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Members of the youth group of Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish in Bayonne will visit Cologne, Germany, next month to take part in World Youth Day. The intrepid travelers include (left to right) Jessica Geremonte, Joanne Garbacki, Wojciech Sikorski and Sandra Moryto.

Archdiocesan youth bound for Germany

BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Writer

NEWARK—With the official start of the 20th World Youth Day set for Aug. 15—the first for Pope Benedict XVI—and an estimated 800,000 faithful expected to journey to Cologne, Germany, worldwide anticipation for the weeklong encounter is growing.

Here in the archdiocese, the sentiment is no different, with more than 3,000 teens, young adults, youth ministers, priests and other chaperones packing their bags, checking their itineraries (over 500 events are scheduled), and taking time to reflect on the physical and spiritual pilgrimage they are about to undertake.

While an event of such epic proportions is bound to draw international media coverage—some 4,000 journalists are expected to attend—participants of World

Youth Day believe its importance lies not in the spectacle of the event's sheer size, but in the spiritual witness, renewal and bonding of youths, which transcends language, race and ethnicity.

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Permanent Diaconate program revamped

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

AREA—The Archdiocese of Newark is in the forefront of implementing a revamped permanent diaconate program that emphasizes discernment, formation and ongoing administration and formation of ordained deacons.

Striving for uniformity with

New Energies Initiative addresses changing Archdiocese landscape

Parish principles offer template for decisions

BY JAMES GOODNESS
Director of Communications

In the little more than a year since the Archdiocese announced the beginning of the New Energies Parish Initiative, work is still continuing on this first-ever, diocesan-wide effort to plan for the future of the Catholic church in this, one of the largest and complex of dioceses in the country.

By initial measures, the effort is yielding positive results in terms of ensuring strong, stable and growing parish life among a first group of parishes, mostly in urban areas of the Archdiocese. Some transitions have not always been easy, and work is still needed on a number of parish efforts now underway.

However, based on the results to date, Archbishop John J. Myers recently announced to all pastors that the second phase of New Energies, which involves all parishes in the Archdiocese, would begin this fall. In this phase, every parish not previously involved in the project would begin to measure itself against a series of 28 principles for parish life (see p. 15).

The purpose of the New

Energies Parish Initiative, as the Archbishop outlined in the May 19, 2004 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*, is to address the reality of changing populations of Catholics in some areas, aging facilities requiring capital improvements, and the limited financial resources available to the Archdiocese.

“As good stewards,” Archbishop Myers said, “we have an obligation to search out and implement the best options for parish organization consistent with these realities and the needs of our Catholic people.”

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Rome, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) recently issued *New Norms for the Formation, Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States*. The new format takes effect this month.

Following the updated guidelines, there are now two co-directors of the Permanent diaconate for the Church of Newark. Msgr.

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48 year teaching career concludes
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Stranger in a strange land

In the pages of this issue, we report to you on the changes to date that the people of this Archdiocese are creating through their participation in the New Energies Parish Initiative.

There is much work to do, yet I'm heartened by the success we have attained. Heartened especially since I know full well that many of the people in the 48 immediately involved parishes in our initial efforts have experienced emotional moments as they have tackled the issues. How they will shape the future of this local Church of Newark? Will what they have known as "their church" be the same again? How will they embrace the changes that will come in this great Archdiocese?

It's a range of emotions that is all too familiar to many of us who live and worship here: the emotions of immigrants.

In my four years as your archbishop, one thing I have learned is that, to a great extent, the majority of us are immigrants in some way. We do not have to have come from Colombia, Nigeria, Poland or Vietnam to be immigrants. We can come from New York, or Illinois, or California or even southern New Jersey and qualify.

I mean that each of us who comes from someplace else, even if it is from within the United States, carries with us traditions, practices, styles of living that may be different from those of our neighbors. Those of us who have been fortunate to know the stories of the trials and changes that our immigrant relatives faced when they came to this land know that they are tales of joy and sadness, challenge and opportunity, laughter and tears. We

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Sincerely
in the Lord

By Archbishop John J. Myers



also know that these stories make us strong, for they are lessons in survival and success.

Some of us hold strongly and tightly to those traditions and practices over the years, and even for generations. Others try to adapt these styles to our new locations. Most of us are successful at it. We seek to recreate

the familiar as we encounter new experiences. It's our safety net, and each of us deserves to have it.

As I have met with people throughout this great Archdiocese and encountered so much diversity, I am continually reminded that encountering the new and leaving behind the familiar goes well beyond the physical. And it is this aspect of the New Energies Initiative—the idea that many of us have that we "lose" the past when we seek to make change—that has created for me a sense of a spiritual immigration on which we are now embarked.

It is apparent in so many moments. When Josef Cardinal Glemp, the primate of Poland, visited us recently, we spoke at length about the depth of faith of the Polish people and their strong traditions. That sentiment was expressed about a month earlier when I met with a group of Polish parishioners shortly after I returned from a pilgrimage to Poland. Similarly, when I visited with a group of Nigerian women at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Maplewood this spring, their thoughts about their spiritual strength and depth came through loud and clear. And when I visit St. Ann's in Hoboken on my birthday, I will continue to marvel at the devotion of the Italians.

It is the same with each ethnic group. It is the same with each group of parishioners from a suburban parish or an urban parish. We all love our parishes, our traditions, and we want to hold on to them as best we can, even though we know that, as we undertake a journey, and become, as Moses, a stranger in a strange land, we will need to adapt in some ways to the future. Yet even Moses was welcomed, and he adapted and became stronger through the experience.

The most persistent and challenging moments that have occurred throughout the past year with the New Energies Initiative have been those in which the fear of loss comes through; that one group will triumph over another as parishes talk of joining or working together. What we have seen so far, however, is the exact opposite. Groups from different parishes who have come together in faith and in trust are validating their partners, treating them as equals, and asking for the opportunity to learn more about those special traditions that each has.

As we enter this new phase of New Energies, I know that I will continue to hear stories of different groups working together to keep what is important for each and cherish it as they build a new life. I continue to pray that Our Lord will show us the wisdom and prudence to bring about a new vision for the Archdiocese.

Stewardship

Plans underway to sustain renewal

BY DAVID OSBORNE

Director of Stewardship and Planned Giving

Five years ago, the Archdiocese of Newark committed to enhancing stewardship in parishes. This November will mark the end of the first Stewardship Initiative. Through the initiative, an endowment was created to assist capital needs at financially distressed parishes and schools in the inner city.

While the initiative may end, the endowment continues in perpetuity as a sign of generosity from the parishioners and pastors who helped created it.

Another sign that will live on is the virtue of stewardship in those who embrace it as a way of life. Many have accepted stewardship, and know that it is not a program but an essential part of Christian living. They know that once one chooses to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, then stewardship is not an option.

It is much like the situation when one commits to loving another; the words "I love you" need to be spoken and appropriate action must follow. When one agrees to be a disciple of Jesus, he or she must make the stewardship response with one's whole life and prove that commitment.

Parishes had varying degrees of experiences with the first Stewardship Initiative. This is due to the fact that some people are in need of renewing their commitment to God. We cannot expect people to make the stewardship response before they agree to be God's disciple, just as one does not expect a person to marry until one announces and consistently shows their true intentions.

If a stranger were to say, "I do not know you, but marry

me," a woman would think him to be a fool. She knows that marriage ought to follow from proven love, the type of love that commits to the lifelong needs of the other.

Many people know that they want to love God more, they want the Creator of the universe and Creator of their hearts in their lives, but they either don't know how to begin to love God or are afraid of taking the necessary steps down the path of discipleship. All the while, the God of infinite power and mercy is waiting to give His love and to receive their love.

Where does one begin? Renewing one's commitment to God begins by agreeing to obey His commandments and to live one's life accordingly. It also begins once we overcome our insecurities and stop making excuses, such as "I cannot be bothered by praying to You now," or "I want to buy new clothes, a new car or larger house and cannot sacrifice my comfort to help care for Your people who are starving or homeless."

This last example is only to show that we cannot expect people to make the stewardship response, to give up or sacrifice their own comfort and possessions in order to support the Church's mission and help relieve another person's pain, until they first commit to being a disciple.

To help parishes with their stewardship processes, the Archdiocesan Stewardship Office will launch a new initiative called "Stewardship Renewal." The purpose of the renewal is to help parishes bring the Gospel message into the lives and current circumstances of parishioners

and to lead parishioners to make a stewardship response.

Parishes need to herald the stewardship message again that the authentic disciple regards all he or she is and possesses as gifts from God and realizes the need to share those gifts for the sake of God's kingdom.

To assist parishes with this renewal, this summer and fall the Archdiocesan Stewardship Office will provide pastors, and up to three members of the parish stewardship committee or other staff, an opportunity to attend a training seminar (attendance at one seminar suffices) titled: "A Practical Guide to Stewardship in Today's Catholic Parish." This is offered at no cost to parishes.

The same seminar is being offered on various dates to accommodate parishes. The schedule is as follows: Aug. 2, 13, 17, 20, and Oct. 15. Location

and registration forms will be sent to each pastor.

The seminar is built around principles of parish stewardship and parishioner commitments of time, talent, and treasure. It will present options that allow parishes to design long-range plans for creating or enhancing stewardship. It will be a challenge to continually proclaim the stewardship message.

Nevertheless, we will embrace this challenge together throughout the Archdiocese, and will provide each parish with its own unique vision of meaningful stewardship. If you have questions, please contact your parish or Archdiocesan Director of Stewardship David Osborne at 973-497-4584.



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AAA tracks progress on 2005 campaign; cites funding, need of Catholic Charities

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

NEWARK—Contributions to the 2005 Archbishop's Annual Appeal (AAA) have registered over \$7 million, representing more than 60 percent of the target goal of \$11 million for the campaign, according to a midterm report from the Development Office of the archdiocese.

Carla Gonzalez, development director, said AAA so far has received \$10.2 million in pledges for the 2005 campaign. The Development Office, through the AAA funds, plans to boost its contribution to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, to \$2.5 million, more than twice the level of contribution from the previous year. Gonzalez said the reason for the increase funding is due to urgent programs currently underway at Catholic Charities. "There are more people in need," she said.

The Development Office budgets its annual funding for archdiocese programs based on AAA pledges. Gonzalez said her office is planning a "fall sweep" letter campaign to contact previous AAA donors and encourage them to contribute.



The AAA supports outreach projects through Catholic Charities (formerly known as Catholic Community Services). Catholic Charities, a multi-service agency serving Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union counties, operates a

network of emergency shelters for homeless people as well as those suffering from mental illness, drug dependency and diseases like AIDS. The group also offers programs for immigrants, refugees, victims of abuse, human trafficking and vocational services for special-needs students in six Mount Carmel Guild schools

Allan J. Daul, M.S.W., is the director of Catholic Charities, which is affiliated with the Catholic Health and Human Services Corp.

AAA contributions also fund programs for archdiocese seminarians, and priest retirement. An overview of AAA projects and funding efforts is available online at www.rcan.org/AAA. Contact the archdiocese development office for more information at 973-497-4130. Information about Catholic Charities is available online at www.ccsnewark.org.

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY/MINISTRY

Reverend Monsignor Manuel A. Cruz, Director of Pastoral Care at St. Michael Medical Center, Newark and Archdiocesan Director of Hospital Ministry, has also been appointed Vice President for Mission and Ministry for Catholic Health and Human Services and its affiliates as of June 30.

DEAN

Reverend Michael A. Saporito, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Maplewood, has also been appointed Dean of the South Essex Deanery, Deanery No. 18, for a term of five years, effective July 13.

PASTOR

Reverend Monsignor William J. Fadrowski, Pastor of Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington, has been appointed to a second six-year term, ending July 1, 2011.

Reverend John D. Gabriel, Pastor of St. Thomas More Parish, Fairfield, has been appointed to a second six-year term, ending July 1, 2011.

Reverend Luis P. Gonzalez, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Newark, has also been appointed pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Newark, effective July 1.

Reverend Donald P. Sheehan, Pastor of St. Matthew Parish, Ridgefield, has been appointed to a second six-year term, ending Sept. 1, 2011.

Reverend Monsignor Charles G. Stengel, Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Jersey City, has had his pastorate extended for one year, ending Sep. 14, 2006.

ADMINISTRATOR

Reverend Raul E. Comesanas, Pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Newark, has also been appointed administrator of St. Columba Parish, Newark, effective July 11.

Reverend Eugene J. Field, Parochial Vicar of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Ridgefield Park, has been appointed administrator of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Ridgefield Park, effective July 1 until such time a pastor is named.

Very Reverend Anthony J. Kulig, V.F. has been appointed Administrator of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Bayonne, for one month until Aug. 1. He has also been appointed administrator of St. Vincent de Paul Parish until such time a pastor is named.


Very Reverend Michael G. Ward, V.F., Pastor of St. Cecilia Parish, Kearny, has been appointed administrator of St. Stephen Church Parish, Kearny, effective Aug. 1 until such time a pastor is named.

Very Reverend Jose Maria M. Parcon, Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield, has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Columba Parish, Newark, effective July 11.

Reverend Gregory Fishel, S.D.B. has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Elizabeth, effective Sept. 1.

CHAPLAIN

Reverend Jose C. Saltarin, Pastor of St. Anne Parish, Jersey City, has been appointed



Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Council No. 13478, Jersey City, effective July 6.

Reverend Robert E. Tooman, Chaplain at Columbus Hospital, Newark, has been appointed Chaplain at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield, with residence at St. Bartholomew Rectory, Scotch Plains, effective Aug. 1.

FACULTY

Very Reverend Anthony J. Kulig, V.F., Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Bayonne, has been appointed to the faculty at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University, South Orange, with residence at Immaculate Conception Seminary, effective July 1.

Reverend John F. Russell, O. Carm., S.T.D. has been appointed to the Formation Faculty at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University, South Orange, as Assistant Spiritual Director, effective July 1.

