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Inside this issue is a special supplement announcing the 2005 Archbishop's Annual Appeal pledge weekend, Feb. 5-6. Also listed are the results from individual parishes for the 2004 AAA.

Holy See News

Abuse norms studied

VATICAN CITY (VIS)—Over the past weekend, the director of the Holy See Press Office, Joaquin Navarro-Valls made the following announcement:

“As anticipated, the mixed commission for the examination of norms in cases of accusations of sexual abuse against minors will meet in the Vatican on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1.

“The commission is made up of delegates from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and representatives from dicasteries of the Roman Curia.

“The aim of the commission is to study the application of norms, approved on Dec. 8, 2002, *ad experimentum* for two years, and to evaluate guidelines for the future in the context of the universal law of the Church.”

Statistics show growth

The Holy Father was presented with the *Annuario Pontificio* or Pontifical Yearbook for 2005. A note published Monday, Jan. 31 highlighted some of the updated

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Speaking up for those who have no say

BY LIESL FORES
Staff Writer

Despite blizzards and single-digit temperatures throughout much of the nation just the day before, thousands of people came from all over the country to be a part of the 32nd annual March for Life in Washington, DC on Jan. 24.

“The number of people coming from so many different states was really remarkable,” commented Msgr. Richard M. McGuinness, director of the archdiocesan Respect Life Office.

Among the estimated 100,000 marchers participating in the peaceful demonstration that protests the 1973 Roe versus Wade ruling that legalized abortion nationally was a vast contingency of youth.

Msgr. McGuinness, who attended the event with a group from the Linden Knights of Columbus as well as parishioners from St. John the Apostle, Linden, where he is pastor, and other nearby parishes, said he was amazed by how many young people were there.

Their signs, he explained, expressed their desire to “protect



Parishioners from St. Michael Parish, Cranford, attended the 32nd annual March for Life, which took place in the nation's snow-covered capital on Jan. 24. The bus was sponsored by the Cranford Knights of Columbus.

the lives of children,” and their regret that “so many of their brothers and sisters had been aborted.” It was “very impressive,” he said.

Braving the below-freezing conditions were 29 students from Seton Hall University.

“I want people to know that there's a strong community, especially of youth, that's pro-life,” said sophomore Sarah Gavarny.

The first-time marcher said she was inspired by the amount

of demonstrators of all ages and different faiths coming together to “support this day,” and added that it was worth being out in the cold for an opportunity to “put my values in motion.”

At the noon rally on the Ellipse, participants heard comments from various pro-life legislators and a telephone address from President Bush.

Asserting that his administration is “working to promote a culture of life, to promote compassion for women and their

unborn babies,” President Bush noted pro-life legislation passed during his first term, including the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act and the Unborn Victims of Violence Act.

The president has also limited federal funding of embryonic stem cell research.

Despite these steps forward, he cautioned, “The America of our dreams, where every child is welcomed in law, in life, and

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The life of a Sudanese slave, now saint, to be remembered

As part of its Black History Month celebration, the Office of Black Catholic Affairs of the Archdiocese of Newark will celebrate the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita with a special Mass on Tuesday, Feb. 8 at Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Newark.

Most Rev. Thomas Donato, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, will celebrate the 7:30 p.m. Mass. The church is located at 15 Van Ness Pl.

Five years ago when he became the director of the Office of Black Catholic Affairs, explains Tracey G. Battles, a

Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in honor of the canonization of St. Bakhita and St. Katherine Drexel.

It was decided to schedule next month's Mass, Battles explained, because St. Bakhita's life was “a wonderful example of spirituality from the African-American culture.” He also called her “a modern day example of faith.”

Born in 1868 in the Darfur region of southern Sudan, the future saint was kidnapped at the age of seven and sold into slavery. She was given the name



St. Josephine Bakhita

Bakhita which means fortunate.

After being sold several times, she was sold in 1883 to Callisto Legnani, the Italian consul in Khartoum, Sudan. Two years later she was taken to Italy and given to a friend of the consul.

Bakhita became a babysitter and often took the child to the

Institute of the Catechumens in Venice run by the Canossian Sisters.

While the child was being instructed, Bakhita felt drawn to the Catholic Church. She was baptized and confirmed in 1890 and took the name Josephine.

When the family she was with wanted to return to Africa, Bakhita refused. During the ensuing court case, the Canossian sisters and the patriarch of Venice intervened on her behalf.

The judge ruled that since slavery was illegal in Italy, she had actually been free since 1885.

She entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893

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Saints Cyril and Methodius: Apostles of the Slavs

Off the right aisle in the ancient church of San Clemente in Rome is the chapel of SS. Cyril and Methodius, beneath which repose the bodies of these two brothers.

Known through the centuries as the Apostles of the Slavs, Cyril and Methodius were born in the early years of the ninth century to an influential family of the nobility in Thessalonica. They stood to inherit great wealth and a prominent social status.

From boyhood, however, it became apparent that they both wanted something different from life.

Upon reaching manhood the brothers answered the call to the priesthood. A life of prayer and service to Holy Mother Church appealed to them. They happily turned their backs on the affluence and secular honors awaiting them.

They were leading ascetic lives in a monastery on the Bosphorous when a request came in to the local bishop from the people of Moravia, a region in central Czechoslovakia, for a Christian teacher. German missionaries had for some time been toiling among the Moravians but with little success.

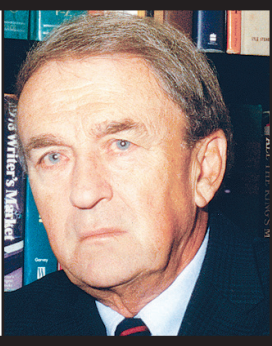
The people yearned for someone who could instruct them and preach to them in the Slavonic tongue. It was the brothers' familiarity with that language that persuaded the bishop to give them the assignment.

In preparation for their task Cyril set about to create an alphabet. He then collaborated with Methodius in translating the Gospels and various liturgical books into the people's tongue. (As a result of this effort they are also looked upon as the founders of Slavonic literature.)

For the next five years they ministered successfully among a flock whom they came to love and who in turn loved them.

A View from History

by Frank J. Korn



Despite their accomplishments, however, Cyril and Methodius were regarded by the German clerics with distrust. Indeed, they were condemned for celebrating the sacred mysteries in the vernacular. As a result of these charges both priests were summoned to Rome by Pope St. Nicholas I (858-67).

While they were en route to the Eternal City the pope passed away. They were received warmly by his successor, Pope Adrian II (867-72).

Convinced of their orthodoxy, the Holy Father lauded their missionary work and sanctioned their use of a Slavonic liturgy.

A long standing tradition claims that Cyril and Methodius brought with them on their journey to Rome the mortal remains of Pope Clement who was martyred in exile in the Crimea. The relics of Pope St. Clement (circa 88-97), the third successor of St. Peter, are said to be entombed beneath the high altar of the church named for him.

Pope Adrian eventually consecrated the brothers as bishops. Sadly, though, Bishop Cyril soon died in Rome (Feb. 4, 869). He was laid to rest in St. Clement's Church. An ancient fresco there depicts his funeral.

At the request of the Moravian royal family Adrian established the Archdiocese of Moravia, making it independent of the German hierarchy, and appointed Methodius as the first archbishop of the new see.

The pope's actions notwithstanding, in 870 King Louis and the German church authorities summoned Methodius to a synod at Ratisbon. There he was deposed. After languishing in a prison cell for more than three years the archbishop was freed by order of Pope John VIII (872-82) and reinstated in his episcopal see.

Once again with great zeal he endeavored to preach the gospel and spread the faith among his flock and among the Poles in northern Moravia as well.

But Methodius soon again became the target of the German authorities. This time they sent a report to Rome charging him with violation of orthodoxy and objecting strenuously to his continued use of Slavonic in his masses.

Again he was summoned to the Holy See. Following an inquiry he was cleared of all charges by John VIII who also endorsed his use of the vernacular.

Methodius returned to his archdiocese and labored there until his death on April 6, 885. His body was transferred to Rome and entombed beside that of his brother.

In modern times the cult of SS. Cyril and Methodius has received considerable attention. They are considered pioneers of the use of the vernacular and as patrons of ecumenism. They share a feast day on Feb. 14 with St. Valentine.

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Stewardship

A personal invitation from God to be His disciples

BY DAVID OSBORNE
Director of Stewardship

As members of the Church, Jesus calls us to be His disciples. This has astonishing implications. Disciples make conscious decisions to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost. Disciples experience conversion, life-shaping changes of mind and heart. Disciples respond in daily life through stewardship, by using all of their resources to build the kingdom of God.

Stewardship has always been a fundamental aspect of discipleship. As disciples, every choice takes on new meaning. The new law of Christian charity convicts us to act in such a way so that we live in harmony with God and others, and challenges us to use whatever means necessary to build God's kingdom.

Christian stewardship is not just preserving natural, material resources and using them responsibly. However, the Bible does contain a profound message about the wise use of material creation.

Caring for and cultivating the God-created world involves joyful appreciation for the beauty and mystery of nature; protecting and preserving the environment; respecting human life and shielding it from threat and assault;

enhancing human life and making life flourish, and developing this world through noble human efforts such as physical labor, the trades and professions, the arts and sciences.

Nevertheless, being a Christian steward means more. As Christian stewards, we build up not only our natural world but also the kingdom of God, already present among us. We become partners with God, partakers in a divine-human

collaboration to recreate the material world, to transform and transfigure the goods of the natural order to represent them in glory in heaven.

Stewardship ought to occupy a central place in our lives.

We ought to receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly and return them with increase to the Lord through His Church. We ought to be grateful for the gifts we have received and be eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another. We ought to emulate the life of Jesus

God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan of recreating this world.

and look to His teachings for guidance in living as Christian stewards so that we attain, not just a natural fulfillment in this life, but a supernatural and eternal life.

Jesus calls us as His disciples to a new way of life—the Christian way of life—of which stewardship is part. However, Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually, by name.

Each one of us—clergy, Religious, married or single lay person, adult or child—has a personal vocation. God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan of recreating this world.

The challenge, then, is to understand our role, our vocation, and to respond generously to this call from God. Christian vocation entails the practice of stewardship. In addition, Christ calls each of us to be stewards of our personal vocations, which we receive from God.



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World Day of the Sick Message
Plight of Africa pope's concern

Pope John Paul II has issued a message for the XIII World Day of the Sick which will be hosted this year on Feb. 11 in Yaounde, Cameroon. Excerpts follow:

The choice of Cameroon, explains the Holy Father, "will offer an opportunity to express solidarity towards the populations of that continent, who are affected by grave failings in health care. In this way, a further step will be taken in the implementation of the commitment that the Christians of Africa, ten year ago, made during the third World Day of the Sick, namely to become "Good Samaritans" towards their brothers and sisters in difficulty."

The World of Day of the Sick, the pontiff continues, "also has as its purpose that of stimulating reflection on the notion of health, which in its most complete meaning, also alludes to a situation of harmony of the human being with himself and with the world that surrounds him. Now, it is precisely this vision that Africa expresses in a markedly rich way in her cultural tradition, as is borne witness to by so many artistic expressions of both a civil and religious character, which are full of a sense of joy, of rhythm and of musicality."

The Holy Father goes on, "unfortunately, however, this harmony is today strongly disturbed. So many diseases devastate this continent, and amongst them all, in particular, there is the scourge of AIDS."

"I have already had occasion in other circumstances to emphasize that AIDS is also a 'pathology of the spirit.'"

Expounding on that point, the Holy Father goes on, "I have already had occasion in other circumstances to emphasize that AIDS is also a 'pathology of the spirit.'"

He notes too "everyone should feel involved in the fight against AIDS. It is up to those in government and the civil authorities to provide, in relation to this same subject, clear and correct information at the service of citizens and also to devote sufficient resources to the education of young people and to health care." The pope says too "I ask pastoral workers to bring to their brothers and sisters affected by AIDS all possible material moral and spiritual comfort..... I would like to in particular mention here, with admiration the very many health care workers, pastoral assistants and volunteers who, as Good Samaritans, spend their lives at the side of AIDS victims and take care of their relatives."

The concern of the Church, notes the pontiff, "for the problems of Africa is not motivated solely by reasons of philanthropic compassion towards men in need-it is also stimulated by adherence to Christ the Redeemer, whose face she sees in the features of every person who suffers."

The annual celebration of World Day of the Sick, the pope explains, "offers everyone the possibility of understanding more effectively the importance of pastoral care in health. In our time, which is marked by a culture imbued with secularism, people at times are tempted not to appreciate to the full this pastoral field."

In Christ, the Holy Father continues, "is the hope of true and full health, the salvation that He brings is the real answer to the ultimate questions of man. There is no contradiction between earthly health and eternal health, given that the Lord died for the overall health of man and of all men."



Archbishop John J. Myers was presented a \$10,000 grant from Michele J. Cestone, President of the Ralph M. Cestone Foundation, West Orange, to fund the Heritage Tour of archdiocesan religious art and architecture. With the archbishop and Cestone is Joseph A. Vancio, left, Heritage Tour Director. The inaugural tour took place in November.

Benefit concert now scheduled for Mar. 6

A concert to benefit the victims of the tsunami disaster that struck southern Asia the day after Christmas has been rescheduled to Sunday, March 6, 3 p.m., at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.

The choir and instrumentalists of the Cathedral Basilica will present "A Tribute to the Immaculate Conception: Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Dogma" featuring Marian music from the past ten centuries.

"The performance is dedicated to the victims of the tsunami disaster. A free-will offering will be collected for the relief effort," explained John Miller, director of music ministries for the Archdiocese of Newark.

The concert had been scheduled for Jan. 23 but was postponed because of the weekend blizzard.


SFIC girls' tourney games postponed

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children girls' basketball triple-header tournament was not held due to the blizzard that struck Jan. 22.

At press time, the individual games were in the process of being rescheduled. Check *The Catholic Advocate* or go to www.basketballfestival.com for announcements on the rescheduled games.

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:



Administrator

Very Reverend Donald J. DiPasquale, V.F.,
Pastor of the Church of Epiphany, Cliffside Park, has also been appointed Administrator of Madonna Parish, Fort Lee, effective Feb. 1, until a pastor is named.

Parochial Vicar

Reverend Innocent Okozi, S.M.A. has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Queen of Angels Parish, Newark, effective Jan. 20.

Corrections

We apologize that Msgr. Robert J. Fuhrman's name was garbled in the caption beneath his photo in the previous issue of *The Catholic Advocate* (Jan. 19. Page 3).

Also, note that he is pastor of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, Saddle River.

First Communion often shared by parishioners

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Children's innocence, openness and ability to be awed mean that, when properly prepared, their first Communion can be a moment when the whole parish witnesses how great a gift the Eucharist is, said Cardinal Dario Castrillon Hoyos.

As soon as children are able to recognize the difference between regular bread and a consecrated host, preparations for their first Communion should begin, said the cardinal, prefect of the Congregation for Clergy.

In a letter posted Jan. 22 in Spanish, Italian and German on the congregation's Web site—www.clerus.org—the cardinal urged priests, in consultation with their bishops, to ensure that children in their parish are able to receive their first Communion when they reach “the age of reason,” generally agreed to be 7 years of age.

In many countries, while Communion preparation classes accept 7-year-olds, many of the children do not receive their first Communion until they are 8 or 9.

Cardinal Castrillon said that in 1910, when Pope St. Pius X (1903-14) authorized publication of a decree saying that children could receive their first Communion “from about the seventh year,” it “marked an important change for the pas-

toral care of children.”

Pope Pius' decree noted that “a few errors” had been made in determining the “age of reason,” so that until 1910 children under the age of 10—and in some dioceses, under the age of 14—were prevented from receiving Communion.

Allowing children to receive the Eucharist at a young age “has brought great grace to the Church,” Cardinal Castrillon said.

He told priests that Pope John Paul II praised the decision to allow young children to receive Communion.

Cardinal Castrillon told priests, “I think that one of the greatest joys for a pastor is to hear the first confession of children and then let them receive their first Communion.”

“The younger they are,” he said, the more certain a priest can be that the children “are worthy to receive in their hearts the sacramental Christ.”

“In fact, the mind of a child who has reached the age where they begin to reason—and today this age is reached quickly—is open and available to welcoming the divine light that makes the mystery of God's love for man penetrate where it is able,” the cardinal wrote.

“Faith raises us beyond reason,” he said.

Catholic ecumenical efforts are scrutinized

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In most parts of the world, ecumenical dialogue and cooperation are a reality even at the parish level, although suspicion among Christians has not disappeared everywhere, said the Vatican's top ecumenists.

Cardinal Walter Kasper and Bishop Brian Farrell, respectively, the president and secretary of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, wrote about the state of Catholic ecumenical efforts in the Jan. 17-18 edition of the Vatican newspaper.

In the newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*, Cardinal Kasper said the Church had reached an “intermediate stage” in which most Catholics are aware of and share the Church's commitment to Christian unity, but sometimes they are impatient with the progress made.

In most countries, he said, “ecumenical coexistence and cooperation belong to the daily Church life of parishes and dioceses.”

However, the cardinal wrote, “ancient prejudices” based on past errors continue to block progress in some areas.

Among the new challenges to ecumenism, Cardinal Kasper listed “relativism and postmodern qualitative pluralism,” which are content to accept things without questioning whether they conform to the Gospel, and the problem of “an aggressive fundamentalism” on the part of Christian sects.

In addition, he cited “a sort of doctrinal and, especially, ethical liberalism that creates new dissension both within some communities as well as between them and the Catholic Church.”

The Catholic press

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The Catholic press can help build a sense of community by helping individuals realize along in practicing their faith, said Archbishop John P. Foley, president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, in remarks Jan. 12 to communications professionals in Accra, Ghana. Catholic newspapers not only provide “authentic information about the Church and society,” but they also form “a true sense of Catholic community,” he said.

Pope in full control

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Although his topic was what issues Pope John Paul II's successor will face, George Weigel, a columnist regularly printed in *The Catholic Advocate*, told a Washington audience that after an eight-day visit to Rome he is convinced that the Holy Father, who is 84 and in frail health, enters the 27th year of his pontificate still in full control of the papacy and his death is not imminent.

Kidnapping thwarted

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Adolf Hitler personally ordered one of his senior Nazi officers to arrange the kidnapping of Pope Pius XII toward the end of World War II, according to new information cited by an Italian newspaper.

Instead of carrying out the order, the officer met secretly with the Holy Father in May 1944 to warn him of the plot. A month later, the Nazis were fleeing Rome, and Hitler's plan could not be carried out. Purported plans by the Nazis to abduct or arrest Pope Pius and take him out of Italy first came to light in the Nuremberg trials after World War II, but details have been sketchy.

Eucharist is focus

DALLAS (CNS)—The celebration of the Eucharist is “the supreme act of worship” for Catholics, and is at the “very heart of our religion,” a top Vatican cardinal told a crowd of nearly 2,000 gathered in Dallas for a liturgical conference. Nigerian Cardinal Francis Arinze, prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, was the keynote speaker at the 43rd annual Southwest Liturgical Conference, held Jan. 18-21. Representatives



CNS photo

Vincent Sava displays a metal cross found in the grave of Mother Marianne Cope in Kalaupapa on the Hawaiian island of Molokai. Sava is leading the forensic team exhuming the nun's body as required prior to beatification. Mother Marianne, a Sister of St. Francis of Syracuse, NY, died in 1918. She was the first U.S. missionary to work among patients with leprosy, or Hansen's disease, in the Hawaiian Islands.

from 27 dioceses in the Southwest gathered for a series of workshops, talks and activities focusing on celebrating liturgy during the study week, on the theme “Come to the Feast/Ven al Banquete: Disciples Called, Fed, Sent Forth.”

Bishops launch ads

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has launched a major advertising campaign encouraging people to take a “second look” at their views on abortion. The ad campaign, called the “Second Look Project,” presents basic facts about legalized abortion, according to Cathy Cleaver Ruse, director of planning and information in the pro-life secretariat.

Liberation marked

UNITED NATIONS (CNS)—The Vatican joined in a Jan. 24 commemoration by the United Nations of the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camps. Holding a special session for the first time to mark the anniversary, the U.N. General Assembly heard addresses by Secretary-General Kofi Annan and foreign ministers of Israel, Germany and other countries as well as by delegates of several other U.N. nation-members and Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor who won

the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986. The observance in particular marked the liberation of the Auschwitz camp in Poland by Soviet troops on Jan. 27, 1945.

Process begins

HONOLULU (CNS)—In preparation for her upcoming beatification, the process of exhuming Mother Marianne Cope's body began Jan. 24. Mother Marianne, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Syracuse, NY, ministered to people with leprosy—now called Hansen's disease—in Hawaii. On Dec. 20 the Vatican approved a miracle attributed to her intercession, clearing the way for her beatification. Although a date has not yet been set for her beatification, the first stage in the process is exhuming the body and identifying it.

Values are crucial

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The world's traditional tribal or indigenous religions are rich in values that can contribute to peacemaking, but they need to be better known and supported, said participants in a Vatican meeting. In most traditional religions, “peace is viewed in terms of harmony with all facets of reality: the seen and unseen, the divine and the human, the cosmic and the historical,” said the final statement from the Jan. 12-15 meeting. Sponsored by the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue.

Largest Jewish group ever visits the Vatican

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope John Paul II, meeting an international group of rabbis and cantors, urged continuing efforts to promote Jewish-Catholic dialogue and respect for every person.

"This year we will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's declaration *Nostra Aetate*, which has significantly contributed to the strengthening of Jewish-Catholic dialogue," the Holy Father told the group, which came to Rome under the auspices of the U.S.-based Pave the Way Foundation.

The group of 130 rabbis and cantors, accompanied by about 30 Catholic friends, was the largest group of Jewish leaders ever to travel to the Vatican to meet the pope, said Father Norbert Hofmann, S.D.B., secretary of the Vatican's Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews.

Before greeting each member Jan. 18, the pope expressed his hope for a "renewed commitment to increased understanding and cooperation in the service of building a world ever more firmly based on respect for the divine image in every human being."

Gary Krupp, founder and president of the Pave the Way Foundation, thanked the pope for his efforts to promote Catholic-Jewish dialogue, for his condemnations of anti-Semitism, for his asking forgiveness for wrongs committed by Catholics against Jews and for his 2000 visit to Israel.

"It is impossible to describe the emotional impact these milestones have had on Jews worldwide," Krupp told the pope.

Most of the rabbis and cantors were from the United States, but the group also included members from Canada, Israel, France, Croatia and India.

During the audience, Rabbi Jack Bemporad, director of the New Jersey-based Center for Interreligious Understanding, and two other rabbis formally asked God to bless Pope John Paul, using a blessing drawn



Pope John Paul II addresses an international Jewish delegation in Clementine Hall at the Vatican. A total of 130 rabbis and cantors were in the group.

from the Book of Numbers.

In a Jan. 17 speech in Rome, Rabbi Bemporad said the group came to Rome to thank Pope John Paul for all he has done to promote Catholic-Jewish understanding and, especially, for all he has done to extend the Second Vatican Council's positive teachings about Jews and Judaism.

The audience took place at the beginning of a year filled with events to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the council's declaration on non-Christian religions, which included a section

on the special ties that bind Christianity and Judaism.

Rabbi Bemporad said the biggest challenge facing Catholic-Jewish relations is to follow up the council's teachings with "a theology of a living Judaism," which explains how God's covenant with the Jews endures and can be a means of salvation and which rec-

ognizes the theological importance of the land of Israel for the Jews.

Because of the Shoah (Holocaust) and the destruction of European Jewry, the significance of the land of Israel, not only as a land of refuge but as a place for the rebirth of Jewish life, has taken on a central significance in Jewish consciousness," he said.



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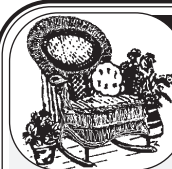


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February 4

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February 7

St. Joseph the Carpenter Parish, Roselle, Rosary Confraternity meeting, 7:30 p.m., tickets and raffle books for March Irish Fest available.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, Rosary Altar Society, “That’s Entertainment” evening, 7:45 p.m., recitation of Rosary, 7 p.m.

Our Lady of Peace Parish, New Providence, “The Wisdom of Broadway,” with

Father Frank J. McNulty, 7:30 p.m. Free, open to public.

February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, Mass for Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety, celebrant, 7:30 p.m.



February 13

St. Paul Parish, Ramsey, candlelight vigil and Living Rosary honoring Our Lady of Lourdes, 7 p.m.

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National Day of Prayer

Sunday, Feb. 6 is a National Day of Prayer for the African American Family.

The National Day of Prayer was created by Father James Goode, O.F.M., in 1989 “as a day set aside for us to give special thanks to God for our families and place our every care in the arms of Jesus our Bread of Life.”

“The National Day of Prayer is a fitting opening to Black Catholic Month activities. Coming together in prayer on that Sunday will be a sign to our families that we are of one accord with them during these troubling times. During these days of increased unemployment, terrorism, war, domestic violence, inadequate healthcare and HIV-AIDS, our families need the reassuring grace of prayer,” said Tracey G. Battles, director of the Office of Black Catholic Affairs for the Archdiocese of Newark.

“Even though this is the beginning of a new year, for many it will be a time of fear—fear of losing housing, utilities, jobs and medical benefits,” he added.

As a sign of support and solidarity, each parish, family, convent, religious house, etc., is being asked to stand and pray for the Black family.

In keeping with the “Year of the Eucharist” (October 2004 – October 2005) proclaimed by Pope John Paul II, this year’s theme for the National Day of Prayer for the African American Family is “Jesus Our Bread of Life - Hallelujah!”

For additional information visit www.solidgroundministry.com.

How to Report Abuse

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

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

Local Highlights

Spiritual

• Theology on Tap presents, “Is God Out There? Is Anyone Listening When We Pray?” with Sister Veronica Mendez, R.C.D., Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m., at La Pastaria restaurant, Summit. Cost \$15, includes dinner and drinks. Call Dave O’Brien at (908) 598-8116.

• Theologian, author and storyteller John Shea will speak on “Eyes to See, Ears to Hear: Gospel Stories for Spiritual Consciousness,” Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m. at the Shrine of St. Joseph, Stirling. Suggested donation, \$10. Call (908) 647-0208.

• The Lumen Center, Caldwell, has several upcoming workshops, including “Praying Hands,” Feb. 10, 7-9 p.m., cost \$20; “Praying the Scriptures – *Lectio Divina*,” Feb. 19, 10 a.m.-noon, cost \$25, and “Jesus, Man of His Time – God of All Time,” Feb. 17, 7:30-9 p.m. Free will offering.

Office of Family Life Ministries

• Retrouvaille is a program of the Catholic Church designed to provide practical help and support to married couples who are in difficult relationships. The program is three-fold, and begins with a weekend experience, March 4-6. For information and registration, call (973) 497-4327.

• An annulment information evening will be held on Feb. 16 at the Archdiocesan Center, (Auditorium A), Newark. A canon lawyer will provide the most recent guidelines, theology and requisites for obtaining an annulment. Pre-registration is not necessary. Call (973) 497-4327.

• The Spring 2005 Bereavement Support Group Facilitator Training Certification program, an eight-session program, is now open for registration. Sessions are offered on Tuesday mornings at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, and Thursday evenings at St. Anne Parish, Garwood, and will run mid-March through May. Cost \$125. Call (973) 497-4327.

Pro-Life Youth Rally

• The Salesians of Don Bosco will host a Pro-Life Youth Rally, March 4, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at Seton Hall University, featuring keynote speaker on chastity, Daniel diSilva, as well as skits, music and discussion. Cost \$7, including lunch. The event will end with Mass at 1 p.m. Contact Father Steve Ryan, S.D.B., (973) 761-0201.

Bereavement

• St. Mary Parish, Rutherford, will host a weekly bereavement support group beginning on Feb. 16, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Reservations are required, call (201) 438-2200.

Lectures

• Maureen Kanka, who with her husband Richard, enacted Megan’s Law after their 7-year-old daughter was murdered by a previously convicted child molester, will offer

“How do we keep our children safe from sexual predators?” at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Tenafly, Feb. 17, 7 p.m. Call Maria Margiotta at (201) 816-3634 or email mmargiotta@nj.rr.com.

Clergy Formation

• The Office of Continuing Formation of Priests of the Archdiocese of Newark will host “The Pastor as Servant and Leader (Part I),” