

Making Stewardship a way of life

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

AREA—“Stewardship has to become a way of life not just a program,” stresses Carla L. Gonzalez, executive director of the archdiocesan Development Office, in urging full participation in this year’s fifth annual Stewardship Day at Seton Hall University.

Open to pastors, parishioners, lay leaders and the general public, this year’s forum, to be held on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., has as its theme “The Gift of the Eucharist in the Disciple’s Life.”

The purpose of Stewardship Day, explains Gonzalez, is “both motivational and educational” especially for pastors and lay leaders. It is important, she adds, for pastors to be motivated so they can motivate parishioners.

Gonzalez places equal emphasis on the fact that stewardship is “more than ‘treasure,’ it is also (sharing) of time and talent.” All three elements of stewardship, she continues, are essential for the success and viability of stewardship at the parish level.

Attendance at Stewardship Day, she goes on, will be beneficial on several levels. Implementation of stewardship, where parishes often struggle the most,

will be helped by Stewardship Day as well as parishes that do not yet have a program and those wanting to expand the effort, according to Gonzalez. Right now about half of the parishes in the Archdiocese of Newark have stewardship programs.

This year’s Stewardship Day, notes Gonzalez, will be marked by the scope and number of well-know speakers as well as the addition of a Spanish track. The ladder, she says, is in response to the Spanish-speaking faithful being the “fastest growing community” in the Church of Newark.

Archbishop Myers will open Stewardship Day with morning prayer at 9 a.m. Bishop Edgar

da Cunha will preside at the closing ceremonies.

Among the speakers are two clergy well known to viewers of EWTN. Father Benedict Groeschel will speak at the 9:30 a.m. general session on the topic “Ongoing, Daily Conversion.” At the 11:15 a.m. general session, Father George Rutler will address “Responding to God in Gratitude.” Father Groeschel will speak again at the 1 p.m. Clergy session on “Priesthood and the Eucharist” as will Father Rutler on “Parish Physical and Spiritual Development.”

The keynote address will be at 2:15 p.m. by Dr. Charles Zech. His topic is “Parish Reorganiza-

tion, Restructuring, Merging, Consolidating and Closure,” What Works and What Doesn’t.”

Stewardship is important, Gonzalez feels, because “God gives so many of His treasures (and) we should share these treasures with the less fortunate.”

Doing so is the “spiritual basis” of stewardship, she says, adding, “Stewardship is very spiritual.” God, Gonzales, goes on, “expects us to share with others. Parishes cannot be vital without the participation of its people, it is a lot more than Mass an hour once a week.”

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U.S. bishops face full agenda

WASHINGTON (CNS) — When the U.S. bishops meet in November, major items on their agenda will include decisions on a statement about lay ecclesial ministry, a new text of Scripture readings for Masses with children and a new statement calling for an end to the use of the death penalty in the United States.

The annual fall meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will be held in Washington Nov. 14-17.

Also on the agenda are the election of a new USCCB general secretary, the election of chairmen-elect for seven USCCB committees and approval of 2006 priorities, plans and budget for the USCCB.

The proposed statement on lay ecclesial ministry, "Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord," is intended as a "foundational document" on one of the most significant phenomena to emerge in the Church since the Second Vatican Council—the rapid growth of lay ministerial leaders collaborating with the priests and deacons as an integral part of parish and diocesan life.

The proposed new Lectionary for Masses the With Children must be approved by two-thirds of country's Latin-rite bishops and confirmed by the Vatican before it can be used. It is intended to replace the experimental Lectionary that has been in use since 1993. A Lectionary contains the Bible readings and responsorial psalms used at Mass.

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The children's Lectionary is adapted to the simpler vocabulary and shorter attention span of preadolescent children.

The bishops have been on record opposing use of the death penalty for 25 years, but the proposed new statement, "A Culture of Life and the Penalty of Death," says the bishops seek "to seize a new moment and new momentum" in their campaign against capital punishment.

Among other items on November's agenda are a proposal to make May 22 an annual National Day of Prayer for Mariners and People of the Sea and proposed revisions in guidelines for the support of retired bishops.

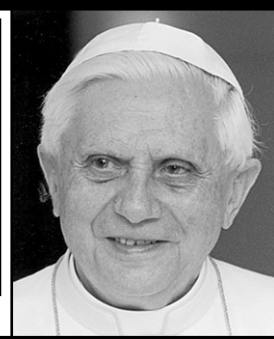
The bishops will also be asked to approve the writing of a document on the relationship between the sacrament of confirmation and stewardship and a project to revise "Fulfilled in Your

Hearing," a guide and resource on preaching. If those projects are approved, the documents will be brought back to the bishops for a vote at a later meeting.

The documentation on priorities and plans for 2006 is more than 200 pages long and its treatment could take up a larger portion of the meeting than usual, since the bishops are in the middle of a several-year effort to reassess their whole approach to what priorities they should have as a bishops' conference and how those priorities should affect the work of their national offices.

The Pope Speaks

Pope Benedict XVI



The peace of Jerusalem

Dear brothers and sisters,

Psalm 122 (121), the subject of this week's catechesis, is one of the songs of ascent sung by ancient pilgrims to the holy city of Jerusalem. The psalmist praises Jerusalem as a city strongly compact, the heart of Israel's unity in faith and worship, and the throne of judgment of the house of David. A city of holiness, justice and social solidarity, Jerusalem is thus a place of communion and peace among God's people. The psalm culminates in a prayer for the peace of Jerusalem and invokes upon the holy city that messianic peace, shalom, which is God's gracious gift. The Christian tradition, in echoing this heartfelt prayer, has seen in the earthly Jerusalem an image of the heavenly Jerusalem, the mystery of holy church, built of living stones and founded upon the saving love of Christ the redeemer.

Love of God and neighbor

Readings: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47-51; 1 Thes 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40.

For many centuries the Bible was virtually the sole source of information that people had concerning daily life in the Ancient Near East. Within the past 200 years a great deal of light has been shed on the context within which God's Word came to the people of Israel. This enables scholars to recognize what was the common heritage of the region and what belonged in a special way to the chosen people.

Codes of law older than those found in the five books of Moses reveal sophisticated legal systems in Mesopotamia and elsewhere. Although the royal preface to such a document shows the king's gratitude to the gods for wisdom, the laws themselves deal only with the social order. Israel alone had the insight that God places human beings in a moral relationship with the divine order as well as with neighbor. The Creator maintains an intense interest in the human vocation; each creature made in the divine image is challenged to imitate God in his or her choices.

The selection this Sunday comes from Israel's ancient "Code of the Covenant" that follows God's revelation on Mount Sinai. Citizens of Israel were assured protection in the courts (Ex 18:13-26), but foreigners in their midst were not able to present their case to a judge. Would they be accorded justice?

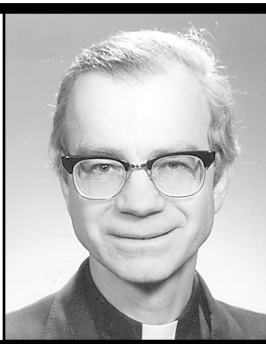
An example of the golden rule (Mt 7:12) is found in the commandment not to molest or oppress an alien. The motive clause, "for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt," expresses a plea for mercy that should echo through the Middle East (among other areas) today!

Widows and orphans were in need of protection because only an adult male could represent a case

Sunday Readings

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time
(Oct. 23, 2005)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



directly in the court. Venal judges might wrong women and children who were deprived of husband or father. If they cry out to God for justice, the divine Judge will exact retribution "measure for measure."

In an unstable world outsiders might attack to loot and kill. Unwittingly they might execute justice and, in a way, be considered agents of God's wrath. "My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans" (Ex 22:23).

