# Our Archdiocese

# Pivotal Vatican II document has roots in Archdiocese, Seton Hall University

**BY JAMES GOODNESS** *Director of Communications* 

NEWARK - On Friday, Oct. 28, in recognition the 40th anniversary of Nostra Aetate, a critical document from the Second Vatican Council concerning ecumenism and relations between people of different faiths, the Most Reverend John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark, Allyson Gall, NJ Årea Director of the American Jewish Committee, and Catholic priests and area rabbis reaffirmed the strong ties that have long existed between Catholic and Jewish people in northern New Jersey.

The meeting, which took place here in the Archdiocesan Center, was particularly fitting because the genesis of *Nostra Aetate's* thrust toward relations with the Jews can be traced to the Archdiocesan university, Seton Hall, and to Msgr. John E. Osterreicher, a scholar, a Jew and a Catholic priest with a long history of combating Hitler and anti-Semitism both in Europe and in the United States.

Msgr. Osterreicher, a member of the faculty of Seton Hall who founded the Judaeo-Christian Institute of Seton Hall University in 1953, continued to foster understanding and cooperation based on the two religions' common history until his death in 1993.

He also was one of the architects of the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on "The Bond between the Church and the Jewish People," which was promulgated on Oct. 28, 1965 as section four of *Nostra Aetate*.

In Part 4, the Church states that, although some Jewish authorities and those who followed them called for Jesus' death, the Jewish people past, present or future—cannot be held guilty. In addition, the document states that "the Jews should not be presented as rejected or accursed by God." The Declaration also decries all displays of anti-Semitism made at any time by anyone.

In recalling the moment 40 years ago when Pope Paul VI promulgated the document, Archbishop Myers stated: "The Sacred Synod stated that the 'spiritual patrimony common to Christians and Jews is so rich that the Synod wishes to encourage knowledge of, and respect for, one another, a knowledge and respect born principally of biblical and the-ological studies, but also of fraternal dialogues."

"The Archdiocese knew fulfillment," he continued, "because she had had a real part in the birth of that most important document. Since then, four bishops, each in turn, have fostered dialogue and interaction with the great Jewish community in northern New Jersey.

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Archbishop Myers converses with Allyson Gall before issuing their statements commemorating the Vatican II document *Nostra Aetate*.

# Stewardship

# We are called to be stewards of holiness

BY DANIEL CONWAY Special to The Catholic Advocate

The Church is not called holy because its members, collectively and individually, are holy...The holiness of the Church consists in that power of sanctification which God exerts in it in spite of human sinfulness. (Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI, Introduction to Christianity)

The Church is holy because of the power of God's grace. In spite of our sins, God works miracles of faith, hope and love in and through the Church. This magnificent gift of God's grace allows very weak, very human people like us to make a difference in the world—in the lives of people who are lonely, suffering and poor (materially and spiritually)—by sharing with others the gifts we have received from Christ.

We expect the Church to be perfect, and we are always disappointed. We assume that our Church's leaders will be wise, sensitive and courageous, and we become hurt or angry when they turn out to be otherwise. This was proven beyond any doubt in the recent sex abuse scandal. We were horrified by the abuse (carried out by a few very sick people), but we were bitterly disappointed by the way some bishops and other Church leaders responded to this crisis.

Did we expect more of our leaders than we should have? I don't think so. We are right to expect that all of us who have leadership responsibilities in the Church (including bishops, priests, deacons, religious women and men and lay leaders) will reflect the holiness of the Church—not because we are holy but because we are called to be stewards of holiness. As Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein of Indianapolis has said, "We who are leaders in the Church must be held to a higher standard."

By our Baptism and Confirmation, all Christians are called to open themselves to the grace of Christ, to become guardians or caretakers (stewards) of the liberating and redeeming power of God's love. Those who have been called to receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders have an additional responsibility to be stewards of the Body of Christ (the Church) in its institutional form, which Pope Benedict tells us has been sanctified by Christ forever as

"the institution in which the holiness of the Lord becomes present among men."

When the bishops of the United States first issued their 1992 pastoral letter, Stewardship: A Disciple's

Response, many wondered why so much attention was given to the "spirituality" of stewardship as opposed to the practical, nuts-and-bolts of Church funding. The bishops responded by saying that their task was "to lay out a comprehensive view of stewardship—a vision of a sharing, generous, accountable way of life rooted in Christian discipleship which people can take to heart and apply to the circumstances of their lives." This way of life is nothing more, or less, than holiness. It is the way we Christians are called to live in the world as people who have been abundantly blessed by Christ and who are therefore called to share his gifts unselfishly with others.

To be stewards of holiness means that we are called to

turn away from selfishness and sin, to struggle to be better than we could ever hope to be without the gifts we have received from Christ. We accept this stewardship responsibility in communion with all our sisters and brothers in the one family of God because we know we cannot do it alone.

As the Holy Father tells us, "The idea that one can do more constructive work in isolation than in fellowship with others is just as much of an illusion as the notion of a Church of 'holy people' instead of a Church that is holy because the Lord bestows holiness on her as a quite unmerited gift."

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Each of us is called to be a steward of holiness. But we can't do it alone – and we certainly can't do it without the grace of Christ. Let's pray that we will be open to receiving the gifts of God's abun-

dant generosity—and then to sharing them generously with others in a responsible and accountable way. Not because we are perfect (or holier-than-thou), but because we are good stewards of a Church that has received the unmerited gift of holiness from the Lord!

Daniel Conway is President of RSI Catholic Services Group and has been writing on stewardship themes for nearly 15 years. His reflections on stewardship are now available in a new book entitled, What Do I Own and What Owns Me? A Spirituality of Stewardship. For more information, call Saint Catherine of Siena Press at 1 (888) 544-8674. Copyright © 2005 Daniel Conway. Used with permission.



# **Spirituality Centers**

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"Since 9/11, there's an awareness that the spiritual needs of students should be met as much as any other part of their student life," the priest stated.

Sources indicated that, in addition to the shock of 9/11, there are other important factors spurring this quiet trend for establishing campus spirituality centers. A tight workforce and national economy, stressed by the effects of the war in Iraq, have been taxed further by worldwide natural disasters, including two devastating hurricanes at home that sent gas prices skyrocketing. Perhaps most significantly, students here are living in the most fast-paced, densely populated and expensive areas of the country.

#### National study reveals growing trend

Father Al Berner, Catholic chaplain at Montclair State University, said college administrators looked to the "National Study of College Students Search for Meaning and Purpose," a major multi-year research project to examine the spiritual development of undergraduates. The study, which began in 2003, is based out of UCLA.

Father Berner said Montclair State "wants to get to know it's incoming classes," in an attempt to better serve them. "The report asks a series of questions about religious background, across the board. It covers relationships, values, mores, upbringing, work-study habits – it's a real index, and lets the college know who they're dealing with," he said.

He added, "One of the issues to percolate in the last couple of freshman classes, is the desire on their part, of yearning for a sense of spirituality. Schools have begun to see this as a real need."

Father Berner, who has been at the university for nine years, observed that the current generation of students is "looking for something more than what society offers them. All the technology and media availability is not satisfying them. It doesn't necessarily come out that way, but it becomes obvious when you look at their willingness to get involved in retreat programs, Bible study or community action, which have really developed and grown in the last few years."

Montclair State has plans to establish a non-denominational spirituality center. Kathy Regan, associate vice president for student development and campus life at the school, where roughly 50 percent of the student body is Catholic, is heavily involved in the project.

# Journey to Israel illuminates Joshua

#### BY MELISSA MCNALLY Staff Writer

ORADELL—Bergen Catholic High School religion teacher Joshua Powers took the trip of a lifetime to Israel this summer along with 29 other Catholic school educators from across the country to learn about the evils of anti-Semitism.

"I've walked where Jesus walked, swam in the Dead Sea and touched stones that are 4,000 to 6,000 years old," Powers said. "It's like stepping into the past."

Powers, 27, took part in a program known as "Bearing Witness: Anti-Semitism, The Holocaust and Contemporary Issues," presented by the Anti-Defamation League. The program, in its seventh year, is co-sponsored by the National Catholic Education Association, Washington.

The nine-day session's goal is to increase communication between Catholics and Jews, discuss the Holocaust and its ramifications and show educators the best way to teach young people about its history.

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Regan, who also serves on the Campus Ministry Board for the Archdiocese of Newark, believes the national norm for setting spirituality at a higher priority, as cited by the UCLA report, might have something to do with quality of life issues.

"Especially here in northern New Jersey, we live at a fast pace, and stress is so high," she said. "Today's students look at spirituality as something very important and of high value."

Father Berner agreed. "I think students are looking for relief, and for security. Students want to know that underneath all the chaos and confusion, there is a purpose and a plan."

Regan added that "even computers are bringing about a sense of isolation," and that one way for students to re-connect is through "the celebration of faith. The concept of "wellness' is more important today, and there are more conversations about balance" in the complicated lives of today's college students.

"The more committed you are with your own religion, the more comfortable you are with diversity." – Dr. Padovano

#### "Wellness" is part of the new vocabulary

The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) in Trenton, where Regan worked for a decade, opened its Center for Campus Wellness last January. The center includes a main space for formal services, and a "meditation chapel," in the words of Ann DeGennaro, director of the center.

DeGennaro, who offers workshops to students on stress management, agreed with Regan about the disconnectedness caused by technology. "The Internet, laptops, cell phones and other things – I wish there'd be a day where students could use no gadgets at all," she noted.

More importantly, she believes, healthy development requires that students learn to advocate for themselves and contemplate their sense of purpose in life. She said administrators have realized that a huge part of students' development takes place outside the classroom, and this is where they are trying to reach them. "How do we engage them outside the classroom, to grow and develop, not only academically, but as a whole person? Spirituality is a huge component of that," she said.

#### Catholics among many faiths

"In the 15 years I've been in campus ministry, I've witnessed a real hunger for religious experience," said Father John "Jack" Baron, director of campus ministry for the Archdiocese of Newark, and director of campus ministry on the Metropolitan Campus at Farleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck.

