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Baby John, a member of the Syro-Malabar community at Our Lady of Sorrows, Garfield, has a moment of silent prayer before a weekday Mass. It is a custom for women from Kerala to take their husband's first name as their last name.

## Archdiocese offers online tithing service

NEWARK—The Archdiocese of Newark has approved ParishPay LLC to enable parishioners to give gifts and weekly offerings directly through their bank accounts, credit cards and the internet.

Based in New York, ParishPay is a national company that administers programs to increase stewardship commitments and improve operational efficiencies within religious organizations around the country. Eight million parishioners nationwide now have access to ParishPay.

As the largest religious gift processor in the country, ParishPay is handling more than \$100 million of payments and gifts to church entities. ParishPay said it has strengthened churches in almost every state by providing for parishioners to give from their bank accounts, credit cards and the internet. According to information on its Web site, ParishPay utilizes "cutting-edge technology and donor services functions with a deep understanding of religious giving."

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## Indian Catholics carve out niche

**Express faith through rich history, colorful traditions**

BY BRIAN FORES  
Staff Writer

AREA—India, land of silk and incense; source of revered Hindu spiritual texts such as the *Baghavad Gita* and the *Upanishads*; home of the laughing sitar and droning tambura, and birthplace of two of the world's most venerable and ancient belief systems—Hinduism and Buddhism—is also home to one of the oldest Christian communities in the world, which tradition claims was founded by St. Thomas the Apostle in 52 AD.

Here in the archdiocese, there is a thriving population of Indian Catholics, adding their col-

orful culture and carving their niche throughout the four counties. A 2000 census by the Office of Research and Planning of the Archdiocese of Newark reveals that there are roughly 54,000 Indians in the Archdiocese. The largest populations reside in Hudson and Bergen counties.

India is a complex nation, with 25 states, 15 official languages, hundreds of regional dialects, and an intricate socio-economic structure. With an estimated 1 billion residents, it is the second-most populous country in the world after China.

According to a report by the Pastoral Care of Migrant and Refugees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Christians comprise 3 percent of the total population, some 30 million people; of those, roughly 17.5 million are Catholics. Hindus are in the majority with some 800 million people,

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## Escaping the horrors of Sudan

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE  
Editor

NEWARK—Trapped by the insanity of civil war and murderous religious persecution in the African nation of Sudan, there was a defining moment five years ago in the life of Father John Lugala Lasuba, when he had all but given up hope.

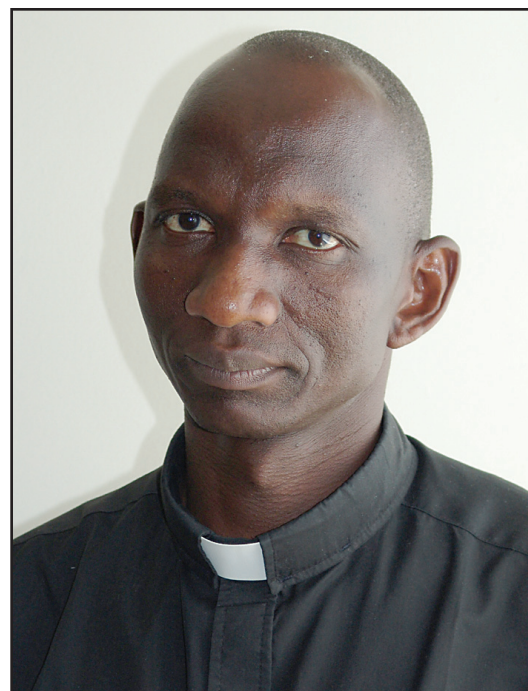
A fugitive in his homeland, having witnessed the vicious slaughter of his family and friends, his desperate flight to escape the madness had taken him through various camps and villages in the Christian southern part of the country. Planes and helicopters from the Muslim-controlled Khartoum government (the capital of Sudan) were systematically bombarding this region.

In the midst of this chaos, Father Lasuba encountered an elderly man named Lero, who for many years had been involved with the liberation movement in the troubled country. As planes buzzed overhead, Father Lasuba asked Lero what had sustained him in the long struggle.

"The moment you lose hope, you die," Lero told him.

"Yes, I had nearly lost hope," Father Lasuba confessed, speaking softly last week at the office of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark. "I felt forsaken. But each one of us carries his own cross." A sad smile etched his face when he added

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Advocate photo- M. Gabriele

Father John Lugala Lasuba, who currently resides at the Comboni Missionaries in Montclair, shared the astonishing tale of his journey out of Sudan and the atrocities he witnessed there. Aided by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, Father Lasuba recently won asylum in the United States and plans to relocate in Minnesota later this year.



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# Napoleon is long gone but the papacy lives on

In August of 1742 Luigi Barnaba Chiaramonti was born to a noble family in Cesena, a town north of Rome. A devout lad from the very start, he joined the Benedictine order at age 14. As his monastic name he chose Gregory.

The scholarly monk took advanced studies first at Padua, then at Rome. After this he taught theology at Parma. Beloved by his fellow monks for his kind and gentle manner, he was appointed abbot of the monastery in the Eternal City. At age 33 he was elevated to the episcopate, serving as bishop of Imola. Ten years later, in 1785, he was made a cardinal and given the red hat by Pope Pius VI.

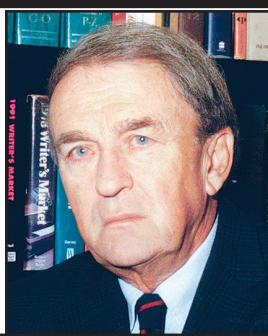
It was a period of great trouble and travail for the Church. Cardinal Chiaramonti could only look on helplessly as that long-suffering pontiff was treated abusively by Napoleon. Because of Pius VI's vehement opposition to the French Revolution, Napoleon broke off diplomatic relations with the Holy See and had his troops occupy parts of the Papal States including Ferrara, Bologna, and Romagna.

Pius himself ultimately was arrested and deported, first to Tuscany, then to Turin, to Briancon, thence to Valence where he died, at age 81, a prisoner in exile in the late summer of 1799. It was widely believed that this spelled the end of the institution of the Papacy.

The cardinals, however, soon convened in the Basilica of San Marco in Venice to elect a successor. The conclave proved to be a lengthy and turbulent one. After three grueling months of bickering, the Sacred College at last reached a decision. Ascending to the Chair of St. Peter was the modest, soft-spoken

## A View from History

By Frank J. Korn



Chiaramonti. Out of esteem and affection for his predecessor he took the name Pius VII.

Because the French had confiscated all papal regalia, a papier-mâché tiara was used for Pius' coronation.

The new pontiff led the Church into a new century and at once had to confront old problems with Napoleon. By 1800 the Corsican general had seized control of France. His vaunted legions were on the march across the continent.

Hoping to improve the situation between the Papal States and the French regime, the Pope set out for Paris in the fall of 1804 with the intention of personally crowning Napoleon as emperor.

But the lessening of tensions was not to be, for there was no appeasing the arrogant and ruthless Bonaparte. On the first of December in a glittering ceremony within the Gothic grandeur of the cathedral of Notre Dame, the self-proclaimed emperor humiliated the Pope by snatching the crown from his

hands and placing it on his own head. He then took a tiara and crowned his wife Josephine as empress.

War now raged throughout Europe and from it Napoleon emerged as the virtual master of the entire continent. The Pope acquiesced to some of Napoleon's demands on the Church, but stood his ground on others. Enraged that anyone would dare defy him, Napoleon had his troops occupy Rome and annexed the remaining areas of the papal territory.

Pius VII courageously and rightfully excommunicated Bonaparte as the "robber of the Patrimony of St. Peter." For this the Pope paid a high price. On July 5 he was arrested and banished from Rome. Treated shabbily, Pius was exiled, first to Grenoble, then to Savona, then to Fontainebleau. Pius was forced to sign the Concordat of Fontainebleau, which subjected the Church and the papacy to outrageous demands. Two months later, Pius retracted his concessions.

With the fall of Napoleon in March of 1814 the Pope was liberated and returned in triumph to Rome amid much rejoicing.

That same year also saw the Congress of Vienna restore the Papal States to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Pontiff. Around the globe Pius VII was acclaimed for his brave stance against the totalitarian regime. In a genuine display of Christian forgiveness, Pius implored the English to spare Napoleon from a stark and lonely exile on the god-forsaken island of St. Helena. His plea, however, went unheeded.

One moral of this story might be that today in Paris, Napoleon's Empire lies entombed with him in the church of Les Invalides, while in Rome the papacy lives on in the person of Benedict XVI.

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## Stewardship

# The crucial role of resource training

BY DAVID OSBORNE, MA, MBA

Director of Stewardship and Planned Giving

There is only one more opportunity for parishes to participate in the Stewardship Seminar Series, "A Practical Guide to Stewardship in Today's Catholic Parish." The last session takes place Saturday, Oct. 15 from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel in Saddle Brook.

All clergy administrators and up to three parishioners from every parish can participate—at no cost!

Following is what some of our participants have said about the series. When asked about the part of the program they felt had the greatest impact and value, the responses included: "The sense of urgency at this time to implement stewardship....The program is excellent. Just to be with others who are striving to lead the parish community in positive manners....The questionnaires at lunch and the answers, so real and from the heart. Practical and useful and adapted to each parish's needs and goals."

When asked to describe the characteristics they believed applied to the seminar presentations, 77 percent of respondents said the presentations "Increased my understanding of stewardship," 72 percent said they thought the presentations "Challenged me to think" and 50 percent said the presentations "Increased my motivation to spread the message of stewardship." Eighty-four

percent of respondents found the presentations to be "Very helpful."

This Stewardship Seminar Series is just the first phase of a considerable effort by the Archdiocesan Development Office to help parishes in their efforts to promote stewardship as part of their overall pastoral planning. In addition to the seminars, the Development Office will host three major conferences over the next three months.

In September, the Development Office will host the Pastors National Development Congress, a total management, marketing, finance and development program for America's Catholic pastors. The Congress, which is anticipated to be attended by 450 pastors and clergy administrators, will take place in Newark on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 28 and 29 at the Hilton Newark Gateway adjacent to Newark's Transit Penn Station Terminal.

The next event is our Archdiocesan Annual Stewardship Day for up to 630 participants at Seton Hall University on Saturday, Oct. 29. Presentations will be in Spanish and English. This will be the greatest local stewardship day in our history. Speakers include: Father Benedict Groeschel, Father George Rutler, Msgr. Michael Corona (President of the International Catholic

Stewardship Council), Dr. Charles Zech, Mary Beth Bonacci, Mary Beth Newkumet, Teresa Cirner, Paco Gavrillides, Richard Garrigan, and others.

The last event is the Religious and Lay Leaders Development Conference. This special program follows the Pastors' National Development Council agenda and we encourage pastors, principals, and parish, school and finance council members to attend. It is anticipated to be attended by up to 500 religious and lay leaders. The conference will take place on Friday evening and Saturday, Nov. 18-19 at the Hilton Hasbrouck Heights/Meadowlands.

Finally, in keeping with this commitment to help parishes, the Development Office will be providing

information on three consulting firms that are recommended to help enhance stewardship at the parish level. Each firm has reduced their normal fees to work with parishes in the

Archdiocese of Newark. In addition, each firm has particular strengths, styles, and methodologies, but all are flexible and can work with any pastor and parish's situation. We are confident that whichever firm a parish works with, it will help make great advancements in your parish's stewardship process.

For more information or to register, please contact your parish or the Development Office at (973) 497-4584.

*"Increased my understanding of stewardship."*

—Seminar participant



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# Newark 'catacombs' offer lessons in early history of the Church

**BY LIESL FORES**  
Staff Writer

NEWARK—With their reopening on Good Friday of this year, the St. Joseph Catacombs, the only replica of the Roman catacombs in the northeastern United States, located at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, have been welcoming visitors and pilgrims daily.

Visitors come to learn about the history of the early Christian Church in Rome and experience one of the artistic and historic jewels of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Father Gregorio Mateu, T.O.R., pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary, recounted that when the Franciscan priests of the Third Regular Order arrived from Spain in Newark in the mid 1920s, their residence and place of worship was a space under the bridge near Penn Station.

However, soon after, in 1928, the archdiocese purchased for them the former Baptist Church property on Prospect and Lafayette streets in what is today known as the Ironbound section of Newark, and the new parish was named St. Joseph's.

After visiting catacombs in Canada, Father Mateo Amoros, T.O.R., parochial vicar of St. Joseph's, became inspired to spearhead a campaign to build catacombs right in his own parish. The original Christian catacombs of Rome date back to the second century, when the early Christians began to meet in the underground tunnels that were pagan burial grounds. They would secretly congregate and celebrate Mass, and eventually they began to bury their dead there.

Today, with their symbolic paintings, carvings and other objects, these vast and ancient Roman catacombs tell the story of the early Church and many Christian martyrs and saints. Every year people from all over the world make the pilgrimage to these historic and spiritually significant sites.

The St. Joseph Catacombs at Immaculate Heart of Mary are a "mini replica" of the magnificent catacombs of Rome and are a tribute to the sacrifice and martyrdom of the early Christians. They were created by Father Amoros and his parishioners with great love, devotion and financial sacrifice of their own.

In the 1930's, the Spanish, Portuguese and American parishioners of St. Joseph's offered whatever monetary contributions they could as well as limitless labor and other services to bring to fruition the endeavor of the catacombs underneath the church.

After the masonry was completed, ornaments such as statues and religious objects, mostly from Spain and Italy, were collected and put in place, and the project was completed and opened to the public by 1938.

Following the death of Father Amoros in 1945 and as time went on, the catacombs and their ornaments began to fall prey to neglect and abandonment.



Advocate photo - Liesl Fores

The "Virgen Gitana," the gypsy Virgin Mary, of Andalucia, Spain, is a featured work of art. The position of Mary's hands and her stance as well as her decorative cloak are characteristic of images of this area.

However, in 1984, the pastor of the renamed parish—Immaculate Heart of Mary—Father Francis Dols and parishioners began to restore the beautiful structure, with all its intricacies. The well known painter Nina Tamburro created several original Biblical murals for the catacombs, and they were reopened.

Unfortunately, the building in which the catacombs are housed eventually began deteriorating, and the catacombs were closed again until recently, when a new interest was sparked after several of their items were put on display at Seton Hall University's exhibit in 2004 in celebration of the archdiocese's 150th anniversary.

Repairs to the building were initiated, followed by renovation of the catacombs themselves. Father Mateu and parishioners began and continue to carry out their own painstaking restoration of the walls, floors, niches, tombs, statues and other ornaments, which have all been collected over time.

Whenever they have a chance, Father Mateu says, he and his helpers go down to the catacombs, get out paints and brushes and work on the ornaments and wall murals in particular, which have faded due to water damage and the passage of time, using original photographs of the pieces for guidance.

Other unique elements of the catacombs are the plaster gypsum statues of saints and martyrs, many reposed in tombs and niches. A distinctive image of Christ lying in the tomb is one.

A bronze tabernacle from Italy is as elaborate on the inside as it is on the outside, since, as the pastor explained, the artist believed the receptacle of the Lord should be as glorious from His perspective as of those looking upon it.

A statue of St. John the Evangelist and of the Virgin Mary flank the sides of an altar in a large room in the center of the catacombs. The position of Mary's hands and her stance as well as her decorative cloak are distinct from other images of her. Father Mateu noted that, the statue being from Andalucia, Spain, it depicts the "Virgen Gitana," the gypsy Virgin Mary, of that region.

Mass can be celebrated at this altar, with room for about 40 people.

Father Gregorio Mateu assured that all the statues are originals and that nothing has been added; they've only restored what was already there.

Pointing out that visitors from many different backgrounds come every day to see the catacombs (though the parish's only real publicizing has been through word of mouth), he commented that there is not a lot of religious art in the United States, and people have a fascination and respect for such things.

"In a country that's so modern, you don't usually see such ancient images," he said, stressing that the themes depicted—for example, the visible wounds on the statues of the martyrs—are "not always pretty," but nonetheless serve as a catechism of the early Church, reflecting the suffering of the Christians of those times.

"We can't allow all of this to be abandoned," Father Mateu asserted. "This belongs to the archdiocese," he said, observing the responsibility "to conserve what God has given us. This is the richness of the Church."

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is located at 212 Lafayette St., (973) 589-8249. The catacombs are open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon and 2-4 p.m.

*Some information on the history of the St. Joseph Catacombs was taken from a parish-written pamphlet.*



# Drought-stricken Niger receives food delivery, aid from CRS

WASHINGTON (CNS) — After the first delivery of emergency food aid was made in her province in drought-stricken Niger, a mother told a Catholic Relief Services (CRS) worker, “We’re going to eat until we can’t eat anymore.”

“She had been eating nothing but leaves and weeds for months,” said G. Jefferson Price III, a communications consultant for CRS. “Her family was probably on the brink of starvation.”

In a telephone interview with Catholic News Service, Price said that while there was a festive atmosphere in the Kawa Fako village in the Dogondoutchi province, where the Aug. 11 food distribution took place, there were clear signs of chronic malnutrition and suffering.

Price said he saw children with distended stomachs and red tints in their hair, two of the telltale signs of malnourishment.

“The people were in desperate straits,” he said. “There was a lot of listlessness among the people, especially the children.”