INCARDINATION

Reverend Stephen J. Fichter, Parochial Vicar at St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, Saddle River, has been incardinated in the Archdiocese of Newark, effective June 30.

RELEASE

Reverend Thomas J. Kenna has been released from Archdiocesan pastoral service to serve as Chaplain at the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Washington, New Jersey, effective June 30.

RETIREMENT

Reverend Peter P. Galdon, Pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Bayonne, has been granted retirement, effective July 1,

Reverend Robert W. Kunze has been granted retirement, effective July 1..

Roberts would become fourth Catholic on current court

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Judge John G. Roberts would become the fourth Catholic member of the current Supreme Court if he is confirmed by the Senate for the opening created by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's retirement.

Roberts, 50, was nominated July 19 by President George W. Bush, who called him "a man of extraordinary accomplishment and ability" who has "a good heart."

If confirmed, Roberts would be the 11th Catholic ever to serve on the court and the fourth among current members, joining Justices Clarence Thomas, Anthony Kennedy and Antonin Scalia.

Roberts has been a judge of the federal appeals court for the District of Columbia for two years, after working in private practice in Washington and as a U.S. deputy solicitor general from 1989 to 1993. He also served as a clerk for Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

During the Reagan administration, he was an aide to White House counsel Fred Fielding and to Attorney General William French Smith. While in private practice, he was among the legal advisers for Bush during the 2000 battle over Florida's disputed presidential election results.

In private practice for Hogan and Hartson, and at the Justice Department, he regularly wrote briefs on cases before the Supreme Court and has argued cases there dozens of times.

One brief he co-wrote while deputy solicitor general, in the *Rust vs. Sullivan* case on abortion counseling, is being cited as a clue to his legal philosophy about *Roe vs. Wade*, the 1973 ruling that legalized abortion nationwide.

"We continue to believe that *Roe* was wrongly decided and should be overruled," said the government's brief in the case. The court ruled 5-4 in that 1991 decision that the federal government's ban on abortion counseling in its Title X family planning program does not violate free-speech rights or a woman's right to an abortion.

A year later, arguing for the government in another abortion-related case, Roberts said blockades of abortion clinics were no more targeted at specific classes of people than were anti-draft protests.

Arguing before the Supreme Court in *Bray vs. Alexandria Women's Health Clinic*, Roberts said military draft protests and clinic blockades only incidentally had anything to do with gender.

Women seeking abortions are

targeted "not for who they are but for what they are doing," Roberts said. The court in 1993 ruled 6-3 that abortion clinic blockades do not violate the 1871 Civil Rights Act and therefore do not warrant intervention by the federal government.

During confirmation hearings for his appointment to the appeals court, when asked about *Roe vs. Wade*, Roberts made a point of saying the stand on *Roe* in the *Rust vs. Sullivan* brief "was my position as an advocate for a client."

"*Roe vs. Wade* is the settled law of the land," he said. "It's a little more than settled. It was reaffirmed in the face of a challenge that it should be overruled in the *Casey* decision. Accordingly, it's the settled law of the land. There's nothing in my personal views that would prevent me from fully and faithfully applying that precedent, as well as *Casey*."

Planned Parenthood vs. *Casey* was a 1992 case that upheld states' rights to impose restrictions on abortion. An unsuccessful minority of the justices also attempted to use that case to overturn *Roe*.

Roberts is a native of Buffalo, N.Y., who moved with his family to Long Beach, Ind., when he was in elementary school. There



CNS photo

President Bush and Judge Roberts walk toward the Oval Office the day after the federal appeals court judge was nominated for the Supreme Court.

he attended Catholic elementary and high schools. He was captain of the football team and class president at La Lumiere, a Catholic college prep school, before going on to earn undergraduate and law degrees from Harvard.

His wife, Jane Sullivan Roberts, is also an attorney who graduated from Holy Cross College and Georgetown University's law school. She also has degrees from Brown University in Rhode Island and Melbourne University in Australia.

She has been active in Feminists for Life, and is a member of the board of governors of the John Carroll Society, a Catholic lay organization that sponsors the annual Washington archdiocesan Red Mass before the opening of the Supreme Court term.

The Robertses, who have two children, are members of Little Flower Parish in Bethesda, Md., near their home in Chevy Chase, Md.

Senate confirmation hearings are unlikely to begin before early September. The Supreme Court term begins Oct. 3.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

NFP course required

FARGO, N.D. (CNS) — Bishop Samuel J. Aquila of Fargo has announced that engaged couples across the diocese will have to be instructed in the theology of the body and complete an approved course in natural family planning (NFP) before they can marry in the Catholic Church. He announced the new policy July 18. It takes effect Sept. 8. The Fargo diocesan communications office said the Denver Archdiocese is the only other one in the country that requires completion of a natural family planning course before marriage. The Fargo Diocese covers the eastern half of North Dakota and has about 78,000 Catholics. Bishop Aquila said the policy arose "out of a genuine concern for

the right formation of conscience, the understanding of the truth, dignity and meaning of human sexuality and the responsibilities a couple accepts in married love."

Merger gives new life

MINNEAPOLIS (CNS) — A north Minneapolis parish that has watched its population dwindle has merged with a nearby Vietnamese parish whose numbers have doubled in the past 18 years. The merger, which took effect July 1, will make use of the large facilities at St. Anne Parish while injecting the historic church with a new shot of vibrancy from the St. Joseph Hien community, parish leaders said. "We're looking forward to having children here again, and young people," said Anne Gibbs, a life-long member of St. Anne. She said St. Anne now has about 130 members; meanwhile, St. Joseph Hien, the archdiocese's Vietnamese parish, has been bursting at the seams since it was established in 1987. The new parish will be called the St. Anne-St. Joseph Hien Catholic Community, and members will meet at St. Anne Church.

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Shrine milestone

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. (CNS) — Polish-American Catholics celebrated their faith with thousands of other pilgrims June 26 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. The occasion marked 50 years since Pauline Father Michael M. Zembruski dedicated an old Bucks County barn-turned-chapel to Our Lady of Czestochowa. Now a massive complex, the shrine attracts

nearly a million people every year from across the U.S. and Canada. In a procession led by 50 members of the Knights of Columbus — one Knight for each year of the shrine's existence — 120 priests from the United States, Poland and Rome surrounded an outdoor altar constructed on the steps of the shrine church. Polish Cardinals Jozef Glemp of Warsaw and Henryk Gulbinowicz of Wroclaw joined Cardinals Justin Rigali of Philadelphia and Adam J. Maida of Detroit in celebrating a Mass of thanksgiving.

Schiavo scholarship

NAPLES, Fla. (CNS) — Ave Maria University in Naples announced July 8 the establishment of the Terri Schindler Schiavo scholarship for students in the university's pretheologate program who are discerning a vocation to

the priesthood. The initial idea for the scholarship came from Joseph Grady, the father of an Ave Maria University student and president of My Jesus Mercy Ministries, an apostolate that promotes the Divine Mercy devotion. He also made the first contribution to the fund. According to an announcement, university leaders hope to the scholarship will assist future priests as well as lay people "in creating and developing a Catholic culture of life." Jesuit Father Joseph Fessio, the university's provost, said the scholarship will commemorate Schiavo's life and promote a positive message. "Terri's death was a tragedy not only to her family, but for the entire country," he said. "But it can also be a new beginning in renewing the conscience of Americans; and this type of pro-life scholarship will certainly contribute to that."

Permanent Diaconate

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Robert E. Harahan, Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, is Director of Formation and Deacon John McKenna Director of Deacon Personnel.

Preparation for the permanent diaconate has been expanded from four to five years. The first year, explained Deacon McKenna, is for discernment while the remaining four focus on classroom instruction. The academics are on a two nights per week, one Saturday each month schedule and will be coordinated by the School of Theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary on the South Orange campus of Seton Hall University.

The year of discernment, Deacon McKenna stressed, is "critical." More time will help a candidate to determine "whether the call is real," and will be an aid for the formator to detect the same thing. That year, he noted, will provide a candidate "a good taste of what the ministry entails."

Thirty-six permanent deacons were ordained last month by Archbishop Myers, "to minister to the people of God," Deacon McKenna noted.

Several years ago, Msgr. Harahan explained, Archbishop Myers established a task force to review the local permanent deacon program. The primary areas of examination, the monsignor noted, were admission procedures in conjunction with academic, spiritual and pastoral formation.

The task force's final report will be on the archbishop's desk this fall. Recommendations, said Msgr. Harahan, will be in the key areas of screening and admissions. The report, he went on, will "build on what is in place, taking into account new documents on the permanent diaconate from the Vatican and U.S. bishops." Work is already under way at Seton Hall and the seminary on the academic elements involved.

Key factors going forward will be psychological testing, spiritual retreats, academics in

conjunction with the University's School of Theology and more broad-based course offerings.

A significant change, Msgr. Harahan pointed out, will be involvement of candidates' wives early in the discernment process. Such a step is being taken, he explained, to allow wives to be "fully informed as to the demands and meaning of the program." Candidates, he added, will be able to obtain "a better understanding of the permanent diaconate as well as the expectations of the Archdiocese of Newark and the ministry before them."

Another part of the program is an advisory board that will focus on allowing pastors to interact to a greater degree in the context of improved communications.

Reflecting on the revamped program, Deacon McKenna said it is "great" that Archbishop Myers is "showing his love for the diaconate so that it can be the best it possibly can be." Archbishop Myers, he added, values the importance of the services provided by deacons.

Deacon McKenna added the

diaconate in the Church of Newark is quite "vibrant."

To be a permanent deacon, McKenna feels, a person must "be open to the will of God in their life." The most "difficult" part of discernment for him was deciding, "if this was my will or God's." Since becoming a deacon, he went on, "everything has fallen into place" something he says is reassuring and "a sign from God."

Being a deacon, he has learned, is "great and unique." But, Deacon McKenna was quick to add, there have been some "challenges and inconvenience." God, he said, has given him the grace to deal with that, something he attributes to the Sacramental Grace received through Holy Orders. Sunday, Deacon McKenna added, is no longer a day of rest.

The diaconate today, said Msgr. Harahan, is "necessary and challenging" something which requires "effective preparation." To men interested in becoming a deacon, Msgr. Harahan advises, "pray and talk to your pastor and spiritual director."

New pastors named

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

A native of Summit, he attended Seton Hall Prep and University and Immaculate Conception Seminary. He was ordained on May 31, 1969. He served eight years at St. Andrew Parish, Bayonne, before being appointed parochial vicar at St. Mary Parish, Nutley, in 1977.

In 1988, Father Carlson was appointed pastor of Christ the King Parish, Hillside. In June 2000, he was appointed parochial vicar at St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Saddle Brook. After spending a brief period as parochial vicar of St. Michael Parish, Cranford, in July 2002, Father Carlson was appointed administrator of St. John Nepomucene.

Msgr. Michael J. Desmond, pastor of St. Stephen Parish, Kearny, has been appointed pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Caldwell, effective Aug. 1.

A Plainfield native, Msgr. Desmond was ordained in 1971 after completing studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary.

His first assignment was as parochial vicar at Holy Trinity Parish, Westfield, where he served for 12 years. He then served as parochial vicar at Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington, 1983-1988.

Msgr. Desmond served as pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Jersey City, from 1988-1994. In 1994, he became pastor of St. Stephen Parish, Kearny, in 1995 he was appointed to the title of Monsignor as a Prelate of Honor and also named Episcopal Vicar for Hudson County.

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Correction

The names of the authors of the parish profile for Assumption Parish, Roselle Park (appearing on the July 13 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*), parish were spelled incorrectly. The correct spellings are Barbara Jean Delnero and Barbara Sokol.

World Youth Day

Continued from page 1

Young people here in the archdiocese, anticipating the journey to Germany, spoke eloquently about the importance of such an event and the profound meaning it holds for their lives. For example, Frances Arcede, a member of the Neocatechumenal Way at Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish, Ridgewood, said a past World Youth Day "saved" his life.

"Before I went to Toronto, I was going through a rough time. I was in seventh grade, and I was thinking about doing drugs. Toronto helped me see that God loves me, and tries to be good to me no matter what my state in life. After seeing how it helped save my life, I really have faith that God can work in me," noted the 16-year-old, who will be a junior at Don Bosco Preparatory, Ramsey, in September.

For Arcede, being in the presence of other teens giving witness to their faith is as meaningful as enjoying the presence of the Holy Father. "It's very touching to see some teenagers even more devout than me... it inspires me to be an example to my friends, just as these people are to me."

Arcede, an aide in his youth group and part of the Confirmation preparation team at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, said the foreign locale and international scope of World Youth Day are keys to its success.

"Just to meet with the pope and all the different youths that share the same faith as me... it's on such a grander scale than regular parish worship. You're united with the entire world. It's very moving to see Christ's word spread so well all over the globe," Arcede commented.

Deacon Robert V. Thomann, also of Mt. Carmel, is coordinating a group of 150 pilgrims from surrounding parishes in Bergenfield, Ridgewood Park, Linden, West New York, Garfield and even Ohio.

Deacon Thomann, who has attended past World Youth Day events in Canada, 2002, and Rome, 2000, said the groups will stay in hostels, avoiding upscale hotels, and will generally "rough it."

"We tell the kids this is a pilgrimage, not a tour. We don't want them to be distracted by luxury, but to be focused on the immediacy of walking toward Jesus Christ. It's rough, but okay. The point is not simply to rough it for its own sake, but to be focused on the meaning of the pilgrimage—to see the visible presence of the Church among them."

Matthew Davies, 16, and a jun-

ior at Queen of Peace High School, North Arlington, is excited to explore his own German roots. "My grandmother was born in Germany. It's an opportunity to express my faith and my heritage," the youth group member said.

