Mary Costello is a freelance columnist.

*Many of us build a structure
around ourselves.*

Spread the Gospel message to all

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—In a world “thirsting for true human values,” the faithful should be taking the Gospel message to all people, Pope Benedict XVI told a group of pilgrims from Madrid, Spain.

The Holy Spirit “impels us to bring to every man and woman the love that God the Father showed us in Jesus Christ,” the pope said.

This love is “obliging, generous, unconditional” and must be offered not just to those who listen to the Gospel message, “but also to those who ignore or reject it,” he said.

Pope Benedict made his remarks July 4 to a group of pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Madrid who marked the end of their diocesan synod with a visit to the Vatican.

The pope told them missionary zeal must include helping with “intense diligence” the people of one’s own diocese—people who have “worries and hopes, suffering and difficulties.”

“In a society thirsting for true human values and suffering so many divisions and fractures, the community of believers must become bearers of the light of the Gospel,” he said.

Charity, he said,



Pope Benedict XVI greets Spanish Cardinal Antonio Rouco Varela of Madrid during a meeting at the Vatican on July 4.

can be shown through “the communication of truth.”

In his speech to the pope, Cardinal Antonio Rouco Varela of Madrid said the task of evangelization was urgently needed in a society “strongly tempted by a relativistic culture and deeply secular lifestyles.”

The cardinal said the recent passage of a bill in Spain allowing same-sex couples to marry and adopt children was not just a negation of Christian faith “but also of human reason.”

In his speech, the pope did not make specific mention of the legislation, but he did urge the faithful to go to the margins of society to take everyone “the light of Christ’s message on the meaning of life, of family and of society.”

Christians, he said, need to reach out to people “who live in the desert of abandonment and poverty” and love them “with the love of the risen Christ.”

The pope also reminded his audience that the Catholic community was catholic in the sense that it was “an open gathering” of peoples from diverse backgrounds.

The Catholic community carries a “universal message destined for all human beings,” he said.

The Pope Speaks

Pope Benedict XVI



A call to holiness

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today I would like to reflect with you on the cantic from the Letter to the Ephesians, in which St. Paul speaks of the grace poured out upon us in Christ. God chose us in his Son and made us his adopted children so that we could be holy and blameless before him. Let us consider each of these elements in turn. God freely chose us, he predestined us before the creation of the world. This action of grace is a call to holiness, a call to participate in God’s own life of love. In this way, we are united to Christ, the “first-born among many brothers,” we become brothers and sisters of Christ and adopted children of the Father. As such we are privileged to invoke the Father with the intimate name “Abba.”

St. Ambrose has written about this wonderful outpouring of grace that makes us adopted children of God through Jesus Christ. He shows us that God is indeed rich in mercy, because he has transformed us from our sinful condition into sons and daughters of peace and love, co-heirs with Christ to the glory of the heavenly kingdom.

I am happy to greet the English-speaking visitors present at this audience, including pilgrims from Scotland, Canada and the United States of America. I offer a special welcome to the members of the Committee “Vox Clara,” to all the religious attending renewal programs and holding their general chapters at this time. Upon all of you I invoke the peace and joy of Our Lord Jesus Christ; may God bless you all.

Balancing justice and mercy

Readings: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43.

The understanding that each religious community and its members has of God will determine the way that teachings of the moral order are set forth. Moreover, in many cases sincere parents will project this model in their relationship with the younger generation.

The religious culture which stresses “law and order” to the detriment of people in their needs and weaknesses often develops from an overemphasis on the righteousness and justice of God.

Do any families experience a military-like rigidity in relationships? On the other hand, an understanding of the wonderful dimensions of divine love, manifesting itself in mercy and forgiveness, may lead certain people to the sin of presumption. Parents may be so “soft” that their children fail to learn responsibility and self-discipline. Finding a balanced understanding of the challenge to live in imitation of God is of great importance!

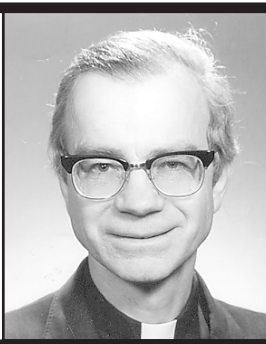
The Wisdom of Solomon, written for Jews in Alexandria, Egypt late in the first century B.C., teaches the ancient insights of the Hebrew Bible in sophisticated terms that would appeal to those in the community who were exposed to Greek philosophy.

Belief in immortality of the soul, a great insight in Greek thought, must be accompanied by a life of integrity (righteousness), with justice as the foundation for one’s attitude toward neighbors (1:1-5). The Jewish insight into God’s righteousness provides the basis for a way of living that prepares for eternal rewards.

Sunday Readings

16th Sunday
of Ordinary Time
(July 17, 2005)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



The right order which God has instilled into creation cannot be mocked with impunity. Any legislator needs to set up a judicial system to enforce the laws of the society. However, the divine Judge can read hearts and can forgive the transgression of those who repent and make reparation and who desire to improve.

The power by which God created the universe was guided by divine wisdom; so too, the justice whereby God judges is tempered by clemency and patience, aspects of the attribute of love. This is enunciated beautifully in our passage. “By acting thus, you have taught your people, that those who are just must be kind” (12:19).

Addressing an audience in rural Galilee, Jesus

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drew a lesson from the plight of a farmer who finds weeds throughout his grainfield. Overzealous and premature weeding may cause loss of many good plants. So Jesus explains that divine judgment, while inevitable, will never be the occasion for loss of the innocent. This is the second parable for which St. Matthew records an explanation (13:36-43). As in the parable of the sower (13:18-23), there is a struggle between good and evil as the seed matures. Punishment is rejection from God’s kingdom for “all who cause others to sin and all evildoers” (13:41). Again the Gospel stresses that we are all teachers, by word and example (see Mt 5:19). We must remember that every good life has an illuminating quality and “in the kingdom of their Father the righteous will shine like the sun” (13:43).

The effort to achieve a balanced approach to the biblical call for holiness requires constant prayer and reflection. The mystery of God’s inner life is to be imitated through our response to the human vocation of being created in the divine image. This includes bringing right order into all that we do, while manifesting the forgiveness and mercy towards others that we hope to find in the moment of God’s judgment regarding our lives.

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

Praying, loving, caring atmosphere

Many parishioners at the Church of the Assumption in Roselle Park trace their roots to several Italian families who desired to attend a Catholic church with a priest fluent in their native language.

Father Cataldo Alessi became the first pastor of a small church built by Joseph Riccatelli on Chestnut Street, which was given the title Church of the Assumption. There would be two more building changes, then the dedication of the present church building, which took place 50 years ago on August 20, 1955.

Throughout the history of Assumption, three of the pastors cared for the people of the parish for many years: Father Salvatore J. LoVecchio for 33 years, 1910-1943, Father Sebastian J. Chiego for 30 years, 1943-1973, and Msgr. Joseph F. Loreti for 20 years, 1977-1997. The first trustees were Antonio Tomasulo and Gerardo Mariano.

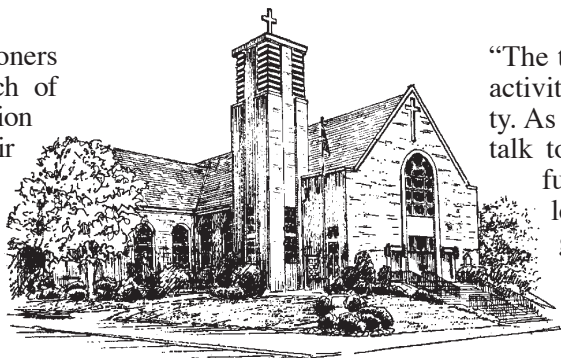
This parish has always had the spirit of being a warm and welcoming community. Claire Lyons, trustee, recalls her first Sunday here 20 years ago when she received not only a friendly greeting from Msgr. Loreti and the parishioners, but also a pound of tomatoes from the rectory garden.

When Claire became a participant in a prayer group, one of the members, Rita, asked what she was doing for Thanksgiving. As Claire was going to be alone, Rita said she was having 33, and one more would always be welcomed.

Theresa DeMaio, affectionately known as Tess, has been a member of Assumption for all of her 93 years. She was baptized here, made all of her sacraments here, and calls this her second home. Tess remembers Father LoVecchio as being a "priest's priest," and always involved with the youth.

"At Christmas time, he would give a five dollar gift to each of the children in the choir. We all wanted to give him something, so we bought a smoking jacket. He made us bring it back, and he got a pound of tobacco instead."

At holiday time, he was thrilled with receiving \$500 in the collection. Tess can still picture Aunt Angelina sitting



"The time we spent at church activities built our spirituality. As young people we could talk to the priests about our future goals and the challenges we would face growing up."

