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REFLECTIVE MOMENT—Newark Police Captain Richard Cuccolo deep in prayer during the annual Blue Mass celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart Nov. 10 honoring law enforcement. Additional photos appear on page 11.

Victim recalls fear and pain trapped in 'trafficking' web

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

NEWARK—As "Mary" sat in an old, wooden chair in the office of the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, her eyes darted across the room while re-enacting some of the horrific events she lived through as an abused domestic worker in Bergenfield.

Her voice rises and falls, her tone changes, and you can see her transform into the different "characters" in her real-life tale of modern-day slavery.

Mary is a victim and survivor of the crime known as human trafficking and, tragically, her story may be similar to the experiences of many others in the archdiocese. In recent months, Catholic Charities has developed programs to combat and expose the problem (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 5, 2005).

Human trafficking is a crime defined as obtaining commercial labor from a person using force, fear or coercion. Trafficking victims, many of whom are immigrants from Africa, Latin America

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Centering Prayer offers a path for quiet connection with God

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

CHATHAM — It is an expression of faith that starts with a sacred word. It requires a comfortable place, a quiet period of contemplation—eyes closed, breathing relaxed, with mind and heart open.

Centering or contemplative prayer, like all prayer, is an invitation from God to explore a deeper level of faith. As such, it is, literally, a quiet but growing movement in the Catholic Church.

Here in the Archdiocese of Newark, one of the leading

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Eyewitnesses to the devastation Archdiocesan cemetery workers, on mission of hope, aid hurricane cleanup in Mississippi

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

NEWARK—For three cemetery workers from the Archdiocese of Newark, who returned recently from Mississippi where they volunteered to help restore a Catholic cemetery devastated by Hurricane Katrina, it was a life-changing experience.

In the aftermath of the powerful storm that struck the Gulf Coast in late August, Andrew P. Schafer, executive director of Catholic Cemeteries for the Archdiocese of Newark, said he immediately recalled the days after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center twin towers. It was during that horrific time, he explained, that his counterparts

from across the nation offered help in burying the victims of 9/11.

As a result, Schafer asked Deacon Joseph Dwyer, Jr., vice chancellor for administration, if he could contact the Catholic

Cemetery Conference.

About three weeks later, Most Rev. Thomas J. Rodi, Bishop of the Diocese of Biloxi, sent out an email asking for help.

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Seminary institute aims to nourish 'whole' person

BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Writer

SOUTH ORANGE—Seton Hall University (SHU) recently inaugurated the Institute for Christian Spirituality, based out of Immaculate Conception Seminary, in conjunction with

the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the seminary building and chapel.

The new institute, the result of a \$2-million grant by the Lilly Endowment Inc., aims to unite the seminary with those involved in, or who wish to become active in

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Proudly wearing their Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark hard hats amidst the destruction of Hurricane Katrina are, left to right, Richard Golda, Thomas Melito and Patsy Guerriero.

Archdiocese salutes ranks of state law enforcement

(Following is the homily delivered by Archbishop John J. Myers at the annual Blue Mass honoring law enforcement celebrated Nov. 10 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark)

Today, Nov. 10, the Church honors Pope Saint Leo the Great, a Doctor of the Church. At first glance, this pope, this saint, this gifted theologian may not seem to be an exemplar, a model, for law enforcement. But let us look at his story.

Pope Saint Leo was Christ's Vicar more than a millennium and a half ago, a time of terrible danger and disorder. Barbarian tribes, one after another, had been on the march for over a century, plundering and ravaging all of Europe. They were the terrorists and the street gangs of their era. Their most feared leader was Attila the Hun, who called himself the "Terror of the World" and the "Scourge of God."

Sincerely in the Lord

In the year 452, Attila was marching on Rome. He was boasting that he would totally obliterate the city. The Roman Empire was weak and the city was defenseless. Practically alone, Pope Leo went out to meet this wanton murderer who took great pride in his crimes. No one knows precisely what happened when these two figures, the terrorist gang leader and the pope who had taken on the role of police officer and peacemaker, met and conversed. But we do know what happened next. Attila ordered his army, his gang, to turn around and leave. Not too long afterward, Attila died and his army melted away.

Leo prayed for divine wisdom, described in our first reading as a "spirit, intelligent, holy, unique, subtle, agile, clear, unstained, (and) certain." He also used his leadership skills, his persuasiveness, and his moral strength to turn aside a murderer. Today, you and all law enforcement officers need wisdom, for you often have to make split second decisions

Archbishop Myers leaves the Cathedral Basilica to a musical crescendo. With him, left to right, are Father James Sheehan, vice chancellor and secretary to the archbishop; Deacon Robert Baker and Rev. Msgr. Richard Groncki, rector of the Cathedral Basilica.



Advocate photo- Ward Miele

upon which lives, including perhaps your own, depend. You also need so many skills, developed in arduous training and continuously honed through day to day experience.

Every day you are called to defend the weak, to protect the honest, to restore peace in our community. Every day you face situations which jeopardize the security of others and your own security as well. I pray that every day you will have the wisdom God granted to Pope Saint Leo.

Today, just as 1,500 years ago, evil exists in the world. The great majority of people live good lives, caring for their families and their loved ones. But, as we know too well, their day to day peaceable existence is threatened. International terrorists, with weapons far greater than those of Attila, can raise their bloody hands at any moment. At this moment I am looking at those who are sworn to protect us, all of us, from their scourge. I thank you for your protection.

In many ways, Attila was a gang leader; his troops were gang members. They seemed to take pleasure in senseless destruction and in inflicting pain on others. Sad to say, street gangs exist in this very neighborhood.