"Father Brian Muzas, the youth minister, began giving us German lessons once he learned that we were going. It's going pretty well. I can ask where the bathroom is or read a menu," Davies said confidently.

Davies, who is part of a retreat team at Queen of Peace called "Kingdom Builders" and is involved in the parish's music ministry, declared that "attending a Mass celebrated by the pope is going to be a great experience, as is meeting peers from parishes around the world."

He also hopes to take in German architecture and mingle with local townspeople. Above all, however, he said his hope was to "come away with a reaffirmation of my faith... that I'm on the right path, and that God is with me and with everyone."



The Archdiocese's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, based in Kearny, will take part in World Youth Day. Seventeen pilgrims from the group will fly to Germany on Aug. 14. Members of the traveling party include (top row, left to right) Rudy Asistin, Didi Asistin, Shannon Maddolin, Stephen Cirino, Donna Cirino, Andrea Schick, Paul Mercer, Father Brian Muzas, Michael Spivack, Anthony Tabish, (bottom row) Andrew Asistin, Bob McLaughlin, who serves as associate director of youth ministries, Chris Kalman, and Matthew Davis.

Father Peter Wehrle, one in a group of four adults and six youths from St. Joseph Parish, Oradell/New Milford, is attending World Youth Day for the first time. A German-American who has lived in both Germany and Switzerland for extended periods of time, he has preserved ties with his grandparents' parish in Furtwangen, Germany. The parish has offered to host the group of 10.

Father Wehrle said he is looking forward to meeting with his German cousins while there, as

July 30

St. Joseph Parish, Lodi, concert featuring Filipino singer and actor John Arcilla with Golda De La Merced, 7:30 p.m. Ticket donation \$25. Call Gloria (973) 473-7366.

July 31

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

August 3

Holy Spirit Parish, Union, Holy Hour for Life with Benediction and "Rosary for Life", 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. (908) 687-3327.

St. Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff, bereavement information night, 7:30 p.m., Amadeus Room on second floor of religious education building. (201) 891-6708.

well as visiting the Cathedral in Freiburg. "I studied in that city for a time, and I'm looking forward to sharing it with the kids," he said.

As a German-American, Father Wehrle is uniquely aware of the significance of this trip for Pope Benedict XVI. "I'm hoping that his first international trip will soften his image."

Father Wehrle pointed out that

ing balance" will be an important message that Pope Benedict can offer to today's youth.

Valerie Mercer, an adult minister in the youth group at St. Peter the Apostle Parish, River Edge, will be traveling with a group of eight, including her son, Paul, 16, a peer minister in the youth group.

Mercer believes the pilgrimage gives teens the courage to demonstrate their faith openly. I think it's a wonderful thing for young people to see others their same age worshipping and showing their love of God. It's an incredible atmosphere," she noted.

Mercer attended World Youth Day in Rome and Toronto with her elder son, Steven, 21. She looks forward to sharing this experience with Paul, soon to be a junior at St. Joseph Regional High School, Montvale. "I think sharing your love of God with children is very important and not common enough."

Andrea Schick, one of the teens from St. Peter Parish, also attended World Youth Day in Toronto. She said she enjoyed the different style of Mass—longer, with more musical selections, and a homily delivered by Pope John Paul II in several different languages.

"We had to tune into a radio station to get the translation of what the pope was saying," she recalled. Conveying the excitement of the moment, she declared, "It was like a huge concert."

Explaining that it took a while for her group to break the language barrier with teens from other countries, she noted, "We had these glow-in-the-dark crosses. People were coming up to us and asking to trade their stuff."

"That finally got us communicating," she said, adding, "My eyes opened up. Maybe what we do at home is totally different, but while there, we connected and belonged. People had difficulties

August 5

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, Catholics Who Happen to Be Single—Wine and Cheese Social at the parish center, 7:30 p.m., \$5 donation. RSVP to Leonora at (973) 743-6100.

August 6

St. Rose of Lima, Newark, Gray Street corner of West Market Street., flea market, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost for vendors, \$12 per table; \$15 at door.

Other:

Carmel Retreat, Mahwah, retreat designed for those who cannot leave home or work, based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. Call Sister Eileen at (201) 327-7090 by Aug. 15.

Sacred Heart School, Lyndhurst, seeking information on all graduates (1959-2005) for notification of 50th anniversary celebrations. Call (201) 939-4277 or register at Sacredheartlynd@hotmail.com.

and problems along the way, but our faith is what kept us going."

Father Jurek Zaslonia of Mount Carmel Parish, Bayonne, migrated from Poland in 1999 and was ordained last year. A youth minister at St. Luke Parish in Ho-Ho-Kus at the time, he led a group of 60 to World Youth Day in Rome. Having come to the United States as an adult, he offers a unique perspective on American youths within the context of the international gathering.

"In Rome, kids from France, Poland, Spain, everywhere, got together to sing and dance, even though they didn't speak the same language. Our kids were very reserved at first—they didn't have that spontaneous spark."

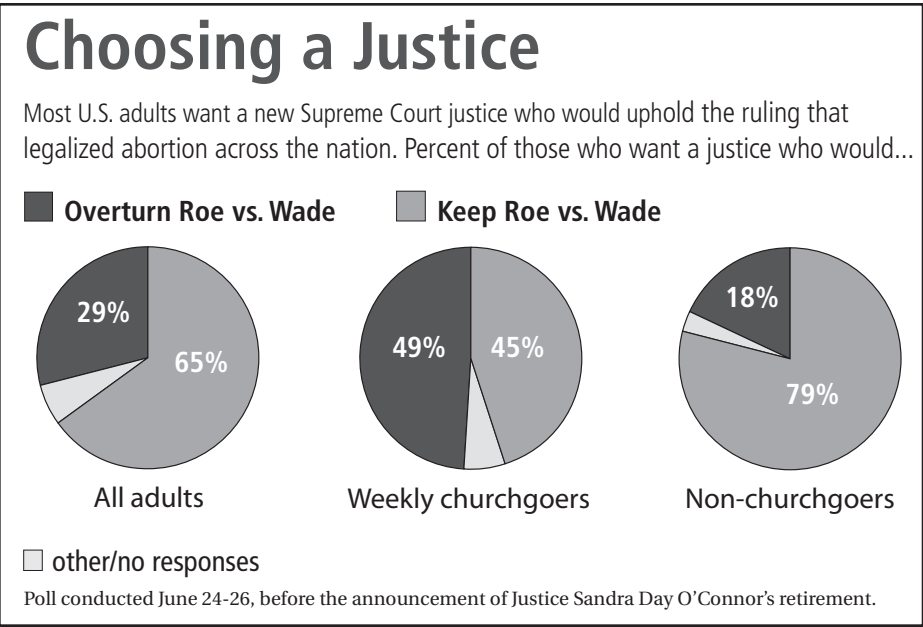
"Later, the American kids joined in the prayers and songs. Eventually, we saw the changes—they opened up to others. The witness given by other young people is the best tool in the work of evangelization. Soon, complaints about the rough conditions died down, and when they saw other teenagers expressing their faith in different ways, I was amazed at how they changed," he said.

Sandra Moryto, 16, who will be traveling in a group with Father Zaslonia, is also a native of Poland. She came to the United States two years ago with her parents and brother. Moryto said that, though she was disappointed to have missed John Paul II, she lived in Germany for a time and was looking forward to meeting with Pope Benedict XVI.

"It may have changed a little bit from the time of John Paul, and he's not from my country, but Benedict's the pope! He's the representative of Jesus Christ on earth."

Moryto also said she is eager to hear Pope Benedict speak. "You always see him on TV, but now I can listen to him in person, as he really is. I think I can learn a lot."

Advocate photo by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries



Just about half of weekly churchgoers in the United States say they would want a new Supreme Court justice who would vote to overturn the Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion. Only 29 percent of all adults said the same.

‘Somewhat suspicious’

Editor,

I appreciated Mr. Weigel’s notifying the country of those Catholic representatives who voted to support embryonic stem cell research. As a result, I contacted Representative Menendez to express my disappointment in his vote.

However, I am also somewhat suspicious of Mr. Weigel taking it upon himself to inform the laity of their responsibility. I have not forgotten that although Mr.

Weigel is a great friend, supporter, and biographer of the late-Pope John Paul II, he had no problems ignoring the Pope’s concerns and supporting this horrible war in Iraq.

I am not so certain that makes Mr. Weigel the best role model to direct the rest of us in our responsibilities as Catholics.

Denise S. Szabo
Jersey City

Respect Life

Abortion, a man’s issue?

BY REV. MSGR. RICHARD M. MCGUINNESS
Director of the Respect Life Office

Most people think of abortion as a woman’s issue. After all, it is the right of the mother to determine whether to have an abortion. Because the Supreme Court has declared that the “health of the mother” can be understood as anything that impinges on the physical, mental, emotional or economic life of the mother, abortion is legal, right up to the moment before normal birth.

It is the woman who has a right to an abortion; she alone can determine whether she wishes to have an abortion or to carry her baby to term. Even if a man and his wife had decided to have a child and the mother decides to have an abortion, the father has no legal right whatsoever to prevent his wife from aborting their child.

However, if we look at the reasons mothers decide to abort their baby, we find

that a high percent of abortions are performed because the man puts physical, mental or moral pressure on the woman to have an abortion; sometimes threatens to withdraw financial support, or sometimes threatens harm to the mother or child. Or worse yet, he tells her that he will go along with whatever “she” decides.

Many women who have had abortions say that they would have carried their babies to birth if they only had support from the father.

So, men have to look into their lives to realize that they, in many ways, are responsible for the death of their child, because of their lack of support, indifference, their lack of courage, or by putting pressure on the mother.

Men—it’s time to act like men if abortion is going to be eliminated.

Men—it’s time to speak up and support the life of your unborn child.

CHOOSE LIFE!

How to report abuse

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

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

World Youth Day anticipation builds

The sense of anticipation among young people throughout the Church of Newark who will be in Germany next month for the 20th World Youth Day is palpable.

Once again the archdiocese will be well represented by faith-filled teens, young adults, youth ministers and clergy, many of whom will be experiencing the unique spiritual pilgrimage for the first time.

Newark’s contingent will be among 800,000 young people visiting the new pope’s homeland. Some 500 events are planned during the Aug. 18-21 celebration of our Catholic faith.

While World Youth Day will be the first foreign trip for Pope Benedict XVI, the spirit of Pope John Paul II, who had a special meaning to and connection with young people even as the afflictions of age caught up with him, will be felt.

All too often young people are glibly dismissed as the “MTV generation” in which God and religion have no place. Well just look at the fine example of Catholic teens and young adults who will attend World Youth Day.

In an international atmosphere that makes the gathering special, young people can bear witness to their faith with others who share the same beliefs and values. Their spiritual lives will be strengthened in ways that cannot be imagined until it happens.

To those from the Archdiocese of Newark who will attend—savor the moment. God bless you.

Archdiocese leads the way, again

Not surprisingly, the Archdiocese of Newark is in the forefront of implementing a revamped national permanent diaconate program that began last month.

Striving for uniformity with Rome, the new format emphasizes discernment and ongoing administration and formation of ordained deacons.

Key changes include expansion of the preparation period from four to five years. The first year now is for discernment with the remaining years focusing on classroom instruction.

That year of discernment has been termed “critical” by Deacon John McKenna, Director of Deacon Personnel. Msgr. Robert E. Harahan, Director of Formation for the Permanent Diaconate, feels the diaconate is “necessary and challenging.” They should know.

The Archdiocese of Newark, which ordained 36 men in June, is blessed with a vibrant permanent diaconate that will mesh well with the revamped program. The future is indeed bright.

A question box about faith and practice

Today’s Question: We read you recently received the title of Reverend Monsignor, but we thought you already had that title? What’s the difference? – Multiple Questioners

Our Sunday Visitor’s Catholic Encyclopedia addresses the word “Monsignor” in this way: “From the Italian monsignore, which means ‘my Lord,’ this term of address is one of honor for certain clerics in the Catholic Church. All archbishops and bishops have a right to it, but it is most commonly used to refer to those having the titles of “Chaplain of His Holiness,” “Prelate of Honor of His Holiness” or “Protonotary Apostolic.”

These are distinctions bestowed on certain priests as an elevation from among the general ranks of clergy. Monsignori are entitled to wear distinctive vesture similar to that of a bishop, indicating that they have been given the honor of being part of the “papal household.”

After the Second Vatican Council, the Holy See revised the regulations concern-

What’s the Matter?

By Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnholds



ing use of titles and pontifical insignia. Previously, monsignori had the titles of Very Reverend Monsignor and Right Reverend Monsignor, indicating a difference of degree of honor. While the difference of degree still remains, currently, “Reverend Monsignor” is the proper title for both the “Chaplain of His Holiness,” which I was previously, and the “Prelate of Honor of His Holiness,” to which I was recently raised. Of course, in every day conversation, it is simply “Monsignor.”

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

State reflects the beauty of God's creation

There are times and seasons when nature herself seems to reach into the human heart and calls us almost forcibly to the reality and beauty of our Creator. Summer in New Jersey is one of those times.

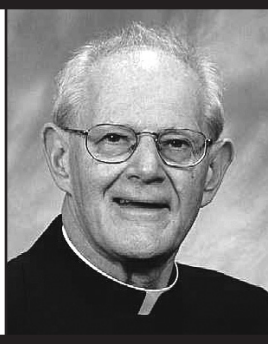
As I rolled down the Garden State Parkway recently I found myself in wonder at the beauty of our state.

Since I was a passenger and not occupied with driving to the shore, I was able to observe the scene that unfolded before me. On both sides of the road there arose an unbroken wall of green. It is as if we were in a tunnel of trees. As the car came over the crest of the hill beyond the Raritan River the countryside stretched out like an emerald carpet to the horizon. Above, the sky was blue yet filled with white billowing clouds playing tag with the sun. Beside the highway here and there were patches of yellow and white flowers that adorned the cut grass.