The Church of the Assumption now has 1,500 registered

Church of the Assumption, Roselle Park

in her permanent first seat in the first row. Aunt Angelina's "job" was to repair the priests' clothing when needed. Tess also called to mind the times her mother cooked for the church spaghetti dinners.

families representative of heritages from around the globe. There are many diverse organizations encompassing all age groups.



This stained glass window features the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother.

Father Chiego and Msgr. Loreti followed in Father LoVecchio's footsteps by caring for the youth of the parish. Tess also recollects sewing capes for the Children of Mary Sodality, altar cloths, and vestments for the priests. Tess fondly remembers Msgr. Loreti as her second son. "I could always depend on him."

Mark Nekhay, a parish trustee, recalls the great times the youth of the parish had going to parish picnics at Patrylow's Grove, in Union, the World's Fair in Montreal, parish plays, coconut buns after First Friday Mass, Holy Name boxing matches and a trip to Appalachia to help people there at Easter.

Mark looks back at a very active CYO with Msgr. Loreti. He remembers CYO dances, ski trips, Bradley Beach and Seaside Heights excursions, and days of swimming and picnicking in Ringwood.

Cathy Drake, religious education coordinator, and a dedicated staff of 50 volunteer catechists ensure that the 525 children of the parish receive all necessary sacramental preparation.

The children also have an opportunity to be involved in the Liturgy of the Word each Sunday at the 10:30 Mass. They are invited to participate with a team of adult volunteers to discuss the Gospel and readings within a child friendly atmosphere. They enjoy meeting in the Sacristy for prayer and receiving handouts to take home.

Many organizations make Assumption Parish special. Altar servers include boys, girls and adults. A large group of committed adults give their time as Eucharistic ministers, lectors, choir members, ushers, participants in the Pastoral and Finance Councils, Rosary

Society, Knights of Columbus, Baptismal Team, Hospitality group, and Lazarus Bereavement group.

Weekend assistants, Father Bob Meyer and Father Chris Hynes, have become an essential part of the church community. They have brought their expertise, humor and compassion to Assumption's parish family.

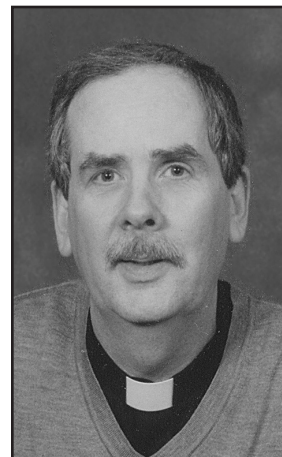
Church of the Assumption has some endearing traditions including Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi in October, evening prayer and sweets in the Parish Hall for St. Joseph's feast day in March, a parish mission during the Lenten season, blessing of foods for Easter, and our St. Anthony Parish Feast in June.

None of these activities would be so successful without the dedicated volunteers who sell the chances at the doors of the church, clean the church, tend the flowerbeds, and make the infant baptismal robes.

The present pastor, Father Ken Evans, is looking forward to several upcoming special events. There will be a celebration for the 50th anniversary of the new church building with a special Mass and reception in the Parish Hall on Aug. 20, and in 2007 there will be a celebration for the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Church of the Assumption.

Church of the Assumption is located at 113 Chiego Place, Roselle Park. This article was written by Barbara Gene Del Nero and Barbara Sokel, parish council members.

Meet the Pastor



Father Ken Evans

Date of Birth: Oct. 6, 1947

High School: Bishop Kenrick High School, Norristown, PA

College/Seminary/Graduate

School: St. Peter College,

Jersey City; Immaculate

Conception Seminary

Date of Ordination:

Nov. 22, 1986

Hero: "A woman I know who raised six kids and is struggling now with the indignities of age"

Favorite Saint:

Polycarp of Smyrna

Favorite Sport: "Something where everybody wins and nobody loses"

Favorite Movie:

Clear and Present Danger

Last Book Read: *A People*

Adrift by Peter Steinfelds

Proudest Moment:

"Planted something in the ground and it actually grew"



Alex Fortunato and his son AJ enjoy the rides during St. Anthony's Feast in June.

Interfaith

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interreligious dialogue is inspired by the groundbreaking efforts of Pope John Paul II and recently reaffirmed by statements made by Pope Benedict XVI in May during his initial papal trip to Bari, Italy in May. While visiting Bari—a city on Italy’s Adriatic coast that touts close ties to the Orthodox church—Pope Benedict called on Catholics to make “concrete gestures” to reach out to people of other faiths. Father Latronico’s visit to Turkey, sponsored by the Hudson Turkish American Cultural Association of Ridgely, is evidence that the pope’s call for outreach is percolating throughout the archdiocese.

The goals for this interfaith effort, at first glance, appear to be relatively modest: getting people to find common ground and meet one-on-one as neighbors; eliminate ethnic and religious stereotypes; develop tolerance and respect among various faiths; and participate in regional friendship projects. There is a recognition that this dialogue is in its infancy and needs to proceed deliberately in order to cultivate a comfort zone of trust among participants.

However, the efforts also are designed to create a much-needed foundation on a local level that can set the stage for a discussion of larger theological issues with global implications. Seen from this vantage point, these seemingly modest steps have a profound significance, Father Latronico explained.

“In the United States, there can be a dialogue between Catholics, Orthodox, Muslims and Jews,” Father Latronico said. “These are conversations that cannot take place in the Middle East because the divisions are too intense, too deep. But this dialogue can happen in the United States. We can bring healing to these relationships.”

While the specific path to resolve the larger issues of Catholic/Orthodox theology, the wording of the Nicene Creed, and the authority of church councils since the schism of 1054 has yet to

be defined, Father Latronico declared that the ultimate goal of the conversation is clear: to have all faiths come together at “the table” (meaning the altar) and celebrate Communion.

Religious issues aside, the good will generated by these efforts also provides practical benefits for northern New Jersey neighbors of different faiths. For example, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Muslim-Catholic Dialogue, established

vated by religious hatred, and some Coptics had lashed out at Muslims for the crime. However, two non-Muslims were arrested for the murders, which investigators said were the result of a botched robbery.

The Hudson County Brotherhood and Sisterhood Association drafted the interfaith pledge, which called for fellowship during times of crisis. The North Jersey Christian/Muslim Project, chaired by Father Latronico, served as a key player in the effort.

Two hours after the Twin Towers of World Trade Center fell on Sept. 11, 2001, Catholic and Muslim groups were praying together and working to clarify inaccurate reports by major news outlets. In addition, Father Latronico said that Turkish business people and cultural organizations in the archdiocese region during the last two years—perhaps spurred by Turkey’s designs to enter the European Union—have reached out to Catholics to better define the religious and secular traditions of their homeland.

For Father Latronico, the work to build bridges has defined his faith. “It’s made me more Catholic,” he confessed. “For me to talk to someone from another religion, I have to know who I am. I have to be clear about my convictions. I have to learn how to share my faith with others.” He also was clear that this effort transcends philosophical or academic conversations. “I believe this is an imperative of God,” he said. “This is a bringing together a people of faith. The motivation is bigger than any political or business agenda.”



Advocate photo: Father Phil Latronico

Dramatic scenes along the road during the recent interfaith journey included the library at ancient Ephesus, a city on the missionary route of St. Paul.

nearly nine years ago, is preparing a document, slated to be unveiled early next year, which will define common beliefs to strengthen interreligious marriage and family life.

Some of the interfaith efforts carry a greater sense of urgency. Earlier this year religious leaders in Jersey City signed a pact of solidarity, hoping to ease bitter tensions between Coptic Christians and Muslims in the wake of a shocking quadruple murder. The victims, stabbed to death in their home in Jersey City Heights on Jan. 11, included a husband and wife and their two daughters.

As reported in a series of articles in *The Jersey Journal*, many in Jersey City’s Coptic community believed the slayings were moti-

Journey to Turkey highlights tolerance, faithful discussions

RUTHERFORD—As part of the ongoing conversation that exists between Christians and Muslims in northern New Jersey, Father Phil Latronico and the Rev. Lynne Bleich Weber, Ecumenical and Interreligious Chair of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, as well as state civic leaders, educators, and business people, took part in a week-long trip (May 27 to June 3) to Turkey, sponsored by the Hudson Turkish American Cultural Association of Ridgely, New Jersey.

The purpose of this trip was to help promote dialogue with the Turkish Muslim and Sufi communities in the archdiocese region as well as showcase religious tolerance in Turkey—a secular state that consists of a Muslim Majority (Sunni, Sufi, and some Shia), Greek Orthodox Christians, Armenian Orthodox Christians, Roman Catholics, and Jews of the Sephardim.