International aid workers hope they can improve the situation in Niger, where a long-term drought and the invasion of swarms of locusts destroyed crops and placed many people on the brink of starvation. In Dogondoutchi, the hardest-hit province, CRS, the U.S. bishops’ international relief and development agency, began distributing more

than 991 metric tons of emergency food supplies.

The food—millet, beans and cooking oil—was purchased by CRS in Niamey, Niger’s capital, at a cost of \$640,000. It was paid for by the Irish government, the aid agencies of the British, Welsh, Scottish and Dutch bishops’ conferences, and the Fred D. Snite Foundation. Further distributions were to be carried out when World Food Program supplies arrived.

Price said he spoke with several nursing mothers who said they were no longer producing milk for their children. He said the women worried about their children’s health.

“Toddlers could barely stand up, and they were constantly clutching at their mother’s breasts,” he said.

Residents told him that their basic sustenance for months has been tea brewed from leaves and weeds.

“All the people we spoke to said the same thing. No crops have come in because there has been no rain, and they haven’t had any money to buy goods on the market. And because there’s such a shortage of goods the price of things has skyrocketed,” he said.

CRS continued the distribution in Dogondoutchi through Aug. 21, providing enough aid to help about 42,500 people. The rations were meant to last each family for about 40 days, Price said.



**WORLD YOUTH DAY**—A young pilgrim from Romania carries a wooden cross in front of the cathedral in Cologne, Germany last week on the second day of the 20th World Youth Day. Young people from throughout the Archdiocese of Newark were among the pilgrims.

## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### Doctor speaks out

PITTSBURGH (CNS) — When he testified at a public hearing looking into the impact of stem-cell research in Pennsylvania, Dr. Ralph Capone of Greensburg said he was speaking on behalf of “the most vulnerable constituency in our society — the unborn child.” “I am here to defend human embryonic life, life that begins as a one-celled entity called a zygote, which develops into an embryo, a fetus and ultimately an infant, toddler, teen and adult,” said Capone, who has practiced internal medicine for 23 years and is a former hospital medical director. The Aug. 3 hearing at the University of Pittsburgh was sponsored by the state House Democratic Policy Committee. A stem cell is essentially a cell of the body that can regenerate as the same type of cell or differentiate into other cell types. Stem cells can be used to replace or heal damaged tissues or cells in the body. The two broad classes of stem cells are embryonic type and adult type. The embryonic types come from human embryos that are destroyed to harvest them and are comprised of embryonic stem cells (cells of the body) and embryonic germ cells (reproductive cells). The adult types are

stem cells from sources other than embryos and include umbilical cord stem cells, placental stem cells and adult stem cells.

### New uses for schools

WASHINGTON (CNS) — When Catholic schools close, the buildings are sometimes rented for day-care centers or college evening classes, or they are used by charter or public schools. Sometimes the former schools are no longer recognizable because they have turned into buildings with condominium units. In the Diocese of Brooklyn, N.Y., five of the 19 schools that closed this year will still be used to educate Catholic students, although the format will be entirely different. Students will not be in uniform, nor will they arrive during traditional school hours. Instead, the students, primarily from nearby public schools, will attend after-school programs where they will get homework assistance, snacks and religious education every afternoon. Jesuit Father John Piderit, former president of Loyola University in Chicago, is the founder of the two-year-old after-school program. Called Catholic Enrichment Academy, it is run at eight New York sites.

### Sainthood cause

ST. LOUIS (CNS) — The sainthood cause for an Army chaplain who died in a Chinese prisoner-of-war camp during the Korean War is advancing well, said the promoter of the cause during a fact-finding trip to the St. Louis area. The chaplain, Father Emil J. Kapaun, was taken prisoner by the Chinese communists in North Korea in 1950. During his seven months in captivity, Father Kapaun tended to his fellow POWs, nursing the sick and wounded, and giving them hope. He developed a blood clot and was denied medication. He died in the prison camp on May 23, 1951. Father John Hotze of the Diocese of Wichita, Kan., the promoter, was in St. Louis at the end of July to interview three surviving seminary classmates of Father Kapaun. Wichita was the late priest’s home diocese. Father Kapaun graduated in 1940 from Kenrick Seminary in Shrewsbury in the St. Louis Archdiocese. His classmates are Msgrs. Patrick J. Molloy and Jerome Sommer and Father Edwin J. Burmester. All three reside in Shrewsbury. They shared their memories of Father Kapaun with Father Hotze, who planned to incorporate the interviews in documentation to be sent to the Vatican.

### Visitors prompt sale

MUNICH, Germany (CNS) — The owner of the house where Pope Benedict XVI first lived has put it on the market, with bidding to close Aug. 22. “The decision for the sale came about because the owner, Claudia Dandl, could no longer cope with the streams of visitors since Joseph Ratzinger became pope,” said Karin Friedlmaier, owner of the real estate agency conducting the sale.

### Shared history recalled

IMMACULATA, Pa. (CNS) — More than 950 sisters from four religious congregations met at Immaculata University to celebrate their shared but little-known history extending back to the early 19th century. The gathering, which began July 29, drew together the Oblate Sisters of Providence, who are based in Baltimore, and the three congregations of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary—based in Monroe, Mich., and Immaculata and Scranton, Pa. The sisters heard stories about Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, who founded the Oblate Sisters of Providence in 1829, and Mother Theresa Maxis Duchemin, one of that order’s pioneers who later became its superior general. Mother Duchemin went on to found the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and was the link between the Oblate

Sisters of Providence and the Immaculate Heart congregations. “Each time we encounter one another, there is an opportunity for us to discover and experience our connectedness—the legacy which began in 1829,” said Sister Annette Beecham, an Oblate Sister of Providence.

### Peace accord cited

JAKARTA, Indonesia (CNS) — The pastor of Aceh province’s only Catholic parish said he hopes the peace deal signed by the Indonesian government and separatist rebels can be implemented after several decades of violent conflict. Indonesia’s chief negotiator, Minister of Justice and Human Rights Hamid Awaluddin, and Malik Mahmud, the exiled leader of the Free Aceh Movement, signed the treaty Aug. 15 in Helsinki, Finland. The agreement ended a three-decade conflict that has taken an estimated 15,000 mostly civilian lives in the oil-rich province. “Many Aceh people believe peace will come,” Franciscan Father Ferdinando Severi, pastor of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Banda Aceh, told UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand, Aug. 15. “They enthusiastically and happily welcomed it with public prayers and a... parade, shouting ‘Peace, peace, peace.’”





Bishop Serratelli is presented a plaque by Norman S. Karpf.

# Bishop addresses Holy Name

BLOOMFIELD—Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop of the Diocese of Paterson, was the main celebrant and homilist at a Mass for the 51st annual Spiritual Directors’ Dinner of the Essex-West Hudson Federation of Holy Name Societies.

Mass was celebrated at St. Valentine Parish. A dinner followed at The Essex Manor.

Nineteen men from Federation parishes were presented Man of the Year awards by Bishop Serratelli.

The Monsignor Cornelius Boyle Award, conferred by Msgr. Francis R. Seymour, was presented to Stanley J. Matuszek.

Norman S. Karpf, federation president and a trustee at St. Leo Parish, Irvington, presented dinner chairman Hugh W. Dalzell, a trustee of St. Cecilia Parish, Kearny, with a plaque for his 50 years of service.

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# Catechist convocation slated for Nov. 12

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE  
Editor

NEWARK—The Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark will sponsor a convocation on Nov. 12 at Caldwell College, 9 Ryerson Ave., Caldwell.

Timothy Mullner, general manager of Benziger Publishing, a division of Macmillan/McGraw-Hill, will serve as the keynote speaker for the event.

Elizabeth Foer, the associate director of the archdiocese’s catechetical office, said the event is being developed to support and educate catechists, including parish

catechetical leaders, Eucharistic ministers, deacons, music ministers, members of adult faith formation teams and priests.

“It is a day when catechists can improve their skills for teaching the Word of God,” Foer said.

Mullner will speak about the recently released National Catechetical Directory (NCD), which was developed by the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops, Washington. He will offer his views on characteristics and qualifications, as identified in the NCD, that are needed to serve as an effective catechist.

Based in McKinney, Texas,

Mullner holds a Bachelor’s degree in religious studies and youth ministry, a Master’s degree in ministry and spirituality and is a doctoral candidate in ecumenical studies. His company, Benziger, is a publisher of catechetical material.

The conference will offer 25 workshops in English and Spanish. Workshop presenters include Gloria Castucci, the archdiocesan director for early childhood education; Catherine Furlani, director of the archdiocesan office of human concerns, and Father Philip Latronico, executive secretary for the archdiocesan commission for Christian unity and inter-religious affairs.

The deadline to register for the event is Nov. 1. Registration is \$15 per person. There is an additional, optional charge of \$10 for lunch. Bus service also will be offered, at an additional cost, to transport cat-



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echists to the event from sites throughout the archdiocese.

Contact Foer at (973) 497-4297 or Rocio Pozzo at (973) 497-4294 for further information.



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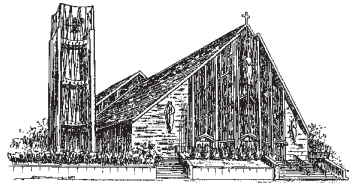
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**September 15****St. Francis Xavier parish**,

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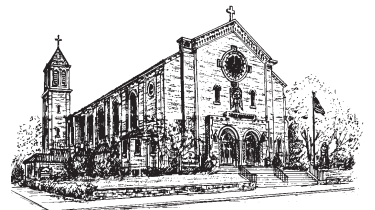
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**World Youth Day contacts sought**

*The Catholic Advocate* is seeking information on parishes that sent groups to World Youth Day, as well as individuals willing to share photos and experiences from the event. Contact Brian Fores, staff writer, at (973) 497-4196 or foresbri@rcan.org.

**Official Appointments**

**Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:**

**ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY/  
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**Reverend John D. Gabriel**, Pastor of St. Thomas More Parish, Fairfield, has also been appointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark, for a period of three years, effective Sept. 8.

**Very Reverend Robert A. Antczak, V.F.**, Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Jersey City, has also been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark, for a period of three years, effective Sept. 8.

**Reverend Fernando E. Guillen**, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Elizabeth, has also been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark, for a period of three years, effective Sept. 8.

**Reverend John J. Laferrera**, Pastor of St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, has also been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark, for a period of three years, effective Sept. 8.

**Reverend Charles Pinyan**, Pastor of Guardian Angel Parish, Allendale, has also been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark, for a period of three years, effective Sept. 8.

**Reverend Monsignor Joseph F. Ambrosio, V.F.**, Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Newark, has also been reappointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark, for a period of three years, effective Sept. 8.

**Reverend Monsignor Richard J.**

**Arnhols**, Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, has also been reappointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark, for a period of three years, effective Sept. 8.

**Reverend Joseph A. Ferraro**, Pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Belleville, has also been reappointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark, for a period of three years, effective Sept. 8.

**Reverend Monsignor Renato Grasselli**, Rector of Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary, Kearny, has also been reappointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark, for a period of three years, effective Sept. 8.

**Reverend Monsignor William C. Harms**, Pastor of St. Helen Parish, Westfield, has also been reappointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark, for a period of three years, effective Sept. 8.

**Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Nydegger**, Vice-Rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University, South Orange, has also been reappointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark, for a period of three years, effective Sept. 8.

**Reverend Brian G. Plate**, Director of the Office of Vocations in the Archdiocese of Newark, has also been reappointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark, for a period of three years, effective Sept. 8.



**Reverend Monsignor Michael J. Desmond**, Pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Caldwell, has also been elected to the Archdiocesan Priest Personnel Policy Board for a period of three years, effective Sept. 1.

**Reverend Monsignor Donald E. Guenther**, Pastor of St. Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff, has also been elected to the Archdiocesan Priest Personnel Policy Board for a period of three years, effective Sept. 1.

**Reverend Joseph A. D'Amico**, Pastor of St. Leo Parish, Elmwood Park, has also been re-elected to the Archdiocesan Priest Personnel Policy Board for a period of three years, effective Sept. 1.

**Reverend Jose I. Gamba**, Pastor of St. Peter Claver Parish, Montclair, has also been appointed Coordinator of Ministry to the Hispanic Apostolate in the Archdiocese of Newark, effective Sept. 1.

**DEAN**

**Reverend Victor P. Kennedy**, Pastor of Resurrection Parish, Jersey City, has also been appointed Dean of the Jersey City Downtown Deanery, Deanery 11 for a period of five years, effective Aug. 1.

**PASTOR**

**Reverend Monsignor Neil J. Mahoney**, Pastor of St. Patrick Pro-Cathedral, Newark, has also been appointed pastor of St. John Parish, Newark, effective July 1.

**Reverend Frank J. Rocchi**, Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Maplewood, has been appointed Pastor of the newly created Parish of the Good Shepherd, Irvington, effective July 1.

**Reverend Eugene J. Field**, Administrator of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Ridgefield Park has been appointed pastor of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, Ridgefield Park, effective Aug. 9.

**Reverend James M. Manos**, Parochial Vicar of St. Paul Parish, Ramsey, has been appointed Pastor of the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, Bayonne, effective Sept. 17.

**Reverend Richard E. Cabezas**, Parochial Vicar of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills, has been appointed Pastor of the Church of St. Stephen, Kearny, effective Sept. 17.

**Reverend Monsignor John J. Gilchrist**, Pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison, has had his pastorate extended for one year ending Sept. 20, 2006.

**CHAPLAIN**

**Reverend Alan F. Guglielmo** has been appointed Chaplain at Columbus Hospital, Newark, with continued residence at St. Valentine Rectory, Bloomfield, effective July 27.

**Reverend Thomas P. Quinn**, Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Ridgewood, has been appointed Court Chaplain of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court #1712 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Ridgewood, effective immediately.



Stay away from Canada

Editor,

Since the Canadian government has now codified same-sex unions as “marriages,” it is time for the U.S. Catholic Church to reconsider pilgrimages to Canadian shrines. Catholic parishes and dioceses should no longer sponsor pilgrimages to Canada.

Why should “Catholic” dollars be spent on Canadian hotels restaurants, etc., and their corresponding taxes, which help support this anti-Judeo-Christian law?

If bishops are fearful that this might cause financial hardships for a Catholic Canadian shrine, they may take up a special collection for that cause and give it directly to the shrine. Will the U.S. Catholic Church sacrifice for what it believes in and refuse to sponsor/finance these visits to Canada?

Albert T. Marotta  
Bloomfield

‘No’

Editor,

Embryonic stem cell research (ESCR) offers the “promise” of treatment for Alzheimer’s, Diabetes, Parkinson’s and a host of other tragic and debilitating diseases. Does it matter whether a Republican senator agrees with a Democrat governor or democrat senators?

Politicians have many reasons for promoting ESCR: jobs, revenue, and maybe even medical advances. What matters is the question is it moral or ethical to destroy an embryo?

Is the embryo a member of the human family? If the answer is yes, than killing an embryo to benefit others is morally and ethically wrong regardless of what a senator or a governor thinks.

A few facts about what an embryo is: it is living, it is DNA with a human

genetic structure, and it is an individual being—self-contained and living in her own nature with the innate capacity to proceed through a series of human developmental stages, within a proper nurture and environment, no different than a child, an adolescent or an adult. She will never become a human—she already is human.

In ESCR, most embryos are harvested at seven days, just 14 days away from a beating heart. There is only one answer to the question of allowing ESCR: No. Anything else undermines all of our human rights and all of our moral endeavors.

Lauren Thomson  
State Chairwoman  
New Jersey Christian Coalition  
Washington Township

On solid ground

Editor,

Denise Szabo (letter to the editor July 27, 2005) states a suspicion of Mr. Weigel’s right to inform the laity of their responsibility to support pro-life Catholic legislators regarding embryonic stem cell research because Mr. Weigel did not support Pope John Paul II’s statements on the war in Iraq.

I disagree with her viewpoint because she does not seem to differentiate between a moral doctrinal truth, i.e., the right to life, and the political ramifications of war, where Catholics are free to legitimately disagree.

The Pope never invoked the “just war” doctrine, as far as I know. There is quite a difference therefore between absolute moral truths and the political decisions of our country’s leaders to go to war.

Mr. Weigel is on solid ground here and is a strong, orthodox Catholic whose views I highly respect.

Deanna Hohmann  
West Caldwell

Labor movement at the crossroads

With Labor Day fast approaching, the disconcerting reality is that the status and strength of unions are not what they used to be even just a few short years ago.

The reasons for what some may term a decline are numerous. Finger pointing, however, will solve nothing. The here and now simply has to be faced.

In this issue *The Catholic Advocate* provides its annual salute to the hard-working men and women of this country. It is through their skills, talent and commitment that the United States enjoys a standard of living second to none. The backbone of that economic engine is the labor movement.

Labor in this country has to look ahead, not back. As has been the case since the formation of unions, workers and the Catholic Church have been allies. That will never change.

Enjoy Labor Day but remember who made it possible.

No one should grieve alone

Bereavement, an intensely personal experience, is something no one should have to go through alone.

To meet that fundamental need, parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Newark have bereavement support groups.

For existing support groups and parishes planning to establish such an essential resource, registration is under way for a facilitator-training program in the fall.