"How beautiful," I thought. What must New Jersey have been like when the first settlers arrived? I read once in a book, years ago, that the people coming to these shores from Europe could actually smell the state before they could see it. From 50 miles away the fresh clean odor of the trees wafted

Voices

By Msgr. John Gilchrist



a pure scent out to the sea. And the sailors would rejoice for they knew the land would soon appear.

God has made nature so resilient. Let me remind you older folks of the "good old days." They were not that good for us in the cities.

Just remember the fierce and famous "jersey mosquitoes" from the swamps that dive bombed

our ears through summer nights. Remember the factories that pushed their chimneys to the sky and their emissions made the air so heavy and humid, especially on hot days, that you could hardly breathe.

Here the stream that separates Hudson and Essex

*God in His goodness
has provided a healing
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counties, the Passaic River, was a sewer. When we boys swam in it, we had to dive under an oily slick filled with garbage to get to "clean water" in the center of the river.

Now they talk about "Brownfields" and polluted ground. Those fields were the places where our fathers and grandfathers toiled and sweated in factories and industries of all kinds. The odors, on summer days from the slaughter houses, the garbage dumps in the Meadowlands, and the fat rendering plants were impossible to describe to someone who did not live here.

Bulldozers and jack hammers in the early days were constantly tearing up the ground for roads and railroads and steel mills and new houses. The trees never had a chance. We made the cities into barren stone or asphalt streets and concrete sidewalks.

What a change has occurred. The rivers are cleaner. The fish and birds are back. Trees and gardens are everywhere. The air has an exhilarating ozone odor.

"How great is Your Name, O Lord, our God in all the earth. I will give thanks to the Lord all the days of my life." For while we humans have, unwittingly perhaps, been destroying the land, God in His goodness has provided a healing component to the earth. Friends, let us praise our God—for the beauty around us and for our time here. For it is ours to appreciate and to love.

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

Answering the call to be a 'soldier of Christ'

In 1491, in Loyola of northern Spain, a son was born to the nobleman Don Beltran Yanez and his wife Marina. The child was baptized Inigo, after St. Innicus. In later years he would assume the name Ignatius.

Raised to be a soldier, he fought against the French in Castile. During the siege of Pamplona his right leg was shattered by a cannon ball. With his fall the Spanish garrison lost heart and surrendered.

Inigo was treated well by the French, however, and carried on a stretcher back to Loyola where his leg had to be painfully rebroken and reset. The pain and weakness that followed was so intense that the wounded man began to fail. On the eve of the feast of Saints Peter and Paul he took a turn for the better, but his injuries would leave him with a limp for the rest of his days.

To fill the long, dreary hours of convalescence he asked for books. All that was available was a life of Christ and a volume on the lives of the saints. Reading these materials over and over again filled him with abhorrence for the secular world and a love for the spiritual.

One night, unable to sleep, the restless young man had a vision of the Blessed Mother holding the infant Jesus. The apparition left him convinced that he was being called to be a "soldier for Christ."

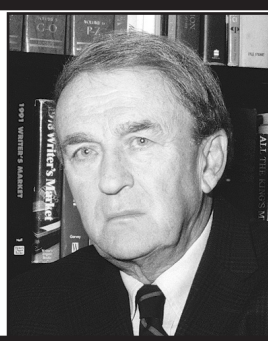
His conversion was now complete. He began to apply all the discipline and obedience of his military training toward emulating the lives and deeds of the great saints, such as Francis and Dominic.

He spent a whole year in prayer and penance and fasting in Manresa, close to the famous Abbey of Montserrat. Here he also wrote the first draft of his "Spiritual Exercises." In 1523 he made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, begging his way like so many others before him.

On a visit to Paris he met six men who were of a like mind. Together they took vows of poverty and chastity. They put into daily practice the Spiritual

A View from History

By Frank J. Korn



Exercises and resolved to toil for the Church in any manner that the Pope so desired.

The year 1537 found this small band of men in Rome where they sought to become a new religious order. In 1540 Pope Paul III gave his approval to the idea and the Society of Jesus, better known today

as the Jesuits, became a reality. later they were all ordained as priests. To their previous vows they added a third, that of perpetual soldierly obedience. A fourth vow required them to go wherever the Pope might send them for the salvation of souls.

At this time Father Ignatius spent an additional year in preparation before celebrating his first mass in the venerable Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore in the Eternal City.

It was decided that at the head of this little spiritual army there should be a general who should hold office for life, with absolute authority over every member, himself accountable only to the pope. A reluctant Ignatius was chosen as the first general of the order.

*Ignatius deeply believed
in strict discipline
as an educative force.*

Professed Jesuits could own no land or have any revenues. Their raison d'être was to fight against heresy and vice, apathy and decadence, under the standard of Christ.

Ignatius drafted a constitution for the society. The principal goal was one of self sanctification by a combination of the active and the contemplative life. Another objective was to instruct youth in piety and learning.

Though the remainder of his life was spent in Rome, the society that he founded spread throughout Italy, Spain, Germany, and the Low Countries where Jesuit schools and universities were established.

The order early on attracted intellectually gifted and devout young men such as Francis Xavier (one of the original seven) and Peter Canisius, both of whom were later raised to sainthood.

By the time of Ignatius's death in 1556 there were more than a thousand Jesuit priests toiling in Academia and other vineyards of the Lord. The order quickly gained a reputation for

greatness in missionary and educational work. Ignatius deeply believed in strict discipline as an educative force.

Pope Gregory XV canonized Ignatius in 1622. His feast day is July 31. His body lies beneath the altar of the left transept of the Church of the Gesu in Rome.

Pius XI in 1925 declared him the patron of spiritual exercises and retreats.

In our time, such institutions as Fordham University, and St. Peter's College in our own archdiocese, stand as living testimonials to the work of this giant of Church history.

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After 100 days, 'transitional' Benedict XVI has already put distinctive stamp on papacy

BY GREG TOBIN

Special to The Catholic Advocate

"Terrorism is irrational," Pope Benedict XVI said last week. This statement sums up much about the man, the theologian and the pope who was elected just 100 days ago.

Very little has really changed, thus far in Benedict's pontificate. That's the way the Catholic Church works; it can take decades, generations for any substantive development to take hold.

Yet, the 78-year-old, German-born Bishop of Rome, who acknowledges that he was chosen as a "transitional" figure, has begun to put his own distinctive stamp on the papacy.

Even as he husbands his energy, he ascends a steep papal learning curve. He values rationality mixed with a deep, unshakable faith, expressed in nuanced statements, and he is not reluctant to make decisions:

- He has reached out to Orthodox Christians, making clear that Christian unity is perhaps his highest priority, as well as continuing high-level dialogue with Jewish leaders around the world.
- He spoke out forcefully after the London terror bombings, but maintains an open door for Catholic-Islamic dialogue. "We hope that this desire will be stronger than the violence," he said.
- He appointed an American as his successor as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith: Archbishop William Levada, a co-author of the new Catechism of the Catholic Church.
- He already has appointed more than 50 bishops. Like a U.S. president's judicial picks, this will possibly



Pope Benedict XVI leaves a museum dedicated to Pope John Paul II in Les Combes in northern Italy. Pope Benedict is vacationing at a Salesian retreat in the shadow of Mont Blanc through July 28.

be his most lasting legacy.

- He has his hands full with European politics. Recently he vocally supported his brother bishops' pro-life, anti-referendum campaign in Italy.
- He planned his first return trip to his native Germany, Aug. 18-21, for World Youth Day in Cologne.
- He immediately opened the process of canonization of Pope John Paul II and dismissed another: the controversial beatification cause for an allegedly anti-Semitic founder of a religious order.

The new pontiff so far has made a good impression on the skeptics in the American Catholic

Church, which has been roiled by scandal and disaffection.

All eyes will be on his trip to Germany in mid-August, when an estimated 800,000 young people from around the globe are expected at World Youth Day. In addition to the kids, the pope will meet with German bishops and seminarians, visit the Cologne synagogue, and speak privately to national politicians.

For the first time since the days immediately after his election, Benedict will command a world stage. His words to the youth of the world will no doubt be passionately evangelistic.

Once the humble but effective No. 2 (an insider's insider), Benedict has now become the "chief executive" of a multi-national concern that will soon reflect his management style and his strategic ideas, even as the workers in the vineyard seek to harvest more souls for the Lord, with this pope's strong, eloquent encouragement.

Currently on vacation in the Italian Alps, Pope Benedict is said to be writing a book, or working on his first encyclical letter.

As evidenced in the first 100 days, his leadership model may be more that of the wise steward than the peripatetic apostle, much more the theologian than the theocrat.

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Hallowing and sharing food for the soul

Readings: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21.

Food and its preparation constitute a major concern for vast numbers of people in every part of the world.

For some, the acquisition of something edible each day or two spells the difference between life and death for themselves and their families. Others may spend considerable sums trying to satisfy a jaded palate.

Some will surround their meal with customs that manifest spiritual and social values; others will have little regard for family, neighbor or God as they satisfy their need for food and drink.

What attitudes are being cultivated in your home?

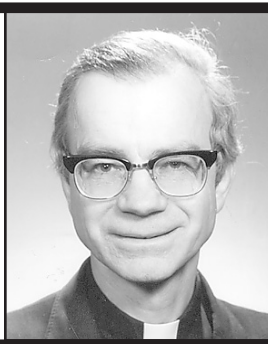
This Sunday the Church offers a selection of passages from the Bible that provide an occasion for evaluating our attitude toward hunger and nourishment. Like all else in life, food is seen as a gift from God. Whenever Jesus ate, He took the bread, the staple of life in His culture, raised His eyes to heaven and said the blessing, an act of thanks and praise to his Father.

"Blessed are you, Lord, king of the universe; you give us bread from the earth." A more elaborate prayer would be offered after the meal, following the law recorded in the Book of Deuteronomy. "When you have eaten your fill, you

Sunday Readings

18th Sunday
of Ordinary Time
(July 31, 2005)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



must bless the Lord, your God, for the good land that he has given you" (8:10). This is an "ascending" blessing in response to the covenant that expresses God's love for his people (see Dt 7:12-15). The greatest divine blessing is life itself, not only physical existence but, above all, communion with the living God.

The text from the Book of Isaiah invites the poor to fulfill their dream of adequate food and drink without worrying about the cost. Then they are encouraged to "listen that you may have life" (55:3); God's Word will initiate them into a fuller experience of communion with their

Lord. "I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David" (55:3). The covenant expresses a profound relationship between God and his people, rooted in the past acts of redemptive mercy and pointing toward the eternal union that is the fullness of life.

The multiplication of loaves by Jesus reminded the disciples of God's care for Israel in the wilderness after the exodus from Egypt. It also pointed to the new and everlasting covenant of the messianic age. It anticipated the Last Supper and Jesus' gift of himself as the Bread of Life.

The Gospel offers two additional lessons. First, Jesus demands the cooperation of His followers. "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." Of course, He knows that

the resources at hand are inadequate. The disciples must learn that his presence and intervention make their efforts fruitful.

As we face the enormous problems of hunger in our day, we must have

simplicity to share what we have, and the faith that Christ in our midst can enrich our good will in surprising ways.

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

*We must have simplicity
to share what we have.*

A century of 'gifts and challenges'

A small but highly diverse parish in both gifts and challenges is the way its pastor, Rev. Michael C. Santoro, describes Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Jersey City, as it celebrates its 100th Anniversary this year.

"Some of the families that make up the parish have been here for several generations. One man recently told me that he has lived in the same home for the past 88 years. He is in his early 90's," the pastor noted.

That is not unusual for a core group of parishioners whose roots go back to April 1905, when Rev. Ernest Monteleone purchased an obsolete Baptist Church on the corner of Broadway and Giles Avenue to serve the Catholic population in the Marion section of Jersey City. On July 16, 1905, he celebrated the first Solemn Mass under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

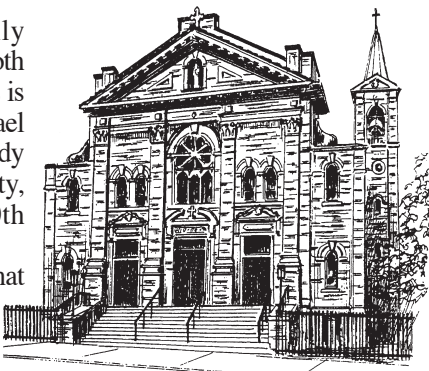
Founded as an Italian ethnic parish, it served the needs of Italian immigrants as they came to the United States. The parish welcomed them to a new land in which they had placed great hopes for a better life for themselves and their families.

The parish today is still an immigrant community, having almost 600 families, over half of which are Hispanic. The recent parishioners come mostly from South American countries. In addition, Our Lady of Fatima has immigrants from the Philippines and India.

The Lord has prepared this community to welcome and help new immigrants of multi-ethnic backgrounds coming to the United States with the same hopes and struggles as those who founded the parish.

"Having more than half the parish speaking a language other than English is really in many ways like having two parishes in one place," observed Father Santoro, who is in his sixth year as pastor. "I have learned to celebrate the Eucharist in Spanish and can even preach if the homily is translated for me. I enjoy the Spanish liturgy. The community sings enthusiastically," he observed.

There is a great diversity in stability. There are families who have been at the parish for several generations, including a significant number of seniors that make up the parish who have lived here their entire lives. The parish has a very active 50-plus club and a



Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Jersey City

Rosary Altar Society that provides not only enjoyable activities but also real support for its members.

The longtime parishioners hold a real "memory" of the parish, recalling the days when Mt. Carmel held dances for youth from all parts of Jersey City, the musical shows performed under the direction of Msgr. Eugene Fanelli, who had been an associate here. A living history of the parish is held in their memories and hearts.