Two organizations—Interfaith Dialogue Center (IDC) in Carlstadt and the Hudson Turkish American Cultural Association (HUTACA)—have hosted two friendship dinners in the archdiocese area prior to this journey to Turkey. Both organizations follow the principles of the Gulen Movement (a Turkish/Islamic movement founded by Fethullah Gulen that embraces moderation and education to assist the Islamic community adjust in a secular world).

The group traveled throughout Turkey and met with the Jewish community at the oldest synagogue in Istanbul, which was built by the Jews who fled Spain in 1492. Another stop on the journey included the ruins of the ancient city of Ephesus—known as the city of John the Apostle, the missionary route of St. Paul, and one of the ancient churches of the Book of Revelation. The group also journeyed to the Istanbul Religious Affairs Directorate and met with the Istanbul Muftulugu—the Grand Mufti.

The final day of the trip began with visits to the Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia in Istanbul. Between visiting these two sights, the group had an audience with the Ecumenical Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church, His Holiness, Patriarch Bartholomew. He highlighted the importance of interfaith communication, and noted that the other key issue for people of faith was to protect the earth and be aware of threats to the global environment.

(Editor’s note: This travelogue was written by Father Phil Latronico, who is the executive secretary of both the Commission for Interreligious Affairs and the Commission of Christian Unity of the Archdiocese of Newark.)

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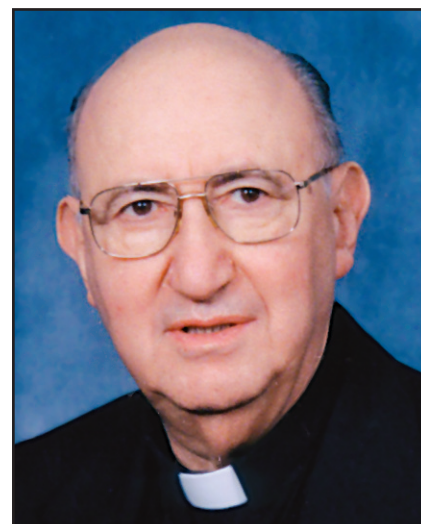


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Archdiocese of Newark

75th

Sister Mary Angelita Miescier, C.S.S.F.



Date of Birth: Nov. 19, 1913
Hometown: Mount Carmel, PA
College: St. Michael Hospital, Newark, RN; Seton Hall University, BS, general nursing
Post-graduate: MA, education, Villanova University, PA
Date of Entrance: Aug. 14, 1930
Assignments: St. Anne School, Jersey City; St. Mary Hospital, Orange; Felician Sisters' Infirmary, Lodi
Foreign language: Polish

Sister Mary Dalcis Pilachowska, C.S.S.F.



Date of Birth: March 8, 1913
Hometown: Baltimore, MD
College: Catholic University of America, Washington
Post-graduate: Providence College, RI, MA in education
Date of Entrance: Aug. 26, 1930
Assignments: St. Casimir School, Newark; Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Bayonne; Our Lady of Czestochowa School, Jersey City; St. Anthony High School, Jersey City; Immaculate Conception High School, Lodi; St. Theresa Parish, Linden, pastoral minister; Felician Sisters' Infirmary, pastoral minister
Foreign language: Polish

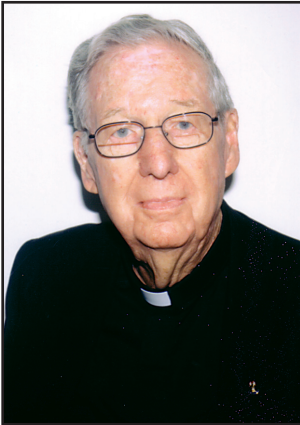
Sister Mary Hortulane Wierciszewska, C.S.S.F.



Date of Birth: May 25, 1912
Hometown: Jersey City
College: Seton Hall University, BA, elementary education
Post-graduate: Seton Hall University, MA, French
Date of Entrance: Aug. 26, 1930
Assignments: St. Adalbert School, Elizabeth; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bayonne; St. Casimir School, Newark; supervisor of Felician schools; Felician College, director of teacher education; Felician Sisters' Infirmary, activity director; Saint Felix Shop, Lodi
Foreign languages: Polish, French

65th

Father Joseph W. Nealon



Date of Birth: Nov. 14, 1915
Hometown: Newark
College, seminary: Seton Hall College; Immaculate Conception Seminary
Date of Ordination: May 18, 1940
Assignments: St. Vincent De Paul Parish, Bayonne; Hudson County CYO; Port Chaplain for Apostleship of the Sea; Sacred Heart Parish, Haworth; St. Andrew Parish, Westwood; Holy Redeemer Parish, Palm City, FL

Father Gennaro J. Sesto, S.D.B.



Date of Birth: Aug. 1, 1921
Hometown: Biddeford, ME
College, seminary: Don Bosco College, Newton; Pontificium Athenaeum Salesianum, Turin, Italy
Post graduate: STL and JCL, Pontificium Athenaeum Salesianum; JCD, Catholic University of America, Washington; Rotal Advocate and Procurator, Studium Rotale, Rome
Date of Profession: Sept. 8, 1940
Date of Ordination: July 2, 1950
Assignments: Don Bosco College, Newton, president; Pontificium Athenaeum Salesianum, Rome, Canon Law professor; Pontifical College Josephinum, Worthington, OH, professor/dean; Don Bosco Prep, Ramsey, director; Salesian Provincial Office, New Rochelle, NY; Marian Shrine, Stony Point, NY; Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, Elizabeth
Foreign language: Italian

Retired priest, hardly retired

BY FATHER GERALD A. MARCHAND
Special to The Catholic Advocate

It was typical of Father Joseph Nealon to say, "I didn't intend to make a fuss about it, but the pastor decided otherwise," when speaking of the celebration of his 65th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.

The pastor is Father Martin B. Mulqueen of Holy Redeemer Parish, Palm City, FL, where Father Nealon has spent the last 20 years of his retirement assisting at the parish.

Aside from doing 'weekend duty' as it is called by the clergy—hearing confessions and celebrating Mass—he has been the chaplain of the parish Women's Guild; Faithful Friar of the Father McGivney Assembly Knights of Columbus, Stuart, FL; coordinator of the Days of Recollection for retired priests in the Diocese of Palm Beach, and available for whatever other parish assistance might be needed.

Father Nealon was born on Nov. 14, 1915. He was ordained at St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral, Newark, on May 18, 1940 and assigned to St. Vincent De Paul Parish, Bayonne, where he remained for 25 years. While in Bayonne, he was active in both city and diocesan endeavors, a member of the founding Board of Directors of the

Bayonne Community Chest and its president for two years; chaplain of the Bayonne Council of the Boy Scouts of America; a Military Chaplain at the Bayonne Naval Base and USO-NCCB Club Moderator during World War II.

Father Nealon was the Bayonne CYO Director and Hudson County Assistant CYO Director for 24 years, and the Archdiocesan CYO Center and Hudson County CYO Director from 1965 to 1967; the Mount Carmel Guild Moderator and Local Representative of Associated Catholic Charities; and Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Star of the Sea Council.

In 1967, he was sent as the administrator to Sacred Heart Parish, Haworth, where he eventually was named pastor and where he remained until his retirement on Dec. 1, 1985.

While there, he became the chaplain of the St. Joseph Council, Knights of Columbus; was named to the Archdiocesan Assessment and Finance Committees; and was elected to the Archdiocesan Priests Senate, where he served two terms and chaired the Temporalities Committee.

As a young priest in Bayonne, Father Nealon will always be remembered for his work and dedication to the youth of the parish and the city. At one time in his tenure with the CYO, he organized more than 50 basketball teams, both boys and

girls, in 7 leagues, as well as sponsoring baseball teams, swimming teams, boxing instructions and bowling leagues.

His CYO Adult Advisory Committee was imitated throughout the Archdiocese and assisted him in the formation of the Junior and Senior Sodalties that actively supported CYO Communion Breakfasts, retreats, Holy Hours, pilgrimages and career conferences.

His CYO Wednesday Night Dances were a must for all the teenagers of the city and responsible for hundreds of the Catholics weddings of the day.

During Father Nealon's days in St. Vincent's, more than 20 young men were ordained to the priesthood. For 23 years he and Father Edward Wojtycha directed and charmed the youth of St. Vincent De Paul Parish and the city with their love, kindness and amiability. Today, after more than 60 years, the dedication of both priests is still the "talk of the town."

On May 18, 2005, the date of his anniversary, Father Nealon celebrated a special Mass at Holy Redeemer Parish in Palm City. The homilist for the Mass was Msgr. Franklyn M. Casale, a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark, who serves as president of St. Thomas University in Miami.