Offered by the Office of Family Life Ministries, the eight sessions will explore the stages of grief and mourning in the context of developing communication and group facilitator skills. Sessions will take place Tuesday mornings at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, and Thursday evenings at the educational center of St. Anne Parish, Garwood. They begin at the end of September and continue into November.

It takes a special person to be there for the bereaved. With the skills learned in the training program, a facilitator will obtain a unique sense of their own life in God’s plan while experiencing a sense of profound fulfillment at helping fellow human beings at one of the most vulnerable and confusing times of their lives.

A question box  
about faith and practice

**Today’s Question: In Leviticus 11:8 it says that we cannot eat pig and in Leviticus 11:10 it implies we cannot eat seafood (e.g. shrimp and crab). I was just wondering if this still applies. – Alex Rittenberg, St. Pius X, Old Tappan**

As the Jerome Biblical Commentary notes, “The distinction between the clean and unclean was related to cult, for it was in terms of service to Yahweh, either in active worship or simply in being His covenanted people, that integrity was demanded. To be unclean was to lack holiness, and such was viewed not as a moral condition but as a state of being, incompatible with the holiness of Yahweh and hence prohibitive of any contact with Him....The animals immediately excluded from the Hebrew diet were those hallowed in pagan worship as enjoying a role in sacrifice, magic, or superstitious practice – e.g., the pig used in sacrifice to the Babylonian god, Tammuz. By the same token, despite the dearth of information, it is not unlikely that other reasons, such as hygiene and natural abhorrence, also affected Hebrew custom and legislation.”

Perhaps the key Biblical passages in response to this issue are Mark 7: 14-23, and Acts 10: 9-15. In Mark, Jesus says, “‘Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile... Everything that goes into a person from outside...enters not the heart but the stomach and passes out into the latrine.’” (Thus

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the  
Matter?

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Richard J. Arnholts



he declared all foods clean.) ‘But what comes out of a person, that is what defiles. From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile.’”

In Acts, St. Peter has a dream about a large sheet coming down from heaven, lowered to the ground by its four corners. “In it were all the four-legged animals and reptiles and the birds of the sky. A voice said to him, ‘Get up, Peter. Slaughter and eat.’ But Peter said, ‘Certainly not, sir. For never have I eaten anything profane and unclean.’ The voice spoke to him again, a second time, ‘What God has made clean, you are not to call profane.’”

Thus, such dietary proscriptions as found in the Old Testament no longer apply to us Catholic Christians today!

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

Respect Life

I’m a person—not a thing

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

Over the centuries there have been times when certain persons were considered “things” not persons.

This was true in Greek and Roman civilizations where men and women could be bought and sold. This was true in the United States until the time of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Lincoln. Today we have new ways in which persons are treated like things.

Body parts of aborted babies are bought and sold as commodities. In China condemned prisoners have had their executions arranged so that their organs might be sold. Here in our own country, and in our own state of New Jersey, laws have been passed, using taxpayers money, to promote embryonic stem cell research in private laboratories.

Use of embryonic stem cells may offer “hope” of cures for various diseases but this involves the killing of tiny human beings, treating them as things to be manipulated and experimented with.

In reality, 52 percent of Americans oppose the funding for embryonic stem cell research which destroys human embryos. They believe that creating human life only to destroy it is not acceptable. It is important to note that thus far there have been NO successful cures from this research. On the other hand—research using adult stem cells has been successful. These stem cells are taken from adult tissues (also cord blood and placentas) and have already successfully treated 58 different medical conditions.

Let us respect these tiny human embryos as HUMANS—NOT THINGS!

# Feedback (good and bad) on teens' spiritual lives

We are reporting on the results of a very intense, very professional study of teenage religious life style in America. The report is called *Soul Searching, The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers*.

Since Catholic teenagers are our interest, in this column I intend to lay out the state of our own young people between the ages of 13 to 17.

First, here is the bad news. The very first conclusion of the study is this: Catholic teenagers are 5 to 25 percent lower in religiosity than conservative Protestants, mainstream Protestants, Black Protestants, Jews and Mormons.

The study included a fairly large range of religious beliefs, practices, experiences, commitments, and life evaluations. In the words of the study: "Our findings regarding Catholic teenagers show many of them to be living far outside of official Church norms defining true Catholic faithfulness."

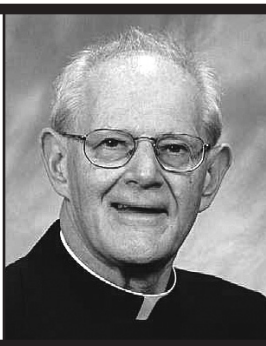
Here are some raw data. Forty percent of Catholic teenagers go to church once a week or more, but 32 percent never go to church. Fifty-nine percent

of them consider religious faith to be only "somewhat" important or "not at all important" in their lives.

Sixty-eight percent of Catholic teens feel only "somewhat close" to God. Seventy-nine percent have doubts about religion. While 89 percent say they

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believe in God, 33 percent say God is not personal or involved in their lives.

Sixty-seven percent of Catholic teens believe in judgment day. Fifty-eight percent believe in miracles. Forty-five percent believe in life after death.

Thirty-three percent pray a few times a day or once a day. Forty-one per-

cent are confirmed. Fifty-nine percent never or seldom go to religious education classes. Sixty-three percent have never been on a retreat or taken part in a religious rally. Sixty-three percent never or only a few times a year talk about religion at home.

*Catholic teens are not at all angry at church. In fact, they like it.*

Here are a few words from interviews with several young people.

"I admit there is a God, and a heaven and a hell; like, if you're a terrible person, you're going to hell. But I don't think I'm being judged. I'm gonna do what I'm gonna do. And if God doesn't like it, well, I don't think about that."

"I'm not mad at God. Everything is OK. I'm not mad at anyone. I like sex. It's no different from other things."

"You can make a case for all religions. To be true, it just depends upon the individual. There's truth in every religion."

What is the good news? Well, the first is this: Catholic teens are not at all angry at church. In fact, they like it. The most important thing about religion was expressed 2,000 times. It is this: "It makes you feel good. It makes you happy."

The second thing about religion is this: "It helps you make good life choices." In other words, it is useful as a guide.

And thirdly, as far as religion is concerned, any religion is OK. But it is up to the individual. As one teen so aptly put it: "Whatever floats your boat."

Next time, I will lay out the exact places where this study locates the cause for a lack of religious practice among Catholic youth.

(This is the second installment in a three-part series.) Rev. Msgr. Gilchrist is pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison.

# Making First Friday a 'big deal' again

I'm happy to see that many parishes are again making a really big deal on First Friday.

The celebration at our parish school includes an all-school Mass, recitation of the Litany of the Sacred Heart and the Consecration to the Sacred Heart as well as daylong Eucharistic Devotion.

The children come into the church at 10- or 15-minute intervals (depending on age) and kneel before the Blessed Sacrament. And if they are like children all over the world, they probably spend the time worrying about the upcoming geography test or if the boy in the next pew really likes the girl beside him. But I'll bet they never forget First Friday as long as they live.

When we were growing up in Omaha's Holy Name parish, in those long-ago days when fasting meant no breakfast before Mass, most of us couldn't go to Communion on a daily basis. But on First Friday, all our problems were solved. Breakfast was served at school by the neighborhood bakery!

For most children born of parents who lived through the Great Depression, bakery goods were not part of our daily life. On the Monday or Tuesday before First Friday, Sister asked for orders (orders, no less!!) for the specific sugary delight we craved: a chocolate-frosted cruller, crème-filled or plain donut, glazed or sugar-coated cake donut. I think the charge was somewhere around 12 cents. We were also permitted to tell her if we wanted the greatest treat of all: chocolate milk. That was probably the closest Sister ever came to total class participation on any subject.

Somewhat I remember those First Fridays always turning into a melee. Either Donnie Schneiderwind tried to put his hand through the door of the boy's room or no one remembered to bring their gym shoes (no doubt due to all the excitement about the

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By Mary Costello



crème filled donuts) and we had to have gym outside, which the coach was not prepared for. Sister Mary Collete said the devil was always wandering the hallways on First Fridays. Or it might have been all that sugar consumed before 10 a.m.

In later years, when my sisters and I attended high school and college with the Religious of the Sacred Heart, First Friday became even more meaningful. As freshman, we dutifully memorized the Consecration to the Sacred Heart (I can still say it from memory some 40-plus years later) and marched into First Friday Mass in our white uniforms, with white chapel veils and white gloves.

But more important than rote prayers or white gloves was the love I felt, the love of the Sacred Heart, transformed and transferred from these wonderful nuns to each and every one of us. To this day, whenever I'm in trouble, or worried about some problem one of my kids might be experiencing, I

still say over and over again: "Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in You." I must have said that little phrase about 3 billion times so far in my life.

Once, when I was in particular pain, one of my aunts, herself a Religious of the Sacred Heart, heard about my difficulty and called me. "Are you still saying: 'Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in You?'" she asked. I laughed through my tears. "Only about a million times I day," I replied.

I'm so happy that devotion to the Sacred Heart and in particular First Friday devotions are making a strong reappearance in schools and parishes across the country.

If we want to give our kids a faith they can rely on for the rest of their lives, a faith that will carry them through life's difficult moments, we have to instill in them habits they will never forget.

We teach our children about our faith, not because we want them to be members of some elitist club, nor even so they will go to Heaven (though we pray that's a nice byproduct of the whole deal); we teach them our faith so that it will

be there to give them rest when they're weary, comfort when they're scared and ease when they feel overburdened.

We want them to know that when they say: "Oh, Lord, help me!" that He

will. We need them to know that when they say: "Dear Blessed Mother, I can't do this day by myself. It's too hard. Will you be with me every step of the way?" that she will.

And that, simply, is why we make a huge fuss about First Friday.

Mary Costello is a freelance columnist.

*We teach our children about our faith.*



# Display crucifix prominently

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — The crucifix should be present in public and private places because this external symbol of God’s presence is a reminder of humanity’s shared God-given dignity, Pope Benedict XVI said.

“The modern world believed that by putting God aside” and following man’s ideas and desires people could “become truly free,” but that did not happen, the pope said during his homily at Mass Aug. 15, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The pope’s comments came while he celebrated Mass at St. Thomas Church in Castel Gandolfo, where the papal summer residence is located south of Rome.

Only by exalting God’s greatness, just as Mary did in her hymn of praise, the Magnificat, can people become great, the pope said in remarks apart from his prepared text.

“We must apply all this to our daily lives: It is important that God be great among us in both public and private life,” he said.

It is important that “God be present in the symbol of the cross in public places, (that) God be present in our communal life because only if God is present (will) we have a guide, a common path,” the pope said.

Without God, people lose their “divine dignity” and become “only a product of a blind evolution,” he said.

By not recognizing humanity’s divine dignity, people “can be used and abused,” he said.

But it is this shared “splendor of God in one’s face” that gives humanity the common ground it needs in the public sphere, the pope said.

*“It is important that God be great among us in both public and private life.”*

—Pope Benedict XV

Without recognizing God’s presence, people have “nothing left in common” and “differences become irreconcilable,” he said.

The pope emphasized that making God great in public and private life meant making “room for God every day,” including morning prayer and “giving Sunday to God.”

Spending more time with God does not make one “lose time” or freedom, rather it makes the day “greater, fuller, richer,” the pope said.

After celebrating the morning Mass, the pope also marked the feast of the Assumption with a noon blessing in the courtyard of the papal villa.

He said the Marian feast day is a reminder that “heaven is our final dwelling place” and that Mary is calling on people to welcome God’s will with open arms.

The pope said in his Aug. 15 Angelus that Mary asks the faithful “to not be seduced by fallacies adorned with that which is ephemeral and transient, and to not give in to the temptations of egoism and evil that extinguish the joy of life from one’s heart.”

In an Aug. 14 Angelus address from the papal summer residence, Pope Benedict also encouraged people not to give up hope in God even during times of great trial.

God “never closes his eyes before the needs of his children, and if sometimes he seems unfeeling to their requests it is only to put them to the test and toughen their faith,” he said.

## The Pope Speaks

Pope Benedict XVI



## Prayers for WYD

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS) — Here is the Vatican text of Pope Benedict XVI’s greetings in English at the end of his general audience Aug. 17. There was no English-language catechesis.

I extend a warm welcome to all the English-speaking visitors here today.

I greet particularly the following groups: the Franciscan Hospitaller Sisters of the Immaculate Conception; from Malta, the parents of altar servers assisting in St. Peter’s Basilica; from Nigeria, pilgrims to several shrines of Europe and the Holy Land; from Japan, a group of Salesian Sisters; and from the United States of America, a youth pilgrimage from St. Paul’s Parish, Houston, Texas.

I invite you to join me during these days in praying for the success of the World Youth Day in Cologne.

I wish you all a happy stay and invoke upon you the grace and peace of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

# Prayer as arguing and listening

**Readings: Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-17.**

One of the conditions for spiritual growth is honesty in prayer. This involves the expression of our best effort to know ourselves, being grateful for our talents and accomplishments and brutally frank about our flaws and failings.

It also means that we express openly how we feel that God is treating us. Perhaps we should admit as well that we often blame God for events when human responsibility is a prominent factor.

Such honesty in personal prayer must be followed by silence, allowing God to speak to us. Then, very often, the matter will be set in perspective. This listening attitude allows divine graces to mature within us.

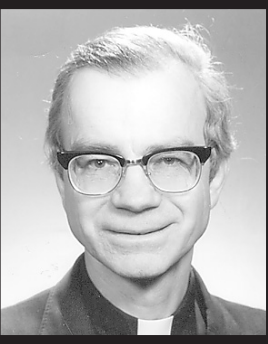
The Book of Job (Ch. 38-41) provides a magnificent example of this dimension of prayer, as does the discussion in Luke 2:48-51. “Son, why have you done this to us?” Mary and Joseph are anxious parents, hurt by a teenager’s lack of responsibility. As in Job, the answer comes in the form of penetrating questions that show the limits of human understanding. “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” St. Luke assures us that, even while understanding would come only years later at the foot of the Cross, the relationship between Jesus and his parents was not severed. Indeed, Mary tried unceasingly to incorporate this joyful/painful reunion into her prayer. “His mother kept all of these things in her heart.”

Hosea and Jeremiah revealed more than most prophets about the profound impact that their teaching mission had on their personal lives. Jeremiah was a very sensitive man, well aware of his limitations (1:6) and often overwhelmed by the threats of authorities

## Sunday Readings

22nd Sunday  
of Ordinary Time  
(Aug. 28, 2005)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



and colleagues. In the prayer cited this Sunday, he complained that God had tricked, indeed seduced, him. As a result of his faithful response to the divine call he was persecuted and feared for his life.

Yet when he tried to flee from his responsibility, God’s words became a fire within him. He could not escape his conscience! Poor Jeremiah looked for solace in his prayer of lament, waiting for a consoling answer. Instead in the prophet’s silence God’s answer brought an even greater challenge. “If in a level stretch of plain you fall headlong, what will you do in the thickets of the Jordan?” (12:5).

In the Gospel we know that Peter has found his “hero” in the person of Jesus, whom he has confessed to be the Messiah (Anointed One) and the Son of God. Many of his contemporaries hoped for a victorious king like his ancestor David to lead them. No doubt Peter shared something of this

image. No one wants his hero to be a failure!

When the disciples heard Jesus describing his future work in terms of persecution and death, they were so shocked that it seems they ignored the promise of the resurrection. Peter exercised his new role as leader and boldly challenged Jesus. “God forbid, Lord, that any such thing should happen to you!” Jesus seemed to be harsh in his response. “Get behind me, you Satan (adversary)!”

We should recall, however, that bad advice should be rejected, not merely ignored. Peter would not forget these words. When we would like to rewrite the script of our life, it is necessary to recall that human wisdom pales before the way God is guiding our path, often in spite of choices that we and others have made. Peter should have recalled God’s words through the prophet: “My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways.” (Is 55:8-9).

Becoming a follower of Jesus demands a drastic revision of our human goals and aspirations, even our definition of life. Rather than mere human, physical existence, true life is communion with the living God. Everything else has value only in relation to this reality. No one should seek pain as a “value” in itself, but maturing involves a succession of detachments so that we can become more Christ-like.

Quiet questioning and listening will permit us to sense both challenges and the blessings of Christian life.

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

*True life is communion with the living God.*

# Unchanging in faith, a parish evolves through time

BY FATHER STEPHEN S. FEEHAN  
Special to The Catholic Advocate

From its first days as a mission back in the early 1920's, when Little Flower was comprised of just a few hundred families, to today, the parish has grown to include 1,512 families.

Little Flower began with the arrival of Italian families who came to the area to farm various crops for which the Garden State is well known; a number of their descendants still live in the parish. Some of these families had children who married each other. Today, many of the parishioners bear familial ties.

The parish has also grown to include parishioners representing several different nationalities, including a number of Asian families.

This is a very special year for Little Flower Parish. The community is celebrating not one, but two anniversaries. The first is the 75th anniversary of the dedication of the Little Flower Church, which took place on Oct. 25, 1930. The other is the 50th anniversary of the official founding of the parish on June 27, 1955, when the parish welcomed its first resident pastor, Father James McCarthy.