A beloved member of the parish is Father Walter "Gus" Genzlinger, now retired. Ordained in 1949, he has lived at Mt. Carmel for over 30 years. His pastoral care and concern has made him a cherished figure of the parish.

Others arrive, stay for a few years and then move on. Five years ago, a prayer group started in the Filipino community. It grew rapidly and was family based. There would be common prayer and praise. Then the group would break down into adult and youth sections. The meeting rooms and cafeteria in the school were all occupied each Friday night.

The prayer group has returned to its small beginnings with most of the families having moved out of Jersey City. The current transient nature of Jersey City's population is a challenge for parish development.

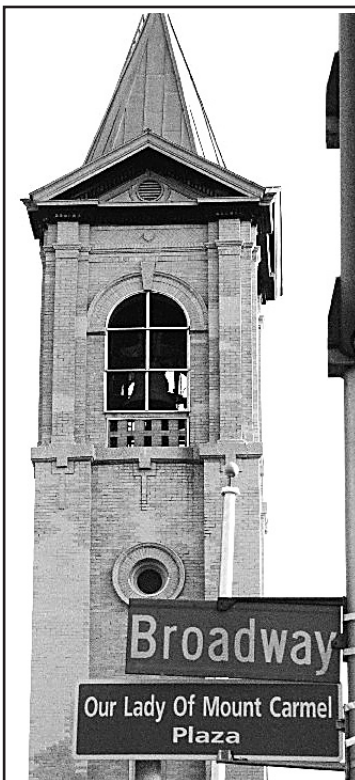
There are some advantages to being a small parish. All the baptisms are celebrated at Sunday liturgies. The children are truly initiated into the worshipping faith community. The whole community participates in welcoming new members.

For a small parish, Our Lady of Mount Carmel has a great deal of activities, some of which would be unexpected for its size. The parish has been fortunate to have some very talented staff members. Rasaan Bourke, the organist and direc-

tor of music, began a concert series two years ago.

Musica Carmelite's conception came about with the idea of celebrating the parish organ's Golden Anniversary in the fall of 2003. Now in its third season the series has truly lived out its mission that, within the music performed, the voice of God will touch a person and bring peace and inspiration.

Over the past three seasons the Marion community has had the opportunity to experience many different styles of music, such as, Renaissance Choral, performed by the historically renowned Renaissance Street Singers of New York City, Chamber music, Jazz, Gospel, and both Classical and Neo-Classical genres.



The church has become a local landmark in Jersey City.

In addition, vocal works by modern composers Jake Heggie were performed during the second season. Heggie is best known for his operatic adaptation of Sister Helen Perjean's award-winning novel *Dead Man Walking*. Annually the Mount Carmel Schola Cantorum celebrates the joy of the Christmas Season with a Mid-December program, which is now in its fifth year.

Joyce Bowen, the director of religious education, developed the Lectionary based catecheti-

cal program and the Children's Liturgy of the Word at Sunday Masses.

The children are provided with an integrated experience of worship and learning as the basis of their formation in faith. The Eucharist and participation in the Sunday assembly is the primary source and goal of catechetical formation.

Bowen introduced the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children. Witnessing the children's full initiation at the Easter Vigil enriched the celebration of the Paschal mystery and added a special joy for the community.

For the past five years the Spanish Youth Group has performed in a presentation of the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The passion play was developed and directed by Father John Galeano, first when he was a seminarian assigned to the parish and now as its parochial vicar.

The play has grown each year, now involving 60 members of cast and crew. This past Lent the play was performed at the Ritz Theatre in Elizabeth. Father John sees the play not only as a youth activity but a way to present the message of Jesus Christ and evangelize.

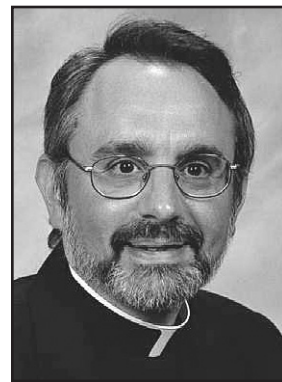
The Youth Group also has raised money to support the restoration of a church in Costa Rica after a devastating earthquake, provided six months of rice to a tribe in Africa, and completed other charitable outreaches. These are two youth retreats each year and the Spanish community ministers have been involved in weekly classes of instruction in scripture and theology.

The parish has opened its doors to groups outside the parish by hosting the Spanish Cursillo school for leadership preparation and Couples for Christ and Singles for Christ.

In 1954, the parish school opened. For nearly 50 years it has served the educational, formational and spiritual development of the children of the Marion section of Jersey City. For the last two years, Our Lady of Mount Carmel has co-sponsored Visitation school with St. John the Baptist parish. The school had an enrollment of slightly over 200 students this past year.

On July 16, the annual weeklong feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, culminated with the beginning of the 100th Anniversary year. Bishop Edgar da Cunha was the presiding cele-

Meet the Pastor



Father Michael C. Santoro

Date of Birth: March 6, 1954

High School: Essex Catholic

College/Seminary/Graduate School: Seton Hall

University, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Mahwah

Date of Ordination: May 31, 1980

Hero: Pope Paul VI

Favorite Saint: St. Paul

Favorite Sport: Fishing, skiing and bowling

Favorite Food: Rack of lamb and hot dogs

Favorite Subject in School: Math and sciences

Favorite Movie: *Shawshank Redemption*

Last Book Read: *The Sibley Guide to Bird Life and Behavior*

Proudest Moment:

Ordination

Occupation if I weren't a

Priest: My one lifelong

desire was to be a priest

brant. The feast first began in 1910 and consists of a nine-day novena, an outdoor fair of food, games and rides that run for five to eight days and the liturgical celebration of the parish's feast day. On the 16th of July, the statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was carried through the streets in procession accompanied by a band. The two-hour procession finished with the celebration of the Eucharist. Toward the end of the evening there was a fireworks display.

On Nov. 12 the parish will hold the 100th Anniversary dinner. Other anniversary events are a Communion Breakfast with Bishop Thomas Donato following the 9 a.m. Mass on Oct. 2; and a dinner concert by the Duprees on Oct. 15. Ticket information for these events is available by contacting the parish office at 201-435-7080.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish is located at 99 Broadway, Jersey City.



NEW PARISH CENTER COMPLETE—Our Lady of Fatima Parish, in the Ironbound section of Newark, recently held a ceremony to celebrate the opening of a new addition to the parish center. Some 800 parishioners as well as local Portuguese television and newspaper representatives attended. According to Father Mario Nunes, parochial vicar, the project took a year to complete and was paid for by the parishioners. He said the new structure—8,000 square feet and three stories high—will be the home of the music school and band, nursery, religious education classes and social functions. “It’s open not just for the Portuguese, but for all people who want to use it.” In the photo, the new building shortly before completion.

Concert raises funds for tsunami victims

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

NEWARK—Kearny vocalist Tracy L. Espiritu held a concert July 22 at Sacred Heart Parish, Lyndhurst, raising \$1,050 to aid victims of the December tsunami disaster. Over 80 area residents attended.

The concert was her fifth benefit performance at the parish, a musical series that began in the summer of 2002 through the assistance of Father Charles Miller, the pastor at Sacred Heart. Proceeds from the previous four events were donated to assist the renovation of the Lyndhurst parish.

Espiritu, a soprano, is entering her junior year at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. She is a pre-med/psychology major with a minor in performance and therapy. She graduated from St. Dominic Academy, Jersey City, in 2003.

The concert featured Italian art songs and arias, as well as selections from Broadway musicals. Joining Espiritu on stage last week was pianist Joseph Napoli, who also serves as her vocal coach. The concert also featured vocal performances by Rhode Island



Tracy L. Espiritu

resident Shawn McKay. Marsha Vleck of Boston also serves as Espiritu’s vocal coach, along with Napoli.

Espiritu said she will donate the July 22 concert proceeds to the tsunami relief efforts of Catholic Relief Services, the Baltimore-based organization founded in 1943 (<http://www.catholicrelief.org>). The tsunami that struck 12 Indian Ocean nations on Dec. 26 killed 226,000 people, according to a recent United Nations report. The State Department has determined that 18 U.S. citizens died in the disaster with 15 others missing and presumed dead.

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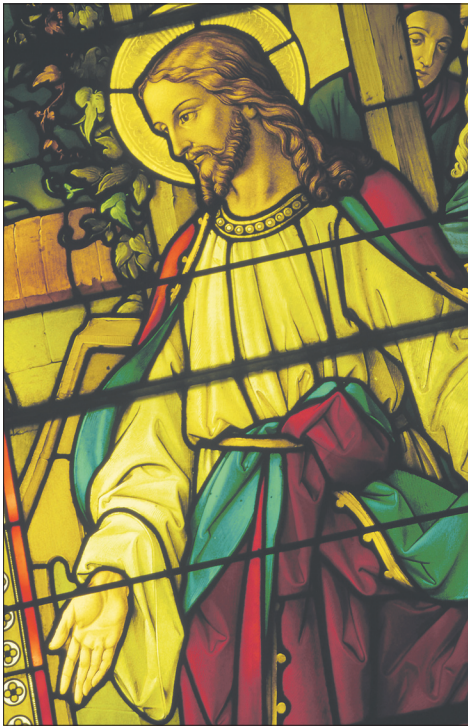
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New Energies—One Year Later

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Initial Results Promising

When the project was first announced, 48 parishes in the Archdiocese, predominantly in older urban areas, were identified as “immediately involved parishes.” Parishes in similar geographic areas or with similar cultural or ethnic ties would begin talking with each other to evaluate a series of recommendations that a Task Force on Parishes had developed between 2003 and 2004 based on the 28 principles.

Each parish could explore whether the recommendation from the task force was viable, or if another solution or alternative was preferred.

“Everyone had to accept that change would happen,” said Bishop Edgar da Cunha, regional bishop of Essex County and the head of an executive committee charged with evaluating parish responses to the recommendations. “The type of change that ultimately came about could be different from the original recommendation, but the only response that we could not accept was: ‘No change needed here.’”

Of the 48 parishes involved in this first phase, 11 have chosen to merge and form new parishes, or to finalize mergers that had begun some time ago. **Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo Parish** in Newark, which had merged some time ago but maintained two separate worship sites, determined that the sale of one of its sites was necessary for its future. That process is now underway. Rev. Anselm Nwaorgu remains the pastor of the parish.

The parishes of **St. Rocco** and **St. Ann**, also in Newark, have merged into a new parish, the **Parish of the Transfiguration**. This new parish will maintain two worship sites for up to two years. During this time the new community will determine at which of the two sites they will worship in the future. Rev. Josephat Kalema has been named administrator of the newly merged parish.

Assumption and All Saints Parish and **St. Patrick Parish** in Jersey City, two parishes that have operated somewhat jointly through a team ministry of Revs. Francis Schiller and Eugene Squeo for many years, have merged and, for the time being, will utilize two worship sites. This new parish will be called **St. Patrick and Assumption/All Saints Parish**, and the parish offices will be located at St. Patrick. The two parish schools, Assumption/All Saints and St. Patrick, are also merging in order to strengthen the presence of Catholic education in this area of Jersey City.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Maplewood and **St. Paul the Apostle**, Irvington, chose to merge and form a new parish, **Good Shepherd Parish**, to be located at the former St. Paul location in Irvington. The two schools of the former parishes also have merged to form one stronger school for the area. Rev. Frank Rocchi, the pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary parish, has been named pastor of the new parish.

In Plainfield, **St. Bernard of Clairvaux** and **St. Stanislaus Kostka** later this year will merge as **The Parish of St. Bernard and St. Stanislaus**, and will be located at St. Bernard. Rev. Frank Rose, pastor of St. Bernard and administrator of St. Stanislaus, will remain pastor of the new parish.

Our Lady Help of Christians, West New York, and **St. John Nepomucene**, Guttenberg, have merged into a new parish, **Holy Redeemer Parish**, and will operate with two worship sites. The parish offices will be in West New York. Rev. Carlo Fortunio, pastor of Our Lady Help of Christians, has been named pastor of the new parish.

Ten parishes chose to operate as linked, rather than merged, parishes, in many cases because the different

community groups from each of the parishes felt that they needed more time to work closely with each other before determining any longer-term relationships.

St. Mary and **St. Mark** in Rahway, chose this route, and the pastor of St. Mark, Rev. William Morris, will serve as pastor to both communities.

The parish of the original cathedral for the diocese, **St. Patrick Pro-Cathedral**, and one of the archdiocese’s most well-known places of outreach for the homeless, **St. John** in downtown Newark, also will link, with Msgr. Neil Mahoney, current pastor of St. Patrick, serving as pastor of both communities.

Our Lady of Good Counsel and **Immaculate Conception**, also in Newark, will link. Rev. Luis Gonzalez, pastor of Immaculate Conception, will serve as pastor of the two parishes. Msgr. Joseph Plunkett, former pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel, will continue to reside in the parish and assist Father Gonzalez as these two communities work together.

Sts. Peter and Paul and **St. Adalbert**, Elizabeth, two nearby parishes with different ethnic backgrounds, have chosen to link because of their proximity and similar eastern European backgrounds. Rev. Krzysztof Szczotka, the pastor of St. Adalbert, will serve as pastor of both communities.

New Energies Update

It is interesting to note that this linkage was not part of the original plan for the first phase of New Energies. However, the people of Sts. Peter and Paul, a small Lithuanian parish, believed they would work well with the traditionally Polish-background St. Adalbert community. Both groups asked for this revision in a recommendation and received permission from the Archdiocese to proceed.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Orange, and **St. Joseph**, East Orange, have chosen to link and work together under the pastorship of Rev. William Mahon, current pastor of St. Joseph. In this case, changes in the original recommendations from the Parish Task Force also occurred.