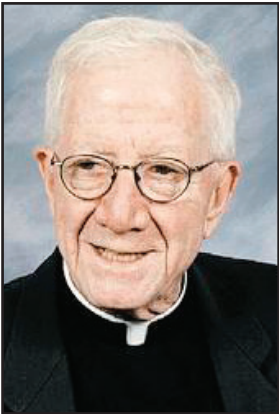
"No matter where I was, I enjoyed helping people—that is what I was ordained for," Father Nealon recently said, adding, "I'm just an ordinary priest who enjoys what he's doing."

Father Marchand is pastor emeritus of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, West Orange.

50th

Father Thomas M. Foye

Date of Birth: Sept. 3, 1928
Hometown: Jersey City
College, seminary: Seton Hall University, Immaculate Conception Seminary
Date of Ordination: June 4, 1955
Assignments: St. Andrew Parish, Bayonne; Our Lady of Fatima Parish, North Bergen; St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Irvington; St. Catharine Parish, Glen Rock; Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck; Alexian Brothers Hospital, Elizabeth; St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Jersey City; Overlook Hospital, Summit; St. Mary Parish, Dumont; St. Henry Parish, Bayonne; Bayonne Police Department, chaplain; St. Andrew Parish, Bayonne



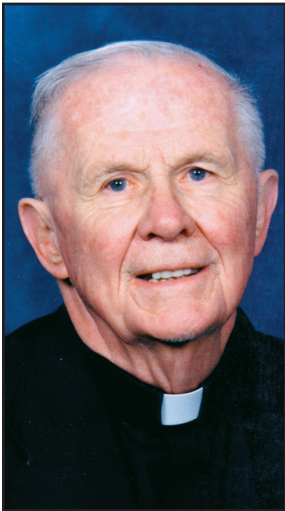
Father George Hanna, S.D.B.



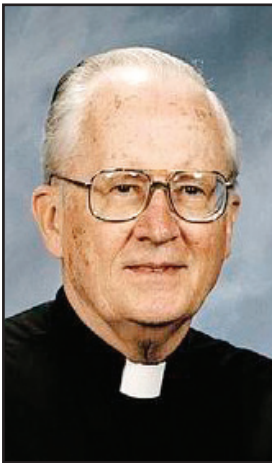
Date of Birth: Nov. 19, 1933
Hometown: Pawtucket, RI
College, seminary: Don Bosco College, Newton
Post-graduate: Salesian Pontifical University, Rome, STL
Date of Profession: Sept. 8, 1955
Date of Ordination: March 5, 1966
Assignments: Marian Shrine, West Haverstraw, NY; St. Anthony of Padua, Parish, Paterson; Holy Rosary Parish, Port Chester, NY; St. Anthony Parish, Elizabeth; St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, NY; Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Orange.
Foreign Languages: Spanish, Italian, Arabic

Father Thomas P. Conheeneey

Date of Birth: Feb. 1, 1928
Hometown: Jersey City
College, seminary: St. Peter College, Jersey City; Immaculate Conception
Date of Ordination: June 4, 1955
Assignments: SS Peter and Paul Parish, Elizabeth; St. Michael Parish, Newark; Jersey City Medical Center, chaplain; St. Aeden Parish, Jersey City; St. Anne Parish, Jersey City; Our Lady of Visitation Parish, Paramus; Holy Trinity Parish, Hackensack; St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish, Bayonne



Msgr. Thomas G. Madden



County; Archdiocesan Vocations board member

Date of Birth: May 17, 1929
Hometown: Jersey City
College, seminary: Seton Hall University; Immaculate Conception Seminary
Date of Ordination: June 4, 1955
Assignments: St. Cassian Parish, Upper Montclair; St. Teresa Parish, Summit; Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington; Episcopal Vicar of Southern Bergen

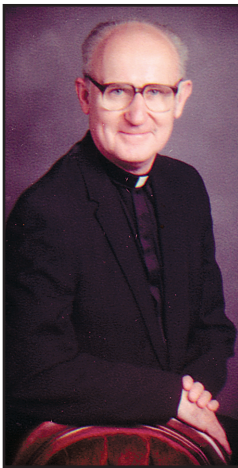
Father Peter F. Lennon



Date of Birth: Dec. 7, 1928
Hometown: Jersey City
College, seminary: Seton Hall University; Immaculate Conception Seminary
Post-graduate: Catholic University, Washington, STL; Seton Hall University, MA, English literature; University of Notre Dame, IN, MA, Liturgy; Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PhD, clinical psychology
Date of Ordination: June 4, 1955
Assignments: Seton Hall Prep, English and religion teacher; Seton Hall University, professor of theology, psychology. Weekend assistant positions: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, West Orange; Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City; St. Paul the Apostle Parish (Greenville section), Jersey City; St. Venantius Parish, Orange; Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, West Orange

Father Timothy J. Horgan

Date of Birth: Aug. 23, 1929
Hometown: Jersey City
College, seminary: Seton Hall University, Immaculate Conception Seminary
Date of Ordination: June 4, 1955
Assignments: Our Lady of All Souls Parish, East Orange; St. Thomas More Parish, Fairfield; St. Mary Parish, Nutley; Dean of North Essex Deanery; St. Matthew Parish, Ridgefield; McGuire Airforce Base/Fort Dix, NJ, chaplain



Father Antonio Anta

Date of Birth: Sept. 28, 1925
Hometown: Celanova-Orense, Galicia, Spain
Date of Ordination: June 26, 1955
Assignments: St. Columba Parish, Newark; St. Aloysius Parish, Newark; St. Patrick Pro-Cathedral, Newark
Foreign languages: Spanish, Portuguese

Father Edward J. Myers



Date of Birth: Sept. 20, 1929
Hometown: Jersey City
College, seminary: Seton Hall University; Immaculate Conception Seminary
Date of Ordination: June 4, 1955
Assignments: St. John the Baptist, Hillsdale; St. Mary Parish, Rahway; Rahway Hospital Retirees, chaplain

Father William D. Driscoll

Date of Birth: Sept. 23, 1928
College, seminary: Seton Hall University, Immaculate Conception Seminary
Post-graduate: MA, education administration for church and school leadership
Date of Ordination: June 4, 1955
Assignments: Seton Hall University; Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington; Nativity Parish, Midland Park

Father Zygmunt Pikula



Date of Birth: July 11, 1930
Hometown: Radziejów, Poland
College, seminary: Volcawek Seminary, Poland
Date of Ordination: June 26, 1955
Assignments: Beth Israel Hospital, Newark; St. Stanislaus Parish, Newark
Foreign languages: Polish, Portuguese

Msgr. Jeremias Rebanal

Date of Birth: Feb. 5, 1930
Hometown: Oas, Albay, Philippines
College, seminary: Regional Seminary of the Holy Rosary, Naga City, Philippines; Pontifical University of St. Thomas, Manila, Philippines
Post-graduate: Pontifical University of St. Thomas, Manila and Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, PhD, Canon Law; State University of Complutense, Madrid, Spain, PhD in sociology and LLD; Immaculate Conception Seminary, MDiv



Date of Ordination: March 26, 1955
Assignments: St. Gregory the Great Cathedral, Legaspi City, Philippines; Diocese of Lagaspi City, chancellor; St. John the Baptist Parish, Tabaco, Philippines; Diocese of Legaspi, Episcopal Vicar and Dean of the First Vicariate; diocesan counselor and dean of the Graduate School of Aquinas University, Legaspi City, Philippines; University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, professor of Hispanic literature; Madonna Parish, Fort Lee; St. Mary Parish, Elizabeth; St. Vincent School of Theology, Philippines; St. Catharine Parish, Hillside; St. Aeden Parish, Jersey City

'A moment of gratitude'

BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Writer

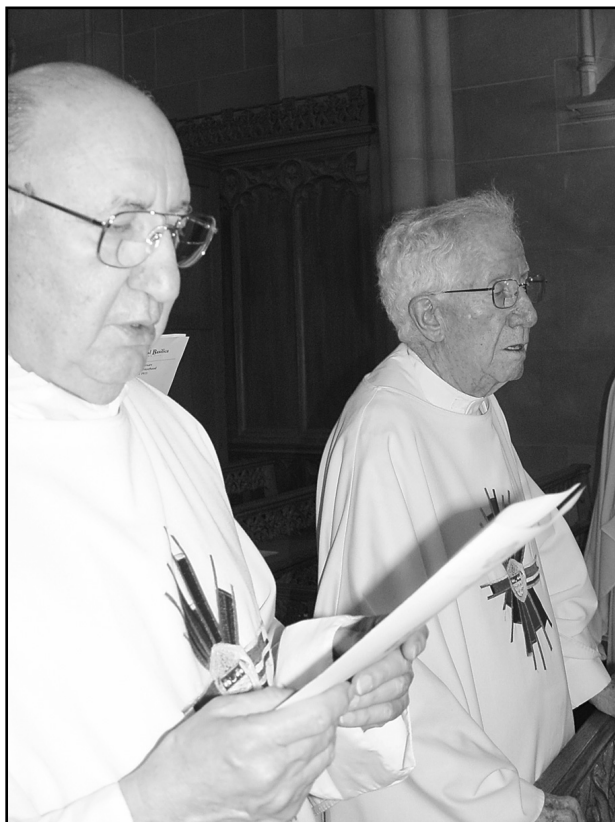
NEWARK—Archbishop John J. Myers celebrated a special Mass for priests celebrating their 50th anniversary of ordination, the first class that was ordained in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The Mass, which took place in the Lady Chapel, was concelebrated by Most Rev. Peter L. Gerety, Archbishop Emeritus, and Msgr. Richard F. Groncki, rector.