The parish has scheduled many events to celebrate this double anniversary year. The highlight, of course, will be the closing Mass on Oct. 30, which will be attended by Archbishop John J. Myers.

Over the course of the year, the parish has scheduled numerous events in honor of the anniversary, including a special Eucharistic Day with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and reflection on our patron saint by Dr. Dianne Traflet, and a parish luncheon with the honored presence of 12 priests who have served here over the years.

Future events include a parish mission, a dinner dance, golf outing and a ceremony to open the Cornerstone of the Little Church, set in place 75 years ago.

While the parish was founded by Italian families with roots in the rich soil of the area, it was not long before others came to the town recognizing the convenience of the railroad, which



"Blessing Cup Retreat" for First Communion candidates, led by Ray Boswell.

provided easy access to jobs in the entire metropolitan area. The town quickly changed from rural to suburban as new generations of executives from the worlds of finance and business arrived.

Indeed, nearby are numer-

developed, and continues to thrive to this day.

One of its activities is to sponsor the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, each July 16, with a religious parade with a statue of the Blessed Mother carried

involved in the elementary programs with 653 children enrolled from kindergarten through the eighth grade. The volunteer staff includes 76 catechists and 37 aids; some are high school students, others are parents and grandparents.

Students participate in service projects, such as adopting a family from the local homeless shelter and providing gifts at Christmas time for the members of the family. For another project, 45 packages of needed items were sent to service men and women in Iraq. Proceeds from bake sales have been used to assist victims of the Asian tsunami as well as a

local children's charity. The parish also has three youth programs designed for different age levels: elementary age youngsters in the third and fifth grades; the Junior Catholic Youth Faith Community for students in grades 6 through 8, and the Catholic Youth Faith Community for high school age students.

The (Junior) Catholic Youth Faith Community prepares service activities, such as setting up the site for the Interfaith Council for the Homeless and sorting used clothing for the needy.

The Catholic Youth Faith Community takes various spiritual pilgrimages, serves the needy and poor through service projects, and produces a dramatic presentation called the Living Stations, presented on Good Friday evening.

The township has always

## Little Flower Parish



## Berkeley Heights

ous headquarter sites of many of the larger American corporations. The opening of Route 78 also gave the area's growing population access to the town.

The good will, faith and dedication of the parishioners are what make any parish special, and that is particularly true of Little Flower.

Parishioners take Eucharistic celebrations to heart and try to make the liturgies true events of worship. Little Flower is blessed with not one, but two choirs as well as leaders of song, so that each Mass reflects the kind of glory and praise that the Lord deserves, and that moves the congregation to prayerful involvement.

In town, there is a Mount Carmel Society, which is not part of the parish as such, but includes several members who are parishioners. The Society goes back many years to when the area was being

through the streets of Berkeley Heights. The procession culminates with a special Mass at the parish.

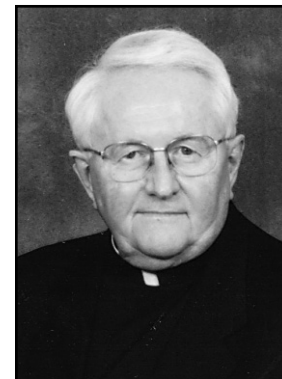
The event is reminiscent of many Italian festivals celebrated elsewhere, but this one is accompanied by a week-long fair and a night of fireworks that rivals anything available this side of the Hudson River.

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The religious education program truly flourishes at Little Flower because it is the main source of formation for the children of the parish. There are also opportunities for adult catechesis as well, including the RCIA process.

There are 409 families

## Meet the Pastor



Fr. Stephen S. Feehan

**Date of Birth:** March 21  
**High School:** St. Cecilia, Englewood  
**College/Seminary:** Seton Hall University, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Catholic University, St. Louis University  
**Date of Ordination:** May 26, 1962  
**Heroes:** Adoptive parents  
**Favorite Saint:** My patron, St. Stephen  
**Favorite Sport:** Golf  
**Favorite Food:** Fish  
**Favorite Subject in School:** Algebra  
**Favorite Movie:** *As Good as it Gets*  
**Last Book Read:** *His Excellency: George Washington* by Joseph J. Ellis  
**Proudest Moment:** Ordination  
**Occupation if I weren't a Priest:** Wall Street broker

been very Catholic, but recently the demographics have changed including many families with young children moving into the area. Little Flower parish strives to provide all with opportunities for spiritual growth and prayerful worship.

Currently, there are two worship sites—the Little Church, which is used for weekday Mass, funerals, weddings and the early morning Sunday Mass; and the Auditorium Church where the large Sunday Masses are celebrated.

It is my dream for the future to build a church edifice that would be worthy of their marvelous sense of community and a lasting tribute to their great faith of the people of the parish.

Father Feehan is pastor of Little Flower Parish, located at 110 Roosevelt Ave., Berkeley Heights.



# Centennial celebration starts

ELIZABETH — Archbishop John J. Myers helped St. Adalbert Parish kick off a year-long centennial celebration by presiding at the opening liturgy.

The archbishop's visit was the first in a series of centennial events that conclude in April of next year.

It was in 1905 when a delegation of Elizabeth residents contacted the pastor of St. Stanislaus Parish, Newark, asking for assistance in forming their own parish. In May interested Poles attended a Mass that was followed by a meeting to discuss the matter. The decision to establish a new parish in Elizabethport was unanimous and everyone was assessed \$25 to pay for the land.

The church building, originally a combination church and school, went up on land purchased in August. The cornerstone was blessed four months later. The entire project was completed the following June.

The parish grew. A rectory was established on East Jersey Street, a convent on Fulton Street and a school began in 1909.

The school's rapid growth made the combination church-



Archbishop Myers with parish youngsters at the beginning of the centennial celebration.

school building inadequate. A separate school was built at Third and Fulton streets in 1911. In September of that same year, remodeling work was started on the church building. The original building was gutted and side aisles added, converting it to the present day church.

Growth and prosperity continued to mark parish life. Mount Calvary Cemetery was established in 1911 on land purchased in

Linden. When Father Vitus J. Masnicki, who had been pastor of both St. Stanislaus and the new St. Adalbert Parish, celebrated his Silver Anniversary in 1919, parishioners raised funds for construction of the main altar.

The next decade saw a new convent, new classrooms with the purchase of another building and construction of a second structure. In the 1930s, the church underwent major renovations including a copper roof, new wiring and electrical fixtures and interior redecoration.

Today's parish hall was erected in 1941.

In 1956, after a pastorate that lasted 51 years, Msgr. Masnicki died. His successor was

Father Joseph A. Smolen, a native son of the parish.

Concerned about the deteriorating condition of the rectory and convent, he launched a fund raising drive. A new convent opened in 1961. In addition, new pews were installed in the church, the upper nave windows replaced and air conditioning installed during the latter part of the decade.

Msgr. Smolen retired in 1972 when another native son,

Msgr. Joseph A. Marjanczyk, became pastor.

It was during the late 70's that the church doors were replaced, the interior painted, the sanctuary renovated and reconciliation rooms constructed. In addition to the church, the parish hall was refurbished. It was during this time too that the first building of the Calvary Garden Mausoleum took place prompted by a diminishing availability of land.

Msgr. Marjanczk became pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Bayonne, in 1983. Father Edward Gubernat was appointed the fourth pastor of St. Adalbert Parish at the same time.

The school was the focus of improvements during the 80's. Fire doors were installed and windows replaced. By 1990, St. Patrick's, Ss Peter and Paul and St. Adalbert's schools were facing

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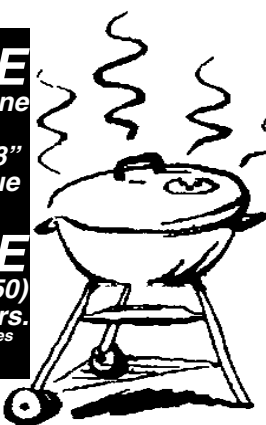
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# 100 years

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declining enrollment. It was decided that the parish schools would cease independent operations and merge into one Elizabethport Catholic School. Father Gubernat did not live to see this neighborhood academy become a reality. He died in September 1995. Several weeks later, Father Ronald

J. Marczewski was named temporary administrator.

Shortly after Father Marczewski's installation as pastor in February 1996, the archdiocese conducted a survey of the physical structure of the parish facilities. As a result, and after consultation and prayer, the parish community embarked on a restoration campaign.

While the primary goal was renovation of the church build-

ing, other projects were included. Pledges from current and former parishioners and friends exceeded the original amount within just two months.

Restoration of the church began in April 1996. The copper roof was replaced in conjunction with extensive brickwork on the upper external levels. The church was closed for services on Jan. 5, 1998, so that restoration of the interior could be carried out in the most efficient manner possible.

While the restoration was under way, daily Mass was celebrated in the basement while Sunday Mass and other services took place in the parish hall. The church reopened on Holy Thursday. The final element of the restoration project, addition of a handicapped ramp and renovation of the front steps, took place during the spring and summer of 1998.



Advocate photo-Frank Wood

At the opening liturgy for the year-long celebration are, left to right, Deacon Joseph Lubas and youngsters Marta Sliwa and Krystian Pluta.

During Father Marczewski's pastorate, the main meeting room in the lower church was converted into a daily Mass chapel and the Grotto Shrine of Our Lady was added on the lawn adjoining the church.

Msgr. Marczewski was then

appointed pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Caldwell. A year ago, Father Krzysztof Szczotka S.D.S., became the sixth pastor. With his pastorate, the Salvatorian Fathers have accepted responsibility for leading the parish through its centennial year.

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## A look ahead at parish events

St. Adalbert's Parish has a year-long schedule of events to mark its centennial.

- Aug. 28, 11 a.m., liturgy honoring the Felician Sisters, all past teachers and alumni of the school. A school homecoming celebration will follow.
- Sept. 25, 11 a.m., liturgy celebrating the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick honoring parish senior citizens. A reception will follow.
- Oct. 9, 2 p.m., special benediction service with a living rosary. A reception will follow.
- Nov. 13, 11 a.m., liturgy in remembrance of all deceased parishioners.
- Dec. 11, 10 a.m., St. Nicholas celebration breakfast in honor of the youth of the parish
- Jan. 8, 2006, 2:30 p.m., Christmas Jubilee concert followed by a parish "Oplatek."
- Feb. 12, 2006, 11 a.m., liturgy honoring married couples with renewal of vows. A reception will follow.
- March 19, 2006, 11 a.m., a celebration of the students from the parish Polish School.
- April 23, 2006, 3 p.m., Feast of St. Adalbert, culmination of the centennial celebration with special liturgies and conclusion of a 40 Hours Celebration followed by a formal parish banquet.

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## Father Lasuba

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that he never saw Lero again after that pivotal conversation.

Fortified by Lero's piercing words, Father Lasuba gathered himself that day and continued his quest for survival. Through faith and good fortune he managed to make critical connections to escape Sudan. Bishops in Uganda helped him to obtain a passport. He met with Rep. Frank R. Wolf (R, VA) who was on a fact-finding mission for the U.S. government. The Annual Catholic Cooperative Plan, through the Diocese of Bridgeport, CT, invited him to lecture on the plight of the church in Sudan.

He flew from Uganda to Rome to the United States in June 2004. Five months later, he arrived at the Comboni Missionaries in Montclair. Earlier this year, through the help of the archdiocese's Catholic Charities office and the group's bureau in Washington, he won political asylum.

Thomas Mungovern, Catholic Charities staff attorney with the refugee resettlement and immigration assistance division, along with other members of the group here, assisted Father Lasuba. Mungovern explained that Father Lasuba was able to obtain an "affirmative claim" of political asylum. While Catholic Charities handles similar cases, "it's not often that you get a Catholic priest from Sudan seeking asylum," he said.

Mungovern added that his organization will continue to help Father Lasuba even after he leaves New Jersey. He said that the African priest should obtain U.S. citizenship within five years. Father Lasuba said he plans to settle in Minnesota in October, where there is a large population of Sudanese expatriates.

When asked what he would like archdiocese residents to know about his saga, Father Lasuba said he hoped that there could be a greater awareness of the troubles in his country. In particular, he pointed to the armed conflict and alleged genocide in the country's western Darfur region. According to wire reports and U.N. estimates, more than 180,000 people have died in Darfur during the last two years, with over 2 million displaced due to the violence. He said he was not optimistic the situation in Sudan would improve anytime soon.

Father Lasuba was ordained as a priest on May 2, 1993. Born on Jan. 1, 1962, in Yei, Sudan, he is a member of that country's Kakuwa

ethnic group. His father and mother, Soro Lasuba and Ondoko Unia, also were born in Yei.

The asylum declaration from Father Lasuba for the U.S. Department of Justice's Executive Office for Immigration Review documents the unspeakable horrors that he witnessed during his years in Sudan. He recalled the gruesome murder of his father and brothers by members of the National Islamic Front Army.

"The soldiers dragged my father out from where we were hiding; they repeatedly hit him in the legs with an axe. They did this many times. Then they simply shot him and three of my brothers," he testified in one chilling passage of the asylum file. His eyes widened and moistened during the interview last week when he spoke of this event.

In 1992, while serving as the deacon of St. Theresa's Cathedral

Parish in Juba (the capital city of southern Sudan), government troops threatened him for teaching English at the parish's school. "A government soldier warned me if I continued to teach English, I would soon teach it from the grave," he stated in the file.

Speaking out in his homilies against a virulent slave trade and other human rights atrocities, he was harassed by government officials and placed under surveillance. As threats against him escalated and daily life became increasingly dangerous, he fled Juba in 1997 and returned to Yei.

While celebrating a Mass in October 2000 in the Wonderuba area, he said that Sudanese soldiers tried to capture him and fired into the church. "I escaped, but my catechist, Edward Gwero, was shot and killed," he stated.

Two years later, exhausted and traumatized by the war, he entered

a retreat called Healing the Healers in Nairobi, Kenya. "My purpose as a priest was to guide my flock, but I could no longer deny that I needed help myself," he admitted in the report.

Today the situation remains grim in the African nation despite peace talks and pledges of political reform, he said. A recent flashpoint in the maelstrom was the death of Sudan's Vice President, and former rebel leader, John Garang in a helicopter crash on July 30. Father Lasuba said he knew Garang and, like many other Catholics in the country, was deeply disturbed and suspicious over the circumstances of the incident. A Catholic News Service (CNS) report generated from Khartoum on Aug. 4 carried an appeal for peace by Cardinal Gabriel Zubeir Wako in the wake of Garang's death.

Sudan, which has ports on the Red Sea and borders several

African nations including Egypt, Ethiopia, Libya, Uganda and Kenya, won independence from the colonial rule of the United Kingdom in 1956. Military regimes have dominated the nation since then, according to the CIA World Factbook Web site (<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/geos/su.html>). The Web site said Sudan has a population of over 40 million and has been embroiled in civil war since 1983.

News reports say the conflict involves Muslims in the northern half of the country against Christians living in the south. However, peace talks were held during 2002-03. In addition to religious, political and ethnic tensions, along with a repressive class system imposed on citizens, control over six major oil fields in southern Sudan is at the center of the turmoil.