Originally, the parishes were to consider merging into St. Joseph, and **St. Andrew Kim Parish**, a Korean ethnic parish in Orange, would move to the Mt. Carmel site. What will happen now is that the linked parishes will maintain their two worship sites, and St. Andrew Kim will relocate to the former Immaculate Heart of Mary site in Maplewood.

While the initial recommendations from the task force dealt with two types of operating models—merged or linked parishes—a third model—partnership parishes—has emerged during the past year.

In a partnership model, the involved parishes establish a formal partnership relationship, the purpose of which is to strengthen the parishes and promote greater outreach by them to the neighborhoods in which they are located. The executive committee recognized this model as a viable alternative to linkage in certain instances, and agreed to allow several parishes to explore greater ties through this option.

To date, parishes who have formed partnership relationships include **Sacred Heart**, Irvington and **St. Stanislaus**, Newark; **St. Francis of Assisi** and **Immaculate Conception** parishes, Hackensack; and

the newly merged **Parish of the Transfiguration**, Newark and **Queen of Angels**, Newark.

More Work Needed in Some Parishes

Some two dozen parishes in the first phase of New Energies have yet to finalize conversations and recommendations for the Initiative’s executive committee. According to Msgr. William Harms, coordinator of the committee, this was not unexpected.

“From a very practical point of view, getting people together to talk about the future, especially when the future would mean some significant change in the way they live and where they worship, isn’t easy,” Msgr. Harms explained. “There’s been an extensive amount of meetings with groups, working together, misunderstandings and reeducation on what the purpose of New Energies is. Yet we think we’ve gotten past much of this.”

“We have been very sensitive to particular ethnic issues and traditions, and we’re working very hard to assure parish groups that we all value those traditions, and want to have these elements incorporated into the conversations and the ultimate recommendations that they will develop for us,” he continued. “Further, on a number of occasions we have met with both parish and ethnic groups to hear their concerns and clarify misunderstandings that may have arisen over the months.”

“In some instances, some parish groups simply need more time to develop their recommendations or to establish working relationships with the conversation parishes,” Bishop da Cunha said. “That’s reasonable and we’re giving the time to them. They know, however, that they must work progressively and provide a concrete recommendation for the Archdiocese to consider.”

To assist in this effort, consultants from the Reid Group, a Seattle-based firm that works with dioceses facing similar challenges, as well as consultants from within the Archdiocese (internal consultants), are working with specific parish groups to facilitate conversations and develop workable alternatives to the original recommendations.

Round 2 Begins

While this work continues, the remaining parishes of the Archdiocese—some 189 over the four counties of Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union—are set to enter into conversations with their neighboring parishes to form new ways of working together and innovative ways to combine their ministries and ensure a stronger, more vital presence in their areas.

Writing to the priests of the Archdiocese recently, Archbishop Myers stated that “a year ago I spoke of the recommendations not being the final word, but rather the start of a conversation and response phase of the project.”

He continued by sharing his expectations that in this “second round” of conversations, each parish will find neighboring parish partners with whom to plan for the future and begin to share resources with each other and with parishes in need; avoid unneeded duplication of services; and fill in the gaps where service and ministry have not been available.

“We will be stronger working and planning together than we will be in isolation from each other,” he wrote.

In this new round, all parishes have been divided into three groups, and each group of parishes will begin its conversations over a period of months on a cycle (see p. 14 for when each parish will begin). It is expected that, in the coming years, some natural and innovative solutions to the many challenges that face parishes today will arise through this sharing of resources, talents and treasures.

New Energies Parish Transition Project; cycles, groupings of parishes

As the New Energies Parish Transition Project unfolds in the coming months, eventually every parish will begin the process of examining themselves against the 28 parish principles—planning and working together to ensure their pastoral and financial health and strength. Because 189 parishes are now involved in this phase of New Energies, these conversations will take place in phases, or cycles, and parishes will be able to select their own conversation partners from among the groups into which they have been placed. The timetable for each parish and group cycle appears below.

CYCLE #1 (61 PARISHES)

Timeframe for Conversations
September 2005 – May 2006

Bergen County

Guardian Angel, Allendale
Most Blessed Sacrament, Franklin Lakes
St. Catharine, Glen Rock
St. Luke, Ho-Ho-Kus
Immaculate Conception, Mahwah
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mahwah
Nativity, Midland Park
O. L. of Perpetual Help, Oakland
St. Paul, Ramsey
O. L. of Mt. Carmel, Ridgewood
St. Gabriel the Archangel, Saddle River
Presentation, Upper Saddle River
St. Elizabeth, Wyckoff
St. Joseph, East Rutherford
Corpus Christi, Hasbrouck Heights
O. L. of Mt. Carmel, Lyndhurst
Sacred Heart, Lyndhurst
St. Michael the Archangel, Lyndhurst
Queen of Peace, North Arlington
St. Mary, Rutherford
Immaculate Conception, Secaucus
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Wallington
Assumption of Our Blessed Lady, Wood-Ridge

Essex County

St. Aloysius, Caldwell
Notre Dame, North Caldwell
St. Catherine of Siena, Cedar Grove
St. Thomas More, Fairfield
St. Philomena, Livingston
St. Raphael, Livingston
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Roseland
Our Lady of the Lake, Verona
Our Lady of Lourdes, West Orange
St. Joseph, West Orange
St. Joseph, Maplewood
Our Lady of Sorrows, South Orange
St. Columba, Newark
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Newark
St. Rose of Lima, Newark

Hudson County

Our Lady of Grace, Hoboken
SS Peter & Paul, Hoboken
St. Joseph, Hoboken
St. Ann, Hoboken
St. Francis, Hoboken
St. Lawrence, Weehawken
St. Anne, Jersey City
St. John the Baptist, Jersey City
St. Aedan, Jersey City
St. Joseph, Jersey City
St. Nicholas, Jersey City
St. Paul of the Cross, Jersey City
Our Lady of Victories, Jersey City
St. Paul the Apostle, Jersey City
St. Aloysius, Jersey City
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Jersey City

Union County

Immaculate Conception, Elizabeth
Blessed Sacrament, Elizabeth
St. Thomas Aquinas, Newark
Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary/
St. Michael, Elizabeth
St. Anthony of Padua, Elizabeth
St. Genevieve, Elizabeth
St. Mary of the Assumption, Elizabeth

CYCLE #2 (62 PARISHES)

Timeframe for Conversations
January 2006 – September 2006

Bergen County

St. John the Evangelist, Bergenfield
St. Therese of Lisieux, Cresskill
St. Mary, Dumont
Ascension, New Milford
St. Joseph, Oradell/New Milford
Annunciation, Paramus
O. L. of the Visitation, Paramus
St. Peter the Apostle, River Edge
O. L. of Mt. Carmel, Tenaflly
St. Joseph, Bogota
Holy Trinity, Hackensack
St. Margaret of Cortona, Little Ferry
Queen of Peace, Maywood
St. Francis of Assisi, Ridgefield Park
St. Anastasia, Teaneck
Epiphany, Cliffside Park
Holy Rosary, Edgewater
St. Cecilia, Englewood
O. L. of Grace, Fairview
St. John the Baptist, Fairview
Holy Trinity, Fort Lee
Madonna, Fort Lee
St. John the Evangelist, Leonia
Sacred Heart, North Bergen
St. Michael, Palisades Park
St. Nicholas, Palisades Park
St. Matthew, Ridgefield

Essex County

St. Leo, Irvington
Sacred Heart (Vailsburg), Newark
Epiphany/Holy Trinity, Newark
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Newark
Our Lady of Fatima, Newark
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Newark
St. Aloysius, Newark
St. Benedict, Newark
St. Casimir, Newark
St. James, Newark

Hudson County

St. Anthony of Padua, Union City
SS Joseph & Michael, Union City
Holy Family, Union City
St. Augustine, Union City
Our Lady of Fatima, North Bergen
St. Joseph of the Palisades, W. New York
Our Lady of Libera, W. New York
Our Lady of Czestochowa, Jersey City
St. Anthony, E. Newark
Holy Cross, Harrison
Our Lady of Czestochowa, Harrison
Our Lady of Sorrows, Kearny
St. Cecilia, Kearny
St. Stephen, Kearny

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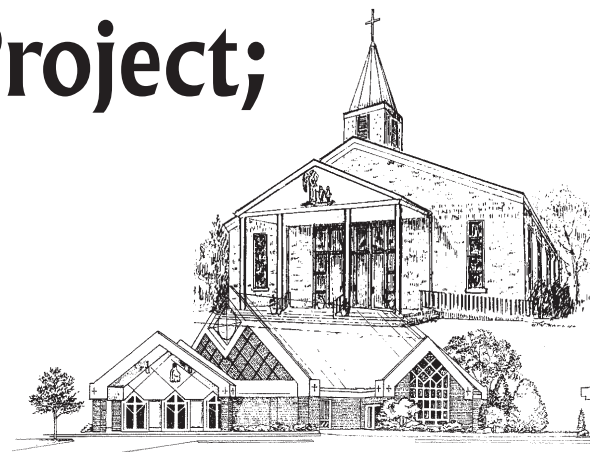
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Assumption, Roselle Park
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St. Michael, Cranford
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St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Linden
Holy Family, Linden
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CYCLE #3 (66 PARISHES)

Timeframe for Conversations
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Bergen County

Assumption, Emerson
St. John the Baptist, Hillsdale
O. L. of Mercy, Park Ridge
O. L. of Good Counsel, Washington Twp
St. Andrew, Westwood
O. L. Mother of the Church, Woodcliff Lake
St. Mary, Closter
St. Joseph, Demarest
St. Joseph Korean Catholic, Demarest
O. L. of Victories, Harrington Park
Sacred Heart, Haworth
St. Anthony, Northvale
Immaculate Conception, Norwood
St. Pius X, Old Tappan



St. Leo, Elmwood Park
St. Anne, Fair Lawn
Most Holy Name, Garfield
O.L. of Mt. Virgin, Garfield
O.L. of Sorrows, Garfield
St. Francis de Sales, Lodi
St. Joseph, Lodi
Sacred Heart, Rochelle Park
Korean Martyrs, Saddle Brook
St. Stanislaus Kostka, Garfield
St. Philip the Apostle, Saddle Brook

Essex County

St. Anthony, Belleville
St. Peter, Belleville
Sacred Heart, Bloomfield
St. Thomas the Apostle, Bloomfield
St. Valentine, Bloomfield
Immaculate Conception, Montclair
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Montclair
St. Peter Claver, Montclair
Holy Family, Nutley
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Nutley
St. Mary, Nutley
St. Cassian, Upper Montclair
Holy Name of Jesus, East Orange
Holy Spirit/Our Lady Help of Christians, East Orange
Our Lady of the Valley, Orange
St. John, Orange
St. Francis Xavier, Newark
St. Lucy, Newark
St. Michael, Newark

Hudson County

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bayonne
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St. Andrew, Bayonne
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St. Vincent de Paul, Bayonne

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St. James, Springfield
St. Rose of Lima, Short Hills
Our Lady of Lourdes, Mountainside
Holy Spirit, Union
St. Michael the Archangel, Union
St. Agnes, Clark
Holy Trinity, Westfield
St. Helen, Westfield
St. Bartholomew, Scotch Plains
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scotch Plains
St. Mary, Plainfield

Parish Principles

The New Energies Parish Task Force developed 28 guiding principles related to quality parish life for parishes to use to examine themselves in the areas of spiritual, educational and formational, service, parish community, administrative, and pastoral life.

Spiritual Life

The Christian faithful are those who have been incorporated in Christ through baptism and, thus, constituted as the people of God. As sharers in Christ's priestly, prophetic and royal office in their own manner, they are called to exercise the mission which God has entrusted to the Church. The Christian is called to fulfill the mission in the world, according to each one's state in life. (Canon 204)

Basic to the mission is the spiritual foundation of each Christian. The individual Christian finds oneself in a parish community where that person is nourished, supported, and formed. These elements are found in worship, evangelization, stewardship, baptismal call and call to holiness.

Worship

1. Liturgy is a priority in parish life and responds to the riches of the culture and heritage of the parish. Preaching speaks to the life of the parishioners. Eucharist is celebrated with prayerfulness and dignity. Parish diversity is available to present good liturgy. Various forms of devotional prayer are fostered.
2. Sacramental celebrations reflect the cultural heritage of the people assembled. Right of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the formation experience for those adults seeking the Sacraments of Initiation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is encouraged with adequate times available. Marriage preparation is sufficient. Anointing of the Sick is celebrated communally and when requested. Funerals are celebrated with compassion and understanding. Archdiocesan Policies on sacraments of initiation are followed.
3. Structures for preparing and caring for the liturgy are in place and operating. People are asked to participate and are trained in a variety of liturgical ministries. There is a liturgy coordinator and/or parish liturgy committee. All liturgical ministers communicate regularly.
4. Music is recognized as essential in liturgy and there is financial support. Parish music ministers enable the assembly in its sung prayer. There are worthy instruments able to support assembly's singing. There is a competent director of liturgical music. Choice of music reflects diverse culture and spiritual traditions in the parish.

Evangelization

5. Evangelization is recognized as an essential aspect of the life and mission of the parish. Parish leadership and membership is formed in a vision of evangelization. The parish encourages racial and ethnic harmony. Newcomers are welcomed. Efforts are made to reach out to the alienated, inactive and the unchurched.

Stewardship

6. Parishioners give of their time, talent and treasure

to support the Church's mission. There is ongoing stewardship education occurring. Obstacles to promoting stewardship are faced and dealt with openly.

Baptismal Call

7. Children, youth and adults are made aware of the various options for professional Church ministry. Vocational education is an integral part of religious education and parochial school curriculum. Vocations Office is welcomed to share information. Parishioners are celebrated in their vocational response in marriage, single life, and celibate life.