Msgr. James J. Finnerty, one of the jubilarians, noted, "It's very nice to be here with my classmates. They are wonderful priests and people who have served the faithful of Newark with distinction." He added, "We may be old, but we're still young at heart. If I close my eyes when I hear these voices talking, it's as if we're still back in the seminary."

Msgr. Joseph J. Granato, pastor of St. Lucy Parish, Newark, commented, "We spent many years together in the seminary, forming a bond that can never be broken. We may not get to see each other often, but when we do, it's as if nothing has changed." He added, "We studied together, we suffered together, and we laughed together. That laughter was our antidote."

Calling it "a moment of gratitude," Archbishop Myers said he was thankful to the jubilarians for their many years of devoted service. "We are here to thank God for their fidelity and generosity, that they have accepted the gifts of God, and to say 'thank you' to them for their priestly work," he noted.



Msgr. Joseph J. Granato, pastor of St. Lucy Parish, Newark (foreground), and Father Thomas Foye, St. Andrew Parish, Bayonne (background), were among the priests present at the anniversary Mass celebrated by Archbishop Myers.

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50th

Msgr. Joseph J. Granato

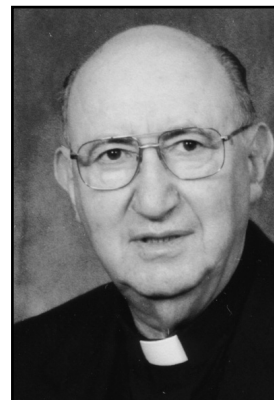
Date of Birth: April 9, 1929

Hometown: Newark

College, seminary: Seton Hall University; Immaculate Conception Seminary

Date of Ordination: June 4, 1955

Assignments: St. Lucy Parish, Newark; director of the National Shrine of St. Gerard (at St. Lucy) and Director of the Confraternity of St. Gerard



Father Rodolfo Osorio

Date of Birth: April 2, 1926

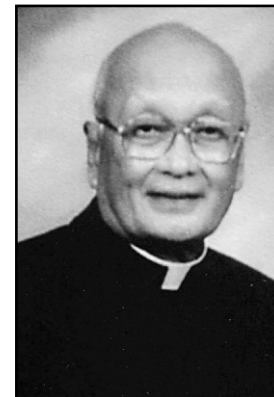
Hometown: Dalaguete, Cebu, Philippines

College, seminary: College/Seminary of San Carlos, Cebu, Philippines

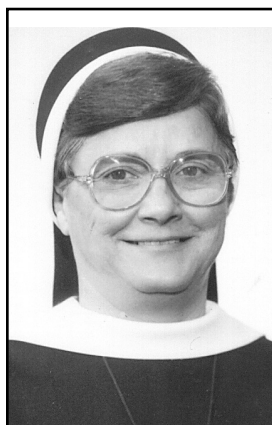
Post-graduate: Fordham University, NY, MBA

Date of Ordination: March 26, 1955

Assignments: St. Francis de Sales Parish, Lodi; Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood; Holy Trinity Parish, Hackensack; Madonna Parish, Fort Lee.



Sister Mary Antonea Slowik, C.S.S.F.



Date of Birth: May 14, 1937

Hometown: Reading, PA

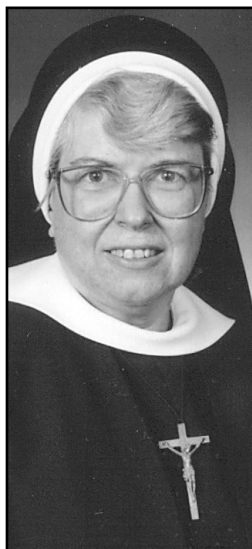
College: Seton Hall University, BS, elementary education

Date of Entrance: Sept. 8, 1955

Assignments: St. Casimir School, Newark; Saint Michael School, Lyndhurst; Our Lady of Grace Home for Children, Newark, DE

Foreign language: Polish

Sister Mary Claire Walsh, C.S.S.F.



Date of Birth: July 25, 1937

Hometown: New York

College: Seton Hall University, BS, elementary education

Date of Entrance: Sept. 8, 1955

Assignments: Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Bayonne; Saint Michael School, Lyndhurst; Saint Anthony School, Jersey City; Saint Therese School, Cresskill; Saint Michael School, Lyndhurst. Currently ministers in the Diocese of Metuchen.

Sister Mary Joselma Ellis, C.S.S.F.



Date of Birth: July 15, 1937

Hometown: Bloomfield

College: Felician College, BA, elementary education

Date of Entrance: Sept. 8, 1955

Assignments: Saint Theresa School, Linden; Saint Francis De Sales School, Lodi. Currently ministers in the Diocese of Metuchen.

Sister Mary Joanita Ziemba, C.S.S.F.



Date of Birth: April 4, 1936

Hometown: Reading, PA

College: Seton Hall University, BS, elementary education

Post-graduate: Seton Hall University, MA, administration

Date of Entrance: Sept. 8, 1955

Assignments: St. Valentine School, Bloomfield; St. Francis De Sales School, Lodi;

St. Anthony School, Jersey City; St. Casimir School, Newark; St. Adalbert School, Elizabeth; St. Francis De Sales School, Lodi; Sacred Heart of Jesus School, Irvington; St. Stanislaus School, Garfield, principal; Garfield Catholic School, St. Stanislaus Campus; Provincial House, Lodi, site facility manager

Foreign language: Polish

Sister Joan Marie Maliszewski, C.S.S.F.



Date of Birth: March 5, 1938

Hometown: Perth Amboy

College: Seton Hall University, BA, secondary education

Post-graduate: Seton Hall University, MA, general professional education

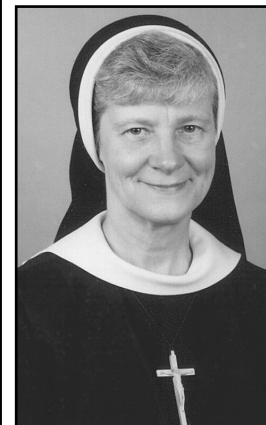
Date of entrance: Sept. 8, 1955

Assignments: St. Casimir School, Newark; Immaculate Conception High School, Lodi; Felician College, Lodi.

Currently ministering in the Diocese of Metuchen.

Foreign language: Polish

Sister Lynn Marie Zawacka, C.S.S.F.



Date of Birth: April 18, 1937

Hometown: Baltimore

College: Seton Hall University, BS, elementary education

Post-graduate: Saint Bonaventure University, Olean, NY, MA in theology

Date of entrance: Sept. 8, 1955

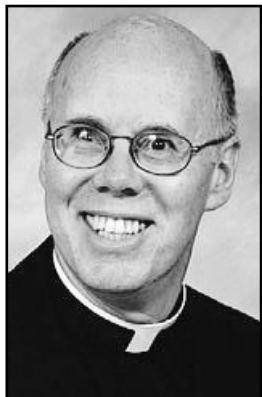
Assignments: St. Valentine School, Bloomfield; St. Theresa School, Linden; St. Adalbert School, Elizabeth; Felician Sisters Infirmary, Lodi, administrator. Currently ministers in Diocese of Metuchen.

Foreign language: Polish

25th**Father James R. White**

Date of Birth: Oct. 14, 1953
Hometown: North Arlington
College, seminary: Seton Hall University; Immaculate Conception Seminary
Post-Graduate: Iona College, New Rochelle, NY, MS Ed; Drew University, Doctor of Ministry Candidate
Date of Ordination: May 31, 1980
Assignments: St. Philomena Parish, Livingston; St.

Michael Medical Center, Newark; Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Washington Township; Bergen Catholic High School, campus minister; pastoral team for Archdiocesan Charismatic Renewal; Vocations Board member; Vocations team member

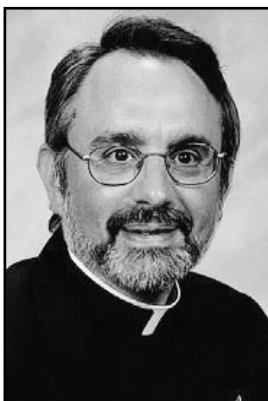
Msgr. Gregory Studerus

Date of Birth: March 31, 1948
Hometown: West Orange
College, seminary: Montclair State College; Immaculate Conception Seminary
Date of Ordination: May 31, 1980
Assignments: St. Aloysius Parish, Jersey City; St. Bridget Parish, Jersey City; Resurrection Parish, Jersey City; Dean of downtown Jersey City, Deanery 11; St.

Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York

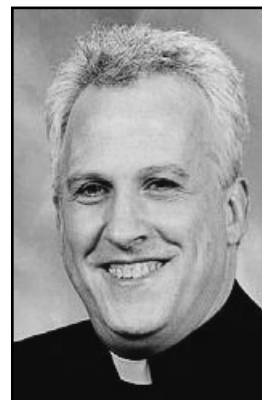
Father Guy McPartland, O.Carm.

Date of Birth: July 21, 1929
Hometown: New York
College, seminary: St. Bonaventure University, Olean, NY; Mt. Carmel College, Niagara Fall, Ontario, Canada
Date of Ordination: May 28, 1955
Assignments: Mount Carmel High School, Houston, teacher; Navy, chaplain (awarded the Bronze Star for service in Vietnam and the Cross of Gallantry, (given by the government of Vietnam for meritorious service); St. John Parish, Leonia; St. Joseph Parish, Bogota; St. Therese Chapel, Bogota

Father Michael C. Santoro

Date of Birth: March 6, 1954
Hometown: Bloomfield
College, Seminary: Seton Hall University; Immaculate Conception Seminary
Date of Ordination: May 31, 1980
Assignments: St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Cedar Grove; St. Matthew Parish, Ridgefield; St. Bernard Parish, Plainfield; St.

Valentine Parish, Bloomfield; St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Ridgefield Park; Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Jersey City

Father Gary C. Ward

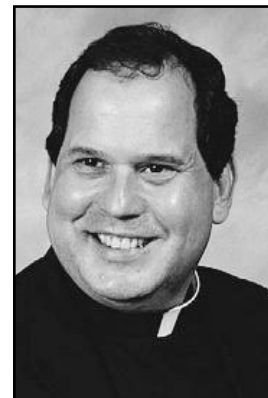
Date of Birth: Oct. 12, 1954
Hometown: Belleville
College, seminary: Seton Hall University; Immaculate Conception Seminary
Date of Ordination: May 31, 1980
Assignments: Holy Trinity Parish, Westfield; Madonna Parish, Fort Lee; St. Michael Parish, Cranford; St. Stephen Parish, Kearny; St. Catherine Parish, Glen Rock; Archdiocesan Marriage Tribunal Office, advocate; St. Andrew Parish, Bayonne; St. Lawrence Parish, Weehawken

Sister Mary Joseph Albright, S.C.C.

Date of Birth: Aug. 31, 1958
Hometown: Nutley
College: Felician College
Post-graduate: Gratz College, Melrose Park, PA, MA, education
Date of investing: Aug. 21, 1980
Assignments: St. Nicholas/St. Mary School, Wilkes-Barre, PA; St. Nicholas School, Jersey City; St. Joseph School, Newton; St. Cecilia School, Rockaway; St. Ann School, Williamsport, PA; St. Mary School, Scranton, PA; St. Patrick School, Chatham; Annunciation BVM, McSherrytown, PA; Kingston Catholic, Kingston, NY; St. Mary Parish, Kingston; St. Joseph Regional Academy, Jim Thorpe, PA; Margaretha Home for the Blind, Quezon City, Philippines; Our Lady of Perpetual Help High School, Philippines; Sacred Heart School, Jersey City

Father Jan K. Lebdowicz

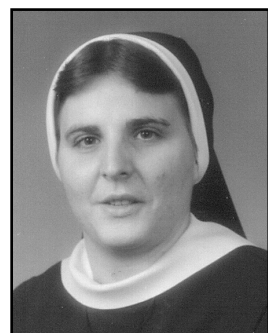
Date of Birth: Dec. 9, 1954
Hometown: Olsztyn, Poland
Date of ordination: June 8, 1980
Assignments: Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Wallington; St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, Linden; St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Plainfield

**Msgr. Manuel Cruz**

Date of Birth: Dec. 2, 1953
Hometown: Union City
College, Seminary: Seton Hall Divinity School; Immaculate Conception Seminary
Post-graduate: Immaculate Conception Seminary, MA, Scripture
Date of Ordination: May 31, 1980
Assignments: Holy Rosary Parish, Elizabeth; Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark; Dean of Deanery 19, Northern Newark; St. Michael Medical Center, director of pastoral care; Archdiocesan Director of Hospital Ministry
Foreign language: Spanish

Father Kevin J. Mullen, O.F.M.

Date of Birth: Dec. 12, 1953
Hometown: Paterson
College, seminary: Siena College, Loudonville, NY; St. Joseph Seminary, Callicoon, NY
Post-graduate: Catholic University of America, PhD, moral theology
Date of Profession: June 12, 1976
Date of Ordination: May 10, 1980
Assignments: Assumption Parish, Woodridge; Christ the King Seminary, East Aurora, NY; St. Anthony Shrine, Boston; St. Leo Parish, Elmwood Park

Sister Lois Marie Parente, C.S.S.F.

Date of Birth: July 24, 1957
Hometown: Englewood
College: Felician College, BA, elementary education
Post-graduate: Notre Dame University, IN, MS, administration for nonprofit organizations
Date of entrance: Aug. 31, 1980
Assignments: St. Ann School, Jersey City; Felician College, assistant director of business and finances; Immaculate Conception High School, Lodi; Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, Englewood Cliffs, assistant to provincial treasurer

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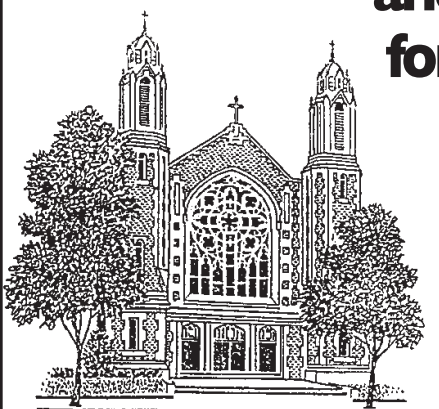
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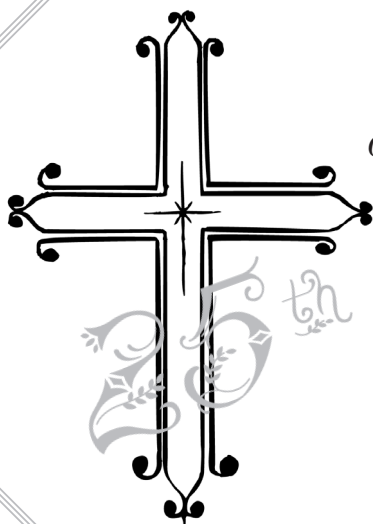
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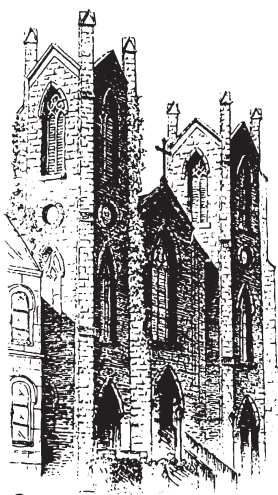


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'Project Backpack'

BY TRISH FITZPATRICK
Special to The Catholic Advocate

Is your parish looking for a new ministry? You may want to consider "Project Backpack," a practical and easy way to assist our inner city sisters and brothers in Catholic schools.

The cost of outfitting a child for a new school year can often be prohibitive for families who struggle simply to pay tuition. Assisting these children by presenting them with a new backpack for the start of the school year is a practical and thoughtful gift greatly appreciated by parents and students alike.

"You can take the girl out of Elizabeth, but you can't take Elizabeth out of the girl!" So said Deacon Tom Pluta of Holy Trinity Parish, Westfield, when referring to parishioner Eileen Bange's delivery of backpacks at the start of this past school year to Elizabethport Catholic School.

Eileen, a graduate of St. Patrick's School in Elizabeth (now part of Elizabethport Catholic) was quick to volunteer to visit her old school as part of the Project Backpack campaign at Holy Trinity Parish. Eileen was delighted to see her alma mater be one of the recipients of this popular fundraiser at Holy Trinity.

Project Backpack is in its fourth year at Holy Trinity Parish

and is directed by Deacon Pluta and parishioner Joan Pulliam. The five-week drive kicks off in early summer and concludes in August just before school starts. Parishioners are asked to donate a backpack filled with various supplies, such as pencils, crayons, notebooks and pens for students in grades Kindergarten through 8. They may also donate cash, which

"This is a great example of stewardship at work in the most practical sense."