At this moment, I am looking at those on whom I myself and all those who come to worship in this venerable cathedral basilica rely for protection.

In the words of the Second Vatican Council you are the "custodians of the security and freedom of your fellow-countrymen" (*Gaudium et spes*, n. 79). You are doing God's work. You are involved in the work of the Lord, helping to bring about some degree of the peace that God intends as our final goal. You are the first line in the defense of human dignity and human worth, of basic rights, of the quality of human life here and now and, in these perilous times, even of the future of this world of ours.

As Our Lord says in today's Gospel, "The coming of the Kingdom of God cannot be observed...it is among you." The kingdom is here in all that is good in God's creation. But, because of the effects of sin, there are those who wish to deprive others of their God-given right to live in the peace of God's creation and enjoy the fruits of his kingdom.

You men and women are responsible for maintaining the goodness of God's creation. You are charged with giving God's people the experience of the peace of God's kingdom in their homes and in their workplaces.

Never forget that that what you do is important to the entire community, is essential to the entire community. I know all too well that all of us who exercise authority are open to criticism and reproach. Like you, I do not always receive universal applause. Like you, occasionally my motives are questioned. Like you, sometimes even my intelligence is impugned. Like you, even I will be wrong on some occasions, but not too often. But none of that can be allowed to undermine the basic worth and dignity of what you do. When people do their worst, you must do your best. As expressed on so many vehicles, yours is the noble commitment "to protect and to serve" our community. You are the unsung heroes and heroines of our time.

But your generosity of heart does not allow you to limit your service to your local communities and this great State of New Jersey.

Many of you gave of yourselves to assist our brothers and sisters whose homes and whose lives were torn apart by the winds of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. I commend you for that wonderful expression of solidarity with those in need. I respect you for that and for so much more.

Be assured that I pray for you, each and every one of you, each and every day. Also be assured that Our Holy Father in Rome has a special place in his heart for you, for each and every one of you. How could it be otherwise? For His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, Successor of St. Peter, Vicar of Jesus Christ on Earth, is the son of a Bavarian police officer.

United with the Vicar of Christ, as we are in every celebration of the Eucharist, today we remember those who have fallen, we honor you here present, we thank you, we pray for you and we support you. How proud the Archbishop of Newark and all the people of this archdiocese are of you and that is why we honor you and ask God to bless you and to keep you safe.

Stewardship

Setting the record straight

BY FATHER DANIEL J. MAHAN

Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

Each year, I have many opportunities to travel the country and speak about stewardship. Often I'm invited by a parish priest to preach the Masses on a given weekend, and when I announce to the congregation the topic for my homily, usually I can see a few eyes roll!

People are convinced that I'm going to talk about stewardship as a word beginning with the capital letter "S" with a line running down the middle: \$. What follows is my best attempt to set the record straight about stewardship.

Let us be clear: Stewardship is neither a gimmick nor a ruse. Stewardship is a way of life that is deeply rooted in the person of Jesus Christ, who came to teach us how to live. He came not to do His own will, but the will of the One who sent Him. He came not to be served, but to serve. He came to give His life as a ransom for many.

Jesus came to teach us everything that we need to know about life. Through the way of life that is stewardship, He draws us closer to Himself, day by day. We build a sense of communion in our Church, and we come to understand more clearly that God has given each of us something to do that no one else on earth can do.

Through stewardship, Jesus makes clear to each of us our individual mission in the Church, giving us the grace to live stewardship as a way of life, a way of holiness, and spirituality.

What is a good steward?

When American bishops wrote their 1992 pastoral letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, they defined a good steward as one who embodied four specific qualities. First, a good steward is one who is grateful, thanking God daily for the blessings he or she has received. A good steward never stops saying "thank you."

A good steward is one who is responsible and accountable with the blessings that God has bestowed, not only using them prudently, but also making sure that they do not atrophy.

A good steward is one who shares God's gifts out of a sense of love and justice. A good steward knows that it is better to give than to receive, for in giving we receive far more than we could ever have imagined.

Finally, a good steward is one who makes a return to the Lord with increase. Remember the parable of the steward to whom the master had entrusted the silver pieces? They had to render an account of their stewardship.

One day you and I will have to stand in accountability before the judgment seat of God.

Hopefully, we will be able to say, "Lord, I tried to thank you every day. I tried to be responsible with those gifts. And I tried to share those gifts with others. Please God, may He respond, "Well done, good and faithful steward. Come and share your Master's joy."

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Mississippi

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Schafer reached out to his cemetery workers and it did not take long for Thomas Melito, Patsy Guerriero and Richard Golda to volunteer to go south. Melito is general foreman at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, East Orange. Guerriero and Golda are truck drivers at Holy Sepulchre and Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington, respectively.

Rick Touchette, executive director of Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Albany (NY), was the team leader in the restoration effort dubbed "Project Hope and Compassion."

Deacon Dwyer noted that Archbishop John J. Myers was "delighted" to hear of the archdiocesan volunteers and had "great praise" for their decision. Deacon Dwyer called their decision "evidence of the organization as a whole, their passion for what they do is to be admired." Schafer called it "real mission work."

The trio from New Jersey was the first to arrive at St. Paul Catholic Cemetery in Pass Christian, MS, located 60 miles northeast of New Orleans. The venerable cemetery has served the small, coastal city since it was consecrated in 1847.

Melito, Guerriero and Golda were in Mississippi from Oct. 28 through Nov. 2. When they got off the plane, Melito mentioned, Touchette immediately knew who they were when he recognized the Catholic Cemeteries of Newark logo on their shirts.