Call to Holiness

8. The parish supports and nurtures the spiritual life of the parish community. There are opportunities for individuals and families to join others for prayerful support. Programs for personal spiritual formation are provided on a parish and/or interparish basis. Diverse spiritual traditions present within a parish are appreciated and fostered. There is an outreach to learn the spiritual needs of the parish.

Education and Formational Life

Programs of lifelong education and catechetical formation, including sacramental preparation and Catholic schools, shall be available through cooperative efforts between and among parishes, if not provided on a stand-alone basis. It is essential that the parish have the ability to foster a sense of vocation, of eagerness to live out the basic baptismal commitment to service whatever one's state in life. A parish does this through education and catechetical formation.

Education and Formation

9. The parish implements a comprehensive plan for the religious formation and education of the entire faith community. A comprehensive well-integrated catechetical plan exists which provides opportunities for all parishioners to encounter the Gospel message. Adequate funds, resources, staff and space are allocated to implement the catechetical plan. Catechetical programs are evaluated on a regular basis. Assistance is provided to parents in understanding their role as ministers to their children in the formation of Christian values.

Parochial School

10. An essential ministry is to nurture the faith of families through parochial schools; either in a parish, co-sponsored or a neighboring school. Parents are encouraged to be involved in the Catholic school. Pastors and pastoral staff of the parish are involved with the school. Cooperative planning exists between school and parish staff for sacramental preparation. If in a co-sponsored situation, the parish supports the school spiritually and in other appropriate ways.

Educational Leaders

11. All catechists have appropriate preparation as well as practical experience. Parish Directors of Religious Education have appropriate education, ability and experience to provide catechist formation and effective administration of religious education programs. All catechists are skilled and knowledgeable. Catechists are intrinsic to the Gospel, active in parish life and faithful to the teaching of the Church. Parish priests and permanent deacons are actively involved in ongoing formation.

Catechetical Programs

12. The programs and materials used in religious education are consistent with Church teachings. The essential elements of the Christian message are faithfully presented. Catechesis encourages service and works towards social justice. Catechesis fosters ecumenism. Catechetical programs imply models and methodologies which are sensitive to the abilities and the local cultural needs of participants. There are active sacramental preparation programs.

Life of Service

Members of the parish are called to become ministers through their reception of the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The most significant place for that ministry to take place is in the everyday life of parishioners seeking to renew society with the spirit of the Gospel. The parish community must also acknowledge and promote ministry which is directed to, for and with the sick, the dying, the disabled, the afflicted, the lonely, the alienated, and the unborn. The parish must also promote family life, catechesis, education and action on behalf of justice for all.

Social Teaching Education

13. The parish provides for the education and formation of its people in the social teachings and tradition of the Church. Religious education programs integrate social teaching at every level. Racial and ethnic harmony is addressed as a priority. An organized program of instruction in social teaching has been implemented discussing issues in light of Catholic social teaching.

Public Life

14. The ministry of the parish reflects political and public dimensions of our faith, encouraging the faithful to work for justice in their own public lives. The call to be responsible citizens is acknowledged and highlighted. There is a social justice committee in place. The social justice committee has an agenda of social change.

Responding to Human Needs

15. The parish focuses on the human needs of its own members and the needs of all the poor and marginalized. Organizations are in place to provide service in response to human needs, e.g. food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, or in support of parishes or organizations which have these services. There are programs which minister to the sick, bereaved and homebound. Parishes reach out to the poor, the newcomer, the needy and the disabled. Parish is aware of and makes use of local, national and international helping efforts. Parish responds to needs of families in crisis.

Respect for Life

16. Concern and respect for life is integrated into parochial life. Educational opportunities concerning respect for life issues, from conception to natural death, are offered to the parish. A consistent ethic of life is promoted and expressed for those who are most vulnerable in particular the unborn Christian family life is fostered in all its dimensions (traditional, single parent, widowed and never married). Non-violent behavior, language and life choice is fostered in the family.

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Ecumenical and Interfaith

17. The parish engages in education for Christian unity and in ecumenical activities. Parish leadership is represented in local ecumenical associations. The parish conducts and participates in ecumenical services. Parish leadership promotes understanding of other non-Christian religious groups, particularly those represented in the local community. The specific interfaith concerns of spouses and families are met.

Parish Community Life

The parish has an awareness of its youth, young adult and adult members. There is an effort on the part of the parish to actively include all members of the parish in the various activities that make up the parish.

Youth Ministry

18. There is a comprehensive pastoral ministry for youth. The parish alone or with other parishes has a qualified youth minister. The parish provides for training and formation opportunities and materials for all those involved in youth ministry. All adults who minister with youth are faithful Roman Catholics, witnesses of the Gospel and active in parish life.

Young Adult Ministry

19. The parish community fosters pastoral ministry with young adults. An effort is maintained to engage young adults in all aspects of parish life. Young adults are encouraged to engage in activities which enhance their faith life. There is a program for young adults who are beginning their faith journey.

Women's/Men's Groups

20. Effective ministry to the women and men of the parish is present. Membership in parish organizations includes people of all representative ages and neighborhoods within a parish. Meetings include prayer, information, education, entertainment and social fellowship. The activities of the women's and men's clubs respond to the concerns of the individual, the family, the parish, the community and the archdiocese.

Family Life

21. There is a comprehensive pastoral outreach to the families who are part of the parish community. The parish helps make the connection between the parish community and the church of the home. Parish programs, policies, ministries and services take family needs into account by providing before and after school care, Rainbows for All God's Children, etc. An advocate for family life is present to parish staff.

Administrative Life

The parish community shall ensure proper and just fiscal administration, business, personnel and property management in response to the parish community's commitment of time, talent and treasure. It is important that the Finance Council, the Pastor and Pastoral Staff and the Parish Pastoral Council maintain a collaborative relationship. These areas of leadership must take responsibility for being creative in responding to the needs of parishioners.

Finance Council

22. There is a finance council in place that consults with the pastor on major financial decisions, budget development and major maintenance schedule. The finance council is in place and consults with the pastor. There is a finance plan of action in place. There is a study in place that analyzes the costs associated with the operating parish facilities and find such operations cost efficient. Parish priorities are reflected in financial decisions. The focus of the financial council reflects an interest in both managing costs and developing revenue.

Pastoral Council Leadership

23. Pastoral leadership encourages the fullest possible collaboration of clergy, religious and laity in their common mission. The parish pastoral council is in place which allows participation of parishioners and staff in the planning and decision-making processes. The council reflects the social and ethnic mix of the parish, council members are encouraged to receive training and formation as parish leaders. The parish pastoral council evaluates and responds to the needs of the parish.

Financial Stability

24. The parish is able to support its ministerial outreach and maintain the parish facilities. The parish offers just and fair wages to its employees. The parish is able to pay its debts within a reasonable time. All Archdiocesan financial obligations are met. The parish is not overly dependent on special fundraising activities. The parish ensures proper fiscal administration, business management and maintenance.

Pastoral Life Ministry

There can be no ministry without ministers. Clergy and religious have traditionally ministered to others. Today, we acknowledge that all baptized persons, in addition to the primary call to evangelize and transform the world, are also called to serve within the Church. Some are called to official ministries. It is important that the finance council, the pastor and

pastoral staff and the parish pastoral council maintain a collaborative relationship. These areas of leadership must take responsibility for being creative in responding to the needs of parishioners.

Ministerial Plan

25. A ministerial plan is in place which ensures there are competent people prepared to meet the ministerial needs of the parish. There is a parish plan or a cooperative plan with other parishes to meet the ministerial needs of the parish(es). There is a knowledge of the ever changing needs of all those to whom the parish is called to minister.

Families Per Priest

26. A parish should have no more than 1,200 registered families per priest and no less than 400. How do parishes measure up to this principle?

Professional Pastoral Staff

27. Each parish professional ministerial staff person is fully qualified and approved by the appropriate Archdiocesan Office. Such staff are: director of religious education; school principal and teachers; liturgy coordinator; church musician; youth minister. Pastoral staff are recommended by and/or processed by appropriate Archdiocesan Office. Pastoral staff are encouraged to participate in Archdiocesan, regional and national formation. Credentials are examined as part of interview. All references are followed through on to ensure proper background. There is in place adequate support staff to work with professional pastoral staff.

Parish Staff

28. Parish staff meets regularly to pray together, share their experiences and develop administrative decisions and direction. Parish staff meet at least once a month. Prayer is an integral part of each meeting. An agenda is provided before each meeting. Decisions are made that enable the implementation of a direction to move forward. Opportunities are provided for relaxation and socializing with the staff. Summary notes are shared after each meeting to keep a record of decisions made.



Advocate photo: M. Gabriele

HEARTFELT—Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Maplewood, held its final Sunday liturgy on June 26. Pictured here is the hand of the statute of Mary, which is located near the entrance of the parish.

Morales wins 'builder' award

BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Writer

AREA—Stephanie Morales, a recent graduate of Immaculate Conception High School, Lodi, and parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, has been honored with a Youth Community Builder Award from the Bergen County Chapter of the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ).

The recognition went to 31 Bergen County seniors from public, private and parochial schools "who have demonstrated characteristics that will help them become tomorrow's civic and business leaders," a spokeswoman for the organization said. Six of the awards went to Catholic school students.

Morales, who will attend Dartmouth College in the fall, was recognized for her community service. In addition to volunteering at a battered woman's shelter throughout her freshman and sophomore years, and at the Felician Daycare Center during her junior and senior years, she has participated in the Interfaith Fellowship for the Homeless of Bergen County.

Morales also served as senior class president, attending to all

the responsibilities of her position, including spearheading the prom, a big/little sister day at the school, and coordinating the senior barbecue. "She's a real go-getter, she gets things done," enthused Sister Mary Alicia Adametz, C.S.S.F., principal.

"When she makes up her mind that she wants to do something, she's willing to work to achieve her goal. She will do well—she's a participant in life, not an observer," the principal said.

Morales, who graduated in the top 10 of her class, has also been featured in leading roles in several school plays, including *Godspell*, *Once on This Island*, *Grease*, and a review of Broadway musicals.

Morales, who grew up in South Ozone Park, Queens, with her parents and two younger brothers,

moved to New Jersey in 2000, yet she longs to return to the city to pursue an acting career.

Morales also hopes to open an arts center for children in the city. "Creative arts in the city are always being cut, and kids don't have a place to go. I want to give them a place to be, where they can go for theatre, dance and painting."

She said her goal is informed by her faith. "If it wasn't because of God's good grace, I could be one of those children that has nowhere to go or no one to turn to. I feel I have a responsibility to give back."

Offering advice to high school students today, she noted: "Do what your heart tells you to do and don't think you can't because people tell you that you can't. Go out there, work hard and focus on school."



Stephanie Morales (center), is congratulated at a luncheon for awardees by, (left to right,) Steve Aduabato, award-winning news anchor and journalist; Jonathan Whitfield, affirmative action officer in the Bergen County Executive's Office; Lois Rubin, manager of diversity at Unilever—the presenting sponsor and underwriter, and Raymond Bramucci, president of Instructional Systems, Inc., and luncheon chair.

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John 1:38-39

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Retirement caps a 48-year career in the classroom

ORADELL—The euphoria and joy that normally accompanies the completion of another school year at Bergen Catholic High School was tempered this year by the announcement of the retirement of Brother James Benildus Walsh, C.F.C.

The popular Brother Walsh was one of the most recog-

nized and respected members of the esteemed list of faculty that have served the Bergen Catholic community since the school's inception in September 1955.

He earned a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy from Iona College in New Rochelle, NY. Five years later, he received an Master's degree in Theology at

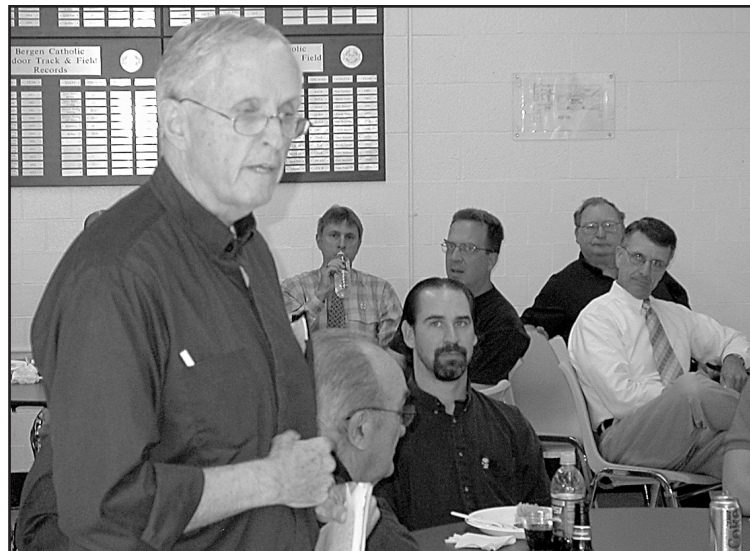
St. John's University.

Brother James took his first vows in the Congregation of Christian Brothers on Sept. 8, 1955, and began a 48-year teaching career.

He was assigned to Bergen Catholic High School in September 1959 for the first of periods of service that eventually totaled 34 years.

One of 22 Brothers on the faculty at the time, he taught Biology, Religion and World History, was moderator of various clubs, and several sports programs including golf and track.

Brother Walsh also served as a department chairman, guidance counselor and supervisor of the school grounds and the bookstore.



Brother James Benildus Walsh, C.F.C., addresses his friends and peers at the celebratory luncheon held in his honor at the school.

Brother Walsh was one of the first moderators of the

school newspaper (*The Herald*), peer tutoring and Eucharistic ministry groups.