—Deacon Tom Pluta

is used to outfit children in school uniforms and also covers the cost of additional supplies for the selected schools.

Last year's recipients were Elizabethport Catholic School and St. Mary of the Assumption, both in Elizabeth. Holy Trinity parishioners expressed an interest in staying within Union County, so this year they will help St. Anthony School and Blessed Sacrament School, also in Elizabeth. Many of these Westfield residents are graduates of Catholic schools in Elizabeth and they respond to Project Backpack with great enthusiasm and generosity.

According to Deacon Pluta, the project is easy to administer and he would invite other parishioners to consider helping Project

Backpack. "This is a great example of stewardship at work in the most practical sense. Many of our younger parishioners assisted us in putting together the backpacks and we feel this may help them appreciate all they have and how difficult it can be for some families to afford school supplies every year."

Dolores Kulesa, Co-Administrator of Elizabethport Catholic remarked that Project Backpack was very much in the minds of the students this past Christmas. She said: "We adopted a family and provided them with some toys and gifts this year. The example provided by Holy Trinity was something they remembered and they wanted to do their very best for this family."

Kulesa also mentioned that there are still some supplies on hand and they are able to replenish, as students need replacements.

Parishioners wanting further information about Project Backpack may contact Trish Fitzpatrick in the Archdiocesan Schools Office at (973) 497-4258.



SCIENCE FAIR PARTICIPANTS—Students from Our Lady of Libera School, West New York, participated in the 46th annual Hudson County Science Fair at Liberty Science Center, Jersey City. Taking part were, front row, left to right, Rebecca Cardenas, Tania Guerreo and Danielle Luis. In the back row, are Joseph Bernardo, recipient of a Bronze Medallion and the Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge for his project "Color—A Key to Choice," Science Coordinator Cristian DelForno and Christopher Herrera.

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London priest

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surreal experience. There was a stillness about the city. No one knows the full extent of the danger. People there are wondering: 'Is it over?'

Had he not been a speaker at a retreat in New Jersey, the bespectacled Msgr. Arnold said he typically would have been walking along the busy streets of London at the time when the bombs were detonated. Westminster Cathedral is located near Victoria train station—the central mass transportation hub of London—just north of the Thames River. The four blasts hit near-

by bus and train stations. "How tragic that people can be driven to act this way," he continued, obviously shaken by the news. "Somehow our faith tells us to turn everything to the good—even a terrorist atrocity. We must acknowledge our faith and our human feelings, otherwise it festers and leads us to do foolish things like pure revenge, which gets us nowhere." He added that he planned to return to London on July 12, but was unsure how the terror attack would hamper his travel plans.

Archbishop John J. Myers, delivering a presentation to the 40-plus attendees at the San Alfonso retreat, departed from his prepared remarks and cited "the evil that raises it head" to acknowledge the tragedy in London. "If we do not believe in the power of God to act in our world, then weak, indeed, is

our faith," Archbishop Myers declared.

"Our secular culture today tries to eliminate transcendence," he said, the result of which is that people are poorly prepared to "deal with questions that go beyond the immediate moment. The real sign of our times is an absolute secularism that tries to exclude God and transcendence from everyone's faith."

Regarding the response to acts of hatred and terror, Archbishop Myers said that trust in the power of God "can become problematic at times. I don't think we

can say any more than The Cross. We can't do any better or explain things away. Unless we come with a self surren-

der of faith and join with the heart and life of Christ, then we are missing the point."

Born in Sheffield, England, and raised in Yorkshire, Msgr. Arnold has served as vicar general at the Archdiocese of Westminster for the last four years. He presented a series of lectures at the San Alfonso retreat—July 4 to 8—based on his experiences in the Westminster Archdiocese and the Gospel of Mark. Msgr. Arnold was ordained as a priest at Gregorian University, Rome, and received a doctorate in canon law in 1985.

Father Joseph R. Reilly, STL, Ph.D., of Seton Hall University, is the director of the International Institute for Clergy Formation. The retreat provides continuing education for clergy.

*"The evil that raises
it's head."*

—Archbishop John J. Myers



Advocate photo: M. Gabriele

Barbara Montuoro (center) was surrounded by a sea of smiling faces last Sunday as the statue of Pope John Paul II and Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński was dedicated by Archbishop John J. Myers (back, center) and Josef Cardinal Glemp.

Cardinal Glemp

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Paul II by his former teacher Cardinal Wyszyński, when John Paul returned to his native land in 1978 after his installation as pope in October of that year. The statue shows the two men embracing as they drop to their knees. Cardinal Wyszyński, as was custom, moved to genuflect and kiss the Pope's ring when the two reunited. However, John Paul embraced his mentor, who had been persecuted

under Communist rule in Poland, in a heartfelt, historic moment immortalized by the statue.

Many eyes welled up with tears as Cardinal Glemp blessed the statue in the crowded West Tower. The people who attended Mass reverently touched the statue and knelt in a brief prayer as they exited.

The event on Sunday was marked by processions and music before and after Mass, featuring area residents dressed in colorful native Polish costumes and uniforms. Many eagerly engaged Cardinal Glemp in conversation following the Mass.

Family of God medals awarded

LIVINGSTON—Fifteen members of Brownie Troop 366 at Aquinas Academy have received the Family of God religious medal.

Recipients include Anisa Abrams, Kathryn Aman, Valeria Bargoud, Elizabeth D'Altrui, Katharine Ellis, Sofia Fernandez, Vanessa Francisco, Renata Franzoni, Corrine Frievald, Kamali Griffith, Sarah Hall, Claire Mason, Luiza Porfirio, Kayley Santos and Peyton Walker.

The medal goes to girls who have completed nearly 20 activities that "explore the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their family and parish." It compliments preparation for First Communion and Reconciliation.

Official Appointments



Archbishop John J. Myers
has announced the following
appointments:

Pastor

Reverend Richard D. Carlson,
Administrator of St. John
Nepomucene Parish, Guttenberg,
has been appointed pastor of the
Parish of St. Anthony, East
Newark, effective July 1.

**Reverend Monsignor Michael
J. Desmond,** Pastor of St.
Stephen Parish, Kearny, has been
appointed pastor of St. Aloysius
Parish, Caldwell, effective Aug. 1.



IMMIGRANTS HONORED—In observance of World Refugee Day, the Immigration Assistance program of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark unveiled student murals at its Bishop Francis Center for Immigration Services, 976 Broad St., Newark. The murals, created by students of Elizabeth High School, depict the immigrants' journey to America. On hand were, left to right, Luis DeJesus, United Rhythms, executive director, artist; Gloria LeHemberger, United Rhythms, artist; Belguis Fernandez, program facilitator, We're Bridging the Gap; Angela Valdes, teacher, We're Bridging the Gap; Allan Daul, executive director of Catholic Charities; and Geoff Scowcroft, managing attorney, Catholic Charities.

Obituaries

Father Smith, SHU professor

SOUTH ORANGE—A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 13 by Archbishop John J. Myers for Father Donald C. Smith, 74, an assistant professor at Seton Hall University.

The Mass was celebrated in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd of Immaculate Conception Seminary. Msgr. James M. Cafone was the homilist.

Father Smith was ordained on Dec. 20, 1961 at St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, by Archbishop Martin J. O'Connor, rector of North American College. His class was the first in the 101-year history of the college to be ordained by its rector in St. Peter's.

Father Smith was born in Hoboken and moved to Jersey City at an early age. He graduated from Princeton University in 1952 with a

B.A. degree and in 1964, an M.A. degree from Columbia University. Both degrees were in modern languages.

He attended Seton Hall Divinity School from 1954-56 and took philosophical studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary when it was in Darlington. He was sent to Rome in 1958 for theological studies.

Father Smith was assigned to Seton Hall in September 1962. He retired from the position of professor in the Modern Languages Department and from active ministry in September 2001.

His Sunday assignments included St. Valentine Parish, Bloomfield, and Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Maplewood.

Sister Mary, 97

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 13 for Sister Mary Angelora Nietupski (formerly Sister Mary Eymard), 97, who died June 9.

A Felician Sister for 80 years, Sister Mary, born in Poland, entered the Felician Sisters' Congregation in Lodi in 1924. She received the Felician habit on Aug. 10, 1925 and made first vows a year later. She professed final vows on Aug. 10, 1932.

Sister Mary received a B.S. degree in elementary education from Seton Hall University. She was an elementary educator from 1926-75 at Felician Sisters staffed schools in New Jersey and several other states. Her archdiocesan assignments included Saint Anthony, Jersey City, Saint Stanislaus, Garfield, Saint Adalbert, Elizabeth, Saint Anne, Jersey City, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bayonne, Saint Michael, Lyndhurst and Saint Casimir, Newark.