This admonition may shock us, but it was intended to convey the passion of God's love for those shunted aside by self-seeking leaders of society. "If the poor person cries out to me, I will hear him or her, for I am compassionate" (Ex 22:26). The great way to imitate God is to exercise mercy or compassion (see Lk 6:36).

As people in the time of Jesus sought to under-

stand and live the numerous commandments in the books of Moses, they looked for a key that would enable them to recognize the order among these laws. Jesus taught that it was easy to discover the principle that coordinated all the commandments into a unified system that would foster the profound meaning of life. The prayer recited evening and morning by pious Jews (centering on Dt 6:4-9) included the greatest commandment. "You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your strength" (6:5).

Giving absolute priority to the one God is the only fitting response of a creature who acknowledges that all comes from the Creator. However, this must not lead to a "flight from the world" that would involve neglect of neighbor. The will of God demands that all human creatures would work together (each according to a particular vocation and with unique talents) to build a world that moves toward the divine goal of history.

This goal cannot be thwarted by human wickedness, but judgment is implied in the very gift of freedom and its concomitant responsibility. The commandments that reflect God's intense involvement in creation are numerous; Jesus selected: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Lv 19:18) as the principle to guide our obedience to the divine will.

To believe in one's own inherent dignity is the basis for a healthy self-esteem. To acknowledge that every human being, from conception to the moment of natural death, reflects the divine image challenges us to live the Golden Rule.

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

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St. John the Evangelist traces 100 years: from humble beginnings to a diverse parish

BY REV. MSGR. RICHARD J. ARNHOLS
Special to The Catholic Advocate

In the early summer of 1905, Catholics of Bergenfield and Dumont met and formed the Catholic Club, with a total membership of fewer than 50. Their goal was the formation of a parish with the appointment of a pastor.

Weekly letters were sent to Most Rev. John J. O'Connor, Bishop of Newark, until finally, on Saturday evening, Oct. 7, a telegram was delivered in which the bishop advised that a priest was coming that evening and would celebrate Mass the next day.

At 9 a.m. that Sunday, the new pastor, Father John H. C. Rutten, celebrated the first Mass in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Flood, in the presence of some 90 parishioners.

Parishioners gathered at that site, now a store in the business district of Bergenfield, on Friday morning, Oct. 8, 2004, to commemorate these humble beginnings. After a short procession to the current St. John the Evangelist Church, located about a block away, a 9 a.m. Mass was offered to begin the Centennial Year.

During the course of the year, several spiritual and social events marked this milestone in our parish's life, that culminated on Oct. 8, 2005, with a solemn multi-

lingual liturgy, led by Archbishop John J. Myers and concelebrated by priests both currently and previously associated with the parish, which was followed by a Gala Dinner Dance in the parish's Conlon Hall.

St. John's has grown much in recent years, currently claiming an enrollment of almost 3,500 families born in 55 countries of the world. In addition to its Irish-Italian-American base, the parish is also home to Spanish-speaking members from a variety of Central, Caribbean, and South American countries and an equally large number of families from the Philippines. Though diverse in customs, cultures and traditions, parishioners work together, joyfully welcoming all who wish to belong.

It is that welcoming spirit, coupled with vibrant liturgies and dynamic outreach, which so many people speak of as the reason for belonging to St. John's. Over 50 parish groups, societies, councils and committees help people relate to one another for their own good as well as the greater good of the parish and the community.

St. John's boasts eight outstanding choirs composed of adults and children who lead the interactive singing in English and Spanish at the seven weekend liturgies, and in Tagalog at the monthly Filipino Mass.

Music Director Lisa Marciano coordinates them all, with the assistance of Pio Clavijo, Marisa Paulino, and Connie and Joey Arcilla.

During the week, many parishioners can be seen participating in one of the two adult and two youth prayer groups. In addition, the Social Concerns committee reaches out to the poor with several opportunities to provide meals for the homeless in Hackensack (recipients say St. John's provides the best hot meals of any of the groups) and supervision at the overnight shelter hosted in various parish churches which are part of the Inter-Religious Fellowship for the Homeless, through parish contact Bob Armbruster. The parish food pantry provides necessities to over 80 families a month.

Mary Cox coordinates the parish Right to Life activities, helping to arrange for regular

baby showers for poor mothers who have decided to bring their babies to term, and working with the local non-denominational Turning Point counseling service to keep the message of life strong. The parish annually sends a busload or two, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus, to the Right to Life March in Washington.

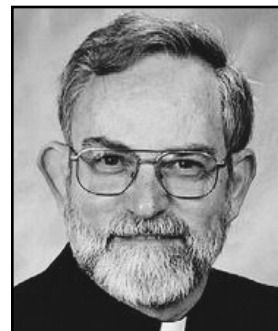
St. John's School serves about 270 students from pre-K through Grade 8. Sister Madeline Mary Hanson, S.S.N.D., oversees a staff of dedicated teachers, who provide special classes in technology, art, music and Spanish, in addition to the many elements of the core curriculum. All five of St. John's priests, Msgr. Rich Arnolds, Father Ray Filipski, Father Ernie Tibay, Father Jose Marquez and Father Jacek Marchewka, provide regular supplemental religious instruction in their classroom visits.

Meanwhile, Paula Andrade oversees almost 80 catechists and 900 children in the K-8 religious education program, including R.C.I.A. and special education divisions, over the course of four days during the week. Youth Minister Mark DeBenedictis also prepares more than 120 parish teens for Confirmation, and involves the parish youth groups in hosting their weekend retreat. The parish also provides a Children's Liturgy of the Word for several of the Sunday Masses, coordinated by Cristina Gallagher.

St. John's sponsors Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Brownies. The parish has two large senior citizens groups, a Rosary Society, a Legion of Mary, a Padre Pio group, Men's and Women's Cornerstone, and three Neo-Catechumenal communities. Eucharistic Adoration takes place every First Friday in English and every Last Thursday in Spanish. The annual parish picnic draws about 500 people, and its five-day Carnival reunites parishioners past and present.

I was appointed pastor in August 1998. Having grown up in St. Joseph of the Palisades Parish in West New York, with its three worship sites, at that time eight priests, 42 nuns and 19 Christian Brothers, I felt up to the challenge of the size and diversity of St. John's, with its annual totals of 175 baptisms, 190 first communions, 45 wed-

Meet the Pastor



Rev. Msgr. Richard Arnolds

High School: St. Joseph of the Palisades, West New York

College/Seminary/Graduate

School: Seton Hall University; Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington-Mahwah

Date of Ordination: May 26, 1973

Hero: Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Favorite Saint: Francis of Assisi

Favorite Sport: Baseball

Favorite Food: Lamb

Favorite Subjects in School: Latin/Spanish/Creative Writing

Favorite Movie: *With Honors*

Last Book Read: *From*

Maintenance to Mission: Evangelization and The Revitalization of the Parish by Robert S. Rivers