Initially, Melito explained, he wanted to "relieve" the suffering. But as he saw the utter destruction of Hurricane Katrina, helping its victims "got into my blood."



A sign lettered by the locals says it all.

Melito likened the damage to "God putting his finger on the site and wiping it clean." He called what he encountered "gut-wrenching (and) emotional... my heart goes out to the people."

Among the more moving moments, he said, was when the workers went to a Salvation Army facility for a meal. It was there that they saw displaced families rummaging through donated supplies for such essentials as clothing. After seeing that, he stressed, it was the unanimous decision of all three not to go there for food again because Katrina's victims "needed it more."

Saying he "wanted to help," Guerriero called it an "honor" to do so. The people, he lamented, "have nothing left." Adding that he wanted to help after the 9/11 attacks, Guerriero called Project Hope and Compassion "very emotional" for him.

Describing himself as a "kind-hearted person," Golda said his decision to go was made "without hesitation." He felt what the workers did went beyond just sending monetary donations.

All three stayed at St. Ann Parish in Lizana, just over a half-hour ride to the cemetery.

Southern hospitality, Melito remarked, is "beyond belief."

They worked in tandem with a team from the Diocese of Albany and immediately bonded in a common purpose. It was during the commutes to the cemetery, Golda noted, that they would see families sitting together in stunned silence on the foundations of what had been their homes. They recalled, too, that all that remained of a local McDonald's was the pole on which there had been an intercom for placing take-out orders.

They awoke at 6 a.m. and once at the cemetery took part in a team meeting. The first phase of their stay was to clear downed trees, a task which was accomplished in about a day and a half.

Next they tackled a particularly stunning aftermath of Katrina—demolishing and removing the remnants of six homes that had been picked up by the 25- to 30-foot ocean surge and were deposited in the cemetery. The three recall poignant moments when the homeowners asked them to search the homes for family heirlooms.

A person who made a special impression on them was a banker from Atlanta who brought his own

tractor to help move debris. The man—they never got his name—worked on the weekend and then went back home.

With the help of the Catholic Cemetery Conference, a tractor was secured that expedited matters because it had grappling hooks. During their stay the Newark workers also put back some 40 headstones that had been knocked over by the storm.

Looking back, the men said, there are some fond and moving memories. For example, the workers attended Sunday Mass at St. Ann Parish. During Mass the pastor, Father Peter Mockler, made reference to "faces in the crowd" referring to the visitors from Newark and Albany. The entire congregation, they recalled, all smiled and broke out in applause. After Mass, parishioners offered their personal thanks.

At the car rental stand, Melito said, an employee noticed his shirt with the Catholic Cemeteries logo

"My heart goes out to the people."

— Thomas Melito

for the Archdiocese of Newark. He explained to her the significance of its symbols and the women "got all filled up." She asked for a shirt and when they were leaving, Melito gave her two.

Golda recalled that, amidst all the devastation, the children still dressed up for Halloween. They were, he said with a cracking voice, "still looking to the future." And about the future, the trio was invited to attend a Catfish Festival over the Memorial Day weekend.

Reflecting on the efforts of his three workers, Schafer said ceme-

tery workers everywhere are the ones who protect and serve the dead. It was especially poignant to him that while in the Archdiocese of Newark preparations were under way for All Souls/All Saints Day, the Mississippi cemetery was in such bad shape. It became the goal, he added, to have the cemetery ready for All Souls/All Saints visitations. That goal was achieved. Families, the three Newark cemetery workers noted, did visit and were simply overwhelmed that strangers from so far away had helped out and thanked them profusely.

Saying to a man they would return, each was deeply affected by the experience.

Melito described himself as "thankful for what I have." The hurricane victims, he said, "don't have anything." Guerriero agreed. Golda said he learned "not to take life for granted, be thankful for what you have." All agreed it was an honor to be in Mississippi on behalf of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Deacon Dwyer expressed "pride" in the workers' ability to "serve God," something, he added, everyone working in the Church does. He saw their efforts as an example of "the beauty of serving God sacrificially."

Citing the efforts of the workers from the Archdiocese of Newark, Bishop Rodi commented "a cemetery is not only a resting place of the bodies of our beloved dead, it is a place of hope that reminds us of our faith in the resurrection. The volunteers who cleared the historic St. Paul Cemetery of debris restored a part of our history and a tangible sign of our faith. It is that faith we cling to for strength as we rebuild our devastated communities. We are grateful for their help."

Institute

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lay ministry, enabling them to "obtain a solid foundation in their faith, learn effective skills in pastoral ministry and leadership, and be given tools for discernment and spiritual growth," according to Dianne M. Traflet, J.D., S.T.D., co-director of the institute.

Their motto, borrowed from 2 Timothy 1:6, is to "stir into flame" excellent pastoral ministry. Archbishop John J. Myers has said the institute "releases the energies of Immaculate Conception Seminary in an imaginative way and develops untapped resources in our parishes and in the wider Christian community."

Under the banner "Making Connections," this goal is realized through four distinct programs: Great Spiritual Texts; Christian Employment Outreach; Parish Partnership Program; and the Seminary's Theological Education for Parish Services (STEPS) Program, which "connects with Washington D.C.'s Education for Parish Services Program (EPS) and with economically and ethically diverse parishes in the Archdiocese," according to the Institute's literature.

Asked about the increased level of interest in spirituality among college students, Traflet said the recent passing of two Catholic icons, Pope John Paul II and Mother Theresa, have "triggered deeper questions. I think people look at them, see

their deep peace and joy, and say 'I want what they had.'"

The institute's programs are aimed at the wider Christian community, with the inclusion of students and programs designed to involve lay people of all ages in the Church's ministries.