Father Baron noted that "students are coming in and looking for spiritual answers and experiences—all colleges have been very responsive. I think that, certainly as the secular culture becomes stronger, students are looking for an alternative." Farleigh Dickinson inaugurated its own "interfaith chapel" in 1999.

Asked where Catholic students fit among so many types of believers and non-believers alike, he noted, "It is my sincere hope that the Catholic way of life and perspective have a place at the table with all the other groups, in which we are making decisions and forming values."

Father Baron, along with other campus ministers of the archdiocese, will be working in the next five years to develop courses on Catholic thought on all campuses served by the Archdiocese. He described the current generation of students as "genuinely spiritual, if not always religiously affiliated," but qualified that statement by noting that the university's Catholic students are "looking for genuine ways to live their faith on campus."

#### Two distinguished professors offer insights

Dr. Anthony Padovano, a founding faculty member at Ramapo, is one of the architects of the planned spiritual center there. Dr. Padovano holds advanced degrees from Pontifical Gregorian University and St. Thomas Pontifical International University, both in Rome, and is the author of 28 books.

Describing the planned spirituality center, Dr. Padovano said there would be a main space for formal services – equally open to all groups – and there would also be a "meditation room" for quiet time and prayer. "Many times," he continued, "there's something like a large slab of wood, stone or granite, that's a focal point, made of earth material. Sometimes there's water or fire.

"It would be a very quiet room in which, even if you belong to a particular faith, if you want to sit down and have absolute silence—if you're devastated with grief or experiencing great joy, you can go and deal with it."

Dr. Padovano noted, "The extraordinary virtue of college students today is their ability to be so accepting of diversity," adding, "I'd like to say that maybe the spirit of the times is one in which people are looking for deeper meaning in life. Not just to work, but do meaningful work; not just be married, but have meaningful relationships with their spouses; not just live their lives, but live lives that have meaning."

Dr. Padovano traced that spirit to as far back as Vatican II in 1965; to Pope John Paul II's "Interreligious Days of Prayer;" to global communications, and even study abroad, of which he says, "just two years ago, was pretty rare. But today, people are coming into contact much more with other religions."

"I don't think you can be a contemporary Catholic without contact or dialogue with other Christians and other religions, especially in this country. In a few miles, you might run across a synagogue, a mosque, and many other types of worship spaces.

"Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI have both affirmed this. At the Vatican, there is nothing higher than the Ecumenical Council. These religions are taken as deeply spiritual endeavors, that's why you can pray with them, because they bring people to God," Dr. Padovano said, citing the Second Vatican Council document, the "Decree on Ecumenism."

He added that students today enjoy this openness because, "You can respect something distinct from you as fully valid, without lessening your commitment to your own religion," adding, "The more committed you are with your own religion, the more comfortable you are with diversity."

Dr. Michael Kogan, chairman of the Philosophy and Religion Department at Montclair State, put it another way. "These things come in waves," he said. "Often, there will be a period were people think they can solve the world's problems through political and social action alone. After a time, they realize the great limitations of this type of activity. They begin to look inward for answers.

"It happens every 10 or 15 years. I've been here 35 years, and I've seen it before," Dr. Kogan said. "The great one was after the 60's, after the political turmoil died down, people began to search for greater meaning. They began to question their reason for being, their purpose in life. When people try to determine this, they find their way to religion and spiritual self expression."

Asked why he thought spirituality might be a greater concern for the current generation of college students, Dr. Kogan noted, "9/11 is the easy answer. But, it waxes and wanes. Some periods are just more spiritually oriented than others."

Explaining that a current class he is teaching explores a Catholic, Protestant and Jewish writer, as well as others, he offered, "The differences between the writers don't matter to these students so much as the inner experience of each writer. They (the students) don't want religion second hand, they want it direct, and it's available. All you have to do is open yourself to God; it's only the hardest thing in life to do."

The Nov. 23 edition of The Catholic Advocate will feature coverage of the new Center for Christian Spirituality at Immaculate Conception Seminary, located on the campus of Seton Hall University.

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# 'Vineyard' set Nov. 11

CLARK—A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for post abortion healing will be held at the St. John the Apostle McGuinness Center from 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 11 through 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 13.

The retreat, sponsored by the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark, costs \$100. The fee includes all retreat materials, room and board, meals and registration. Financial assistance is available. Mail checks, payable to The Respect Life Office, to 1805 Penbrook Terrace, Linden, N.J. 07036.

Those attending the retreat should bring comfortable clothes, bed linens, towels, toiletries and pillow and blanket(s). The retreat and registration

is strictly confidential.

For additional information call the Respect Life Office weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at (732) 388-8211.

# Seminar

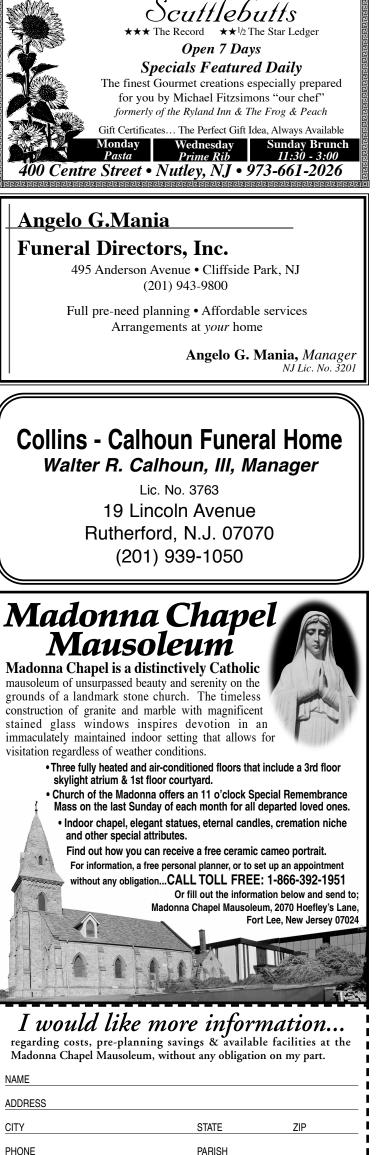
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Cleaver-Ruse believes that the pro-life movement is gaining steam and that going against abortion is more popular than being pro-choice. "Fewer doctors are doing abortions and six in 10 nurses refuse to work were abortions are being given," she said. "We are winning. There were 1.3 million abortions done last year. That is a serious drop since the mid-90s."

Cleaver-Ruse also thinks that the pro-choice movement is aging and more young people are now prolife. "Now you have an army of post-menopausal women fighting pro-life and this cause is not their problem anymore. More people are seeing that abortions derail a woman's life and abortions are a failure to meet the needs of women."

She also believes that abortion is a serious enough issue for people to either agree or disagree with; there is no middle ground. "Each of us is called to stand in solidarity with the weak, invisible and unheard. If you support abortion, you support a legal system that accepts the killing of the innocent. You cannot be agnostic about abortion."





# Around the Archdiocese

#### November 10

Aquinas Academy, Livingston, information session, 7:30 p.m. (973) 992-1587.

#### November 11



**Immaculate Conception** High School, Lodi, Tricky Tray, 7 p.m. Cost: \$7. (973) 773-2400.

#### November 12

Seton Hall University, South Orange, Great Spiritual Book of the Semester Club discussing Walter Cizek's "He Leadeth Me." II a.m.- 3 p.m. (973) 761-9575.

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel** Parish, Ridgewood, Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, 6:30 p.m. Call Cynthia at (201) 689-0088.

St. Phil's Singles, Livingston, Bingo/Games Night, 7:30 p.m. (973) 340-4001.

St. Mary's Hospital, Passaic, free pre-natal classes, 5:30-8p.m. (973) 470-3000.

Lumen Center, Caldwell, "Power: Who Has It? Who Needs It?" 10 a.m.- noon. Cost: \$15, (973) 403-3331 ext 25.

Corpus Christi Parish, Hasbrouck Heights, Parish revival, 7:30 p.m., also Nov. 13. (201) 288-4844.

Knights of Columbus, Union, blood drive, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 1-800-BLOOD NJ.

November 13 Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Verona, blood drive, 8 a.m.- 2 p.m. I-800-BLOOD NJ.

St. Leo Parish, Irvington, Feast of St. Leo the Great, 11 a.m. Cost: \$10 adults, \$5 children, (973) 372-1272.

#### November 14

St. Joseph Parish, Oradell/ New Milford, parish mission, after 8:30 a.m. Mass and at 7:30 p.m. at Elm Street, Oradell parish. Call John at (201) 265-5823, also Nov. 15 and 16.

Lumen Center, Caldwell, "Why the Gospel of Matthew?" 10 a.m.- noon, Cost: \$20, (973) 403-3331 ext 25.



St. John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale, "End of Life Issues" 7:30 p.m. (201) 666-2707.

St. Joseph Parish, Maplewood, "Understanding the New Medicare Prescription Drug Plans," 4 -7:30 p.m. (973) 761-5993.

St. Peter's Parish, Belleville, parish mission, 9 a.m. Mass and mission talk and 7:30 p.m. service and talk, (973) 751-2960, also on Nov. 15 and 16.

#### November 15

The Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care, Scotch Plains, "Grief and the Holidays" lecture, 7 p.m. (908) 654-3711.

Catholic Charities, Kearny, international adoption meeting, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. (201) 246-7378, RSVP by Nov.10.

St. Mary Parish, Bayonne, Stella Maris study group, "Introduction to Christianity," 7:30 p.m. (201) 437-0069.

Seton Hall University, South Orange, Bayley Seton League meeting, 1:15 p.m., Mass at noon and luncheon, (973) 325-3419.

### November 16

Holy Family Parish, Nutley, St. Lucy Filippini Sodality meeting, 8:30 p.m. (973) 667-2633.

St. Joseph Shrine, Stirling, "Ethics of Living and Dying," p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$40. Call Joseph at (908) 647-0208.