Proudest Moment: Ordination

Occupation if I weren't a Priest: Writer/Teacher

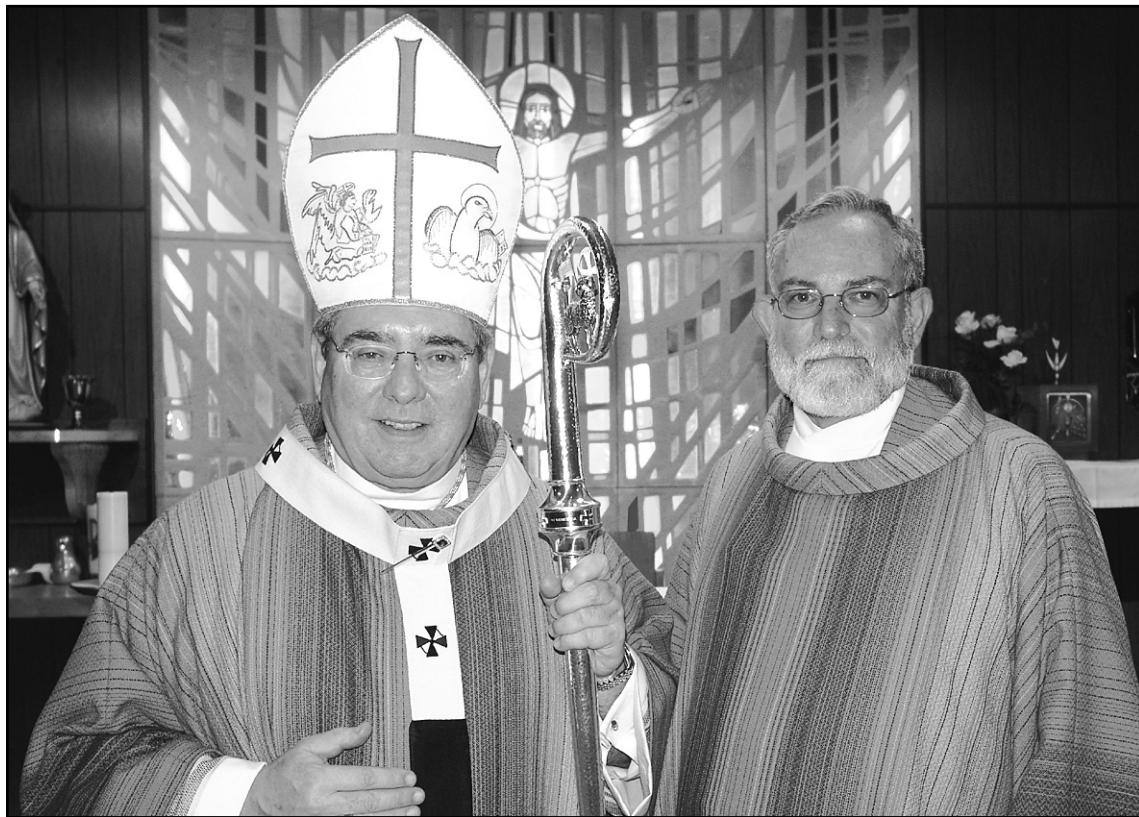
dings, and 110 funerals.

For me, I am blessed to be able to count on the active participation of the priests, religious, staff and dedicated laity who pitch in and carry out so many of the daily parish responsibilities. This also allows me to serve part-time as Vicar for Pastoral Life at the Archdiocesan Center.

As we look toward the future, we anticipate a continually growing melting pot of nationalities (there are over 95 in Bergenfield already), and a corresponding need for more effective social services to meet the many needs of people from countries near and far beginning to live the American dream.

I pray that St. John the Evangelist Parish will always be at the forefront of living the Lord's command to "love one another," as He has loved us, in the least of our brothers and sisters!

Rev. Msgr. Arnolds is pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, located at 29 North Washington Ave., Bergenfield. He also serves as a regular columnist ("What's the Matter?") for The Catholic Advocate.



Archbishop Myers presided at the Solemn Mass in honor of the parish's Centennial on Oct. 8. Here, he appears with Msgr. Richard Arnolds, pastor, shortly before the Mass.

Archbishop appoints two new pastors

Archbishop John J. Myers has appointed two new pastors.

Father James M. Manos, parochial vicar of St. Paul Parish, Ramsey, has been appointed pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Bayonne.

Father Manos has degrees in special education, administration and supervision and is a child psychologist. He worked as a teacher for the Jersey City Board of Education and other educational institutions before entering Immaculate Conception Seminary.

While in the seminary, he went to Portugal for three summers to study the Portuguese language in the Diocese of Aveiro. He was ordained May 25, 1996.

After ordination, he was appointed parochial vicar of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Newark. In October 1997, Father Manos was named parochial vicar of Holy Spirit Parish, Union. He was appointed to a three-year term as assistant director of Vocations Awareness for the Archdiocese of Newark in August 1999.

Josephine's Place slates fundraiser

ELIZABETH—Josephine's Place, "a space for women" and community ministry sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, will hold a dinner/dance fundraiser on Friday, Nov. 4, at the Mediterranean Manor, 255 Jefferson St., Newark.

The event will feature live music and several guest speakers, including neighborhood planning advocate Jacqueline McNeil. The suggested donation to attend the fundraiser is \$125 per plate. Tables also can be reserved. Call (908) 436-0099 for more information.

Sister Judy Mertz, the director of Josephine's Place, said the facility offers community outreach and empowerment for women, providing a host of social, healthcare, counseling, and education services. Josephine's Place, located at 638 Elizabeth Ave., opened on Oct. 1, 2003, and especially targets the needs of the Hispanic community.

In May 2002, Father Manos was appointed parochial vicar of St. Paul Parish, Ramsey. Later that year, he was reappointed as assistant director for Vocations.

Father Richard E. Cabezas, parochial vicar of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills, has been appointed pastor of St. Stephen Parish, Kearny.

Father Cabezas was born in Hoboken. Before entering Immaculate Conception Seminary, he served 28 years in education as a teacher and administrator. He earned a doctorate in education from New York University in 1991. He was ordained May 1999.

After ordination, Father Cabezas was appointed parochial vicar at Holy Family Parish, Nutley. In May 2002, he was appointed parochial vicar of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills.

Hall of Fame Gala Sunday

NEWARK—Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish will hold its second annual Hall of Fame Gala on Sunday, Oct. 23 honoring the schools' graduates including Rev. Msgr. Harrold A. Murray who recently passed away.

Also being honored is Sister Patricia Flarity, S.C., longtime principal of DePaul High School in Wayne. Other inductees include Margaret McGuigan, longtime Harrison City Councilwoman; William B. McGuire, Esq., managing partner of the Newark law firm of Tompkins, McGuire, Wachenfeld & Barry; retired Newark Firefighter Edmund J. Burke and his wife, the former Alice MacMunn; and Frank Goodwin, who was selected all city (Newark), all Essex County and all New Jersey State—Catholic School Division when he played basketball at Good Counsel High School in the 1950's.

Alumnus of the Year is

Barbara Martinez, staff reporter for *The Wall Street Journal*.

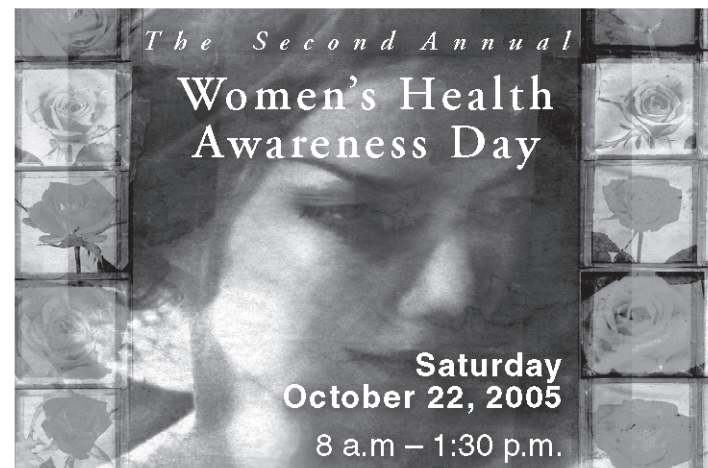
The Gala Committee will also honor posthumously former pastor Rev. Thomas G. Smith; former faculty members Sister Alma Dolores Worthington,

S.S.J. and Brother Anthony Ciccolella, F.M.S.; and the Hon. Peter W. Rodino, Jr., a longtime parishioner.

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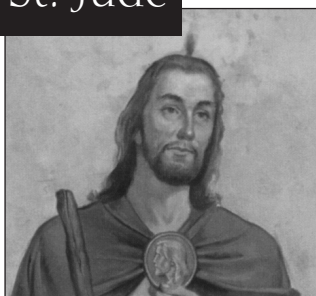
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Trio interns at U.N.