From 1975 until 1989 she ministered as an aide in the Felician Sisters' Infirmary and became a patient.

Pope John Paul II's life explored

GARFIELD—The life and impact of the late Pope John Paul II was the central theme of an address by Most Rev. John W. Flesey, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, at the 58th annual Spiritual Directors Dinner of the Bergen County Federation of Holy Name Societies.

Bishop Flesey was escorted into the ballroom of the Cotillion by eight members of the Knights of Columbus Color Guard followed by a procession of flags and banners carried by the presidents of each Holy Name Society.

Bishop Flesey was welcomed by Alfred DiGrazia, president of

the Holy Name Federation.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation by Federation members of a \$500 donation to the Several Sources Foundation to help in their ministry of providing shelter

and care for pregnant women.

Father Robert G. McBride, pastor of St. Philip Parish, Saddle Brook, asked for prayers for the canonization of blessed John of Vercelli, founder of the Holy Name Society in 1274.

Polish musical group to visit

NEWARK—The musical group *Oratorium* will perform the week-end of July 23-24 at St. Casimir Parish, 164 Nichols St.

The Polish artists will perform at the 5:30 p.m. Saturday Mass and the 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Masses on Sunday. *Oratorium* has received prestigious awards at festivals in Poland, Italy, France, Belgium, Germany and the United States.

The weekend is open to the public. For additional information contact the rectory at (973) 344-2743.



Advocate photos—Brian Fores

Archbishop John J. Myers met recently in his office with new seminarians of the Archdiocese of Newark. In the top photo, he greets, left to right, Paul Houlis, Andrew Onyemaobi and Frank Fano; in the bottom photo are Eric Gallo, Father Brian Plate, Director of the Vocations Office, Nick Bellotti and Paul Kim. A statue of St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, figures prominently in both photos.

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CELEBRATION AT SAINT JAMES HOSPITAL

— A celebration of National Hospital Week, National Nurses Week and the Feast of Saint James Minor, patron saint of Saint James Hospital, Newark, was held recently. A special Mass was concelebrated at which the hands of health care workers were anointed. From left, are, Isabel Costa, community liaison; Céu Cirne-Neves, hospital administrator; Most Reverend Edgar M. Da Cunha, SVD, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark; Mary Fuhro, RN, J.D., vice president for Patient Care; Father Arokiasamy Irudayanathan, hospital chaplain, and Colleen Aurori, vice president of Operations.



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BLESSED VIRGIN

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May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Amen. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. Published in gratitude. Thank you, St. Jude. **T.J.M.**

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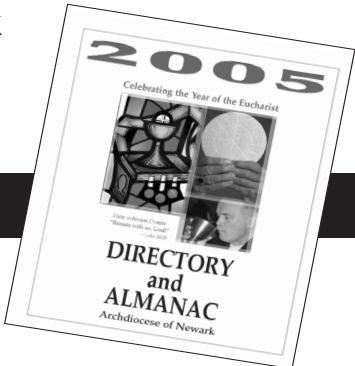
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Papal honors

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Pope Gregory XVI founded the Papal Order of Saint Gregory on Sept. 1, 1831. Awards of the Order are made on the recommendation of Diocesan Bishops or Papal Nuncios for specific services. The award is to acknowledge an individual's particular meritorious service to the Church.

Within the order, Knights can be recognized by four ranks: Grand Cross (highest rank); Knights Grand Cross; Knights Commander (Knight Commander with Star); and Knights. Since 1994 Dames have been admitted in the same grades as men.

Elevated in rank as members in the Equestrian Order of Saint Gregory the Great were: Charles C. Carella, Knight Commander with Star, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Montclair; Donald M. Daniels, Knight Commander with Star, Chairman, Catholic



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Honorees included, left to right, August LoBue, Gary LoBue, Anne Evans Estabrook, Brian McAuley, John W. Westervelt, Adrian M. Foley, Richard G. Taylor, Dr. Philip Frese Ph.D., Charles C. Carella, Donald M. Daniels, Henry J. Amoroso, Esq., George J. Fiore, Dr. Leon Smith, Chief William G. Cafaro and Dr. Robert Messier. Missing is Vincent J. Lewis. Seated are Aleta Taylor and Marylane Burry.

Health & Human Services; Adrian M. Foley, Jr., Knight, Commander with Star, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Roseland; Brian McAuley, Knight Commander with Star, Most Blessed Sacrament, Franklin Lakes; and Dr. Leon Smith, Knight Commander with Star, Executive Vice President for Health Care Policy, Catholic Health & Human Services, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Parish Roseland.

Granted membership in the Equestrian Order of Saint Gregory the Great were Henry J. Amoroso, Esq., Knight of St. Gregory, President & CEO, Catholic Health & Human Services, Guardian Angel Parish, New York, N.Y., Marylane Burry, Dame of St. Gregory, Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills; Chief William G. Cafaro of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police, Knight of St. Gregory, Saint Mary Parish, Rutherford; Anne Evans Estabrook, Dame of St. Gregory, Saint Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit; George J. Fiore, Knight of St. Gregory, Corpus Christi Parish, Chatham; Dr. Phillip Frese, Ph.D., Knight of St. Gregory, Executive Vice President for Operations, Catholic Health & Human Services, Saint

Catherine of Siena Parish, Cedar Grove; Vincent J. Lewis, Knight of St. Gregory, Saint Gabriel the Archangel Parish, Saddle River; Gary Lo Bue, Knight of St. Gregory, Holy Trinity Parish, Fort Lee; August Lo Bue, Knight of St. Gregory, Holy Trinity Parish, Fort Lee; Dr. Robert Messier, Knight of St. Gregory, Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, Hillside; Aleta Taylor, Dame of St. Gregory, Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Wood-Ridge; Richard G. Taylor, Knight of St. Gregory, Our Lady

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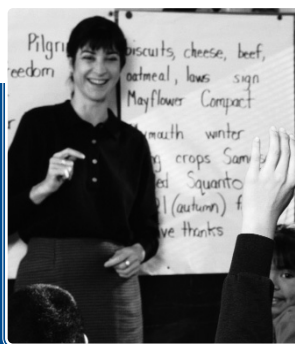
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Christopher J. Hynes, Knight of the Holy Sepulchre, Assistant to the Archbishop for Public Affairs Corporate Secretary, Catholic Health & Human Services; Reverend Brian G. Plate, Knight of the Holy Sepulchre, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese; Reverend James M. Sheehan, Knight of the Holy Sepulchre, Vice Chancellor of the Archdiocese and Secretary to the Archbishop; and Roseann Biasi-Vazquez, Lady of the Holy Sepulchre, Executive Assistant to the Archbishop, Holy Family Parish, Nutley.

The Knights and Lady of the Holy Sepulchre will be invested as members at a Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005

The Order of the Holy Sepulchre is believed to have been founded on Jan. 1, 1099. In commenting on all 40 honors, Archbishop John J. Myers said, "I am happy for these men and women, first for their witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ through their work and generosity and secondly for their goodness and loyalty to the Church."

During his homily June 26, Archbishop Myers stressed that everyone is "surrounded by opportunities to serve." Those honored by Pope John Paul II, he stressed, had been "singled out" for their service. He called the Mass one of a "special union" with Pope Benedict XVI.



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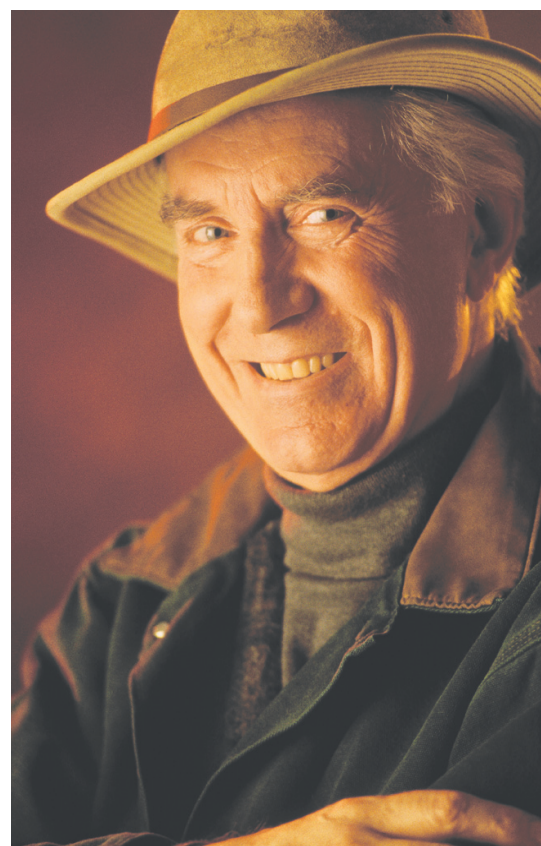
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