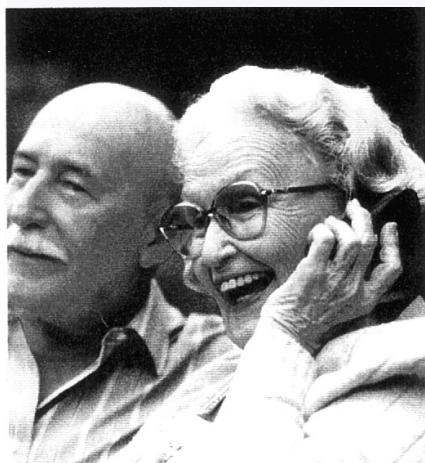
In his later years, he contributed his expertise and guidance as coordinator of the school's senior community service projects program.

Brother Walsh's first assignment at Bergen Catholic lasted 12 years, followed by a return from 1974-79 and finally, a "homecoming" in 1988 to the present.

During that period, he was recognized for his substantial contributions to the school by being inducted into the Bergen Catholic Hall of Fame in 1992 and by earning "Teacher of the Year" honors in 1999.

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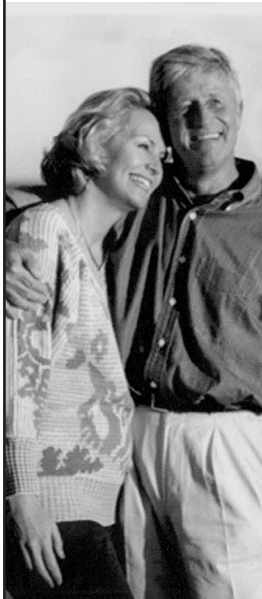
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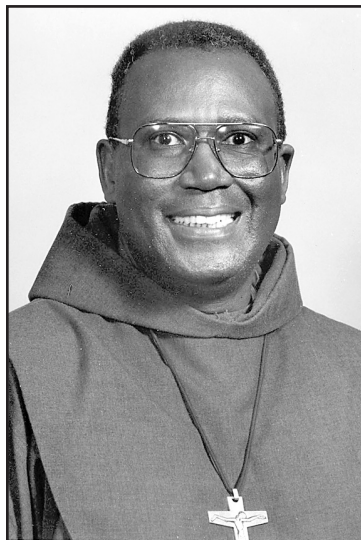
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Brother Marion Hancock, S.A.

Jubilees celebrated

GARRISON, NY—The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement recently hosted a Jubilee Celebration at Graymoor on for friars marking 50 and 60 year milestones including Brother Marion Hancock, S.A. who was raised in Newark.

Brother Hancock was born in Griffin, GA in 1937. He entered the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in 1955.

After making his vows in 1958, he worked in the Graymoor Gift Shop before being assigned to Rome where, from 1971 to 1976, he was administrator of Friary Convento S. Onofrio.

He then served at the Newman Center at Howard University in Washington, where he earned his bachelor's degree in Sociology and Psychology. While in Washington, he was youth minister at the St. Francis deSales parish, served as the assistant to the chaplain at Fort Belvoir, VA, and earned a degree in mental health from Montgomery College, MD. He has also served at St. Christopher's Inn at Graymoor and North General Hospital in Harlem. He is now in the Clinic for Mental Health Services at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Paterson.

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Defibrillator donated to high school

MONTCLAIR—Thomas Giblin, a member of the Board of Trustees of Immaculate Conception High School (ICHS) and his sisters, Mary Giblin and Eileen Coyne, paid tribute to the memory of their mother, Theresa, with a donation of a home automated external defibrillator.

School nurse, Mary Ronayne, R.N. and Sister Maureen Crowley, S.C., president had a defibrillator at the top of school's "wish list."

With proper training, defibrillation administered by a layperson, EMT or other rescue-trained personnel, outside of a hospital setting can increase the number of cardiac-arrest survivors. Ronayne is cardiac certified.

In accepting the gift from the Giblin family, Sister Maureen said, "The defibrillator is the first gift I have accepted at ICHS about which I can say I hope it is



(Left to right) Tom Giblin, Mary C. Giblin, Mary Ronayne, Eileen Giblin Coyne and Sister Maureen Crowley, S.C., proudly display the new defibrillator donated to ICHS.

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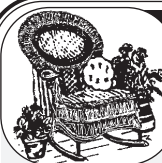
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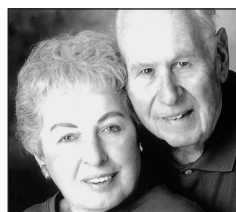
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A National Family Planning Week Q & A

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NEWARK — Dr. Leonie Watson is a faithful Catholic, mother, and Georgetown University-trained physician. Now, more than 30 years after becoming a doctor, she has started a Natural Family Planning medical practice (NFP-Only), FertilityCare Consulting, specializing in NaProTechnology.

In anticipation of National NFP Week (July 24-30), I sat

down with Dr. Watson to find out more about her innovative approach to women's reproductive care.

Q: What motivated you to become an NFP-Only physician?

A: I always supported NFP, and was excited by the medical applications NaProTechnology offered. After graduating from medical school in 1968 my husband Rich and I completed rotating internships in the Army.

For the next 25 years, Rich remained on active duty practicing urology while I practiced part time, focusing on our growing family. It was not until 1998, while attending an Integrating Catholic Truth and Medicine Conference that I thought about launching this new practice. After studying the research, meeting other NFP-Only doctors, and attending the Medical Consultant training, I wanted to make this system available to women here in New Jersey.

Q: So, what is NaProTechnology?

A: NaProTechnology stands for natural procreative technology. It is a female healthcare system, developed by Dr. Thomas Hilgers (OB/GYN, Director of the Pope Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction, www.popepaulvi.com) for diagnosis and treatment guided by information from a woman's NFP chart. NaProTechnology provides natural, effective treatment for common gynecologic problems that may be associated with infertility.

It is an exciting approach to help couples relieve discomfort, restore healthy reproductive function, and, if they choose, conceive naturally.

Q: Is this technology well known?

A: Most of my peers are not yet familiar with this system. It is relatively new, and can be quite a change from the philosophy and standard protocols we learned in medical school.

As a resource to a woman's primary care physician, I believe my practice will provide immediate access to new natural treatment options for their patients. It is excellent healthcare without the usual moral conflicts. I am encouraged by the recent growing interest in the system.

Q: How is this system different from In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF) or hormonal contraceptives?

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Q: So this isn't just for Catholics?

A: This is good healthcare for all women. As a Catholic, I support the Church teachings against contraception, sterilization, and most artificial reproductive technologies. As a physician, I am convinced NaProTechnology is just better healthcare.

Q: What message would you like to give women and couples in the archdiocese?

A: Your fertility is a gift from God. There are now better health choices than contraception, sterilization, or IVF. Modern NFP is totally different from the rhythm method of generations ago providing, not only, a moral, effective way to achieve or postpone pregnancy, but also, an important health tool for women of all ages.

Damon C. Owens is the NFP Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Newark and founder of NJ Natural Family Planning (www.njnfp.org)

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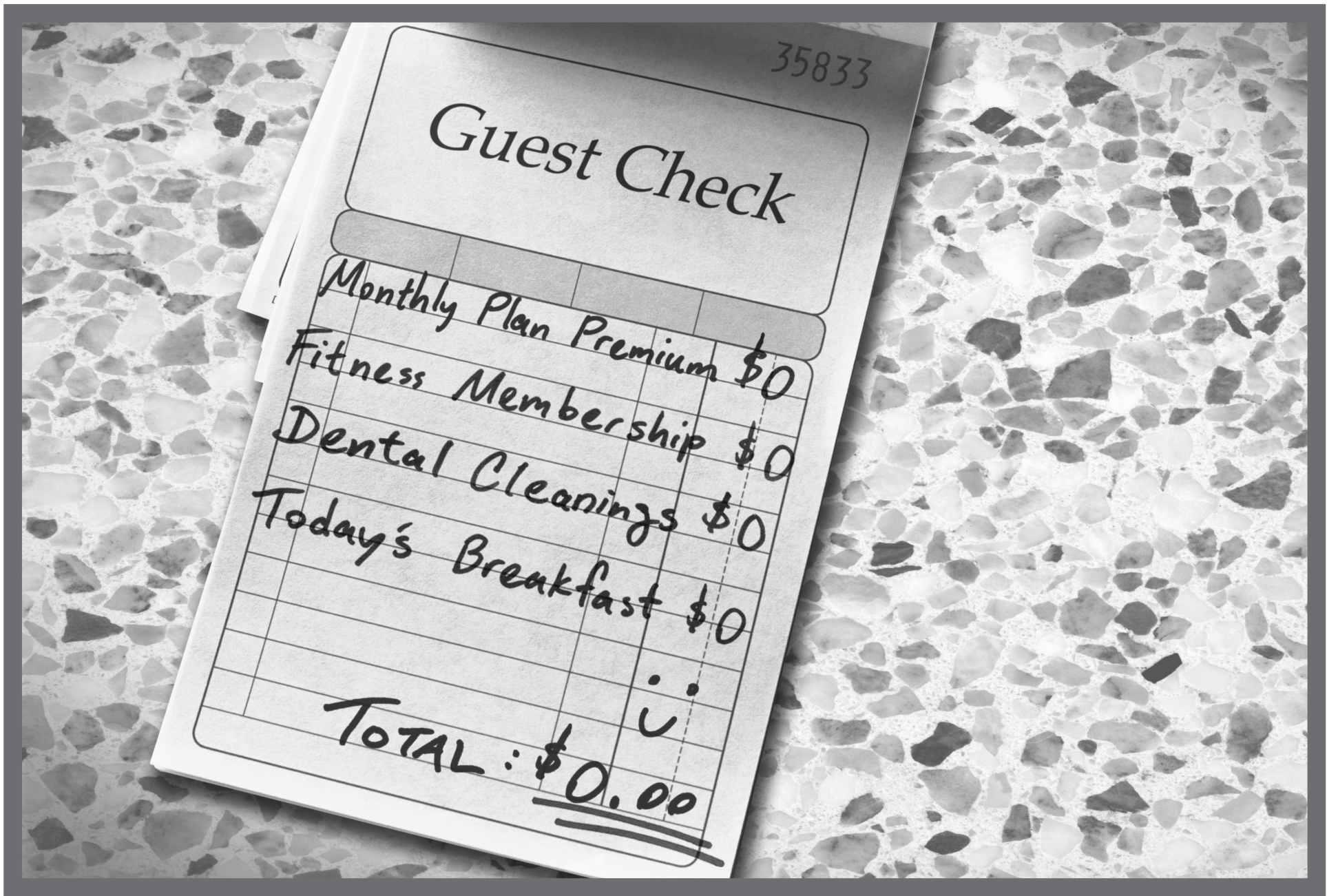
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Vacation time with family and loved ones offers the opportunity to spend "more time dedicated to prayer, reading and meditation on the deep meaning of life," he said July 17 before praying the Sunday Angelus in Les Combes, Italy.

Because today's lifestyles, especially in hectic cities, "leave little room for silence, reflection and being in touch with nature," it has become "almost a necessity to be able to refortify one's body and spirit" with a relaxing vacation, said the pope.

"After the first months of the demanding pastoral service that (God) has entrusted to me, this summer pause is a truly providen-

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He said nature was like "a wonderful book," accessible to young and old.

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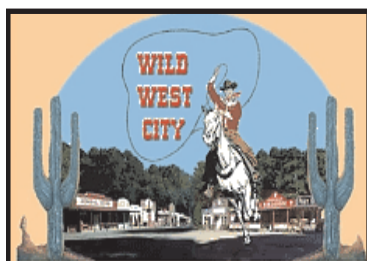
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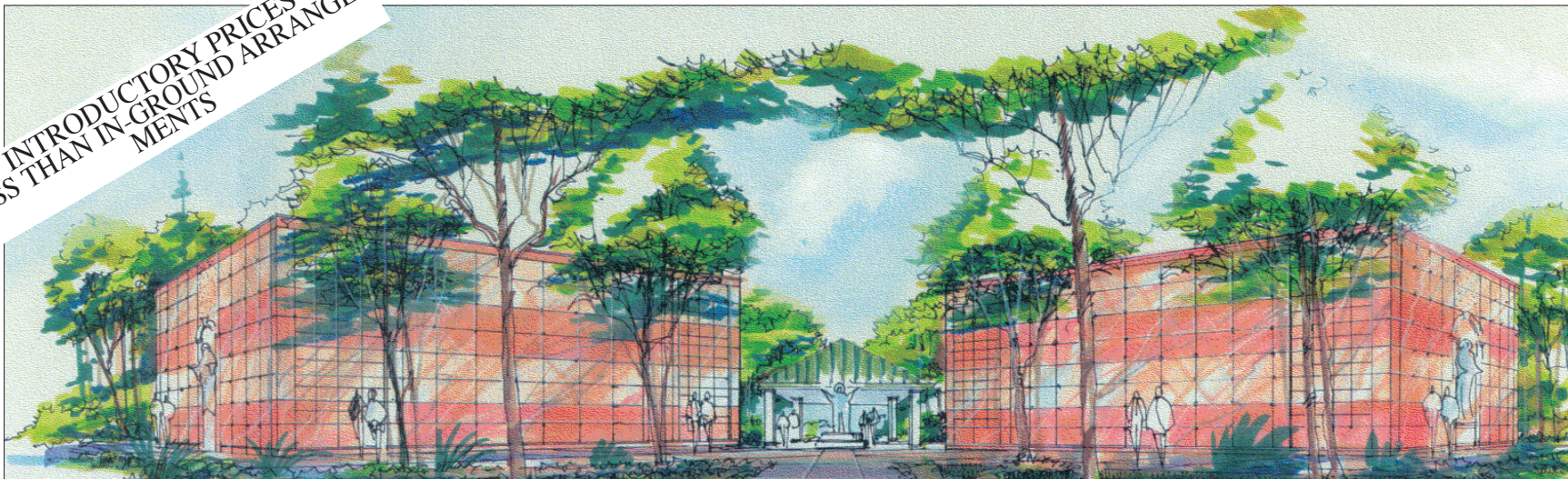
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