LODI—A summer internship at the United Nations was a dream come true for three Felician College students.

The trio had the opportunity to participate in roundtable discussions, briefings and conferences with representatives from around the world in preparation for the largest gathering of global leaders at the 2005 World Summit at the United Nations in September.

Their internship culminated with participation in the 58th Annual Conference for DPI/NGOs (Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations), held one week before the World Summit meeting and opening of the General Assembly. More than 2,000 NGOs from 80 countries voiced their views on implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, peace and security, human rights and strengthening the United Nations. Speakers included Shirin Ebadi, 2003 Nobel Peace Prize winner.

The Felician students were the only NGO undergraduate interns from New Jersey. Their internship was a partnership between

Felician College and NGO member Caritas Internationalis, a confederation of 162 Catholic relief, development and social service organizations working in more than 200 countries.

To be selected for the internship, the students were interviewed by Felician faculty members and Joseph Donnelly, the Caritas Internationalis delegate to the U.N.

The students gained valuable insight into the goals of the U.N., the interaction of civil society with the U.N., and the role of faith-based NGOs. They attended interactive forums to discuss the progress of the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, including the efforts to eradicate poverty and promote human rights.

"It changed my view of the world," said Mathews, a history major from North Arlington. "The United States is just one of 191 nations and every nation has something to contribute."

D'Amato, a history major from Edgewater, used her experience with interactive communications



Front row, left to right, Dr. Mary E. Norton; Sister Theresa Mary Martin, Felician College President; Dr. Maria Vecchio; and Dr. Kevin Smith. Back row U.N. student interns Vanessa D'Amato, Christian Mathews and Mika Goto.

to help develop a web site for the DPI/NGO Conference, where people from around the world could participate in live discussions and watch the plenary sessions of the conference. She participated in the development and display of an exhibit entitled, "What moves you?" The exhibit reflects a global view of the Millennium Development Goals and civil society, with photos and comments from people around the world. The exhibit is on display at the U.N. and will travel to other countries after October. "I learned so much

about understanding other cultures," explained D'Amato. "I am more open minded and tolerant, and I want to help the suffering in the world," she said.

"This experience ties directly to the mission of Felician College—to prepare students to meet the challenges of the new century with informed minds and understanding hearts," noted Dr. Mary E. Norton, associate dean of nursing, member of the Executive Committee of the NGO/DPI and delegate from the International Council of

Nurses to the U.N. "This learning experience could not be duplicated in the classroom."

A committee of faculty members worked for months to develop the criteria and objectives of the internship program, including Dr. Norton, Dr. Gerard O'Sullivan, dean of arts and sciences; Dr. Maria Vecchio, director of the honors program; and Dr. Kevin Smith, OSF, associate professor of religious studies.

Goto, a foreign exchange student from Japan, is majoring in international relations. She had dual internship responsibilities with Caritas Internationalis and the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, an NGO from Japan. By attending workshops and discussions, she learned how faith-based organizations offer global developmental assistance to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

To complete the three-credit internship program, the students will write a report and create a visual presentation to educate others about world issues and the Millennium Development Goals. Due to the continued interest of the students, the internship will continue throughout the coming academic year.



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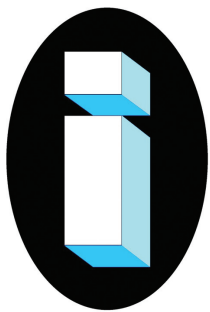
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BY FATHER THOMAS B. IWANOWSKI
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Nothing affects us more profoundly than our relationships. We have been shaped by our relationships with our parents and grandparents, with our siblings and friends, with our aunts and uncles and other relatives, with our fellow students and teachers, with our employers and co-workers and with our neighbors and acquaintances.

As people of faith, we also have been shaped by our relationships with the members of our parish and other believers, with priests and deacons, with religious brothers and sisters, with religious educators and others who minister in the Church, and of course we have been most affected by our relationship with Jesus Christ who has made us part of his Church and sons and daughters of our Father in heaven.

Relationships affect our heart and our spirit. They mold our personality and our view of life. They create ties of affection and love. They form friendships and connections that bind us together.

When someone we love dies, someone with whom we have had a human relationship, "we believe that all the ties of friendship and affection which knit us as one throughout our lives do not unravel with death" (Order of Christian Funerals, #71).

We hold that belief because of our faith in Jesus Christ, who through His death and resurrection conquered the power of sin and death. We believe death is not the end. We believe that life and relationships continue. We affirm this belief each time we proclaim the Profession of Faith at Mass: "We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."

Because of our belief that life and relationships continue, we believe that our responsibilities to a loved one do not end in death; relationships continue. As Catholics, we fulfill our obligations to the deceased with whom we remain connected by lovingly following the rituals of the Church connected with death. In doing so, we proclaim that our relationship with the deceased has not ended and we proclaim our faith in Jesus Christ, who said: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me shall live even in death and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die" (John 11:25-26).

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Our beliefs

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The Order of Christian Funerals

The ceremonies and prayers of the Catholic Church connected with death are found in the Order of Christian Funerals, the ritual book used by priests and deacons in conducting funeral services. A Catholic funeral ordinarily involves three occasions of prayer that take place over the course of two or three days.

In celebrating these moments of prayer we celebrate our faith in Christ, we express our love for the person who has died, and we remain faithful to a human relationship that has touched our life. As we shared part of our loved one's journey through life, we now share the steps of his or her final journey to God.

The ceremonies and prayers that comprise the funeral ritual are also ways that the Church shows its concern for one of its members. We became part of the family of the Church at our Baptism and that relationship is not broken even by death.

The three principal parts of the Catholic Funeral Liturgy are the Vigil Service (commonly called the Wake Service), the Church Service, and finally the Committal Service. In these times of prayer, the Christian community accompanies the body of the deceased from the funeral home to the church building, and then to its final resting place. The community of the Church that has accompanied the person in his or her journey through life now walks with him or her from this life to the next.

The Vigil Service

The Vigil Service takes place

between the time of death and the time of the Funeral Mass. This service usually takes place in the funeral home during the time of the wake or viewing.

In the Vigil Service, those who have been affected by the life of the deceased gather to pray for him or her. This is usually the first time since death when those related to the deceased gather together. "At the vigil the Christian community keeps watch with the family in prayer to the God of mercy and finds strength in Christ's presence... In this time of loss the family and community turn to God's word as the source of faith and hope, as light and life in the face of darkness and death. Consoled by the redeeming word of God and by the abiding presence of Christ and His Spirit, the assembly at the vigil calls upon the Father of mercy to receive the deceased into the kingdom of light and peace" (OCF #56).

The Vigil Service consists of an opening prayer, the reading of God's word, prayers of intercession and a blessing. During the Vigil service, the priest or dea-

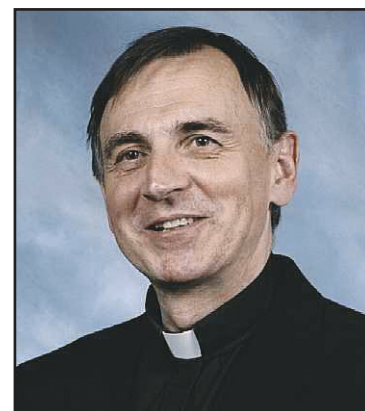
con may give a brief homily after the Scripture readings. Toward the end of the Vigil Service or after it is completed, a relative or friend may speak in remembrance of the deceased.

At other times during the wake, relatives and friends, who might wish to do so, could speak about the deceased and offer their personal reflections. The hours of the wake at the funeral home provide many opportunities for such reminiscences.

Besides providing a setting for the Vigil Service, a wake gives those who have suffered a loss the opportunity to face the death of their loved one, to adjust to a new reality, to find comfort and support in the company of others, to share stories and remembrances of the deceased and to express their sorrow and grief.