**Our Lady of Mount** Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, card party, 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$10. (201) 447-5197.

**Immaculate Conception** Parish, Norwood, Christmas and gift sale, 4 –9 p.m., also Nov.17-18. On Nov. 19 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (201) 768-1600.

**Immaculate Conception** Parish, Norwood, will hold its annual Christmas sale Nov. 16-18 from 4 to 9 p.m. and Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church hall, 211 Summit St. For additional information call (201) 768-1600.

#### November 17

St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Saddle Brook, annual fun night, 7 p.m. Call Janet at (201) 791-6394.

St. Michael Parish, Bayonne, Ad Lucem book study group, "Catechism of the Catholic Church," 7:30 p.m. (201) 437-0069.

### November 18

St. Phil's Singles Group, Livingston, "Noodles Night" at Wild Noodles restaurant, Wayne, 7:30 p.m. Call Tom at (973) 248-9245.

**Mother Seton Regional High** School, Clark, "Cinderella" play, 7:30 p.m. and at 2 p.m. on Nov. 20, Cost: \$5 for seniors and children and \$10 all others. (732) 382-1952.

Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, Taize prayer service, 7:30 p.m. (201) 327-1313 x31.

St. Mark Parish, Rahway, "Identity Theft," 7 p.m., \$3 donation, call Anne at (908) 272-8796 or Nina at (732) 381-1298.

St. Leo's Sacred Heart Interparochial School, Irvington, annual Harvest Time Gospel fest, 6 p.m. Cost: \$5 adults, \$2 children, (973) 372-7604 or (973) 372-7555.

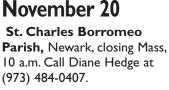
### November 19

St. Phil's Singles Group, Livingston, "History Hike" at Jockey Hollow National Historic Park, Morristown, 12:45 p.m. Call Frank at (973) 340-4001.

Lumen Center, Caldwell, "Eucharist: Celebration of Presence and Transformation," 10 a.m-12:30 p.m. Cost: \$20, (973) 403-3331 ext 25.



St. Joseph Regional High School, Montvale, "Night of Broadway Stars," 8 p.m. Cost: \$50. (201) 391-3300.



Caldwell College, craft show

and sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Also on

Nov. 20. (973) 618-3352.

Xavier Center, Convent

Station, "Spirituality for the

Our Lady of the

(201) 436-8160.

Assumption, Bayonne,

Anointing of the Sick, I Ia.m.

Global Citizen," 9:30 a.m.- 3:30

p.m. Cost: \$40, (973) 290-5100.

Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington, Holy Hour with Benediction, 3-4 p.m. (201) 246-0228.

#### Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange, will present Dr. Dianne Traflet, Associate Dean at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, who will speak on "Edith Stein's Love of the Eucharist, at 9 a.m. Dr. Trafllet is the founder and co-director of the Institute for Christian Spirituality and a nationally recognized expert on St. Edith Stein.

### November 21

Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (201) 246-0228.

Xavier Center, Convent Station, "Monday for Men," 6:30-9:30 p.m. Cost: \$30, (973) 290-5100.

#### November 22

Lumen Center, Caldwell, "Praise and Thanksgiving." 7-8:30 p.m. (973) 403-3331 ext 25.

#### Other

Corpus Christi, Hasbrouck Heights. Eucharistic Adoration, Monday-Thursday, noon-10 p.m., call Rita at (201) 288-5210.

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the following appointments:

**Official Appointments** 

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced

#### ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY/MINISTRY

Reverend Joseph A. Petrillo, Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, West Orange, has also been appointed Executive Director of the Office of Clergy Personnel, effective Dec. 4.

#### PASTOR

Reverend Richard A. Villanova, Pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Hillside, has been appointed pastor of St. Anne Parish, Garwood, effective Feb. 2, 2006.

Reverend Monsignor Philip Morris, Pastor of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, Hillsdale, has had his pastorate extended for up to three years.

**Reverend Monsignor Paul D. Schetelick,** Parochial Vicar of St. Andrew Parish, Bayonne, has also been appointed Dean of the Bayonne Deanery, Deanery 13 for a term of five years, effective Oct. 12, and ending Oct. 12, 2010.

#### RETIREMENT

of St. Anne Parish, Garwood, has been granted retirement, effective Feb. 1, 2006.

#### CHAPLAIN

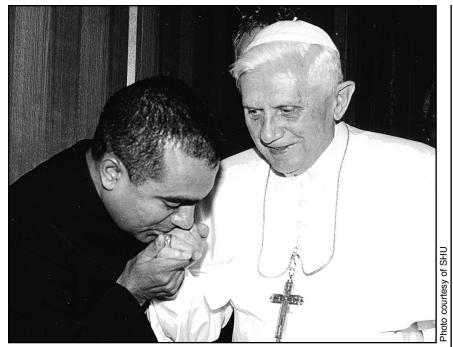
St. Lucy Parish, Newark, has also been appointed Chaplain of the Newark Fire Department, City of Newark, effective Oct. 12.

DEAN

Reverend Monsignor John P. O'Connor, Pastor

Reverend Anthony R. Forte, Parochial Vicar of

## Editorials



Father Anthony Figueiredo meets Pope Benedict XVI during the recent Synod of Bishops.

# Synod gathers global feedback for document on the Eucharist

BY FATHER ANTHONY FIGUEIREDO Special to the Catholic Advocate

Father Figueiredo is executive director, Office of Mission and Ministry, Seton Hall University, South Orange. He attended the Synod of Bishops under Pope Benedict XVI, held last month at the Vatican, and provides a first-hand account of the gathering.

On Nov. 18, we celebrate the 40th anniversary of one of the most important documents of Vatican II: the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, Dei Verbum.

In paragraph 2, the Council Fathers make a significant statement: "It pleased God, in His goodness and wisdom, to reveal Himself and to make known the mystery of His will."

God chose to reveal Himself in the human flesh of His divine Son, so that all may be offered a share in the divine nature "through Christ, the Word made flesh, in the Holy Spirit.'

After His Ascension, Christ no longer reveals the Father and His will in human form, but hands on this task to His Apostles. In turn, the Apostles chose and ordained successors who would carry on their mission. These are the Bishops, with the successor of Peter, as their head.

The Synod of Bishops represents one way in which the College remains faithful to Christ's teaching. A synod, a Greek word meaning "walking together," is a meeting at which Bishops, representing the Catholic Church throughout the world, help the Pope to govern the universal Church.

Last month, some 250 cardinals, bishops, and laymen and women assembled at the Vatican to discuss together the Eucharist: Source and Summit of the Christian Life. As with Pope John Paul II, I had the privilege to be a part of this synod, working as an assistant to Pope Benedict XVI.

Assembled together in the constant presence of the Holy Father, the synod's participants presented many important questions for discussion. For example, what should the Church teach on the reception of the Eucharist by divorced and remarried Catholics or Catholic politicians who publicly oppose the Church's teaching on abortion?

These questions were then discussed in 13 language groups. I was part of an English-speaking group. Many long hours were spent formulating the 50 propositions that were eventually voted upon and presented to the Holy Father. Pope Benedict will use these propositions to write a document on the Eucharist.

Recently I read a letter in a newspaper in which the author characterizes the Church as "an institution organized as one of the least democratic powers remaining in the world." My firsthand experience is quite different. After all, is there any institution in the world whose 78 year-old elected leader listens to his "workers" every day for three weeks?

The Church, based on a divine foundation and a divine commission, uses human instruments who have the assistance of the Holy Spirit in its dayto-day workings. When this is not grasped, the process by which we are offered a share in God's very nature appears unreasonable.

Authority conceived of as apart from God is seen as absolutized and destructive of freedom. But freedom not subject to a reality beyond itself becomes self-seeking and destructive of the community.

### The scourge of domestic violence

Tust a few days ago, National Domestic Violence Awareness Month came to an end. But the violence continues.

Statistics tell the terrible story. According to the New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women (NJCBW), in the four counties that comprise the Archdiocese of Newark there were 9,079 reported cases of assault. A county-by-county breakdown shows Bergen with 2,040 cases, 2,527 in Essex, Hudson comes in at 2,579 and the tally in Union is 1,933. As staggering as those numbers are, the harsh reality is that too many incidents go unreported.

And it is even worse. According to Judith Miller, director of Family Life Ministries for the archdiocese, "these numbers would be significantly higher if they reflected the reported cases of homicide, threats of violence, sexual assault or stalking." Sobering indeed.

But help is out there. Call the NJCBW domestic violence hotline at 1 (800) 572-7233 or go to www.NJCBW.org.

### The promise of today's youth

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In a society which too often and erroneously assumes young adults simply do not get along with or find their parents or the spiritual aspects of their lives relevant, the annual salute to young people told a dramatically different story.

Especially telling was a common theme of comments made during the awards presentations. All were moved and profoundly mindful of how God worked in their lives of youth ministry. The sense of camaraderie and spiritual fulfillment was palpable.

There was particular excitement over a launching of a Rosary for Youth program. Under it, young people will commit to praying the Rosary for a week as a parish family. Bishop John Flesey, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark who celebrated the Mass, blessed a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which will be shared among the parishes.

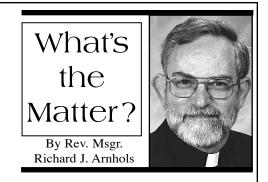
"Kids today" is a common lament of the older generation. The caliber of "kids" who filled the pews at the Youth Recognition Mass certainly showed that the Church will be in good and holy hands.

Today's Question: My two grown and married sons have decided to become members of one, a Methodist church and the other, an Episcopal congregation. If their newly born infants (boys) are to be baptized, may I attend such services? - Patricia Stavash, Most Sacred Heart, Wallington

The Directory Concerning Ecumenical Matters: Part One (Ad Totam Ecclesiam, May 14, 1967) reiterates the assertion of the Second Vatican Council's Decree on Ecumenism (Unitatis Redintegratio) that those "who believe in Christ and have been properly baptized are brought into a certain communion, though imperfect, with the Catholic Church...all who have been justified by faith in baptism are incorporated into Christ; they therefore have the right to be called Christians, and with good reason are accepted as brothers by the children of the Catholic Church."

The Directory further allows for instances where a non-Catholic Christian might serve as a Christian witness along with a Catholic sponsor at a Catholic baptism, and, in comparable circumstances, a Catholic can serve as a Christian witness along with a Christian godparent at a baptism in another Christian Church whose baptism is considered valid.

Furthermore, in discussing liturgical services in other churches, the Directory states, "Catholics may be allowed to attend occasionally the liturgical services of other



brethren if they have reasonable ground, e.g., arising out of a public office or function, blood relationship or friendship, desire to be better informed, an ecumenical gathering, etc. In these cases...there is nothing against Catholics taking some part in the common responses, hymns and actions of the community of which they are guests-so long as they are not at variance with Catholic faith." (Reception of the Eucharist is always excluded, however.)

While I am sure your prayer would be that your sons return to the Catholic Church and their children be baptized in it, the Catholic Church does recognize the validity of baptism in both of the Christian denominations you cite. Therefore, it is appropriate for you to attend these baptisms.

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

#### Commentary

# Living dangerously in the 'Playboy' philosophy days

R ecently I caught a glimpse of a face on television. It was Hugh Hefner, the "Playboy" king. He was celebrating a birthday. Suddenly a whole wave of memories came crashing back upon me.

It was 1966. I was teaching religion in Saint Cecilia high School. We were using a wonderful book by Mark Link, S.J. It was called Man in the Modern World. The boys and girls and I were contemplating a whole world of cultural and moral struggles that were transforming everything around us.

There were Vietnam and anti-war protests fueled by a multitude of personalities and folk musicians. There were civil-rights demonstrations and race riots.

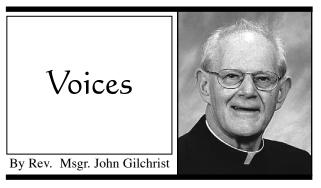
There was Vatican Council II and a cataclysmic transformation of ecclesiastical life. The Latin Mass became the English Liturgy. Priests and nuns were leaving. Religious cast off their habits for lay clothing and there were ideological battles taking place in almost every rectory, seminary and convent.

The native dress of America became mini skirts and dungarees. Questions of freedom and authority were fiercely debated. I remember Father Jimmy O'Brien—a wonderful offbeat personality, a jazz musician, and a great priest coming into our rectory snapping his fingers.

"What are you doing?" I asked. "I'm doing my thing," Jimmy said. Everyone wanted to do his or her "thing," whatever it was in those days.

What many young people did not understand was that it was not just life styles that were in collision. It was the war of philosophies of life and meaning that underlay the wars of culture.

The culture of sex, drugs, and rock and roll were played out for me when a 16 year old, high on LSD, jumped out of



a third-story window on Wilson Avenue in Kearny. He wanted "to fly home." I anointed his broken body.

People that the young boys and girls did not even know were exerting their ideas through the media.

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Philosophers and writers like Kierkegaard, Jean-Paul Sartre, de Beauvoir, Rand, Heidegger and Russell were not household words, but their ideas were filtering throughout society.

Hugh Hefner, however, was a well-known figure. He had parlayed a nude photo of a girl named Marilyn Monroe into a magazine that sold over 3 million copies a month.

But what the public did not fully realize was that "Playboy" was much more than a racy magazine. It was the venue of an entire philosophy. Girls were just a small part of this world. The "Playboy" philosophy emerged in the 1980's, fully blown in the phenomenon known as the "me" generation. food, the best wine, the best in theatre, movies and music, the best clothes, the best vacation spots, the best cars, the best in books, the finest restaurants and nightspots—all of these went into the hedonistic world of the Playboy. Women, like all the other pleasures, were incidental

The Playboy life is a world of pure pleasure. The best

Women, like all the other pleasures, were incidental but necessary components of the life well lived. They were disposable commodities. The Playboy philosophy seemed totally antithetic to Betty Friedan and the "Feminist Movement," yet they seemed to get along very well together.

As I gaze back now, it is easier to see how all of these things have worked out in our society. It is now a place where many people want to "have it all."

As for us old, worn-out religion teachers, we can rest in this consoling thought: even if the young people we taught in those turbulent years may have suc-

*is ultimately of God.* We laid it all out in the best way we were able. cumbed to the false ideologies of the sixties, they did not walk into those life styles blindly. Class by class, we discussed, argued, debated and explored the philosophies of the time.

And if by chance some of them did follow the false path of pleasure into a life of empty expectations, they can't complain. They knew their options.

Hopefully, many chose the happy path of virtue; at least we pray so. However, the outcome is ultimately in the hand of God. His Providence will be the final arbiter of the age.

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# The trouble with 'Karol' is in the mythology

arol: A Man Who Became Pope," which aired on the Hallmark channel this past August, is a beautiful film about the prepapal life of the man the world knew as John Paul II.

Piotr Adamczyk does a marvelous job as Karol Wojtyla; the brutalities of the Nazi occupation of Poland and the skullduggeries of Poland's communists are powerfully conveyed. At the end, when Karol becomes pope, viewers can only conclude that this was a life in which grace built on remarkable natural gifts to produce a compelling witness to the power of truth and love in human affairs, which is precisely the conclusion one should draw from the early life of Karol Wojtyla.

The problem is that "Karol" fictionalizes—and in some cases falsifies—the late pope's pre-papal life.

I counted five historical errors or falsifications in the first four minutes of the film. There is no room here to list, in numbing detail, the dozens of things the filmmakers got wrong. It is important, however, to flag several

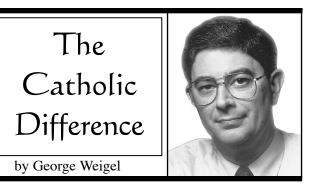
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major distortions and falsifications, before the mythologists completely take over the late pope's story.

The personal drama of the first half of "Karol" includes the resolution of the young man's relation-

ship with "Hania," in real life the Polish actress Halina Krolikiewicz Kwiatkowska (who was helpful to me when I was preparing *Witness to Hope: The Biography of Pope John Paul II*). Karol is portrayed as torn between the priesthood and his love for "Hania." There is a wrenching moment when, during World War II, Hania blunders into a church and finds Karol in a cassock. "Why didn't you tell me?" she asks; "I'm sorry,"



he answers (as she cries on his shoulder), in what is clearly intended to be the film's emotional hinge.

None of this is true. Karol Wojtyla and Halina Krolikiewicz were good friends, but there is no indication that they were planning marriage. Moreover, the real-world Halina was very much part of Karol

Wojtyla's discussions with his friends about his vocation (as any reader of *Witness to Hope* would have known). The filmmakers want viewers to think that Hania, who doesn't marry for seven years, was

virtually crushed by Karol's decision. In fact, the real-world Halina married shortly after the war and Father Karol Wojtyla baptized her first child in November 1946.

It gets worse. "Hania" moves to America where she is miraculously cured from a lethal disease through the intercession of Padre Pio, to whom her former boyfriend, now a bishop, had spoken of her illness. But this incident, in reality, involved someone else entirely: Dr. Wanda Poltowska, whom Bishop Wojtyla met in the late 1950s, not during the war (which Dr. Poltowska spent in a concentration camp).

And still worse: "Father Tomasz Zaleski," who before he's shot by the Nazis—is portrayed as Karol's close boyhood friend and, later, spiritual adviser, is a complete invention. Young Karol Wojtyla did have a spiritual director, Father Kazimierz Figliewicz, but Figliewicz was not his contemporary and was not shot by the Germans.

The film does manage to credit the lay mystic, Jan Tyranowski, as an important influence on Wojtyla. The portrait of Tyranowski is all wrong, though he's depicted as a kind of wild-haired Slavic spiritualist, which is risibly false, and his meeting with Wojtyla is re-created as a kind of divine accident; Karol runs into a house to avoid the Gestapo and bumps into...the man who introduces him to St. John of the Cross! In fact, the pastor of Karol's Kraków parish asked Tyranowski to take charge of the local youth ministry, and Tyranowski deliberately recruited Wojtyla.

The filmmakers also invent a member of a Wojtyla youth group who is really working for the SB, the secret police. This is not only a total fabrication, it's an insult to the men and women who were, in fact, Karol Wojtyla's closest lay friends, and whose networks were certainly not penetrated by Polish intelligence.

Legitimate artistic license cannot mean fiction that distorts the truth about a person. Karol Wojtyla's story is dramatic enough without fictional add-ons. The makers of "Karol" didn't understand that. Others pondering similar films should do better.

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# CRS calls to increase U.S. food aid

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food aid is decreasing."

-Lisa Kuennen-Asfaw

WASHINGTON (CNS) - Catholic Relief Services, facing U.S. funding cuts that would eliminate its food outreach to 800,000 people, believes U.S. food aid abroad should be increased, not cut, a CRS official told Catholic News Service Nov. 2.

In the just-ended 2005 fiscal year, U.S. food aid for development and for disaster relief totaled about \$1.8 billion, but the administration is seeking only \$1.1 billion for fiscal 2006, said Lisa Kuennen-Asfaw, director of the CRS public resource group.

"The overall volume of (U.S.) food aid is decreasing" and the cuts are coming in the area of development aid, she said in a telephone interview.

CRS, with headquarters in Baltimore, is one the largest private voluntary organizations distributing food aid under the 50-year-old U.S. Food for Peace program.

Twice in October, CRS issued statements clarifying reasons for its opposition to an administration proposal to shift \$300 million in food aid away from

buying and shipping U.S. commodities to places of need, using it instead for local food purchased near the regions where drought or other disasters create emergency needs. The CRS clarifications came in response to articles in The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal which CRS felt did not accurately represent its views.

One key CRS concern is the administration's increasing shift in emphasis from ongoing developmental food aid to ad hoc emergency relief aid, a shift highlighted by the local purchase proposal, which is entirely oriented toward emergency relief.

We believe it is wrong-headed to raid developmental food aid programs serving the poorest of the poor in order to supplement emergency food efforts with local purchase," CRS said in a statement following the Times article on Oct. 12.

In response to the Journal article Oct. 26, CRS said, "In fact, CRS does support the local purchase of food and we have done it many times, when the situation requires it. But we do not support the USAID (U.S. Agency for International Development) proposal because this is a classic case of robbing Peter

to pay Paul-at a time of diminishing food aid resources."

"The administration has already reduced funding for food aid by nearly

2006 fiscal year," it said. "At the same time an increasing amount of this limited food aid budget is being devoted to humanitarian emergencies. The money to pay for these emergencies comes at the expense of programs designed to prevent famine and to equip the poor with resources that will help them to withstand future shocks and hardships.'

# The poetry of marital bliss

Readings: Prv 31:10-13,19-20; Ps 128; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30.

e look to "the comics" for relief from the burdens of world events and sometimes find profound insights into the human condition.

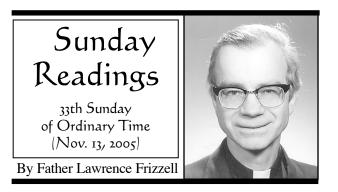
Gentler than "Andy Capp" or the "Lockhorns," "Blondie" recently celebrated 75 years depicting the wife who succeeds to made her incompetent husband look good in the various situations in which he finds himself. Indeed, an important aspect of marital bliss is the support that each partner should offer to the other.

However, it would be tragic if the self-effacing, patient efforts of the wife were not appreciated by her husband. Just as important would be his commitment to reciprocate in areas where his talents should shine.

How many husbands today take the time to show loving appreciation to their spouses in elegant poetry, or even heartwarming prose? The last poem of the Book of Proverbs (31:10-31) constitutes a paean of praise to the good wife. Each verse begins with the succeeding letter of the alphabet, a disciplined effort to show the intention to be comprehensive in extolling the virtues of this woman.

Did the poet compose this piece to honor his wife as a personal tribute? Did he perhaps sing it to her in the presence of their children? Whatever the circumstances of its origin, the poem (or parts of it) have been used for centuries by the man who recognizes how ideal his wife is for him.

This poem portrays the many-faceted competence of the ideal homemaker. Every aspect of household economics came under her purview. Her husband trusted her decisions implicitly and her industry



enabled him to devote himself to civic affairs (Prv 31:23). Of course, one hopes that he also

took his domestic and parental duties seriously! Along with the Song of Solomon (the Canticle),

this poem describes marriage as a partnership of equals. The woman is also described in the creation hymn (Gn 1:1-2:4) as the equal of her husband in the twofold vocation of cooperating with God in

raising a family and exercising stewardship over the earth (1:26-28).

In "the parable of the talents," Jesus stressed the doctrine that, created in the divine image and like-

ness, each person must accept and use the divine gifts unique to his or her person and situation. There should not be any competitive comparison between individuals, because only God can discern what is true success in life. Only God knows both the gifts and burdens of each person. Therefore, the commendation and reward are the same in each case.

Only God can discern what is true success in life.

Pope Benedict XVI

# The Mystery of death

Dear brothers and sisters,

The

Pope

**Speaks** 

After yesterday's celebration of the solemnity of All Saints, today's liturgy invites us to pray for our dear ones who have left us. As we face the mystery of death, Sacred Scripture strengthens our hope by assuring us that all who live in accordance with the word of God are reborn into the fullness of life. These are the just, the happy ones, of whom Psalm 112 (111) speaks. In them, the fear of the Lord, which means respectful obedience to God's law, brings inner harmony and peace of conscience. As they experience the definitive value of a life of moral rectitude, they confidently reject the deceitful promises of success by means of injustice and immorality. The psalmist clearly proposes a fundamental trait of those who walk according to the word of God: the generous love of one's neighbor in need. In his commentary on these verses, Clement of Alexandria invites Christians to share generously with their neighbors by giving "without regret, without distinction or pain."

"Well done! You are an industrious and reliable servant...Come, share your Master's joy!'

The third servant buried the gift entrusted to him because he feared that he would never be able to please his master. He was condemned for his failure to make an effort to cooperate with God. An essential aspect of his education was wanting. The doctrine that each person is created in the divine image should be the basis for a healthy self-esteem. In a totalitarian, tightly structured system of government, people may develop the attitude that by doing little and never taking any initiative they will keep out of trouble. That attitude has no place in the Christian life.

This parable, with its theme of divine judgment, is very appropriate for the month of November and the end of the Church's year. St. Paul wrote to the Thessalonians in order to exhort them to live each day as preparation of the great purpose of God's plan for creation. The time when God brings history to its consummation is not to be revealed, nor should we try to calculate its arrival (see Mk 13:32; Acts 1:7).

The task of each person is to live so that death will not catch him or her unawares. We have been enlightened by the virtue of faith and graced by many gifts of the natural

and supernatural orders. Our task is to pray constantly for the alertness necessary to live so that we will be worthy of the Lord's call: "Come, share your Master's joy!'

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## Parish Profile

November 9, 2005

# A prayerful and powerful force

BY MELISSA MCNALLY Staff Writer

s the first African American parish in Newark, Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish has played an integral part in the city's history.

Celebrating its 75th anniversary, the parish has seen guests such as Martin Luther King Jr., Dizzy Gillespe, Whitney Houston and Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands. However, the most celebrated names of Queen of Angles are its founders, a group of women who felt the need for a church for black Catholics.

Ten women first established a council to begin a Black Catholic Mission in the late 1920s. The organization was called "The Little Flower Guild" in honor of St. Theresa. The guild requested a church from the newly appointed Bishop Thomas Walsh.

The guild members first had to complete a census providing exact numbers of the amount of black Catholics in the area. Despite all of the obstacles, Queen of Angels parish was established on Sept. 9, 1930.

Father Cornelius J. Ahern, the first pastor, had to celebrate Masses at St. Bridget's because Queen of Angels did not yet have a building of its own.

The first Queen of Angels church on Academy Street was built for \$14,000 and could seat 400 people. By 1933, the parish had 700 members. In 1958, the church building was destroyed by fire and in July of 1962, St. Peter Parish on Belmont Avenue became the new Our Lady Queen of Angels.

On March 26, 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. visited



A statue commemorates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s visit to Queen of Angels in 1968.



Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish celebrated its 75th anniversary this year.

run by a lay administration.

Sharon Massey, who has over 35 years of teaching experience, runs the religious education program at Queen of Angels parish that caters to children from kindergarten through middle school.

Massey, who has been a member of the parish for 30 years, is also vice-principal at Queen of Angels School. Her whole family is involved with the parish and believes that family involvement is one of the factors that make Queen of Angels a great parish.

"We are trying to get more high school students involved in religious education," Massey explained. "We have volunteers from our parish who help out in the Sunday school program."

The young people who are actively involved in the parish are known as "pillars of peace." They work to promote non-violence and the teachings of Christ to their peers.

"The great thing about Queen of Angels is that we have always been involved in Civil Rights and community events," Massey said. "Our parishioners are still active and we are keeping that spirit alive through religious education. We tell the students that this is your history."

#### Meet the Pastor



Rev. James McConnell, S.M.A.

Birthday: July 26, 1940 High School: Norristown High School, PA College/ Seminary/ Graduate School: Stonehill College North Eastern/ Queen of Apostle Seminary, Dedham, MA Date of Ordination: January 31, 1973 Hero: Jesus **Favorite Saint:** St. Francis of Assisi Favorite Sport: Tennis Favorite Food: Meatloaf Favorite Subject in School: Science Last Book Read: Wish You Well by David Baldacci Proudest Moment: Working in Liberia, West Africa Occupation if I weren't a Priest: Teacher/ Journalist

# Our Lady Queen of Angels, Newark

Newark and Queen of Angels parish. A week later, Dr. King was killed in Memphis.

As riots ensued across the nation, the parish helped organize the Walk for Understanding that took place on April 7, 1968. The procession included 25,000 blacks and whites peacefully marching though Newark's South Ward.

The walk showed that citizens were not just black or white, but brothers and sisters in faith. The Newark riots that preceded the walk were an example of the poverty and racism endured by the black community. The Walk for Understanding gave hope and showed that the problems in the inner city had to be addressed.

In response to the walk, the New Community Corporation, a nonprofit housing corporation was founded. Its leader was former Queen of Angels priest, Father William Linder, who is now a reverend monsignor.

Today, the parish has 250 registered families and has a strong West Indian and West African population.

Queen of Angels had several

events to commemorate its 75th anniversary, including a dinner on Sept. 23 and a friends and family day on Oct. 23. There will also be a special anniversary Mass in April 2006.

Most of the families, young and old, know one another and are related, lending to a family atmosphere at Mass. The special celebrations also strengthen the bond between families and the Newark community. Queen of Angels celebrates Martin Luther King Jr.'s holiday with a Mass, as well as the feast of St. Therese the Little Flower and St. Josephine Bakhita.

The parish continues to do outreach through ministries and programs, including the Rosary Society, choir and men's group. There is a legal ministry that provides free legal advice, as well as a ministry to the legally blind, mentally ill and a preventive child abuse program that has been at the parish for 20 years.

Queen of Angels School is instrumental to the community. Established in 1972, it has 227 students from Pre-K to 8th Grade. For the first time, the school is Massey believes that this fighting spirit and attraction to community outreach is still necessary.

"I tell the kids that we do not stand alone—we stand on the shoulders of the people that came before us," she said. "Times may change and the demographics may be different, but some of the civil rights issues are still here. We might not be as involved as we once were, but people are still involved in the community."

Massey thinks Queen of Angel's history still influences the new parishioners. "Some people get involved because they know it is a part of our parish's history."

Father James McConnell, who has been pastor for 22 years, said that reaching out to others, especially through missionary work, is a valuable experience for the parish.

"Being at the parish has strengthened my belief as a missionary priest," he said. Father McConnell worked in Liberia and the Bahamas prior to working at Queen of Angels.

"When I came to New Jersey, I met people form Liberia and the Bahamas and it is like I never left those countries because they are here in my parish."

Over the years, he has seen positive changes within the congregation. "In my 22 years here, the spiritual experience has gotten deeper within the parish," he said. "Parishioners are able to express themselves as a praying congregation. The generosity of the congregation has improved, especially in the last 10 years."

Father McConnell further highlighted the generous spirit of Queen of Angels. "Even before I got here, the parish had a grassroots mentality and have had a capacity to reach out."

The parish aims to continue this outreach by connecting with other local congregations. "We are going to get more involved with St. Anne Parish and St. Rocco Parish. We are going to combine resources and share common goals."

Looking back on his experiences at Queen of Angels, Father McConnell is proud to be the pastor of this parish. "I feel rewarded working here I just feel lucky to be here."

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish is located at 44 Irvine Turner Blvd., Newark.

# RENEW celebrates silver anniversary with thanksgiving Mass at Cathedral

NEWARK — The 25th anniversary of RENEW International, headquartered in Plainfield, was celebrated last month at a Mass of thanksgiving at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Archbishop John J. Myers celebrated the Mass, while Msgr. Thomas A. Kleissler, co-founder and president of RENEW International, and Msgr. Thomas Ivory, co-founder and pastor of the Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, concelebrated. Other concelebrants included Msgr. Francis Seymour, Father Dominic Fuccile, Father Abraham Orapankal and Father Claudio Burgaleta, S.J. RENEW began in the

RENEW began in the Archdiocese of Newark in 1978, working to revitalize the spiritual life of parishes. By 1980, the accomplishments of RENEW attracted attention and inquiries from other U.S. and Canadian dioceses, and RENEW International was established. Today, the organization is a canonically recognized, Catholic not-for-profit.

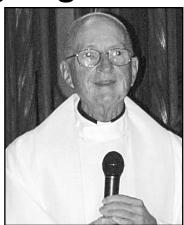
"We are not here in a triumphant spirit, but rather with an attitude of humble gratitude."

—Msgr. Thomas A. Kleissler

Archbishop Myers commended RENEW and its mission, referring to it as a "gift to the Church" and one of the most successful renewal movements in modern time. He pointed to the spread of the new "Why Catholic?" process of adult faith formation as an important development that is helping Catholics become more confident to share their faith and beliefs with others.

Speaking after Communion, Msgr. Kleissler acknowledged the presence of Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety, regarded as the "Father of RENEW," for the encouragement he provided during RENEW's formative years in the archdiocese. Msgr. Kleissler also thanked Archbishop Myers for his "kind words and for his ongoing support."

Addressing the congregation, Msgr. Kleissler remarked, "Looking back 25 years ago, I would have never dreamed that we would be here on this occasion, celebrating our anniversary in the Cathedral Basilica. We are not here in a triumphant spirit, but



Msgr. Thomas A. Kleissler, cofounder and president of RENEW International, asks for continued prayers for the work of RENEW as it embarks on new efforts around the world.

rather with an attitude of humble gratitude for the years of service we have been blessed to offer."

Msgr. Kleissler enumerated the many initiatives on which RENEW has embarked, including efforts to reach young adults through Campus RENEW and "Theology on Tap," as well as new efforts in Europe to bring renewed spirituality and in Africa to offer peace-building and reconciliation. He concluded by asking the congregation to pray for continued opportunities for RENEW to be an instrument of God's will among the people and parishes it serves.

Following Mass, RENEW hosted a luncheon reception at the Archdiocesan Center. Long-time RENEW participants and benefactors had the opportunity to mingle with staff and learn more details about new efforts for parishes and campuses.

RENEW International's unique process of prayer, scripture reflection and action within small Christian communities has spread to over 16,000 parishes around the world. In just the United States, over 25 million people's lives have been touched by RENEW.

# "You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you."



*Sr. Mary Grace...* When I read about the Hawthorne Dominicans and their work, I thought, surely God isn't asking me to do this. Care for incurable cancer patients! I would faint. But I visited, and when I prayed with the Sisters, participated in their community life, and helped in serving the patients, I knew... this is how I can live for God.

"If the Lord knocked at the door we should not be ashamed to show what we have done." Mother Mary Alphonsa

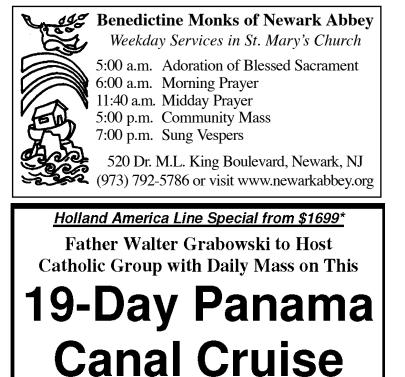


The Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne

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**FIRST-TIME FEAST**—Screams of glee echoed through downtown Cranford recently as throngs enjoyed the first-annual feast of St. Michael. Chairman Kara Noesner, attributed the feast's success to its volunteers. She also thanked key sponsors Commerce Bank and News 12 New Jersey.



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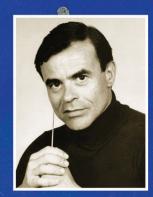
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# Health/Senior News

# New seniors' facility blessed in Kearny

KEARNY—Citing the commitment of the Archdiocese of Newark to its senior citizens, a new 49-unit affordable housing facility was blessed Oct. 19 by Archbishop John J. Myers.

Built by Domus Corporation, an affiliate of Catholic Health and Human Services Corporation, Kearny Senior Residence is located at 681-697 Schuyler Ave.

Domus Corporation, a not-forprofit developer and manager of affordable housing projects throughout the archdiocese, used \$6,547,900 in grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and from Hudson County to complete the project.

Calling for "God's grace" on "this building and on its residents," Archbishop Myers said "as we gather to pray for God's blessing on the Kearny Senior Residence, let us be mindful of the role we must continue to play in helping to ensure that the elderly among us enjoy access to affordable housing."

The archbishop went on "you can be sure that the Archdiocese of Newark will remain committed to safeguarding the health and welfare of the elderly and disabled, and that of all those most in need of our help and support. The mission of the archdiocese will maintain its focus on both the spiritual life and physical well-being of those we serve in Our Lord's name."

Archbishop Myers noted too the efforts of public officials "who have involved themselves as advocates for the elderly" and those who worked on the building, "whose skillful hands and caring hearts have made today possible." He went on, "in a world that too often views the elderly as burdensome, they have built for the facility's residents a home that truly celebrates their inestimable worth."

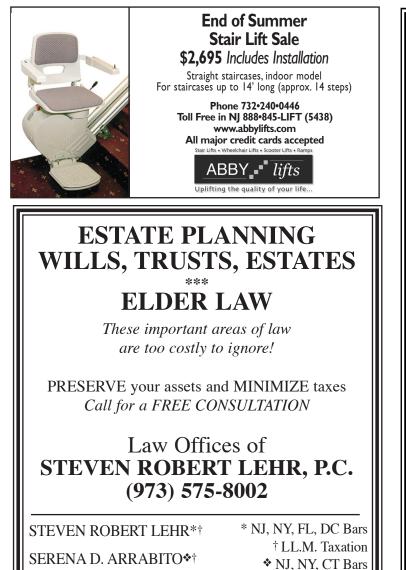
The blessing of the new senior residence, said Henry J. Amoroso, Esq., chairman of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark and president and CEO of the Catholic Health and Human Services Corporation, "is truly a celebration of life, of hope, and of a new beginning for the people who will call this home."

Addressing Archbishop Myers, Amoroso said "we are grateful for your strong support as we pursue the ambitious goals of Domus, Catholic Charities and the other affiliates of Catholic Health and Human Services. And we are all proud to play a role in helping you realize your vision for the social services and health-



On hand for the blessing were, left to right, Henry J. Amoroso, president and CEO, Catholic Health and Human Services Corporation; Kearny Mayor Alberto G. Santos; Donald M. Daniels, chairman, Catholic Health and Human Services Corporation; Archbishop Myers; Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise, Philip Frese, Ph.D., president, Domus Corporation and Walter E. Kreher, director, Newark Multifamily Program Center, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

care ministries of the archdiocese." Domus Corporation and Catholic Charities, he noted, "will continue to identify housing needs and explore opportunities to address those needs." Serving northern New Jersey for more than a century, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark is one of the state's oldest and largest community service agencies.





# Health/Senior News



STEP-BY-STEP-Over 150 employees and their families from Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, participated in the recent Making Strides for Breast Cancer walk in Leonia. The group, called the "Holy Name Angels," walked the course in support of breast cancer survivors while raising money for the American Cancer Society.

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# Sister's Jubilee Mass Sunday

ROSELAND – A Jubilee Lady of the Blessed Sacrament. Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish on Sunday, Nov. 13 at 12:30 p.m. for Sister Rie Crowley, who has ministered at the parish the past 21 years.

Sister Rie entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chestnut Hill in her native Philadelphia in 1955.

She received a B.S. degree from Chestnut Hill College, a Masters in Education from Temple University and became a certified youth minister from LaSalle University.

Sister Rie taught grades four through eight for three decades in various elementary schools.

In 1976 she was assigned to St. Timothy Parish in Philadelphia

During her over two decades in Roseland, Sister Rie launched an Antioch Retreat Weekend for grades 10-12; Christ Kins Socials for the mentally and physically challenged, the annual Passion Play, a Halloween Costume Contest given by teens for the primary grades, a Peer Ministry Course and interracial religions improvement effort with youth groups in Newark, the annual Baccalaureate Mass for high school and college seniors, an annual overnight camping and white water rafting trip and a ski trip weekend.

In 1977 Sister Rie received the Monsignor John J. Kiley Award at the annual Youth Recognition Mass. Msgr. Kiley founded CYO in the archdiocese which eventually grew to become the Youth

Due to health reasons, she left the youth ministry six years ago and stayed at the parish as pastoral associate to the sick and homebound and coordinator of outreach programs.

She ministers with bringing the Eucharist to the elderly and homebound, the Eucharistic ministers, visits to hospitals and nursing homes, coordinating rides to doctor appointments for those who don't drive, visiting the sick, planning the liturgy and luncheon for the annual Mass of Anointing, the annual Remembrance Mass, bereavement facilitator and coordinator of bereavement support groups and parish outreach.

# **Toy collection**

GARWOOD-The Garwood Knights of Columbus are collecting new and unwrapped toys for children at Saint Joseph's Service Center and the Coalition to the Homeless in Elizabeth.

Donations can be dropped off weekdays after 4 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 37 South Ave. Parking is available behind the hall off Willow Avenue. Use the side door.

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# Nursing recruitment campaign proves to be the right prescription for hospital

ELIZABETH—The New Jersey Business & Industry Association (NJBIA) has presented Trinitas Hospital with this year's Award for Excellence in the Outstanding Employer category for its "unique nurse recruitment campaign."

Trinitas Hospital was one of eight companies receiving awards at NJBIA's annual Excellence Dinner at the Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village.

"The winners were selected because they are the best of the best. They have succeeded not only as private sector companies, but in improving people's lives and our communities," NJBIA President Philip Kirschner told a crowd of nearly 200 at the event. "Good jobs like the ones provided by Trinitas Hospital give people opportunities to build better lives for themselves and their families," he added.

"Part of being an outstanding employer is making sure you have people to employ. For hospitals around the country, this is not as easy as it might sound. Filling critical nursing positions has become a difficult and chronic problem on a national level," explained a hospital spokesman.

To help solve the nursing situation, Trinitas Hospital undertook an aggressive nurse recruitment and retention program. The company filmed TV spots featuring its own nurses discussing their working experiences at Trinitas and aired them on CNN, Lifetime, Home & Garden and the Learning Channel. The campaign

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won a JASPAR Award for excellence in communications.

In addition to the TV spots, the company sent direct mail to over 46,000 licensed registered nurses in the eight surrounding counties, raised its salaries, made working hours more flexible with 12-hour shifts and created an externship program to let students get paid experience with hospital staff before graduation.

Recognizing that fewer young people were choosing nursing as a career, Trinitas Hospital started an advertising campaign to entice

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high school students into the profession. Trinitas Hospital started a "Nurse Camp" program to encourage students to choose nursing as a career before picking a major in college. During Nurse Camp, 20 high school students spend a week seeing what it's like to be a nurse, and are encouraged to go into the field.

Finally, in an effort to keep good nurses, Trinitas Hospital set up a program with the College of Saint Elizabeth enabling full-time employees to obtain a tuition-free undergraduate nursing degree.

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## **Education** News

# New president at Marist

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He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Clarkson University and a Masters in Business Administration in Marketing from Rutgers Graduate School of Management.

Slaski has been president, executive vice president and director of operations for the Strategy and Planning Company in New York City as well as other positions in management at AT&T. He is "confident that lessons learned in the corporate world will translate over to the successful administration of a private educational institution.'

As president, he will be responsible for external affairs and school finances. His primary responsibilities will center on development, alumni affairs, fund-raising, budgets and supervision of the administration.

The new principal was inaugurated at an evening prayer service Oct. 27.

# Legends' induction set

JERSEY CITY-An administrator and six alumni will receive the highest honor bestowed by Saint Peter's Preparatory School, induction among the "Legends of Prep," at a gala dinner on Saturday, Nov. 12. The honorees are Gerry

Bellotti, P'88 and alumni John J. Bergin, '50; Laurence T. Fell, '54; John J. "Jack" Finn, Jr., '52 (posthumously), P'81, '82, '85,

'87, '94; Richard F. Gronda, <sup>67, 94</sup>, Richard T. Gronau, <sup>59, 86, 89, 90; Bernard M. Hartnett, Jr., '47, P'78; and Francis J. Mertz, '54.</sup>

The dinner will take place at Mayfair Farms in West Orange. It begins with a cocktail reception at 6 p.m. followed by the dinner and ceremony at 7 p.m.

For ticket and sponsorship information, call Alumni Director, Lou Vega at (201) 547-6413.



FELCIAN FESTIVAL-The Rutherford campus of Felician College last month held its Festival 2005, an all-day celebration for the community, alumni and prospective students. Pictured is a troupe of spirited Felician education majors who took part in a benefit concert during the festival, which raised funds for Gulf Coast hurricane victims. Festival activities included a poetry reading, live music, a book sale, crafts, face painting and a karate demonstration. The event also served as a drop-off station for nonperishable food items, which were donated to the Rutherford Community Pantry and the St. Joseph's Food Pantry of Lodi.



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Joshua Powers listens to an audio recording in an exhibit at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem. Powers, a teacher at Bergen Catholic High School, traveled to Israel last August and took part in a program known as "Bearing Witness: Anti-Semitism, The

> "As Christians, we ask ourselves: 'Who was Jesus?' We can learn a lot about him by understanding his Jewish side.'

> As a sophomore at Sienna College, Loudonville, N.Y., Powers went to Israel with a group of other students and professors.

> Powers has always been interested in spirituality and taught CCD classes while in high school. He studied religion and philosophy in college and is currently working on obtaining a masters degree in religious studies.

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## **Education** News

# Middle states

Continued from page 1 The goal, according to Castucci, is to put forth a "blueprint, a formula" on how to evaluate education programs that focus on infants through pre-school youngsters.

It was, stressed the early childhood education director, 'quite a challenge." For children that age, she pointed out, there are no standardized tests or formal report cards. As a

"developmentally appropriate" basis, utilizing in great measure teacher observations. The challenge, noted Castucci, is that such an approach is essentially a "self-study."

The three-day visit by observers, she remarked, offered the opportunity to demonstrate to the commission what kind of program exists within the walls of the child-

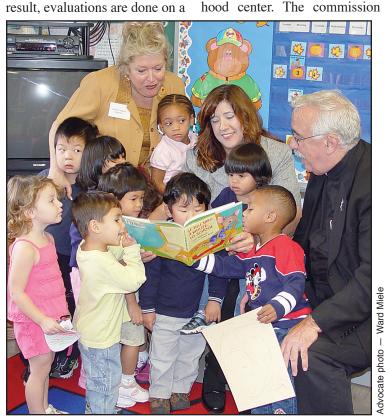
was told that the childhood center is "a community of learners." Cited too, Castucci went on, was the "incredible longevity" of the 14 staff members who collectively have over a century of experience in early childhood education. Currently there are 105 youngsters between the ages of 2 1/2 to 5 years of age at the center. The Aquinas Academy Early Childhood Center operates weekdays year round from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30

p.m. Every teacher has a degree in early childhood education.

Castucci emphasized the 'strong support" of Father John J. Laferrera, the pastor, and Principal Sister Patricia Tavis, O.P. Father Laferrera called the selection of the childhood center for the pilot program as "an honor." He said it was "great" for the school's early childhood development team to be able to "share the quality and character of its staff and director." The entire childhood center team, he

went on, "work hard for the children in the context of a Catholic atmosphere." He said, the "teachers love the children," adding that Castucci "gives 100 percent and more in what she does."

Reflecting on the hard work of the past two years, Castucci said "it was a very meaningful experience for the entire faculty." Everyone, she stressed, played an "active role" and came together "as a well-oiled machine. I am so proud of my staff."



Father John J. Laferrera sits in during a story time break led by Linda Manach, assistant director of the Aquinas Academy Early Childhood Center. Also taking part is Director Gloria Castucci.

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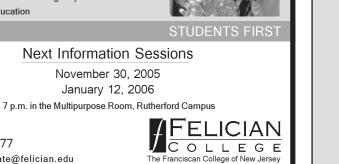
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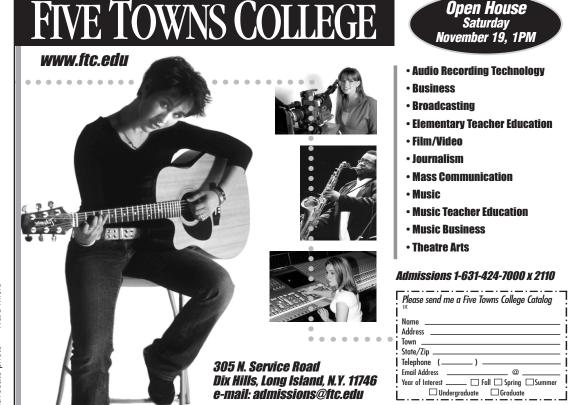


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Surrounded by cemetery workers and staff, Archbishop Myers turns up the first shovel of dirt. With him, left to right, are Joseph Verzi, assistant director of Catholic Cemeteries; Robert Albert, senior project manager of the Property Management Office; Rev. Msgr. William Naedele, director of Catholic Cemeteries, Deacon Joseph Dwyer, Vice Chancellor for Administration; Andrew Schafer, executive director of Catholic Cemeteries and Richard Finan, general superintendent of Gate of Heaven Cemetery.



At the construction site of the new mausoleum are, left to right, Andrew Schafer, Robert Albert, Joseph Verzi, Richard Finan, Msgr. William Nadele, Archbishop John J. Myers and Deacon Joseph Dwyer.

# Ground broken for addition to Gate of Heaven Mausoleum

EAST HANOVER—Archbishop John J. Myers officiated late last month at groundbreaking ceremonies for a new addition to the Gate of Heaven Mausoleum.

The archbishop blessed the site of the two-story structure, which will contain 4,432 crypt and 800 niche spaces. The exist-

ing mausoleum, dedicated in 1993, contains 9,600 spaces. Ninety four percent of those spaces are sold. Only 500 remain.