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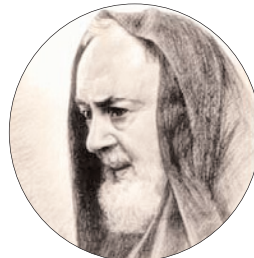
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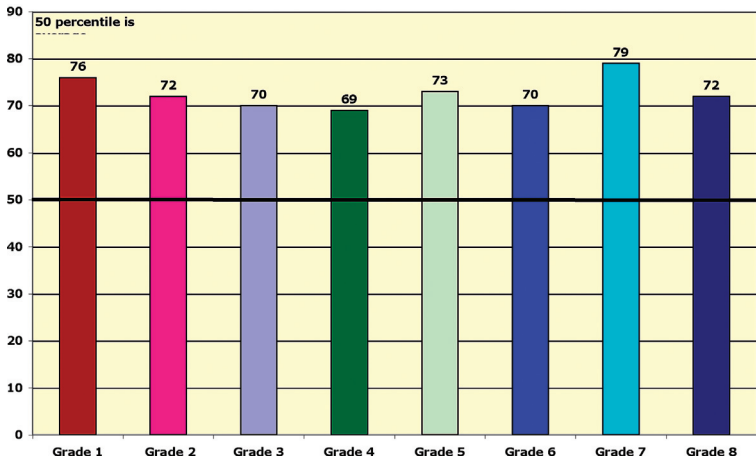
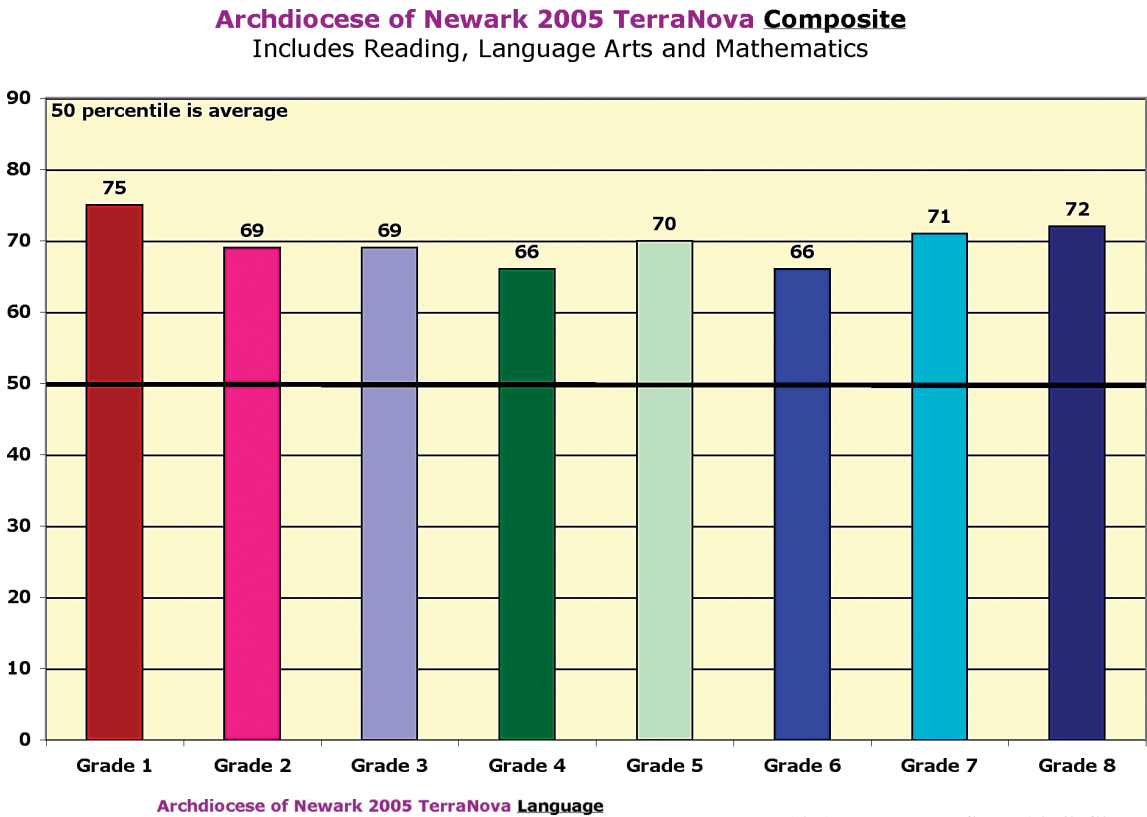
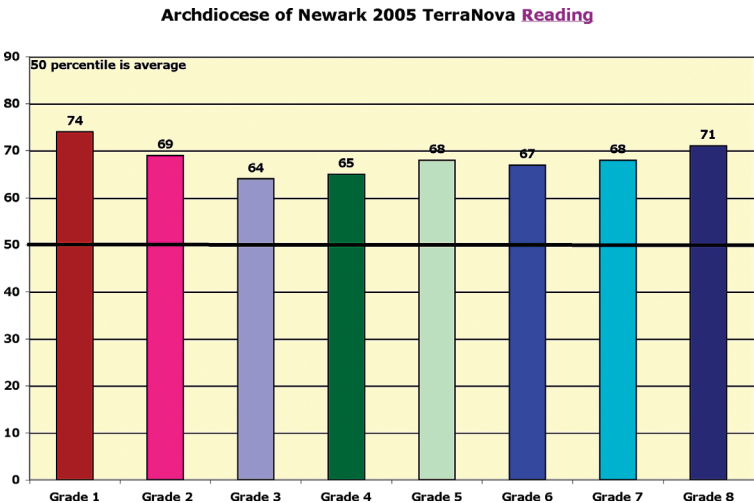
During a week in March, Grades 1 through 8 took achievement tests in reading, language, mathematics, social studies and science. Grades 2, 4 and 6 took an additional spelling test; and in grades 2 through 7 an aptitude test called InView.

Sister Dominica Rocchio, SC, Ed.D., Secretary for Education and Superintendent of Schools, explained, “Yearly, we monitor the progress of the students in our elementary schools in order to maintain excellence in academics. The results help us evaluate where the strengths and needs are in the curriculum.”

The Archdiocese of Newark utilizes CTB McGraw-Hill Company’s TerraNova program. It is a standardized achievement test that measures how much students have already learned about school subjects. The results help teachers develop programs that suit students’ achievement levels in each subject area.

Sister Patricia Butler, Associate Superintendent, cautioned, “annual national tests are only one piece of an integrated system of ongoing classroom-based assessment. They are helpful in targeting where the need is greatest, however, the student is most important and teachers strive to challenge each individual to reach his/her potential.”

The superintendent’s office recently released results that show this year’s students’ composite achievement score was 16 to 22 points above the national median of 50th percentile. The composite score



includes reading, language, and mathematics.

The median national percentile for Reading scores for Grade 1 students in the Archdiocese is 74, or 24 points above the median national percentile of 50 for the TerraNova norm group.

Sister Louise Cababe, OP, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, noted “for the past nine years TerraNova language subtest

scores continue to be well above national median percentile at every elementary grade level. Language is one of our schools’ major subject area strengths. This is especially significant since many of our students have English as a second language.”

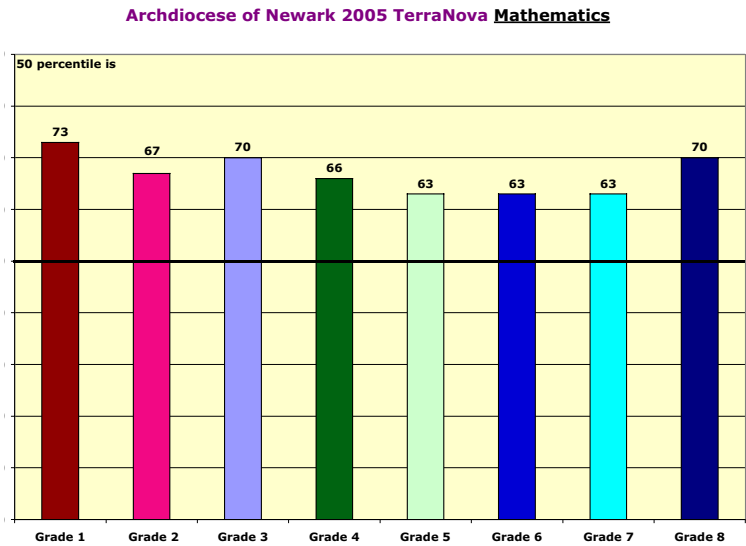
The language subtest identifies a student’s ability to demonstrate an understanding of conventions for writing complete and effective sentences, including treatment of subject and verb, punctuation, and capitalization; to focus on an assigned topic and write a well developed response; how to analyze a paragraph for coherence, and students use of editing skills and writing strategies, i.e., relevance, sequence, and organizing information.

The median score for Catholic school students in the Archdiocese in spelling is from 22 to 32 percentile points above the national average. “Spelling continues to be an outstanding strength and the extraordinary

high scores confirm this,” Sister Louise stated.

Eighth grade students showed the highest scores of all grades in reading, vocabulary, reading composite, language composite, math computation, math composite, spelling and composite score.

“Although students in math are above the median national percentile,” Sister Louise said, “it is one area that we continue to watch. Annually in each school, teachers identify the specific topics in math that need improvement and devise activities and



action plans for progress. Word problems are particularly difficult since not only do students need to know how to do the math, but also, think logically read and comprehend the question and information.”

Sister Louise also stated, “in the primary grades, reading, language and mathematics are emphasized and it is only in the

4th grade that science is given more time during the school day. Although science is still above the national norm of 50 percentile, when compared with achievement scores in the other subject areas, it is the main area in need of improvement.”

“Frequently used national percentile scores are used improperly to compare achievement between students in different grades or among subject areas,” Sister Louise cautioned.

“Actually, normal curve equivalent or the scale scores are used to calculate this type of comparison. When the results of the test are distributed, the superintendent’s office offers workshops to teachers and administrators to assist them in using the test results appropriately.

Often when parents are looking to enroll their child in a Catholic school, they will ask about the standardized test results.” Sister Louise suggested, “the best way to get this information is to visit the school and ask to speak to the principal.

“Standardized test results are important but they are only one way to assess student progress and the excellence of an academic program. It is essential to visit the school and meet the faculty to give parents a feel for the academic atmosphere and social environment of the school,” Sister Patricia explained.

Sister Dominica emphasized, “The Catholic school is in partnership with parents who are the primary educators. The mission of the school is to provide not only an excellent academic program but more importantly, to help instill moral ethical principles, to pass on Gospel values and the Catholic faith to the next generation of young people.”



# QPHS track star bound for Texas

NORTH ARLINGTON — Janine Davis of Queen of Peace High School has selected the University of Texas as her next stop on the way to the Olympics.

Just a day after winning her second straight Meet of Champions 800m, Davis made her college announcement at a press conference in the LaSalle Center on the Queen of Peace campus. With her family, coaches and school administrators at her side Davis discussed the "tremendous opportunity" she sees at the University of Texas.

In a statement to the press, Davis thanked her family for always supporting her. She also thanked the school administration saying: "Queen of Peace was a tremendous place for me to learn and compete. I have made so many great friends here and I will miss them very much." Davis will still have contact with Queen of Peace since her sister Sophia is only a junior.

Davis, who lives with her mother, sister and brother in Elizabeth, also gave a special thank you to Dr. Charles Jeter, Vice President of Derek Jeter's Turn 2 Foundation. "I want to thank Dr. Jeter and the Turn 2 Foundation for allowing me to participate in their scholarship program. The Jeter/Connors scholarship I received made my Queen of Peace education possible and moved me toward my next step at the University of Texas, please extend my thanks to Derek, Sharlee and Mrs. Jeter

for all their help and support these last four years."

Since her arrival at Queen of Peace, Davis has been recognized with almost every conceivable athletic honor. Her outstanding accomplishments as a runner in the 400 through 800 meter races have earned her All League, All County, All State and All American honors.

In addition, Davis has been recognized as Athlete of the Week by the *Bergen Record* (as well as many other state newspapers) and *USA Track*, and Athlete of the Year by the *Star Ledger*.

The impressive list of honors comes from absolutely outstanding performances and a great deal of hard work and dedication. Some of those outstanding performances include: a national record in the 600, with a time of 1:29.27, in 2004 she had the fastest time in the



With Davis, seated third from left, are, left to right, Janine's grandfather; Charles O'Sullivan, school president; (Davis); Principal Kathy Gordon; her mother Rose Davis and sister Sophia. Standing are Dr. Jeter, Msgr. William Fadrowski, pastor and Athletic Director Edward Abromaitis.

state for the 200, 300, 400, 600, 800 and 1000 meters. That same year she became the second New Jersey athlete to win both the 400 and 800 titles in the Meet of Champions.

Davis also led Queen of Peace to a Group I State Championship this year, with first place finishes in the 55m, 400m, and 800m. In closing out her high school career,

Davis finished by shattering the Non-Public 800-meter record on June 4 with a time of 2:10.07. She then returned for her graduation ceremony.

On June 8 Davis completed her high school career by winning her second straight New Jersey Meet of Champions 800m.

## Anniversary gala Sept. 17

ORADELL—Six prominent Bergen Catholic High School (BCHS) alumni and contributors will be honored on Saturday, Sept. 17 when the school hosts its 50-Year Anniversary Gala Celebration The Marriott at Glenpointe in Teaneck.

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## New courses offered at Seton Hall

SOUTH ORANGE—Several new course offerings are available at Seton Hall University.

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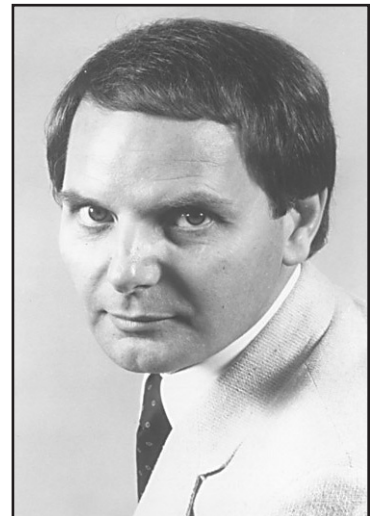
The Stillman School of Business offers a new course in Entrepreneurship. Taught by a Seton Hall alumnus who has worked with entrepreneurs for over 30 years and augmented with guest lectures by successful New York and New Jersey entrepreneurs, the new entrepreneurship course at the

Stillman School will teach students how to be at the forefront of innovation, how to reinforce their entrepreneurial spirit with practical skills, and how to cope with the many challenges entrepreneurs face.

The business school has revitalized its Leadership Studies Program which pairs students in their junior year with corporate mentors, usually CEOs and CFOs of major corporations such as Cendant, Dunn & Bradstreet, Ernst & Young, Johnson & Johnson, Prudential, UPS and Verizon. In turn, many students in the program "pay-it-forward" by mentoring students at West Side High School—a school located in the heart of one of Newark's most troubled neighborhoods.

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Robert G. Manginelli

## New principal in Garfield

GARFIELD—Robert G. Manginelli is the new principal of Garfield Catholic Academy.

He began his career in the public schools of Fort Lee serving at various levels and capacities. During that time Manginelli continued his studies in administration. He went on to earn a supervisor's, principal's and administrator's degrees as well as a master's degree. He has been cited by the Archdiocese of Newark for school mission statements he created.

The new principal was a Teacher of Month in Fort Lee and has had articles published in *Music Educator's Journal* and *the National Library of Poetry*. He is the recipient of a New Jersey Senate Citation for his "Just Say No to Drugs" efforts.

Associated the past 14 years with Dominican College as a professor of Music History, Manginelli has copyrighted over 40 musical compositions and three musical productions. He has also maintained a professional music profile.

Reflecting on his new position, Manginelli said "with the help of God and support of our pastor, Father Peter Palmisano, a staff of professionals and the community in our school, I know we can make a positive difference in the lives of our students."

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# Indian Catholics

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Muslims are 200 million and Buddhists are 7.9 million.

The number of Catholic Indians here is difficult to tabulate. The Indian Catholic community is more diffuse, with faithful traveling to parishes that offer Indian language Masses, usually on a monthly basis. Some of those parishes include St. Bartholomew, Scotch Plains, Holy Family, Linden, Madonna Parish, Fort Lee and St. Mary, Nutley.

Perhaps the largest of these communities is based at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Garfield, where Father Joy Alappat is the administrator. There, he ministers to a community of 250 Indian families, celebrating Mass every Wednesday, Sunday and First Friday.

While most Indian Catholics worship within a larger parish, Father Alappat said the community has "a very urgent need" to have their own space. "Spiritually, they are not fed enough. Indians are scattered everywhere and don't have a common place to foster their spiritual needs. They are struggling to keep the traditional faith they received from their ancestors, but with the travel involved, they cannot be as active as they would like." St. Thomas is believed to have carried the message of Christianity to the Indian sub-continent, traveling along the southwesterly "Malabar" coast—today known as Kerala. "We're also called St. Thomas Christians," Father Alappat stated.

Aside from a few historical footnotes of Europeans traveling to Malabar in the first millennium AD, little is known of these early Malabar Christians. Father Thomas Thottungal, coordinator of the Indian Apostolate and parochial vicar at St. Aloysius Parish, Jersey City, explained that "the language that was used in the Masses was Syriac, following the Apostolic origins of Indian Christianity."

Active efforts to evangelize India began during the 1500's through the missionary efforts of the Franciscan, Jesuit, Dominican and Augustinian orders. They established monasteries, convents and schools. St. Francis Xavier, a Spanish Jesuit, arrived in Goa, along the southern coast of Kerala, in 1542.

Tensions with Rome developed in the 16th century, leading to a split among Catholic Indians. Those who remained loyal to the Roman-Latin Church came to be known as Malankara Christians.

Two distinct rites exist in the Indian Catholic Church. Those

following East-Syrian traditions are called "Syro-Malabar," and those following West-Syrian traditions are called "Syro-Malankara." Catholic Indians maintain these two separate rites today, while many belong to the mainstream Latin Rite.

Father Alappat has been designated as a bi-ritual priest, meaning he has been granted permission to celebrate Mass and function as a priest in both the Roman-Latin and Syro-Malabar rites.

Recently, at a Syro-Malabar Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows, parishioners expressed the importance of maintaining their unique form of worship. Lali George, a mother of two, noted "that we continue to celebrate our style of Mass is the most important thing for us."

Helen George (no relation), who teaches traditional Indian vocal music to the community's children, said of the Syro-Malabar Mass, "I feel committed to this form of worship. I was raised in this faith. My brother is a priest in India."

Though the Mass was originally said in Syriac, since Vatican II, it has been celebrated in Malayalam, the native language of Kerala. In addition to the normal Scripture readings, there are several long prayers.

Father Thottungal said these longer prayers are the hallmark of the Syro-Malabar Mass. "The people participate very actively during the Mass, all the people sing and



Advocate photo Brian Fores

Reshma Paul, 7, also of Our Lady of Sorrows, is known affectionately as "Amu" by her family and friends. Here, she enjoys a class in traditional Indian dance.

most know these prayers by heart," he noted.

At the start of the Mass, Father Alappat sang a long, ornate melody, evoking Indian scales and vocal style—the congregation answered in song. His nasal tone heard in the vastness of the church hall conjured images of the Far East, and the patterns created by the fluid call and response

between celebrant and congregation bore resemblance to the cyclical rhythms of traditional Indian music. During the second half of the Mass, the consecration of the bread and wine, Father Alappat turned to face the altar.

Just as many ethnic groups incorporate cultural influences into the Mass, so too, do Indian-language Masses. During the Sign of Peace, the faithful turn and bow to each other, rather than shake hands.

Solemn Masses, which take place on Sunday, incorporate even more cultural influences. Father Thottungal noted, "During the entrance and offertory procession, young girls will carry incense sticks or a coconut cut in half filled with flowers to be placed on the altar. They also perform traditional Indian dances," he said. Colorful umbrellas used at the Mass come directly from Hindu tradition, according to Father Thottungal.

At Madonna Parish in Fort Lee, Father Theemas Pankiraj, parochial vicar there for six years, celebrates Masses for Indian Catholics from Tamil Nadu state, in southeast India. Here, as at Our Lady of Sorrows, they offer classes for children in language, dance and music. Yet there are two main differences: firstly, these Catholics belong to the Latin Rite; secondly, their language and arts classes focus on Tamil, the language spoken in Tamil Nadu state.

"Tamil is also spoken in Sri Lanka," said Father Theemas, adding that five or six of the one hundred families registered with the Tamil Catholic Association of

USA—a network which unites Catholic Indians from Tamil wishing to attend Mass in their native language and for fellowship—are Sri Lankan.

"We come together based on our religion and language, for social gathering, and to teach the children our customs," Father Theemas explained.

For all Catholic Indians, regardless of the Rite they claim, Aug. 15—both the Feast of the Assumption of Mary and a day of independence for India—as well as July 3, the Feast of St. Thomas, are important days of observation.

Likewise, Indian Catholics remain concerned by acts of aggression against Christian communities in India by some extremist groups, as well as natural disasters such as the recent tsunami that devastated India and Sri Lanka. Father Theemas said the community collected \$15,000 to help the relief effort.

Father Matthew Kunnath has been celebrating Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite since 1981, first at St. James Parish, Newark, and now at St. Mary Parish, Nutley, where he is parochial vicar. He has helped scores of Indian nurses and their families gain entrance to the United States through a government program intended to address nursing shortages.

He underlined the fact that Indians who venture to the United States are no different than other immigrants seeking the American dream. "They come here for better prospects, for a better life for their children," he said.

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# Church, labor bond crucial

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It is said that those who do not know history are doomed to repeat it. The sage of the Yankee organization, Yogi Berra, said almost the same thing when he said, "It was déjà vu, all over again."

During the last week of July, the great labor organization—the AFL - CIO met in Chicago. Instead of a meeting of the minds, the result of the convention was an agreement to disagree. Three of the largest labor unions disaffiliated themselves from the Federation and formed a rival coalition. That split took a third of the membership with its dues and power away from the parent organization.

Let me go back to exactly 70 years ago.

At that time there was no CIO. It was just the American Federation of Labor. It was controlled by the craft unions. Those trades included men with special skills such as carpenters, engineers, masons, etc. They met in October of 1935 in Atlantic City at the Chelsea Hotel with President Bill Green presiding.

John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers came to town and set himself and his delegates up at the much less expensive President Hotel. He was fit for bear and ready for a show down. Why? Because, the previous year he had aligned himself with a group of disaffected union leaders. What was their grievance? Very simply, it was a lack of respect. They wanted to reach out to 25 million unorganized and mostly unskilled factory workers across the United States.

The president of the AFL had, in fact, issued charters to nascent unions and had pledged to organize people—especially those in the steel, automobile, and rubber industries. But the charters were frauds. No

campaigns were launched to organize. The unions withered on the vine. The craft unions wanted to keep control of the union movement.

On the floor of the convention, John L. Lewis with his big frame and black eyebrows bellowed like an Old Testament prophet. He accused the AFL leadership of a breach of faith. His speech dripped with contempt. The vote was held. The old guard won. Lewis was seething. He was looking for an opportunity for a dramatic gesture and he soon found his opportunity.

When the rubber workers tried to gain the floor to keep the debate alive, Bill Hutchinson, President of the Carpenters Union kept calling for "points of order" to disrupt the proceedings. Soon he and Lewis were exchanging insults. When Hutchinson called Lewis a name involving his parentage, Lewis jumped over a chair and knocked him down with a right jab.

That very night, Francis Perkins, the Secretary of Labor, acting for President Roosevelt, called Bishop Francis Haas of Grand Rapids, Michigan. The bishop was a great labor priest, and a most respected labor mediator.

The bishop flew to Atlantic City. Bill Green and the executive board of the AFL met him and agreed to work toward unity. But they failed. John L. Lewis would not meet nor compromise. On Nov. 9, 1935 the Committee of Industrial Organizations was born and it took almost 20 years to bring the unions together.

We should pray that this present crisis will pass. The Roman Catholic Church, from Popes to people, has always been in partnership with working men and women. They are ours and we are theirs. The spiritual and physical welfare of laboring people are our business. Perhaps John Paul II will work a miracle from heaven. He certainly cared for the working class.



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Andrew Stern, president of the Service Employees International Union, talks to reporters about the union's disaffiliation from the AFL-CIO on the first day of the federation's convention last month in Chicago.

## AFL-CIO disaffiliations due to 'power struggle'

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Laine Windham, spokeswoman for the AFL-CIO, said the recent decisions of several unions to split from the organization "came down to a power struggle."

Windham said 54 percent of American workers who are not members of a union "would join tomorrow if they could," and the workers face threats from the business world that are greater than any they have seen in 80 years.

"Millions of jobs are sent overseas, pensions are under attack

and employers routinely break the law and get away with it. So the question is, 'How do we deal with it?'" said Windham, who is at the national AFL-CIO headquarters in Washington.

That, she said, is where the months-long debate among union members originated.

"The group didn't have the votes they needed for their candidate to be president. Rather than accept the president, they left," she added in a telephone interview.

At this year's annual convention, according to the July 31 *Washington Post*, a third of the members of the AFL-CIO separated from the organization; they included the Teamsters and the Service Employees International Union. These groups' officials said they were leaving because they felt the AFL-CIO had not done enough to recruit more members. It is unclear if other groups will follow suit in the future.

Father John J. O'Brien, a Passionist priest at Calvary Retreat Center in Shrewsbury, MA, who has written on the subject of labor unions, said many Catholic workers feel abandoned by the Church because young priests are uneducated about its role in the labor movement.

"It's like historical amnesia," Father O'Brien told CNS from Massachusetts. "The truth is, if you lose American labor unions, you're back into 19th-century servitude. They speak for the rights and responsibilities of workers. They are a responsible force in the democratic process. They help the country plan its economic future. They ask workers to take an interest in their work, and ask for the cooperation of righteous employers."

Windham said such "righteous employers" are in short supply in today's modern market.



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# 'Celebration of Labor' parade, service Sept. 9

NEWARK — Gerald W. Owens, who made labor history five years ago when he became the first African-American to be named international general organizer in the 109-year history of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA), is the Grand Marshall of next month's 14th annual Essex-West Hudson Labor Council, AFL-CIO Celebration of Labor Parade.

Held in Newark, the parade and interfaith ecumenical observance will take place on Friday, Sept. 9.

The parade begins at 5:30 p.m. in front of Newark City Hall on Broad Street. The line of march will end at St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral on Washington Street.

The service, featuring interdenominational clergy, will be led by Msgr. John J. Gilchrist. Msgr. Gilchrist, pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison, has been long active in the labor movement and is spiritual director of the local labor council.

Citing the upcoming parade and service, Thomas P. Giblin,

president of Essex-West Hudson Labor Council, AFL-CIO, commented "as America's workers and their unions get set to mark Labor Day 2005, it is more critical than ever that we take action to fight the assaults on working families and demand that the nation's decision-makers reward work and respect workers. Workers are facing the worst assault on good jobs and economic security in decades. Corporate America is driving down living standards while CEO pay soars and anti-worker politicians defend giant corporations at workers' expense. Meanwhile, workers are beating back assaults on their retirement security including proposals to privatize Social Security. It is time to take action to maintain and create good jobs, to ensure quality, affordable health care and a secure retirement and to restore workers' freedom to form unions."

Before being named to his current post, Owens had been an assistant general organizer since 1991.

The Grand Marshall began his career in 1958 working as a longshoreman in Port Newark and Port Elizabeth. Through the years he blended on-the-job union experience with advanced studies in public relations, union organizing and labor law.

Owens has served for seven years as president of ILA Local 1233 in Newark and was instrumental in establishing the local's annual scholarship fund.

In 1982 he joined the Atlantic Coast District Executive Board as vice president. He became international vice president seven years later.

Owens has completed course work at the George Meany Center for Labor Studies in Teaching Techniques, African-American Labor Studies, Labor Organizing Techniques and Labor Law for Organizing. He has attended Dale Carnegie Public Relations seminars, the

Hamilton Institute, Maritime Studies and Rutgers University's Workmen's in Business Opportunity course.

He is a founding member and president of the New Jersey Organization of Black Labor Leaders.

He is president of the Essex County Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute and was an alternate delegate to the 2000 Democratic Convention.

For the past several years Owens has served on the Heisman Committee at the Downtown Athletic Club.

A member of the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark, Owens his wife Jackie and their two children live in South Orange.

Said Giblin, "I am pleased that Gerald Owens will be recognized for his almost half-century commitment to the labor movement. Gerald is one of the bright stars among



Gerald W. Owens

the state's labor leaders."

A reception will follow the service. Herbert Hall, Sr., of ILA Local 1233 and Edward Osborne of Laborers Local 1153, are co-chairs of the celebration.

For additional information contact Kevin P. Frey, parade coordinator, at (973) 244-5814.



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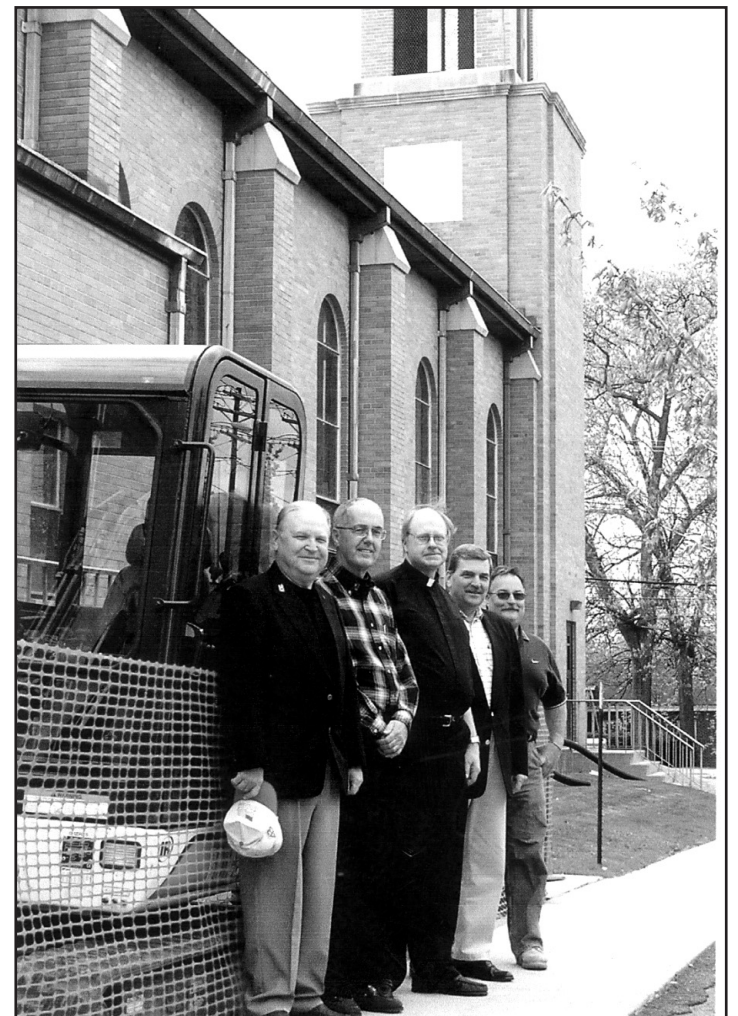
SOUTH ORANGE—At his request, Seton Hall University has removed the name of L. Dennis Kozlowski from the academic building that has borne his name since 1997.

Kozlowski was convicted June 17 of grand larceny in New York State Supreme Court. Between August 1997 and August 2000 he gave \$3 million to Seton Hall University.

The Stillman School of Business and the College of Education and Human Services are housed in the facility, which will now be called Jubilee Hall in recognition of the University's sesquicentennial anniversary this year. In addition, his name was removed from the rotunda in the University library.

Kozlowski asked that this action be taken during a telephone conversation with Seton Hall University President Msgr. Robert Sheeran in late July. Respectful of the donor's wishes, Msgr. Sheeran notified the University's Board of Regents that Kozlowski's name would be removed.

According to Msgr. Sheeran, Kozlowski's request was motivated by his ongoing affection for the University, as well as his desire to spare Seton Hall any further adverse attention or distraction from its educational mission.



**RENOVATIONS UNDERWAY**—Several major repair and renovation projects have begun at St. Michael Parish, Lyndhurst. Since the middle of last year, the bell tower and a section of the school roof have been repaired. Future work will include new front steps and rain gutters at the church. In addition, Catanese Construction will put in a handicapped ramp at the side entrance of the church for free. Left to right are John Drzymkowski, co-chairman of the local zoning board and parish lector; Thomas Graffam, town commissioner; Father Stanley Kostrzomb, pastor, James Cantanese and James Drzymkowski, co-chairman of the planning board and parish business manager.



# Support group to address special needs of grandparents

BY BRIAN FORES  
Staff Writer

AREA—The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark has scheduled for the fall a series of weekly bereavement support-group meetings directed at addressing the specific needs of grandparents.

"This initiative follows models that advocate bereavement support for extended family members," explained Janet McCormack, associate director of Family Life Ministries.

"Grandparents grieve twice. When a family experiences the death of a child, the grandparent grieves not only for loss of the child, but their heart is also breaking for their own child. They feel helpless in many ways—they can't 'fix' it, as they do with so many of the problems their child faces when growing up," McCormack said.

As grandparents struggle to support their son or daughter in the wake of such a tragic loss, they often neglect their own emotions, resulting in a "disenfranchisement" from the grieving process, according to McCormack, who emphasized, "They don't get the support they need."

The meetings are meant to provide the crucial emotional and

spiritual support that bereaved grandparents should have. McCormack said a grandparent may not be able to express their grief to a child, and may feel their main role is to demonstrate and provide strength for their own grieving child.

She noted, "A grandparent might think, 'I'm hurting, but my child is hurting worse.' They need to know that it is their right, too, to mourn for a grandchild who has passed away. In fact, in dealing with their grief first, they are better able to provide the kind of strength and fortitude for their child that they would like to."

The meetings, which will begin Sept. 15, have no fee, are

open to those of all faiths, and will take place in Bogota, Bergen County. For more information on the Support Group for Grandparents Grieving the Death of a Grandchild, call the Office of Family Life Ministries at (973) 497-4327.

*"Grandparents grieve twice."*

—Janet McCormack,

Additionally, the fall Bereavement Support Group Facilitator Training program is open for registration.

The eight-session program is designed for those interested in becoming bereavement facilitators

for existing parish support groups or for those who would like to begin a group.

At the sessions, participants will explore the experiences and tasks of mourning. They will be invited to become a "bereavement support group," and to experience its dynamics. Communication and listening skills will be fostered.

Upon completion of the program, participants will become bereavement facilitators for the Archdiocese of Newark. Sessions will take place Tuesday mornings at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, and Thursday evenings at the educational center of the Church of St. Anne Parish, Garwood.

Sessions will begin at the end of September and continue into November. Tuition is \$125. Call the Office of Family Life Ministries at (973) 497-4327 for more information.



Janet McCormack, associate director of Family Life Ministries for the Archdiocese of Newark, is the coordinator of the bereavement support group for grandparents.



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**CHARITY CARWASH**—The youth group at St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Saddle Brook, held a car wash to benefit the Roll Back Malaria Partnership, an effort to battle the disease in Africa. The project was inspired by a research paper prepared by Mary Morgan at Paramus Catholic High School. To find out more about the partnership visit [www.rbm.who.int](http://www.rbm.who.int).

## Medicaid cuts are concern

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Medicaid cutbacks, coupled with state and federal reductions in other essential services such as housing and social services “could be devastating” to the nation’s poor the head of the board of trustees of the Catholic Health Association recently told a Senate committee.

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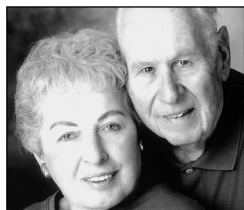
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The program is intended for teachers and members of the teaching staff with a background in special education who are looking to further assist students with disabilities, improve their functional capabilities.

Scheduled to begin in January, the 18-credit program is designed specifically to meet the needs of students with mild to moderate learning disabilities in reading, writing and math.

Dr. Alan Markowitz, Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Programs in Education, noted, “We are proud to be offering this type of program at the College of Saint Elizabeth. The primary goal is to assist individuals in overcoming barriers in the system and making assistive technology more accessible in the classroom setting.”

Students participate in the program as a cohort, taking two courses each semester. This format enables students to complete their certification requirement in three semesters includ-

ing a major field experience. For those in search of a master’s degree instead of a certificate in Assistive Technology, students need to complete 39 credits over the course of three years.

According to Brian S. Friedlander, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Education, there is a real need in the state for such assistive technology programs. “Too many of our teachers are unaware of the tools and strategies that can aid students with a wide range of disabilities. The Certificate Program in Assistive Technology will help to address the need and provide both hands-on opportunities for teachers to learn about state-of-the-art applications that can be used in the classroom.”

Among the courses offered are Assistive Technology for Reading and Writing, Assistive Technology for Individuals with Multiple Disabilities, Assistive Technology Assessment and Clinical Practice in Assistive Technology. Students will also have the opportunity to be hands-on with such high-tech equipment as Kurzweil 3000, WYNN, TextHelp, Write Outloud, Intellitalk III, Inspiration, Kidspiration, Boardmaker, Picture It, Clicker 5 and PixWriter.

“The use of such technology can go a long way toward cir-

cumventing the limitations of a disability and providing students with disabilities a ‘level playing field’ in every area of life accomplishment,” said Dr. Friedlander.

To be considered, applicants need to be certified in Special Education and have demonstrated both excellence in the field and academic achievement in prior studies. Applicants will need to fill out an application form and submit two professional recommendations and a personal statement reflecting the applicant’s philosophy on education and why they want to enter the program.

For additional information, call (973) 290-4600 or email to [theschool@cse.edu](mailto:theschool@cse.edu) or visit [www.cse.edu](http://www.cse.edu).

## Seniors’ festival

ELIZABETH—A Seniors’ Festival honoring all cultures and ethnic backgrounds will be held Aug. 24, 12:30 to 4 p.m. at the Liberty Square Senior Center, 240 Elizabeth Ave.

Presented by the City of Elizabeth and the Brother Bonaventure Extended Care Center of Trinitas Hospital, the festival will be filled with games, free food, gifts, arts and crafts, health information and music.

Sponsors of the event include: the City of Elizabeth, Department of Health & Human Services, Bureau of Culture & Heritage, Office on Aging and Honorary Ambassador Program; Mayor J. Christian Bollwage; Assemblyman Joseph Cryan; Corbert Medical Transportation and Trinitas Hospital.

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## Senior programs abound

ALLENDALE—The Atrium, an independent living residence at the Allendale Community for Mature Living, is hosting several special events open to the public. All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

The Allendale Community for Mature Living is a full-service, continuing care retirement community located directly off Route 17 South.

The schedule follows:

- Tuesday, Aug. 30, at 7 p.m., the "Hobbyaires," a big band comprised of senior men from Ridgewood led by Joe Hovan, will perform swing and big band music in the Atrium Lounge.

- Tuesdays 11 a.m., French lessons in the Atrium Cinema. Learn conversational French from Joan Scerbo, through Aug. 30.

- Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 3:30 p.m., annual Cherry Festival and raffle in the Atrium Lounge featuring cherry pie, prizes and surprises.

- Weekdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Senior Social Club operates in the Atrium and provides seniors living at home an opportunity to interact with peers in a secure environment, eat lunch, and enjoy a variety of social and recreational events throughout the day. Cost is reasonable and schedule is flexible. Seniors participating in the program can also take part in special summer events for residents such as a luncheon at the Crystal Bay restaurant in the Charles Point Marina, Aug. 31.

- Saturday, Sept. 24, Health Fair, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Atrium lobby. Medical professionals, wellness experts and elder law advisors will offer screenings and seminars. Available services include digital posture evaluations; oral, audiology and podiatry screenings; skin care analysis and legal advice for seniors. Open to all ages.

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Each year, from July 17 until July 26—the feasts of St. Anne and St. Joachim, the parents of the Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus—the parish collects gifts to assist in the care of these special children.

The annual collection has been conducted for over 15 years. Since 2000, members and friends of the parish have donated enough items to fill at least seven vans.

Residents in nursing homes, employees in offices in and out of the surrounding area and members of other parishes and congregations joined with members of St. Michael Parish to help in the yearly event.

When this collection began, donations would fill a side shrine located in the middle of the church. Growing in popularity, in following years, the gifts spilled out into nearby pews. In the last several years, donations have increased.

In addition to the icon of Mary, patroness of the AIDS/HIV ministry, is placed at the area reserved for the collection of the gifts, colorful materials, colors associated with babies, a spokesman said.

The gifts were delivered by members of the parish to St. Clare's Home, Elizabeth, a center that cares for these very special babies.

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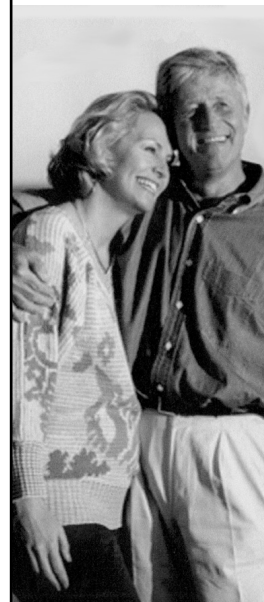
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# Festival celebrates Africa

TENAFLY—The Society of African Missions (SMA) and its African Art Museum will present the third annual SMA African Festival on Saturday, Sept. 10 from noon to 5 p.m. at SMA's American Province Headquarters.

Entertainment and workshops in African music, singing and dance will be offered by area performers. There will be raffles, prizes, food, and vendors selling a wide array of African jewelry, clothing, décor, etc. Special exhibitors will also be on hand.

The African Art Museum will be open for viewing of its special collections. An African-style Mass opens the day at 10 a.m. in the SMA chapel.

SMA is located at 23 Bliss Ave. near the George Washington Bridge.

"We want to celebrate the beauty that is Africa and the great contributions Africa has made to arts and culture in our society," said Father Thomas Wright, SMA Provincial Superior and a coordinator of the festival.

The SMA African Festival presentations celebrate the various arts and cultures of African as well as the ways in which traditional African arts have evolved and have influenced other cultures.

Musician Leonard Byrd returns for his third SMA Festival with a repeat of his children's musical instrument workshop. Participants will create their own *kalimba*, or African thumb piano. New Jersey based dancer Yewande Kelley-Johnson offers a beginner level workshop in African dance. Bernadette McGowen, who trained as a drummer in

Nigeria and traveled the world as a solo performer, will offer a performance and a drumming workshop.

The Willie Mack & Ensemble jazz band will present "*MusArt*" in which music, paintings, and interactive audience participation come together for a fully creative experience. Travel photographer Lorraine Matys returns with a show about Egypt. *The Rejoice Ministry* choir in Nigerian attire will present songs and movement.

The Teaneck Terpsichoreans, a dance ensemble based at Teaneck High School, plans a program of African/contemporary dance. The Terpsichoreans travel around the country and are noted not only for superb dancing and choreography, but also for committed community service.

Special programs include "My Africa" in which Father Abu Cole, an SMA missionary priest from Liberia (West Africa), will give his personal view of life in Africa.

SMA will celebrate its 150th anniversary next year. A preview of some of the special exhibits being prepared for that event will be on display. Among them is the International Logo Contest (2004-05) developed by the American Province of SMA for the anniversary.

The African Art Museum is an important and ongoing function of SMA outreach. It will be open throughout the festival day for viewing and informal meetings with the museum director.

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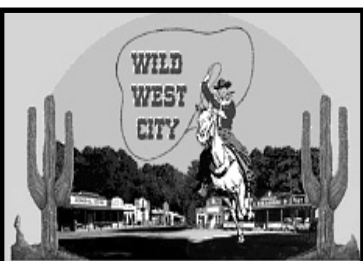
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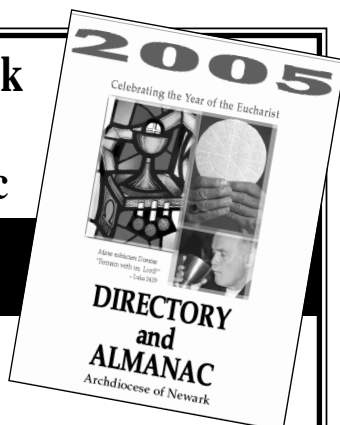
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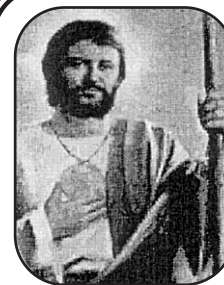
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You know about the term *in memoriam*, but what does it mean? Don't reach for a dictionary because there you won't find a definition. We coined the term to suggest an estate planning idea you may want to consider — something in addition to funeral suggestions, instructions regarding the distribution and use of personal effects, and other such matters. By *memorandum* we mean a very personal and lasting collection of thoughts.

With your will and other estate planning documents finalized, take a few moments to prepare a memorandum or letter to your loved ones expressing your thoughts of love and concern. You may want to write a different letter to each family member. Another possibility is to sit in front of a video camera and tape your personal comments.

However you do it, this final communication from you will probably be cherished more than any bequest you may leave behind. It will likely be handed down from generation to generation as a priceless family heirloom.

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Here are some things you may want to include:

- ◆ Expressions of love and endearment
- ◆ A summary of your philosophy of life, including your Catholic values and beliefs
- ◆ Thoughts concerning your hopes and expectations for your loved ones
- ◆ An explanation of your motives in making bequests to your parish or the Archdiocese of Newark.



Explaining your motives can be a powerful way to communicate your Catholic values and to help your children and grandchildren understand why you supported the Church during your life. It can be a means to inspire them to follow your example.

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## Worth the Effort

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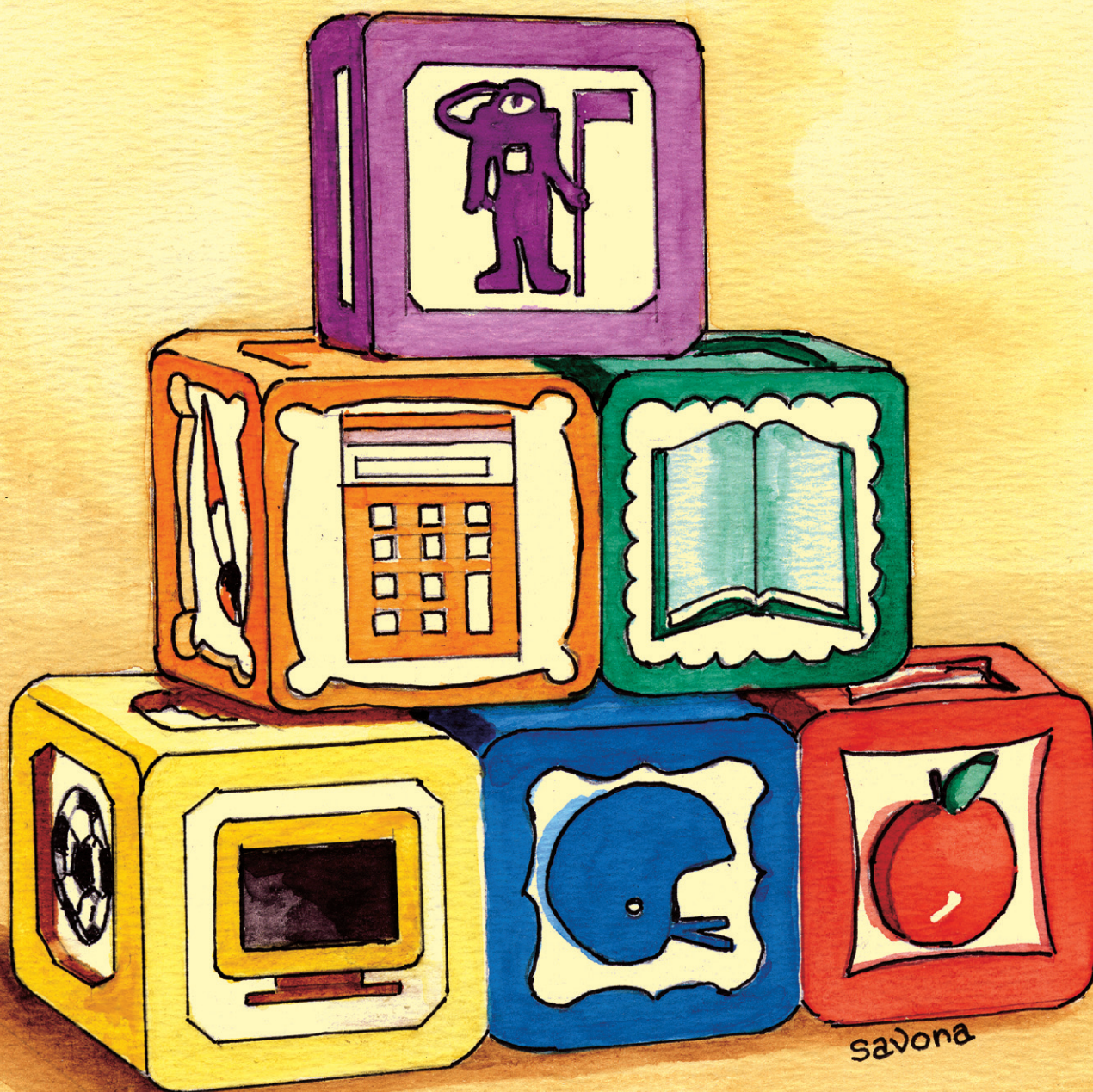
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# Back To School



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Students from St. Leo School, Irvington, were among the young people featured at this year's annual SFIC dinner.

# Inner-City Scholarship Fund feeling the financial heat

BY LORRAINE CUNNINGHAM  
Special to The Catholic Advocate

AREA—The heat is on for The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC).

This summer SFIC is receiving a flood of phone calls. With the school year looming, concerned parents are anxious to enroll their children in Catholic schools.

These families know that the key to their children's success and future independence is quality education and sound moral values. They know that a high percentage (97 percent) of Catholic high school graduates go on to higher education—a significantly greater

number than the inner-city public high school graduates. They also know they can go to work with peace of mind knowing their children are safe.

SFIC believes that the entire community benefits when the children of inner-city families can escape their cycle of poverty through a sound education.

SFIC wants desperately to help these children, but the need for scholarships is far greater than the Fund can accommodate. Before the summer is over and it is too late for parents to register their children at the beginning of the school year, the Scholarship Fund is working hard at trying to increase the level



Smiling faces were plentiful at this year's annual dinner.

of funding. The generosity of others would enable them to respond to the hundreds of families anxiously waiting for the good news that would enable them to send their children to Catholic schools in the next couple of weeks.

Those who would like to support this effort to give an inner-city child the chance at a more promising future can send a donation to The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children, 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104-9500. For more information, call (973) 497-4279.

Lorraine Cunningham is acting director of the Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children.

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# Cristo Rey decision awaited

BY TRISH FITZPATRICK

Special to The Catholic Advocate

AREA—For the last eight months the Schools Office has engaged in a feasibility study to consider a Cristo Rey high school in Newark.

Cristo Rey is a unique secondary school model, started in Chicago, but rapidly taking hold in many of the nation's cities. Key to this venture is the unique idea that students themselves essentially fund the high school.

Cristo Rey students work one day a week at a paid internship in a white-collar entry-level job. Four students share one job at a local corporation or non-profit entity. The money they earn goes directly to the Cristo Rey school and offsets the average secondary school tuition of about \$8,000, bringing the bill to a more affordable \$2,000-\$2,400 per year.

Sister Elizabeth Vermaelen of the New York Sisters of Charity was asked to head the Newark study. She met with many students and parents from the North Ward and other areas of the city and posed the question to them: Would you be interested in a high school where the student works one day a week? The response from both parents and students was a resounding yes.

Next on the agenda was to touch base with the corporate community in Newark to determine their level of commitment to such a high school.

In order to open in September of 2006 with the desired number of 100 students, 25 corporate internships would have to be secured. In May, Archbishop John J. Myers hosted a reception at his home for corporate leaders. Corporate and neighborhood leaders greeted the idea with enthusiasm.

The Newark YMWCA and FAPS, Inc. came forward first with internship offers, followed quickly by Parsons Brinkerhoff, The North Ward Center,

and City National Bank. The Finance Department of the Archdiocese also offered internships.

The Cristo Rey Advisory Committee continues to hold conversations with potential corporate partners. Members are confident that the needed 25 internships will materialize.

Archbishop Myers has offered the use of the former elementary school at Our Lady of Good Counsel in the North Ward for the new school, should it be approved by the Cristo Rey Network. Early on, the Marist Brothers and the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth endorsed the school, which will be sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark.

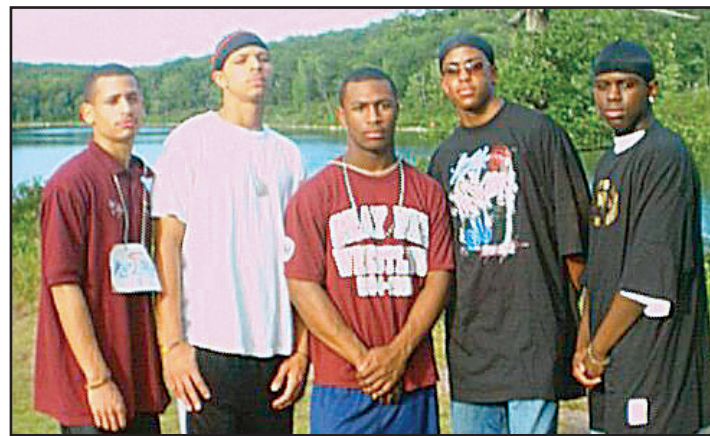
The 11 Cristo Rey schools throughout the country send virtually all their graduates to college. Students must income-qualify to attend the school. It is critical that they and their families understand that due to the longer school day needed to accommodate the internship program, students must be highly motivated.

Sister Elizabeth said: "We're looking for the type of student who has that something extra, that desire to better themselves and their community."

Father Luis Gonzales, Pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel, is very happy about the possibility of a Cristo Rey secondary school in Newark. "It is exciting and encouraging to know good people who not only hear the cry of the poor, but who go the extra mile to invent ways to heed that cry," he said.

The Cristo Rey Advisory Committee has submitted its final report to the Cristo Rey Network and eagerly awaits an affirmative response to what will be called Christ the King Preparatory School. If approval is granted, a president will be hired and plans will begin to open the school in September of 2006.

Call Sister Elizabeth at (973) 497-4596 to provide a corporate internship.



**LIFETIME LESSONS**—Students from St. Benedict's Preparatory School and St. Vincent Academy, both in Newark, spent part of their summer learning about peer leadership. The young people participated in the New Jersey region's Anytown, a program sponsored by the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ). Anytown brings together high school students of various socioeconomic groups from across the state. Representing St. Benedict's Prep at the Anytown venue in Wantage, Sussex County were, left to right, Andrew Santana, Colin Barrett, Luerri Johnson, Kamau Brown and Kendall Bryant. From St. Vincent Academy, not pictured, were Ade Adeagbo, Josiane Exume, Junette Brown, Natasha Pereira and Stacey Andrews.

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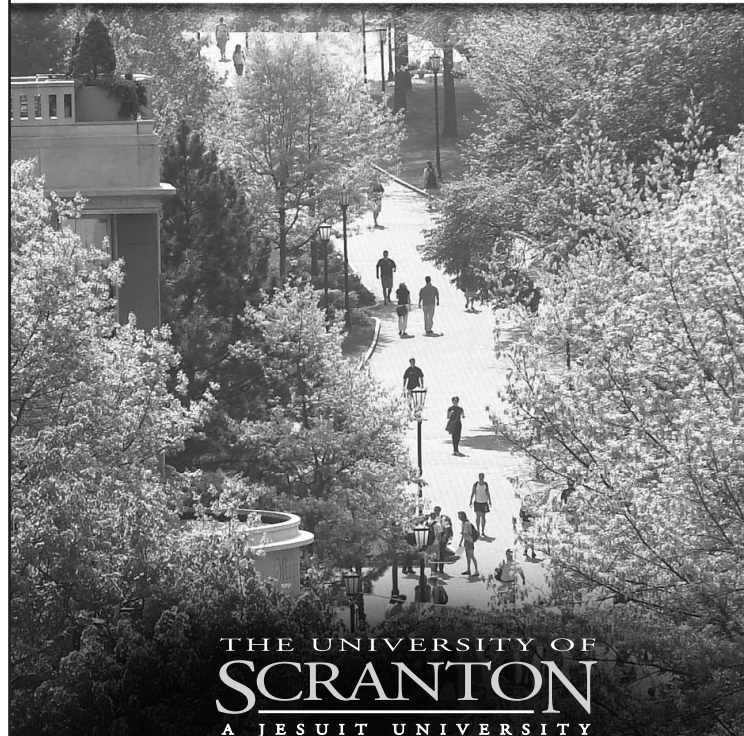
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Immaculate Conception High School Lodi <a href="http://www.ichslodi.com">www.ichslodi.com</a>	23 October, 1-3 PM 1 February, 7-9 PM
Saint Joseph Regional High School Montvale <a href="http://www.saintjosephregional.org">www.saintjosephregional.org</a>	2 October, 12-3 PM 9 November, 7-9 PM 29 January, 12-2 PM
Queen of Peace High School North Arlington <a href="http://www.qphs.org">www.qphs.org</a>	25 September, 1:30-4 PM 16 October, 7-9 PM
Bergen Catholic High School Oradell <a href="http://www.bergencatholic.org">www.bergencatholic.org</a>	25 September, 1-3 PM 27 October, 7-9 PM
Paramus Catholic Regional High School Paramus <a href="http://www.paramuscatholic.org">www.paramuscatholic.org</a>	25 September, 1-4 PM 19 October, 7-9 PM 25 January, 7-9 PM
Don Bosco Preparatory High School Ramsey <a href="http://www.donboscoprep.com">www.donboscoprep.com</a>	25 September, 1-3 PM 30 October, 1-3 PM 29 January 1-3 PM
Saint Mary High School Rutherford <a href="http://www.stmaryhs.org">www.stmaryhs.org</a>	25 September, 2-4 PM 18 October, 7-9 PM
Immaculate Heart Academy Washington Township <a href="http://www.ihahs.com">www.ihahs.com</a>	25 September, 1-4 PM

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Mother Seton Regional High School Clark <a href="http://www.motherseton.org">www.motherseton.org</a>	28 September, 7:30-9:30 PM 7 December, 7:30-9:30 PM 31 January, 7:30-9:00 PM
Benedictine Academy Elizabeth <a href="http://www.benedictineacad.org">www.benedictineacad.org</a>	22 September, 6:30 PM 22 October, 10 AM-12 PM 24 January, 6:30 PM
St. Mary of the Assumption High School Elizabeth <a href="http://www.stmaryassumptionhs.com">www.stmaryassumptionhs.com</a>	25 September, 2-4 PM 29 January 6:30 PM
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Union Catholic Regional High School Scotch Plains <a href="http://www.unioncatholic.org">www.unioncatholic.org</a>	4 October, 7:30 PM 25 April, 7:30 PM
Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child Summit <a href="http://www.oakknoll.org">www.oakknoll.org</a>	30 October, 1-2:30 PM 13 November, 9:30-11 AM
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Mount Saint Dominic Academy Caldwell <a href="http://www.msdcademy.org">www.msdcademy.org</a>	16 October, 1:30-3:30 PM 30 October, 6:30-8:30 PM 10 May, 6:30-8:30 PM
Immaculate Conception High School Montclair <a href="http://www.ichspride.org">www.ichspride.org</a>	2 October, 1-3 PM 8 January, 1-3 PM 27 April, 1-3 PM
Our Lady of Good Counsel High School Newark <a href="http://www.ologc.org">www.ologc.org</a>	30 October, 12-3 PM 30 January, 11 AM-3 PM 22 March, 6-8 PM
Saint Benedict's Preparatory School Newark <a href="http://www.sbp.org">www.sbp.org</a>	Call school for information
Saint Vincent Academy Newark <a href="http://www.svanewark.org">www.svanewark.org</a>	27 September, 6:30-8 PM 26 October, 6:30-8 PM
Marylawn of the Oranges Academy South Orange <a href="http://www.marylawn.org">www.marylawn.org</a>	21 September, 7-8:30 PM 12 October, 7-8:30 PM 25 January, 7-8:30 PM
Lacordaire Academy Upper Montclair <a href="http://www.lacordaire.net">www.lacordaire.net</a>	29 September, 7 PM 16 October, 1 PM 3 November, 7 PM
Seton Hall Preparatory School West Orange <a href="http://www.shp.org">www.shp.org</a>	30 October, 1-4 PM

### HUDSON COUNTY OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE 2005-2006

Holy Family Academy Bayonne <a href="http://www.hfa.bayonne.net">www.hfa.bayonne.net</a>	25 September, 12-2 PM 26 September, 6:30-8:30 PM
Marist High School Bayonne <a href="http://www.marist.org">www.marist.org</a>	2 October, 1-4 PM 26 January, 7-9 PM
Academy of the Sacred Heart Hoboken <a href="http://www.ashnj.org">www.ashnj.org</a>	25 September, 2-4 PM 23 January, 7-8:30 PM
Academy of Saint Aloysius Jersey City <a href="http://www.academyofstaloyusius.org">www.academyofstaloyusius.org</a>	25 September, 1-3 PM 26 September, 6-8 PM 31 January, 7-9 PM
Hudson Catholic Regional High School Jersey City <a href="http://www.hudsoncatholic.org">www.hudsoncatholic.org</a>	25 September, 1-3 PM 26 January, 7-9 PM
Saint Aloysius High School Jersey City <a href="http://www.teacherweb.com/nj/saintaloyushighschool/information">www.teacherweb.com/nj/saintaloyushighschool/information</a>	22 October, 12-2 PM 26 January, 6-8 PM
Saint Anthony High School Jersey City <a href="http://www.stanthonyhighschool.org">www.stanthonyhighschool.org</a>	6 October, 7 PM 25 January, 7 PM
Saint Dominic Academy Jersey City <a href="http://www.stdominicacad.com">www.stdominicacad.com</a>	25 September, 1-3 PM 27 September, 6-8 PM
Saint Mary High School Jersey City	16 October, 2-4 PM
Saint Peter's Preparatory School Jersey City <a href="http://www.stpetersprep.org">www.stpetersprep.org</a>	2 October, 2-4 PM 30 April, 2-4 PM
Saint Joseph of the Palisades High School West New York <a href="http://www.saintjoseph-wny.com">www.saintjoseph-wny.com</a>	19 October, 3-4:30 PM 6:30-8:30 PM

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# Schools await a new year

AREA—With school bells about to ring again throughout the Archdiocese of Newark, summertime projects and changes are in their final stages.

A brief look at several schools follows:

At **Hillside Catholic Academy**, Hillside, the course of study has been revamped.

Grades one through four will be introduced to drama using Bible stories. Math will now be taught at the grade four and five levels by Upper School teachers. Writing, vocabulary and study skills courses have been developed for grades six through eight. The academy has a new vocal music teacher and Spanish will be taught twice a week to grades six through eight.

Physical changes include the first floor, with the addition of a faculty room and relocation of the nurse's office. There is also an additional kindergarten classroom.

The new school year will also see the Religious sisters staff increasing to five.

A variety of changes will mark the new school year at **St. Dominic Academy**, Jersey City.

New program development will see a new public speaking course for juniors.

The Glee Club has been invited back to Carnegie Hall. Many incoming juniors will

have completed 40 hours of Christian service requirements by summer's end. They volunteer at such places as hospitals, homeless shelters, nursing homes, day car centers and schools in surrounding communities.

History teacher David Majewski attended a week-long seminar, The Worlds of Thomas Jefferson at Monticello and the University of Virginia.

The academy this summer also held its annual educational tour of Europe. Twenty-five students traveled to Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy.

Students from **Immaculate Conception High School**, Lodi, will have the opportunity to benefit from the college experience.

The daily schedule has been redone in order to accommodate juniors and seniors who want to attend classes at Felician College. The schools share a campus. Project Forward allows designated classes to be offered at a reduced tuition rate. On a related front, plans are being made to bring the high school and college faculties together.

**St. Vincent DePaul School**, Bayonne, is in the process of forming an alumni association. For additional information log on to [www.saintvincentdepaul.org](http://www.saintvincentdepaul.org) or call the school at (201) 339-4438.



Julia Osellame, center, with, left to right, Steve Aduabato, Jonathan Whitfield, Affirmative Action officer in the Bergen County Executive's office, Lois Rubin, manager of diversity at Unilever and Raymond Bramucci, president of Instructional Systems, Inc. chairman of the awards' luncheon.

## Community efforts cited

DEMAREST—Julia Osellame, of The Academy of the Holy Angels, was recently chosen from more than 70 nominees to receive an award from the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ).

Honorees and their families heard from noted broadcaster, author, university professor and motivational speaker, Steve Aduabato. Honorees were also recognized for their outstanding community efforts by NCCJ board members and representatives of Unilever, the program's sponsor.

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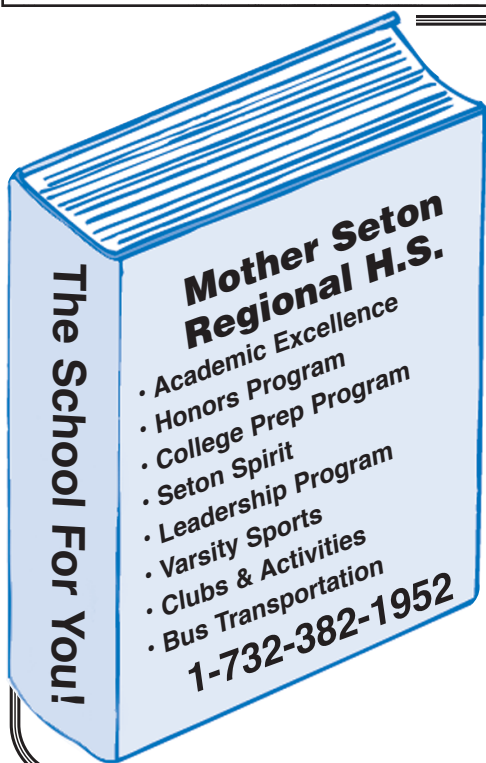
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## New leadership at School of Diplomacy

SOUTH ORANGE—Reverend Paul A. Holmes, S.T.D., formerly vice president for Mission and Ministry at Seton Hall University, has been appointed vice president and interim dean of the John C. Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations.

Father Holmes succeeds Clay Constantinou, the School's founding dean, who served six years.

As vice president and interim dean, Father Holmes will report directly to University President Msgr. Robert Sheeran and will continue to be a member of Seton Hall's Executive Cabinet while leading a search committee charged with selecting a permanent dean.

"I am honored to serve with the talented group of faculty, administrators, and students who have already accomplished so much at the Whitehead School," said Father Holmes. "As chair of the search committee, my goal is to find an exceptional person who can pick up where Ambassador Constantinou left off, by maintaining the School's strong ties with the diplomatic and international affairs community and supporting the next phase of its growth and development."



**Rev. Paul A. Holmes, S.T.D.**

Over his 17 years at Seton Hall, Father Holmes has served as associate professor and chair of the Department of Religious Studies. He was the director of two interdisciplinary programs in the College of Arts and Sciences, vice chair of the Faculty Senate and associate provost for Academic Administration.

Father Holmes was the University's first vice president for Mission and Ministry and also oversaw the Office of Board Affairs.

"Father Holmes comes to the position of interim dean with a wealth of administrative and scholarly experience," remarked Msgr. Sheeran. "I know that he

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# Independent study program hallmark of Marist's 50 years

BAYONNE—Marist High School will begin its 51st year with a continuing focus on its ambitious independent study program.

"We are a school that offers students the personal attention that is required for academic and social success; this allows students to be competitive in society," explained Brother Steve Schlitte, FMS, principal.

Under the supervision of Alice Miesnik, assistant principal of academics, the independent study program will continue. Last year, eight students participated and more are expected for this school year.

"The independent study program is a valuable tool to acclimate the students to the demands of college," said Miesnik. The ultimate activity is an oral presentation of their research usually accompanied by multi-media methods.

"Marist has top-notch teachers and administrators who work diligently to create a challenging and focused college preparatory education for our students," noted John A. Taormina, director of marketing and Admissions. "We work to guarantee success for our graduates."

The program is rigorous. Participants selected student-designed topics that included: Analysis of the American Election System, The Relationship between Intelligence and Brain Size, The Effectiveness of Homeless Shelters, American Involvement in OPEC, Environmental Testing of Local Waters, among others.

Research is a major component of the independent study. Higher order and critical thinking skills are required. In order to facilitate the success of each project, students meet weekly with faculty mentors to discuss the progress of research.

In addition to the independent study program, honors courses and advanced placement courses, the Marist administration and faculty is planning to offer additional courses in criminal justice, anatomy/physiology, psychology, and web design.

"There are many reasons why Marist has enjoyed success over the last 50 years, but the main reason is that parents and students see that Marist provides a challenging academic program, a well-disciplined environment and a positive school experience. The bottom line is that Marist students are expected to go to college," said Brother Steve Schlitte.

The Marist High School student body comes from a wide geographic area. In addition to Bayonne, students have recently registered from Hillside, Maplewood, South Orange, the Ironbound section of Newark, and Jersey City through North Bergen. "The interest in Marist has especially grown from Hudson County, and as a result, we now provide transportation on Kennedy Boulevard from the Jersey City Heights into North Bergen," explained Brother Steve Kappes, FMS, director of transportation.



Left to right, Sister Maureen Sullivan, S.C., chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Al Parillo, friend of Marylawn and Master of Ceremonies for the tennis court dedication, congratulate alumna Nancy Thompson ('69) on successfully achieving her goal of bringing tennis back to Marylawn.

## Tennis bounces back

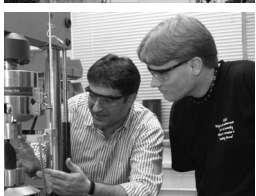
SOUTH ORANGE—Marylawn of the Oranges recently celebrated the return of tennis to the private all-female high school at its second annual Tennis Festival.

The Marylawn tennis courts, that had long been overgrown and unusable, were officially reopened and blessed in May in a ribbon-cutting ceremony that was attended by students, their families, alumnae, teachers and friends.

The tennis renaissance was spearheaded by alumna Nancy Thompson '69, who serves on both the Board of Trustees as well as the Development Committee. Due to her efforts, alumnae, friends, as well as the United States Tennis Association made donations to the tennis campaign.



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