The Church Service

The second of the three parts that comprise a Catholic funeral takes place in the church building. This is the place "where the community of faith assembles for



Father Thomas B. Iwanowski

worship. The church is the place where the Christian life is begotten in Baptism, nourished in the Eucharist and where the community gathers to commend one of its deceased members to the Father" (OCF, #131).

The Funeral Mass is the preferred service in the church and "the central celebration of the Christian community for the deceased" (OCF, #128). At a Funeral Mass, the casket of the deceased is received at the church, sprinkled with the water and covered with a white cloth. These signs recall Baptism, the sacrament that brought the deceased into a relationship with the Christian community. Afterwards, readings from the Scriptures and the Liturgy of the Eucharist take place as they normally do at a Sunday Mass.

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Hope springs eternal in the Christian heart

Absolute grief is a terrible thing. It comes only with a loss that is irreparable, a loss that is final, total, and complete. And yet, for a Catholic there can be no such thing as absolute grief. We can know the pain of loss, sorrow, even agony of the soul.

But because the man Jesus Christ said: “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will never die...” And because the man Jesus raised others from the sleep of death and finally rose, Himself immortal and radiant, we Christians should never really know absolute loss and absolute sorrow.

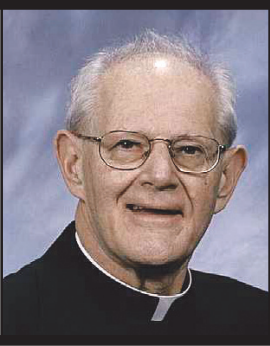
In Jesus, our greatest hope for eternal life for ourselves and for those we love has been validated.

The ancient branches of Christendom lived with one foot on earth and the other in heaven. In the early Church, the resurrection of Our Lord inspired Christians so much that they longed for a sharing in His cross and triumph.

Saint Ignatius of Antioch wrote to seven churches while on his route to martyrdom in Rome. He said in a letter: “At the moment I must be more apprehensive than ever and pay no attention to all those who flatter me. Their praise is a scourge. For though I have a fierce desire to suffer martyrdom, I know that I am not worthy of it. Most people are aware of my passionate longing. It assails me with increasing intensity. My present need then is for humility by which the prince of this world is overturned.”

Martyrdom was not to be feared. It was an honor, a glorious doorway to eternal life. And once the martyrs had given their lives for Christ, their bodies were carefully buried. Mass was offered at their tombs. Prayers were offered requesting their intercession for those who remained here on earth.

Voices



By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist

The belief in the afterlife was so strong that the martyrs, the holy men and women, were soon honored and invoked all over the world.

Nov. 1 is my favorite feast day of the year. It is as if the ceiling of the church was lifted and the army of white-robed

saints was gazing down on the altar as I offer the Holy Mass. When I lift the host and chalice, I imagine all those good people whom I have known in life mingled in with the beatified saints and smiling upon the congregation.

And on Nov. 2, when I offer three Holy Masses for all of those who are in purgatory, I pray for these holy souls and I pray to these holy souls. They are my people, my family, and my friends.

I never feel more Catholic than on these two days. The Church triumphant and the church suffering are joined to the Church militant.

For Catholics there is an economy of salvation. Nothing for us is ever lost. Why should we grieve like people who have no hope? Hope springs eternal in the Christian heart. It can not be otherwise. Absolute grief has no part in our world. Christ is our hope and our salvation.

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



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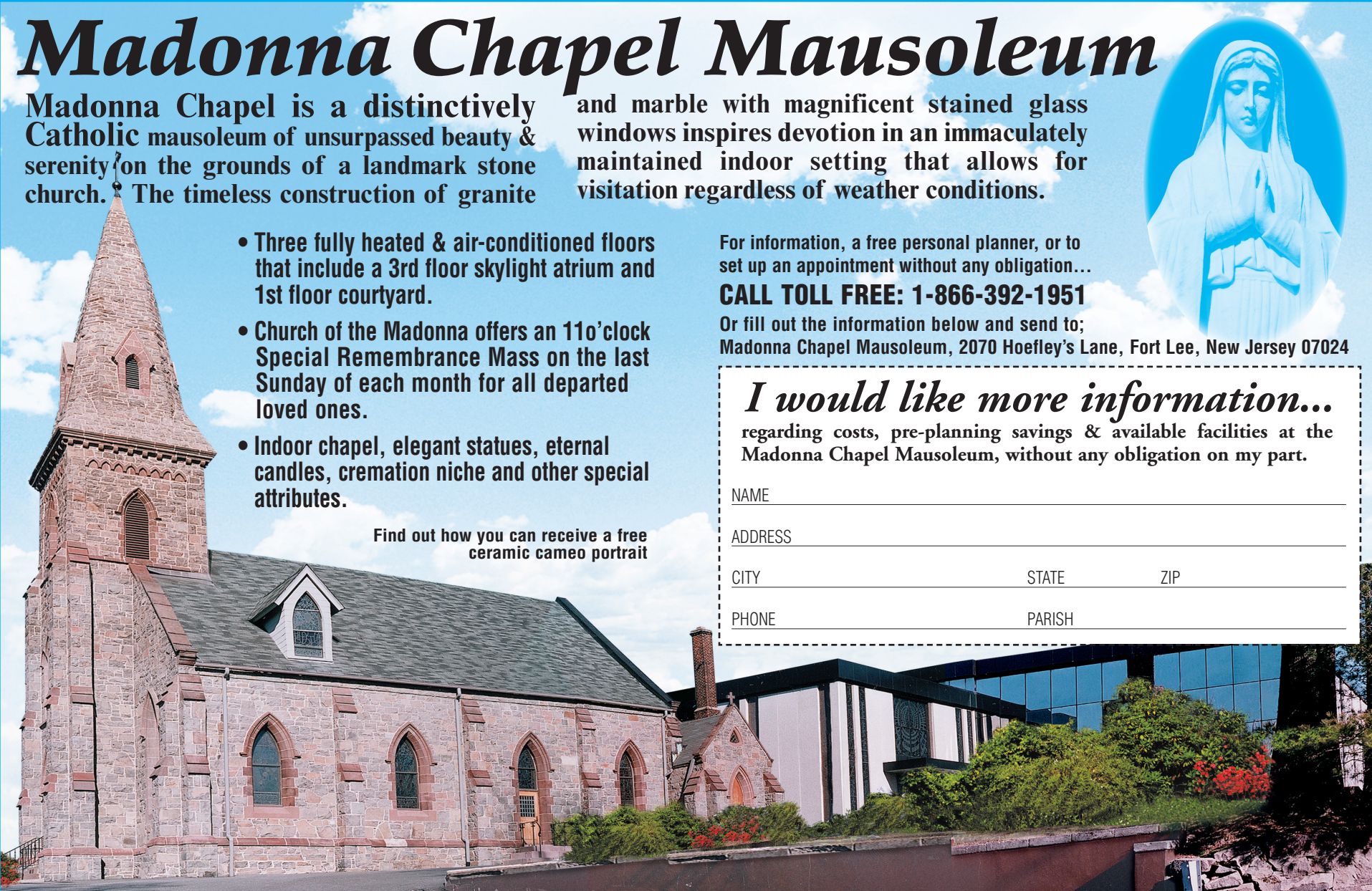
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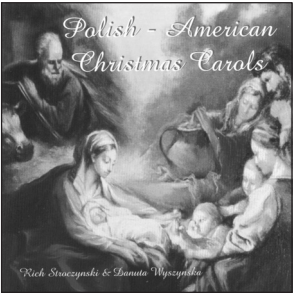
Organized by Joseph A. Vancio, archdiocesan consultant and director of the Heritage Tour program, the event will include visits to St. Lucy Church, St. Stanislaus Church, the Catacombs of St. Joseph, all located here, as well as St. Patrick Church, St. Adalbert Church and St. Peter and Paul Lithuanian Church in Elizabethport.