The new addition will feature a main chapel corridor with 16 square, polished marble columns supporting the second floor balcony which will have a bronze anodized railing. Polished flooring is also planned. There will also be a 105-foot gabled skylight.

Artwork will adorn a twostory feature wall, and there will be glass artwork throughout the addition.

Other features are couch crypts, glass niches and private family rooms with ornamental metal gates as well as standard crypt memorials.

Projected completion date is 2008.

Archbishop Myers also visited the new Garden Mausoleum expected to be completed in the spring of 2006. The Garden Mausoleum will have 1,600 crypt spaces and 400 niches. Other highlights include a 40foot committal gazebo, four 18foot granite columns supporting a natural wood beam and deck roof, a Spanish gray polish granite finish trimmed in Impala Black polished granite, four featured walls with liturgical artwork, an eight foot sidewalk and ornamental landscaping.

# Young lives lost recalled at annual walk

TEANECK—Clergy, family, friends and employees of Holy Name Hospital took part last month in the 12th annual Walk to Remember babies who lost their lives through miscarriage, still birth or during infancy.

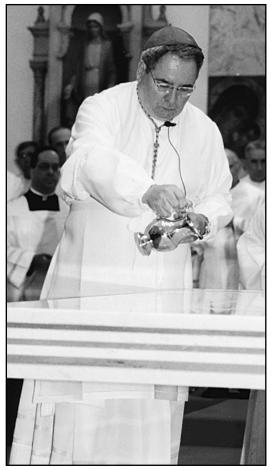
October was Perinatal Loss Awareness Month.

The walkers were greeted before stepping off by Sister Nora Molyneux, vice president of missions. They then signed a special banner.

The group of some 50 walked to a grotto where families were invited to share poems, Scripture, readings, prayers and personal thoughts about their babies.

The hospital offers a support group for pregnancy and newborn loss. For information, call Johanna Gorab at (201) 833-3058.

# **REDEMPTORIS MATER CELEBRATES**



#### **BEAUTIFUL MARBLE AND** MUSIC-Archbishop John J. Myers led a celebration on Oct. 29 to dedicate the new altar at Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary in Kearny. The occasion also marked the 15th anniversary of the seminary. Archbishop Myers used "Sacred Chrism" consecrated oil to bless the altar, which is built from white and gray marble imported from Carrara, located in the Tuscany region of Italy. The Mass featured lilting Spanish-flavored music by seminarians, who hail from 20 countries, including Spain, Italy, India, Argentina, Brazil, Croatia and Columbia. Msgr. Renato Grasselli, the rector of the international missionary seminary, said inspiration from the Neocatechumenal Way is the com-

Neocatechumenal way is the common thread linking all those who have come to study at the Kearny facility. While the formation program varies for each individual, Msgr. Grasselli said most seminarians at Redemptoris Mater prepare for an average of eight years for the vocation of priesthood.



# Youth Recognition Mass honors the bright 'ministry of tomorrow'

BY WARD MIELE Managing Editor

NEWARK-The achievements of young people throughout the Church of Newark were saluted last month at the annual

Youth Recognition Mass celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Most Rev. John W. Flesey, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, presented the individual awards for parish youth and adult recognition.

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He also presented the Eagle of the Cross and For God and Youth awards, the highest honors conferred on high school youth and adults respectively by the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry and the archdiocese.

The final honors, the Monsignor John J. Kiley Award, were presented by the Kearnybased CYO Youth and Young Adult Ministry "in gratitude for exceptional service and dedication to youth.<sup>2</sup>

The Youth Recognition Mass, the bishop explained, is designed to take note of "just how well you young people have grown in Christ." Addressing parents in the pews, Bishop Flesey said that "there is no finer ministry than working with tomorrow."

Speaking on behalf of the Eagle of the Cross Award winners, Justin Aughey of Saint Philip the Apostle Parish,



Winners of the Msgr. John J. Kiley Award included Father James J. Weiner and Deacon Joseph Francione.

Saddle Brook, said he had an

"emptiness" in his heart that had been filled by involvement in

Other winners of the award,

given to a youth of each county

in the archdiocese, were Ji Yun

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youth ministry.

and Michael Bottino from Saint Michael Parish, Cranford.

The For God and Youth Award went to Thomas Gibney, Saint Mary Parish, Closter; Denise Roman, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. Nutley and Jose Maria Santos, Saint Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York.

"I am so blessed to be part of God's team," Roman declared, speaking on behalf of her fellow recipients.

The Msgr. John J. Kiley Award, named for the founder of the youth ministry in the Archdiocese of Newark, went to Rev. Msgr. Louis F. Fimiani, pastor emeritus, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Roseland; Deacon Joseph Francione, coordinator of youth ministry, at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Cedar Grove, and Saint Philomena Parish, Livingston; Father James J. Weiner, pastor, St. Luke Parish, Ho-Ho-Kus and Sister Carol Williams. S.C., religion chair and campus minister, Saint Vincent Academy, Newark.

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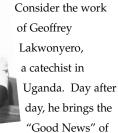
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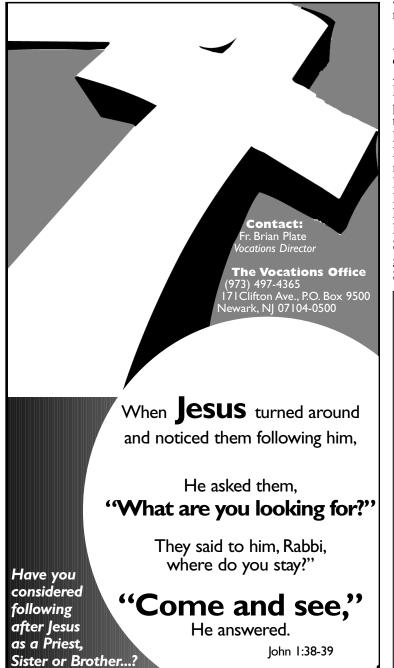
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# CCHD collection Nov. 19-20

AREA – Dioceses across the country, including the Archdiocese of Newark, will participate in the 36th appeal and collection of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) the weekend of Nov. 19-20.

In urging full participation, Archbishop Myers in a letter to the faithful said "in spite of the prosperity that many Americans enjoy, poverty in America is on the rise, nearly 36 million Americans, and one in six children, live below the poverty line. One in eight Americans stuggles to find affordable housing, splits prescription medications in half, or works more than one job to try to make ends meet. We can find permanent solutions, one community at a time, by joining in solidarity with those in need to break the cycle of poverty. There is much we can do, as individuals and as a Catholic community, to work with other Americans in order to address the root causes of poverty. CCHD relies on an annual parish collection to fund antipoverty programs in communities across the country."

"Our history is impressive," said CCHD Interim Director Timothy F. Collins, "but the sad reality is that poverty is still on the rise in our prosperous country. Nearly 36 million Americans, one in every eight of us, live in poverty. That's 1.3 million more people than last year and 3 million more than two years ago. Working with local groups, led by neighborhood people, CCHD has helped individuals and families work together to develop real solutions to gripping problems." These include creating new jobs, improving housing, promoting worker's rights and enhancing educational opportunities for children.

CCHD grants have been used in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

CCHD receives most of its funds from Catholics who support the annual based CCHD collection. The remainder comes from the concerned, community-minded religious orders and foundations that share CCHD's mission of solidarity with the poor. Of the funds collected, CCHD allocates the majority to the community and economic development projects submitted to the national office for consideration. Individual dioceses provide self-help grants from the 25 percent of the collection they retain.

Specific information on funded projects and on CCHD's nationwide effort to break the cycle of poverty and build community is available at the CCHD website at www.usccb.org/cchd.

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Through the Masters Program at Seton Hall hundreds of students of both religions have studied together in an academic environment of mutual understanding and respect. Hundreds of meetings, seminars, and shared activities have taken place between members of each faith. Dialogue has never ceased.

"Great progress has been achieved. I, as archbishop of this great Archdiocese of Newark, look forward to many more years of shared cooperation and mutual respect. It is our pledge to continue to honor our commitment to dialogue and the creation of Shalom—peace—between our two communities."

Recalling that the Holocaust was not a Christian initiative, since Nazism was also an attack on Christianity, Ms. Gall noted that the message of *Nostra Aetate* spoke to a wider world. "*Nostra Aetate* repudiated the very basis for this teaching of contempt. Indeed," she said, "Pope John Paul II took the message of *Nostra Aetate* to new heights not only in his personal writing and statements, but above all demonstrating its

 message in action, enabling
 people around the world to become familiar with the profound change in Catholic
 attitudes towards Jews and
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She went on to point out that the pope's visit to the synagogue in Rome in 1986 and to the Western Wall, where he placed a prayer that he had himself composed asking Divine forgiveness for sins committed by Christians against Jews down the ages, "had profound impact upon

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**ALL SOULS** – Rev. Msgr. William P. Naedele, director of Catholic Cemeteries, celebrated the annual All Souls Mass of Remembrance at St. Gertrude Cemetery. Nearly 100 family and friends attended.

# Father Hummel cited

NEWARK—Father Donald K. Hummel, director of ongoing formation and continuing education for the Archdiocese of Newark, has been cited for his professional accomplishments by The Manchester Who's Who Registry of Executives and Professionals.

Father Hummel has an extensive background in clergy continuing education.

In addition to his director position with the Church of Newark, he is a law enforcement chaplain and an addictions counselor. Several years ago Father Hummel, who has been involved with scouting most of his life, received the prestigious Silver Buffalo Award, which he considers to be a highlight of his career.

Father Hummel obtained a Doctorate Degree in Ministry and Pastoral Ministry from St. Mary Seminary and University in Baltimore. He is a certified addictions counselor, Master Police Chaplain and Thanatologist.

Father Hummel is affiliated with many organizations and charities including the Diplomate of American Psychotherapy Association, the American Counseling Association, the American Christian Counseling Association, the Boy Scouts of America, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the United Way, law enforcement, emergency management and local fire departments.