Traflet pointed out that those involved in pastoral ministries at the parish level, on average, are age 40 and above. She said the institute's programs are designed to get younger people thinking about their Christian vocation and become more active, but the first step is simply to "start a conversation" with them about faith.

Traflet emphasized that the spiritual journey is not about the "what," but rather, the "who." Her challenge, she said, is to help young people hear the call

to service, and question "who" is calling them. But, she explained, "The 'call' has to be presented in a way that young people find enjoyable."

As a result, the institute held a spiritual book essay contest over the summer for high school students. "One of the winners wrote: 'You have to find your spot on the spiritual Body of Christ.' I was floored by that," Traflet said enthusiastically.

Similar to the new wave of spirituality centers found on secular campuses, there is a concern for nourishing the "whole" person, offering "academic, spiritual and human formation," according to Father Joseph Chapel, S.T.D., co-director of the institute.

Likewise, the institute shares

with the other schools a deep and reverent sense of ecumenism. Their Great Spiritual Books Program, offered in part by Gregory Glazov, D. Phil., Oxford University, assistant professor of Biblical Studies, looks at important books from different Christian traditions.

"Through our commonalities, we can absorb each other, and be supportive," Glazov said. "Books open a window to the soul. Through the book, you come to understand a tradition by looking at it from the inside. It is essential to have rapport, respect and understanding."

For more information about the Institute of Christian Spirituality and its ongoing programs, call (973) 761-9575 or visit theology@shu.edu.

Retirement Fund for Religious slates collection for Dec. 10-11

AREA—The 18th annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for the Religious will be conducted in the Archdiocese of Newark and parishes nationwide the weekend of Dec. 10-11.

Coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, the appeal benefits the projected \$8.1 billion retirement liability of the nation's religious orders.

More than 38,000 Catholic religious are now past the age of 70 and the cost of skilled nursing care and assisted living for almost 12,000 Catholic religious women and men exceeds \$1 million each day.

As autonomous organizations, Catholic religious institutes are not covered by Church or diocesan retirement plans. The average Social Security benefit for religious men and women is approximately one-third that paid to the average U.S. beneficiary.

"Especially for the contemplative, there is no divide between prayer and ministry," explains Sister Andree Fries, a Sister of the Most Precious Blood of O'Fallon, Missouri, executive director of the National Religious Retirement Office. "We desperately need their prayers of supplication, praise and thanksgiving. Unfortunately, their

needs are like their gifts- usually hidden; and I am profoundly grateful that the generosity of American Catholics enables us to assist contemplatives and all religious women and men who are frail and in need."

Last year, the fund collected more than \$28 million. Since 1988, donations have totaled more than \$460 million; however, the cost of living for all elderly religious exceeded

\$910 million in 2004 alone.

Escalating health care costs along with lowered return on investments have dramatically affected religious' capacity to fund retirement. More than 95 percent of every dollar donated is assigned directly to the retirement needs of elderly religious.

For more information, call Sister Margaret Thomas McGovern, O.P. at (973) 497-4582.



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6:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
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Cemeteries' food drive launched

NEWARK—The Catholic Cemeteries group of the Archdiocese of Newark has launched its second annual Christmas Food Collection. The drive kicked off on Nov. 16 and runs through Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006.

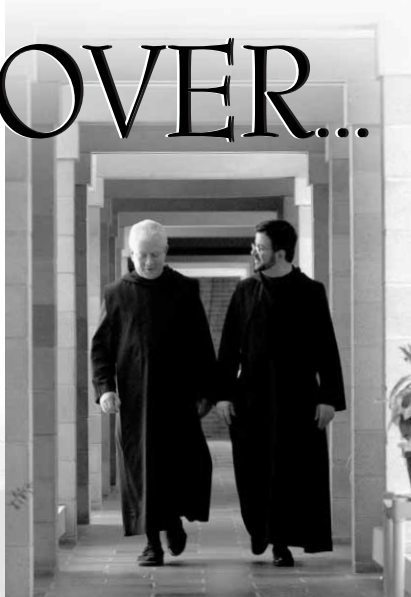
Catholic Cemeteries will collect non-perishable food items (canned goods, dry pasta and rice, bottled juices and drinks, etc.). Those interested are invited to drop off items at the offices of any archdiocesan cemetery or mausoleum. Donated items will be given to local food pantries. Cash donations also will be accepted.

Contact Lucy Sanchez or Pat Magistro at (973) 497-7981 for further information.

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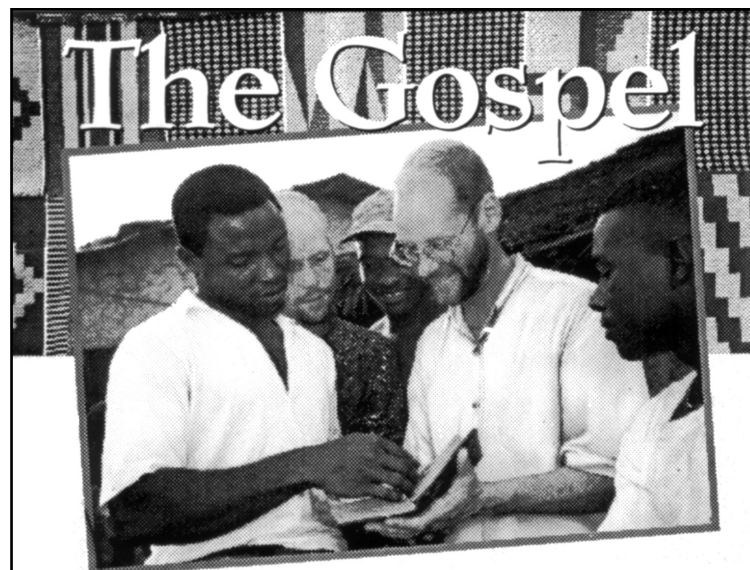


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Jesús se volvió,
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—¿Qué están buscando?

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—Maestro, ¿dónde vives?

Jesús les contestó:
—Vengan a verlo.

San Juan 1:38-39

¿Ha usted considerado seguir a Jesús como un sacerdote, hermana o hermano...?



November 25

St. Phil's Singles, Livingston, Café Night, The Atlanta Bread Company, Morris Plains, 7:30 p.m. Call Tom (973) 248-9245.

The Missionary Franciscan Sisters, Tenaflly, Christmas fair, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., daily through Dec. 24. Call Sister Trinity (201) 568-0478.

November 26

St. Phil's Singles, Livingston, volleyball game, 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$3. (973) 340-4001.

St. Michael Parish, Cranford, St. Nicholas Gift Giving Shrine, begins at 5:30 p.m. Mass through Dec. 11. (908) 276-0360.

November 28

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, Holy Hour for Life and Special Intentions, 7:30 p.m. (973) 748-1800.

Holy Family Parish, Nutley, Rosary Society meeting, 7:45 p.m. (973) 661-1714.

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Roseland, "If You Market, They Will Come: Building Your School of Dreams," 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Also Nov. 29. (973) 226-7288

St. Andrew Parish, Westwood, Parish Mission, 7:30 p.m. Also Nov. 29 and Nov. 30. (201) 666-1100.

November 29

Seton Hall University, South Orange, Arts Council Concert Series, The New Century Saxophone Quartet, 8 p.m. Cost: \$20, \$15 for seniors. (973) 275-2450.

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

Lumen Center, Caldwell, "A Visit to the Crib," 6:30-9:30 p.m. Cost: \$20. (973) 403-3331 ext.25 or Lumenenter@caldwellop.org.

November 30

Sacred Heart Parish, Rochelle Park, Mass and Healing Service, 7:30 p.m. (201) 843-1722.

Parish plans trip to Italy

LIVINGSTON—St. Philomena Parish is sponsoring an 11-day trip to Italy from April 24 to May 4 that features numerous Church sites.

Highlights of the itinerary include Vatican City, Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, a tour of the Sistine Chapel and a papal audience as well as stops in Assisi, Pompei, Castelpetroso and Avellino.

The cost is \$2,128 per person, double occupancy. The single supplement is \$300. Deposits of \$500 are due by Nov. 30. Checks, payable to "St. Philomena Pilgrimage," should be sent to the church at 386 South Livingston Avenue, Livingston, N.J. 07039.

Prayer service closes Year of Eucharist

BAYONNE—One hundred and fifty Italian, English, Spanish and Tagalog-speaking members of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish recently celebrated the closing of the Year of the Eucharist at a multilingual prayer service that included an outdoor procession.

The afternoon prayer service began in the church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, was followed by recitation of the Rosary in all four languages, a reading from Scripture and a homily based on John Paul II's Pastoral letter, *Mane Nobiscum Domine*, (Stay With Us, Lord).

The congregation then processed through neighboring streets with the Blessed Sacrament, while singing liturgical songs in all four languages.

After the procession, the prayer service concluded with Benediction.

"It was a wonderful expression of our faith and belief in the Eucharist as the center of our lives as Catholics. We can come together as the four languages and pray together as one Church," commented the pastor, Rev. Joseph F. Barbone.

For more information about the pastoral care of Italian, Spanish and Tagalog-speaking Catholics at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, call (201) 436-8160.

St. Michael Parish, Bayonne, *Dei Verbum* study group, "Introduction to the New Testament," 7:30 p.m. (201) 437-0069. December 1

St. Paul Parish, Ramsey, Mass and Healing Service, 8 p.m. (201) 327-0976.

Holy Family Parish, Nutley, "What Led the Wise Men to Bethlehem?" presented by astronomer and historian Dr. Michael Molnar, 7 p.m. (973) 667-0026.

St. Vincent's Nursing Home Auxiliary, Cedar Grove, Sleigh Bell Luncheon and Fashion Production, Mayfair Farms, West Orange, 10:30 a.m. Call Pat at (973) 744-4619.

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

College of St. Elizabeth, Morristown, coat drive, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Trough Dec. 8. (973) 290-4245.

December 2

College of St. Elizabeth, Morristown, Founders' Day, 7:30 p.m. (973) 290-4450.

The Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Theresa, Jersey City, Councilor's meeting following 3:30 p.m. Mass, St. Peter's College, also breakfast meeting Dec. 3 following 9 a.m. Mass and pre-Christmas luncheon Dec. 4 following noon Mass. Call Katherine at (201) 689-1471 or Rita at (201) 413-0123.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, "Catholics Who Happen to be Single" Club Christmas party, 7-11 p.m. Cost: \$10. Call Leonora at (973) 743-6100.

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Newark Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, West Orange, Rock Spring Club, "A Woman of Faith, Woman of Action" honored, 11:30 a.m. Call Audrey at (201) 659-5723.

St. Phil's Singles, Livingston, Group Bowling at Hanover Lanes, East Hanover, 8 p.m. Cost: \$4 plus shoe rental. Call Judith at (973) 560-9728.

Our Lady of Fatima, North Bergen, holiday craft and gift sale, 3-6 p.m., also Dec. 4 at 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (201) 869-7244.

Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, Kearny, Justice Walking workshop, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost: \$20. Call Sister Loretta at (201) 998-0088.

St. Anthony Parish, Northvale, "It's a Wonderful Life," 8 p.m. (201) 768-1177.



St. Cecilia Parish, Kearny, Families of Nazareth Retreat (Spanish), noon and 6 p.m. Cost: \$10. (201) 991-1116.

Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, craft fair, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (732) 382-1952.

St. Theresa Parish, Kenilworth, holiday bazaar, 9 a.m.-4p.m. Call Rich (908) 709-1930.

December 4

Boy Scouts of America, Caldwell, Court of Honor for the Eagle ceremony, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Roseland, 7 p.m., (973) 226-0221.

St. Joseph Regional High School, Montvale, Christmas craft show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost: \$2. (201) 391-2099.

St. Cassian Parish, Upper Montclair, candlelight carol sing, 7:30 p.m. (973) 744-2850.

College of St. Elizabeth, Morristown, Christmas concert, 2:30-4:30 p.m. (973) 290-4450.

December 5

Church of the Ascension Parish, New Milford, Cape May Trip, Dec.5-7, Cost: \$349 per person, Call Anna (201) 387-2632 or Josie (201) 265-0485.

December 6

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Roseland, Christmas party, noon, Cost: \$35. (973) 403-1565. RSVP by Nov 29.

Legatus, December Gala, Mass at Church of our Savior, NYC, and reception, (973) 394-0052.

December 7

Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, open house, 7:30-9:30 p.m. (973) 382-1952.

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, Garfield, Radio City Christmas Show, 8 p.m. Cost: \$73. (973) 772-2295 or (973) 546-0760.

Holy Spirit Rectory, Union, Holy Hour for Life, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. (908) 964-7653.

December 8

Seton Hall University, South Orange, "The Untold Story of Emmet Louis Till" film, discussion with producer Keith Beauchamp, 7 p.m. (973) 378-2695.

December 9

The Church of Saint Mark Parish, Rahway, St. Mark's Social Club Christmas party, 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$30. Call Anne at (908) 271-8796. RSVP by Dec.1.

Other

St. Mary Parish, Nutley, winter holiday weekly bereavement group meetings through Jan. 2, 2006. Call Patricia at (973) 235-0234.

Holy Redeemer Parish, West New York, forming a Schola of men's voices (Gregorian Chant choir). (201) 868-9444.



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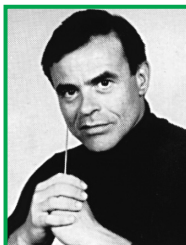
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The loss of a child—a sorrow 'like no other'

BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Writer

AREA—The passing of a loved one sets in motion an inevitable and difficult journey for the bereaved. That sad journey is complicated further when the loss is that of a child.

In the Archdiocese of Newark, Janet McCormack, MA, associate director of the Office of Family Life Ministries, oversees the ministry to the bereaved. She understands that parents suffering the loss of a child require special care.

"That particular loss is like no other and falls squarely in the realm of complicated grief. Because the death is 'out of order,' bereaved parents are left with prolonged mourning and many added roadblocks to negotiate.

"Grieving parents need to come together to share their pain," she continued. "They speak a language only they can understand. This is why our Support Groups for Parents Grieving the Death of a Child were formed."

For a bereaved parent, no facilitator is more qualified than one who has walked down the same

difficult path and experienced the same anguish. Such an individual can stand on that path, reach an outstretched hand, and bring bereaved parents further along in their journey.

Linda Guziejewski, a member of the Support Group for Parents Whose Children Have Died at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, is such a person. A member for six years, she said she was "terrified" when she first began to act as a facilitator three years ago.

Guziejewski's daughter Karen passed away in September 1998 at the age of 10. Since age three, Karen suffered from a genetic disorder known as Neurofibromatosis, which causes tumors throughout the body, she said. Guziejewski also has a grown son, Adam, 21.

"I'm everyone's nightmare," she said. "People's biggest fear is to lose a child. They look at me, they're afraid. You find yourself comforting people who don't know how to respond to you," she explained. "I tell them, 'It's okay.' It's hard for them, it's hard for me."

Explaining that Karen suffered from some developmental delays as a result of the condition, Guziejewski said she now teaches CCD to a boy with similar learning disabilities. "You have to keep moving. I want to do something positive for my daughter. I want to celebrate her life."

Guziejewski also said she has a supportive family. "It makes it easier. They're willing to accept my grief and sadness, and have their own. I find the more I talk about it, the healthier I feel."

The support group is an important way for the bereaved to share their experiences free from judgment. "I have seen people who've been told 'Snap out of it, it's been two months,' or 'You need to move on,'" Guziejewski said.

On the other hand, people sometimes intend to impart comfort, yet these efforts, too, can be insensitive or inappropriate. "People will sometimes say, 'I could never do what you do.' I ask them 'Why?,' as if I had a choice. I get offended, it sounds like they love their children more than I love mine. I could overlook this, but I try to educate," she noted.

Guziejewski said grieving has its own cycle, a fact sometimes lost on those who do not share similar circumstances. "The second year is harder. The first year, you're in shock—you don't know what's coming at you. The second year, you're going through life again, you realize how painful it is. People expect you to be 'better,' but you're not.

"In the support group, there are people going through what you're going through—you realize that you're not crazy. You find people past the two-year mark, you see them feeling, you see growth. They're even smiling and laughing. It gives you a great sense of hope," she noted.

Guziejewski credited not only the support of her peers and family, but also her faith in God. "It's a constant journey. You have to redefine normalcy," she commented. "I now have a spirituality that did not exist before. I celebrate Karen, I share her with everyone I can. But I know that I have the support of my faith, and I trust God, that He will watch out for my daughter until I get there."