Tickets for the public tour are available at \$45 per person, which includes climate-controlled bus transportation, a box lunch and beverage and secure parking at the Archdiocesan Center. The tour, to be led by Vancio, is slated to run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 12. Call (973) 497-4024 to make reservations.

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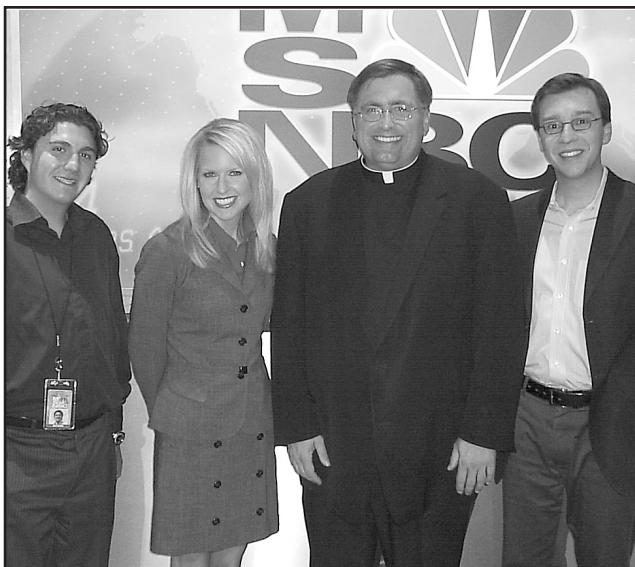


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NATIONAL EXPOSURE—Father Louis J. Molinelli, S.D.B., Director/President of Don Bosco Prep, Ramsey, and nationally syndicated ordained minister, Joyce Meyer, spoke recently with MSNBC-TV's Monica Crowley and Ron Reagan about the controversy surrounding Intelligent Design on the program "Connected Coast to Coast." The theory of intelligent design (ID) holds that certain features of the universe and of living things are best explained by an intelligent cause rather than an undirected process such as natural selection.

Standing left to right are MSNBC Producer Edward J. Bergen, Monica Crowley host of "Connected Coast to Coast," Father Molinelli and Senior Producer Tony Maciulis.



Sanctity of Life Day confronts evil with prayer

WASHINGTON, NJ — An estimated 100 million faithful worldwide of all faiths gathered Oct. 2 to pray for the sanctity of life at Worldwide Fatima Sanctity of Life Day.

The World Apostolate of Fatima/Blue Army has, for the past year, been organizing Worldwide Fatima Sanctity of Life Day.

Those gathered at the event rallied to confront the evils of war, abortion, terrorism, genocide, child slavery, assisted suicide and

other situations with prayer.

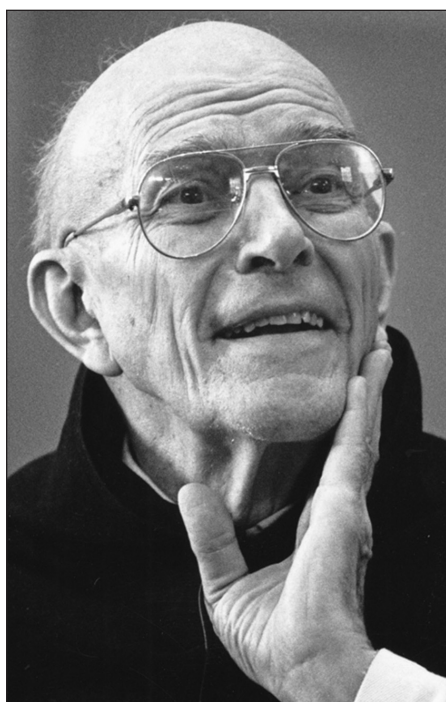
Locally the Blue Army Shrine in Washington as well as many other World Apostolate of Fatima/Blue Army sponsored events at locations around the USA and in over 40 countries.

"It was indeed a glorious day" said Michael LaCorte, executive director of the organization. "Hard work coupled with the power of prayer will lead to the ultimate triumph—peace on earth! It is encouraging to know that our heavenly Father listens and responds to our needs. So, for 20 minutes we asked people from around the world to raise their hearts to heaven in humility, and ask for help from above."

Four thousand people were on hand to listen to renowned speakers including Bishop Paul Bootkoski of Metuchen Diocese, Father Andrew Apostoli, well known from EWTN and pro-life champion and former presidential candidate Dr. Alan Keyes.

After the speeches, Bishop Bootkoski blessed the Sanctity of Life statue "Mary, Mother of the Life Within."

Other World Apostolate of Fatima/Blue Army events took place on the same day. Some 170,000 thousand gathered in Fatima for the blessing of a second "Mary, Mother of The Life Within" statue.



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'Priesthood Sunday'

AREA—Catholics in parishes throughout the United States will rally on Sunday, Oct. 30, to show support for their priests with prayer, celebration and dialogue. The date is designated as "Priesthood Sunday," a one-day celebration organized by parish lay leaders and coordinated by the USA Council of Serra International.

Locally, Most Blessed Sacrament parish Franklin Lakes, will hold a concert Oct. 30 at 3 p.m. in honor of Priesthood Sunday. The Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of Newark will sponsor the event. Father Brian G. Plate, director of vocations for the archdiocese, will serve as the host and will make a presentation. Father Plate extended an invitation to all priests throughout the archdiocese to attend the celebration, which he launched last year. The event will include a "free-will" offering, with all proceeds going to benefit the archdiocesan vocations office.

A wine and cheese reception will follow the concert, which will feature Valerie Sue Muller, soprano, and David Maiullo, pianist. Muller is the cantor at Most Blessed Sacrament parish.

Father Robert J. Silva, the president of the National Federation of Priests' Councils (NFPC), said that the purpose of Priesthood Sunday is to engage every level of the Church in the United States in a national conversation about the priesthood.

The celebration also draws attention to the problems stemming from the declining number of priests in the United States.

Lay parish leaders are invited to visit www.priestsunday.org for suggested liturgies, social celebrations, reflections, and downloadable graphics, guides and posters. Call (888) 777-6681 for requests for printed material.

The USA Council of Serra International and the Serra International Foundation sponsor priesthood Sunday.

'Why Catholic?' provides evangelization's 'nuts and bolts'

AREA—"Why Catholic?," the adult faith-formation and evangelization program, will be offered in a slate of workshops next month throughout the four counties of the archdiocese.

The subtitle for the November workshops is "Evangelization: the nuts and bolts," as the meetings are designed to offer specific, concrete plans of action to expand the understanding of the Catholic faith.

Workshops in Bergen County will run on Thursday, Nov. 10, 7 p.m., at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 668 Ridgewood Rd. Washington Township, and Monday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m., at St. Phillip the Apostle, 488 Saddle River Rd, Saddle Brook.

Union County workshops are slated to run Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m., at Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1571 S. Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, and Immaculate Conception, 424 Westminster Ave., Elizabeth (in Spanish).

A Hudson County workshop

will be held Thursday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m., at St. Anne's Parish, 3545 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City, (English and Spanish). A workshop in Essex County is slated for Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m., at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave., Newark.

Liliana Soto, the coordinator of the archdiocesan Office of Evangelization, explained that the workshops are designed to provide a deeper understanding of Catholic evangelization, explore the relationship between evangelization and catechesis and develop practi-

cal strategies for outreach. The workshops are geared for parish pastors and pastoral staff members, along with "Why Catholic?" evangelization team members, catechetical leaders and other parish lay groups and individuals.

Bishop Edgar da Cunha is the chairman of the archdiocese's Evangelization Task Force. RENEW International, Plainfield, developed the "Why Catholic?" program.

Contact Soto at (973) 497-4317 or (973) 497-4353 for more information.

Director to be honored

LAKEWOOD—Wilbur Wittemann, director of the Georgian Court University (GCU) Concert and Jazz bands, will be honored by the New Jersey unit of the International Association for Jazz Education with its Lifetime Achievement Award at the All State Jazz Band/Honors Jazz Choir concert at the New Jersey

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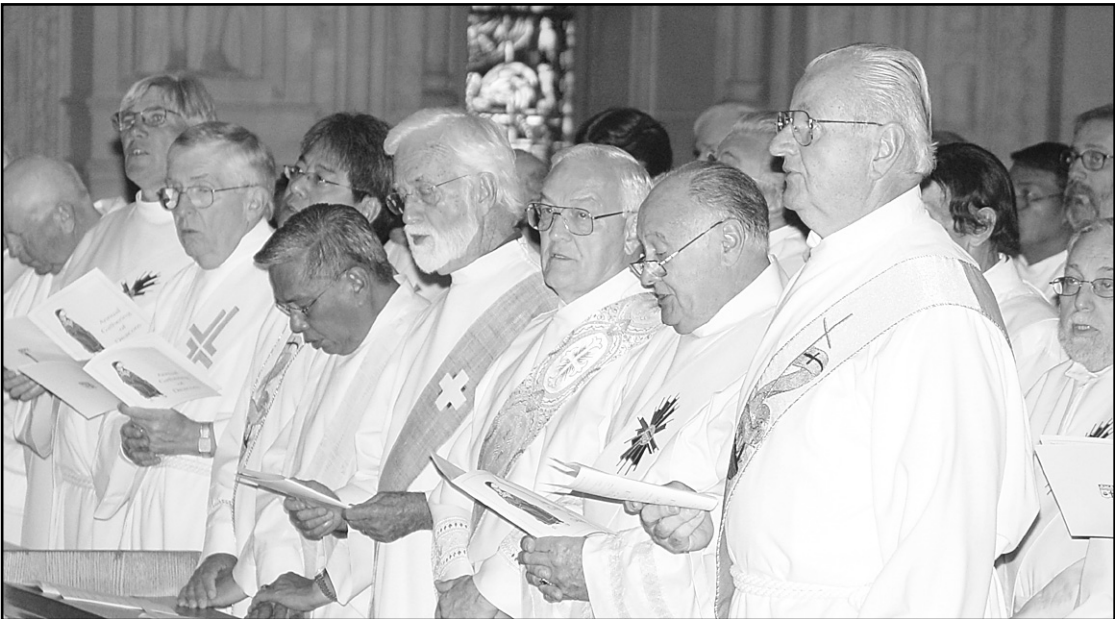
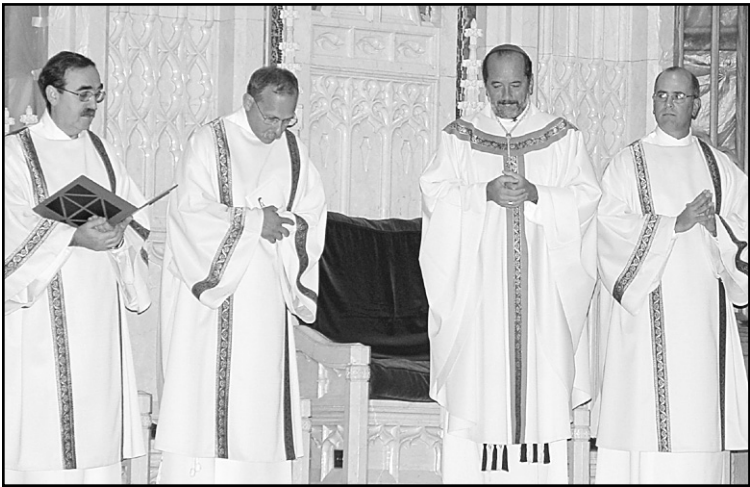
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A TIME TO CELEBRATE AND REFLECT—Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha presided at the annual Mass for Deacons on Saturday, Oct. 1 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. With him, top left photo, are, left to right, Deacon Asterio Velasco, Deacon Thomas DeBenedictis and Deacon John McKenna. After Mass, Deacon Edward Porter, bottom photo, who retired recently as Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate after eight years of service, was honored with a plaque presented by deacons Al McLaughlin, Secretary of the Council Permanent Deacons and Joseph Yandoli, chairman of the Executive Council of Permanent Deacons.

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Seminars for caregivers slated

MONTCLAIR—Two caregiver seminars have been scheduled at the Senior Care and Activities Center in Montclair.

The first seminar is on Tuesday, Oct. 25. Elder law attorney Brenda McElnea will discuss how to prepare for long-term care costs in conjunction with an understanding of Medicaid regulations. Speaking too will be Lynne W. Kurzweil RD, nutrition coordinator at the Center for Advanced Bariatric Surgery at Mountainside Hospital and Senior Care's consulting dietician. Her focus will be on proper nutrition as a way to increase mental agility and boost the immune system.

On Tuesday, Nov. 1, Patricia Kelley MAS, BSN, and Maria Roesler, RN, MSN, from the Advanced Dementia Care Program at St. Barnabas Hospice and Palliative Care Center, will provide information on how to manage advanced illness in addition to providing a guide to hospice care.

Both seminars are from 6 to 9 p.m. RSVP requested. Contact Emma Justice at (983) 783-5589, ext. 14.

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October events abound

ALLENDALE—The Atrium, an independent living residence at the Allendale Community for Mature Living, is hosting several special events this fall, which are 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 in Allendale.

On Monday, Oct. 31 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. there will be a Halloween Party in the Atrium Lounge. Local trick-or-treaters are encouraged to attend. The event is also open to family members of residents and participants in the Senior Social Club. Guests of all ages are encouraged to come dressed in costume.

On Thursday and Friday, Nov. 3 and Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., AARP's Driver Safety Program, the nation's largest classroom refresher course for motorists age 45 and older, will be held in the Atrium Cinema.

The program, which focuses on how to remain safe on today's roads, is approved by the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles and taught by AARP volunteers. Completion of the course qualifies individuals for insurance discounts in New Jersey and other states. The registration fee is \$10. Call Mary Stampleman at (201) 818-7978 ext. 7982.

Weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Senior Social Club is available in the Atrium. It 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 upcoming events for residents.

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Center founder to be honored

NEWARK — M. Michele Blackwood, MD, FACS, founder and medical director of the Connie Dwyer Breast Center at Saint Michael's Medical Center, will be honored by the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, North Jersey Affiliate, at its ninth annual Pink Tie Ball, Nov. 12, at the National Guard Armory in Morristown.

The Affiliate's Pink Tie Ball, one of New Jersey's premiere fundraising galas, netted \$1.5 million last year for community-based breast health and breast cancer screening and treatment programs for the underserved and uninsured.

Dr. Blackwood is a member of the North Jersey Affiliate's medical advisory board and frequently lectures for the affiliate on breast health issues. Prior to joining Saint Michael's, she served as medical director of the Blackwood Breast

Center in Stamford, CT, an institute she founded in 1997.

Dr. Blackwood is board-certified in general surgery and serves as assistant clinical professor at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University. A graduate of Georgetown University, Dr. Blackwood earned her medical degree from the Medical University of South Carolina. She completed her surgical internship and residency at Stamford Hospital and was the Breast Fellow at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City.

Dr. Blackwood is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the American Medical Association, the American Medical Women's Association, the American Society

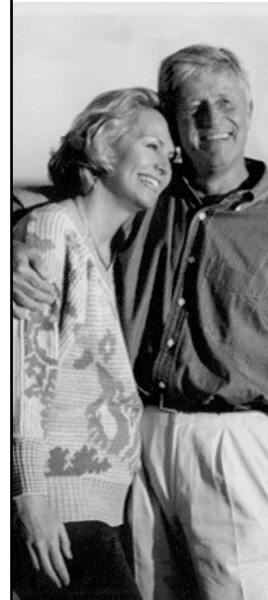
of Breast Surgeons, the American Society of Breast Diseases and the Oncology Society of New Jersey.

Dr. Blackwood has consistently been listed in Castle Connolly's "How To Find the Best Doctors in the N.Y. Metro Area" and New York Magazine's "Best Doctors in New York." Her research has been published in the "Lancet, Contemporary Surgery for Residents and Trauma," as well as in other publications. Dr. Blackwood also serves on the editorial review board of "Women In Medicine."

Along with Lois Greene, Director of Nursing for the Saint Michael's Regional Cancer Center, Dr. Blackwood has been featured on "Doc Tips," a series of 30-second public service announcements broadcast weekly.

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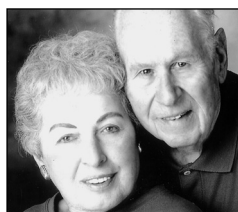
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Sponsored by the Connie Dwyer Breast Care Center at St. Michael's Medical Center, the entire event is free and open to the public.

The day's program will focus on tips on the prevention of cardiac disease, eating better and losing weight in addition to information on how to evaluate a plastic surgeon.

Featured speakers include Dr. Michele Blackwell addressing the relationship between breast cancer patients and their physicians, and Dr. Mark Connolly, director of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery at

St. Michael's Medical Center, who will discuss heart disease and gender.

Dr. Norma Sauders of the Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health System will speak on mental health and the warning signs of depression. The pros and cons of plastic surgery and how to select the right surgeon will be addressed by Dr. Matthew Coons, a plastic surgeon at the Medical Center and Saint James Hospital. Menopause is the subject of a presentation by Dr. Jose J. Pinto, director of OB/GYN at Saint James Hospital.

To register, contact the RSVP Line at (973) 877-5494. Directions to the Arts Center are available online at www.njpac.org.

Elective angioplasty on horizon

ELIZABETH—Elective angioplasty procedures moved a major step closer to reality for residents of Eastern Union County following approval of Trinitas Hospital's application by the New Jersey Health Planning Board.

At a hearing in Trenton, Trinitas was approved to participate in a state-wide demonstration project that will assess the safety, quality and cost of elective angioplasty in hospitals that offer emergency angioplasty without onsite cardiac surgery backup. Trinitas was one of six hospitals approved from among a total of 18 applicants.

Trinitas and the other approved hospitals now await final approval from the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.

"We are extremely pleased that Trinitas Hospital was selected to participate in this important study," stated Gary S. Horan, FACHE, President & CEO of Trinitas. "In terms of quality, volume and patient diversity, Trinitas met all the conditions deemed important by the members of the State Health Planning Board," he added.

Coronary angioplasty involves the insertion of a catheter into a blocked artery in the heart. A small balloon on the end of the catheter is inflated, opening the artery and restoring blood flow to the heart.

In 2003, Trinitas received approval to provide angioplasty services on an emergency basis.

"On the issue of quality, Trinitas Hospital's cardiac program, both in terms of diagnostic cardiac catheterization and emergency angioplasty, is excellent," Horan explained, noting that between January 2004 and last month, Trinitas performed 1,072 diagnostic catheterizations with zero mortality. During the same period, Trinitas performed 81 emergency angioplasty procedures with a mortality rate that was half

the national mortality average.

"Also, the selection of Trinitas Hospital is a big step toward correcting the imbalance in access to cardiac services among minorities in this state," Horan explained.

"Elizabeth is the fourth largest city in New Jersey, and is the only major area that does not have cardiac surgery or elective angioplasty. This important service will now be readily available to the 300,000 people who comprise Trinitas Hospital's service area," he stated.

Also testifying at the hearing on behalf of Trinitas was George Castro, a realtor and a member of the Board of Trustees of the

Trinitas Health Foundation, and Joann Blount, President of the National Council of Negro Women, Greater Elizabeth section.

"The testimony delivered by these two individuals helped convey the great need for elective angioplasty services among the local Hispanic and African American communities," Horan added.

Following final approval from the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health & Senior Services, Trinitas is expected to begin providing elective angioplasty procedures in the second quarter of 2006.



Left to right, CBS's "The Early Show" anchor Rene Syler, Dr. Michele Blackwood, director of The Connie Dwyer Breast Center at Saint Michael's Medical Center and Dr. Astrid Almodovar are pictured together at last year's Women's Health Awareness Day sponsored by Saint Michael's Medical Center in Newark. All three will be on hand for this year's Women's Health Awareness Day to be held at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark on Oct. 22 at 8 a.m.

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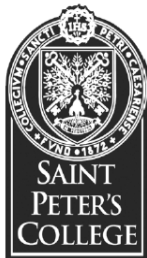
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Obituaries

Sister Marianne Joyce

Sister Marianne Joyce, formerly S. Mary Brian, a Sister of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, died Oct. 1. She was 74.

Sister Marianne was born in Newark, and entered the Sisters of Charity on Oct. 2, 1948. She was a member 57 for years.

Sister Marianne received her BS degree from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, and her MA from La Salle University, Philadelphia. She taught at St. Stephen, Arlington, St. Joseph, Jersey City and Our Lady of Grace, Hoboken. She was pastoral minister at Holy Name, East Orange, and worked as administrative assistant to the VP of student Life and dean of Women.

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Catechist convocation 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.

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 secre-

tary for the archdiocesan commission for Christian unity and inter-religious affairs.

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 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 catechists 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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Plaque unveiling for 'Mama Gili'

ORANGE—Unveiling of a plaque in memory of Mama Gili at her Minton Street home will conclude Mama Gili Remembrance Day on Saturday, Oct. 22.

In December 1999, then Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick gave permission for Father Dante DiGirolamo, S.T.L. to begin the necessary investigation into the life of Mama Gili to determine if there is sufficient evidence to present her cause to the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints.

Dolores Immacolata Penza was born in Italy in 1892. Just before she turned 14, she visited her three brothers in the United States. What was planned as a short stay lasted a lifetime.

She married Orange businessman Joseph Gili in October 1913 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.

The mother of five children, she still found time to welcome people into her house for prayer and for assistance in various needs.

In 1931, during the Depression, her husband died. Although work-

ing two jobs, she continued to keep her house open as a shelter for prayer and charitable work.

Returning to Italy in 1953, she met a Franciscan priest who introduced her to the devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus. He showed her a picture of the Holy Face from the Shroud of Turin that was streaming with blood. That experience inflamed Mama Gili to tirelessly promote devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus.

She organized holy hours of reparation and enthronement of the Holy Face in private, and in churches. Mama Gili distributed holy cards and medals of the Holy Face by the thousands at home and abroad.

Suffering a long illness that kept her bedridden for seven years, Mama Gili died on Oct. 26, 1985.

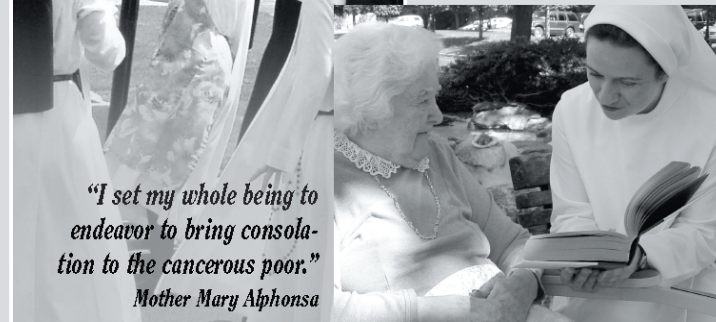
Noting that all the parishes in Orange have been invited to the plaque unveiling, Father DiGirolamo urged all of the faithful to attend this special event.

The Oct. 22 unveiling will take place at 3 p.m. at the corner of Minton Place and Lincoln Avenue.

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