Support Groups for Parents Whose Children Have Died

Office of Family Life Ministries
Archdiocese of Newark

St. Thomas the Apostle RC Church

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60 Byrd Avenue
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Mothers and fathers may meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

St. Peter the Apostle RC Church

(Rectory)
445 Fifth Avenue
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Mothers and fathers may meet on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Notre Dame RC Church

(Parish Center)
359 Central Avenue
North Caldwell

November 26, 2005 at 10 a.m.
(This group is limited to fathers whose children have died.)

For more information about the groups, or for driving directions, please call the Office of Family Life Ministries at (973) 497-4327. There is no pre-registration or fee, and groups are open to grieving parents of all faiths.

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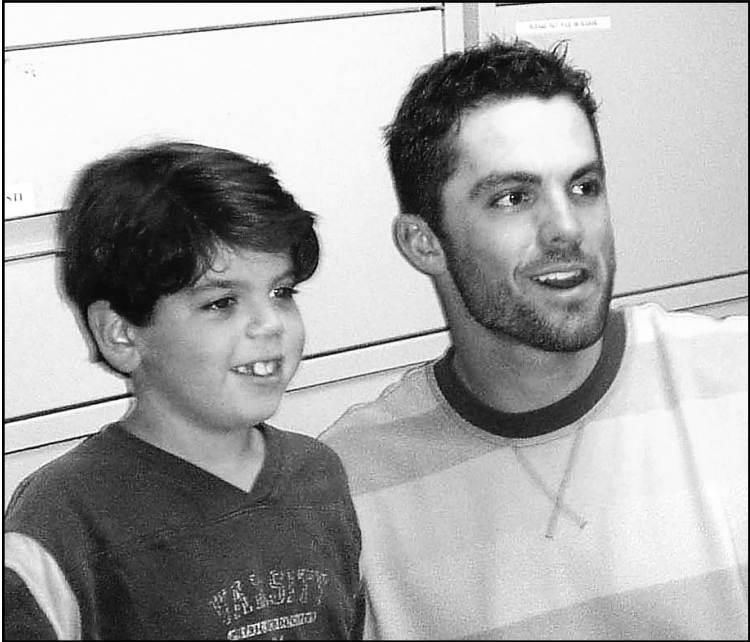
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New York Mets' Wright recently visited Holy Name Hospital to tour the Gimbel Multiple Sclerosis Comprehensive Care Center.

'Do the Wright Thing'

TEANECK — The Gimbel Multiple Sclerosis Comprehensive Care Center at Holy Name Hospital will be the beneficiary of a dinner benefit hosted by New York Mets' third baseman David Wright's foundation.

"Do the Wright Thing" will be attended by several major New York national sports figures, including, Met's left fielder, Cliff Floyd; former Met Todd Zeile, U.S. Olympic softball pitcher Jennie Finch and Olympic Gold Medal Figure Skater Sarah Hughes.

Joining them will be News Channel 4 meteorologist Chris Cimino who will serve as master of ceremonies for the Dec. 16 benefit to be held at the Members Club at the New York Stock Exchange. Proceeds will also benefit the MS Comprehensive Care Center and the M.I.N.D. Multiple Sclerosis Center in Detroit.

Wright recently formed his foundation to help in the fight against MS because a loved one has been affected by the disease for several years.

'Winter Blues'

TEANECK — The 50First Club of Holy Name Hospital will hold a "How to Fight the Winter Blues" workshop on Nov. 29 at 6:30 p.m.

The presentation will focus on how to manage seasonal affective disorder that strikes up to 10 percent of those living in the northeast. A depression screening will also be offered.

To register call (201) 227-6250.

Effectiveness of elective angioplasty to be studied

ELIZABETH — Dr. Fred Jacobs, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Health & Senior Services, has given final approval to Trinitas Hospital's application to participate in a study to determine the effectiveness of elective angioplasty procedures.

Trinitas and eight other New Jersey Hospitals received approval to participate in a multi-state demonstration project that will assess the safety, quality and cost of elective angioplasty in hospitals that offer emergency angioplasty without onsite cardiac surgery backup.

The three-year study, known as the Atlantic C-PORT Trial, also includes hospitals in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Alabama and Georgia and will involve up to 16,000 patients.

"This key approval means that

life-saving elective angioplasty services will now be readily available for the 300,000 people who reside in Trinitas Hospital's service area," explained Gary S. Horan, Trinitas President and Chief Executive Officer.

Trinitas has performed angioplasties since 2003, but only on emergency patients experiencing active heart attack symptoms.

"Our angioplasty team has demonstrated time and again that it can successfully perform angioplasties in difficult emergency situations. This certainly indicates that we are up to the task of performing angioplasties on an elective basis," Horan stated.

Coronary angioplasty involves the insertion of a catheter into a

blocked artery in the heart. A small balloon on the end of the catheter is inflated, opening the artery.

"On the issue of quality, Trinitas Hospital's cardiac program, both in terms of diagnostic cardiac catheterization and emergency angioplasty, is excellent," Horan explained, noting that between January 2004 and September 2005, Trinitas performed 1,072 diagnostic catheterizations with zero mortality. During the same period, Trinitas performed 81 emergency angioplasty procedures with a mortality rate that was half the national mortality average.

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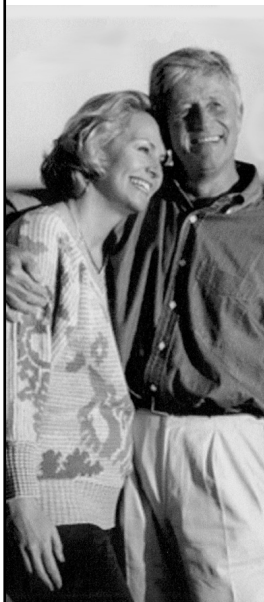
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UN Apostolic Nuncio tops month's events at Little Ferry parish

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

LITTLE FERRY — Archbishop Celestino Migliore, the Apostolic Nuncio of the United Nations for the Vatican city state, will celebrate the vigil Mass for the Immaculate Conception here on Dec. 7, 7 p.m. at St. Margaret of Cortona Parish.

Archbishop Migliore's visit will be one of three special events slated here in December, which will coincide with the parish's 65th anniversary.

Pope John Paul II nominated Archbishop Migliore as Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer to the UN—the fourth observer of the Holy See. He was appointed to the post in Oct. 2002. A native of Cuneo in the Piedmont region of Italy, Archbishop Migliore was ordained as a priest in June 1977. He also holds the title of Titular Archbishop of Canosa.

Archbishop John J. Myers will celebrate Mass at St. Margaret of Cortona on Saturday, Dec. 17, 5:30 p.m., marking the 65th anniversary of the parish.

The parish will hold its third-annual Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, Dec. 18, 3 p.m. The program, led by Eileen Ballone, parish

director of music, organist and choir director, will feature music "lessons" (Scripture readings that chronicle the birth of Jesus and the journey of the Magi), as well as selections of seasonal songs as performed by the 25-person St. Margaret of Cortona parish choir. The program is free and open to the public.

Joining Ballone and the choir in the musical program will be Ernie Martins, who will perform on the flute and trumpet.

Father Arthur F. Humphrey is the pastor of St. Margaret of Cortona. Contact the parish at (201) 641-2988 for more information.

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Trafficking

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Geoffrey Scowcroft, managing attorney at Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Assistance at Catholic Charities, believes that Mary is a success story. Scowcroft said Mary’s alleged traffickers are not being prosecuted. In addition to the Catholic Charities Hotline (866-999-9007), Covenant House runs a hotline (1-888-3737-888) for the United States Health and Human Services that can take cases outside of New Jersey. “Congressman Chris Smith wrote a letter on her behalf. We weren’t sure if the visa would go through in the beginning, but that letter was a critical piece in getting it approved,” Scowcroft

said. “The T-Visa also allows her son to come to the United States and she is thrilled. I feel that has made her whole. She feels restored.” “I want my son to get an education and then he can do anything he wants in life,” Mary said. “In America we can start a new life together.” Mary said she is not ready to speak to her traffickers because the experience is still too painful. However, the lessons she learned will be with her along with the memories of the past. “I cannot allow anyone to mistreat me now,” she said. “I learned that anyone can help you in America if you look for it.” After being approved for the T-Visa, Mary is looking forward to the future. “ I have freedom now. I have gone to Boston, New York. Now, I can do anything.”

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D.M.

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

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Archbishop to meet with SFIC trustees

EAST ORANGE—Archbishop John J. Myers will meet with the Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children’s (SFIC) Board of Trustees, SFIC donors and the students and staff of St. Joseph Elementary School at the trustees’ annual Christmas Breakfast Meeting on Dec. 15 at 9 a.m. Trustees and donors will be given the opportunity to observe the results of their support on the children who benefit from SFIC programs. There will also be discussion on how more children could benefit from the scholarship program in the future.

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children is a non-profit organization funded by corporations, foundations and individual donors wanting to help in the academic future of needy inner-city children living in neighboring communities. SFIC’s primary mission is to provide such youngsters with elementary and high school scholarships that will enable them to attend private schools offering a high quality, values-based education in a safe environment. Established in 1983, the fund has provided more than 35,000 scholarships totaling over \$20 million.

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It is quite natural to desire that our lives continue to count for good after we are gone. We don’t want our values and influence to evaporate into thin air.

One of the reasons parents and grandparents seek to instill their values into the younger generation is so their influence will stretch into the future through these family members to help shape the world of tomorrow.

The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing for the future, and will be here bringing people closer to God, for generations to come.

And that is why some of our friends and supporters have established endowment funds with the Archdiocese. They want their names and some of their resources attached to an organization that will communicate their values to their grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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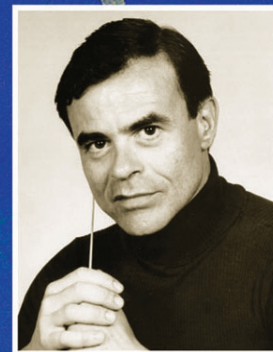
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An Open Letter to the Catholic Community of Northern New Jersey

Holy Name Hospital has been a shining star in northern New Jersey since it was founded by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Peace in 1925. Our tradition of healing and caring— at both Holy Name Hospital and the Holy Name Hospital School of Nursing— has touched countless lives over the past eight decades. Our commitment to quality care extends beyond simply healing the body; it also encompasses soothing the spirit.

Christmas is the season of joy and hope for us as Catholics. This year, it is also the perfect time to come together in celebration of Holy Name Hospital's healing ministry— past, present and future. As we celebrate 80 years as Bergen County's only Catholic hospital, we are especially proud to honor our Catholic heritage and to acknowledge our continuing commitment to Catholic principles.

We invite our entire northern New Jersey Catholic family— and especially those who were born here, cared for here, educated here, or somehow touched by our mission— to join us at a special 80th Anniversary Christmas Concert, featuring Father Alphonse Stephenson and the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea.

Father Stephenson is a former conductor of the Broadway hit, "A Chorus Line", and was trained at both the Metropolitan Opera and at Julliard. The Orchestra is an ensemble of musicians with a collective 750 years of study and 57,000 concert performances.

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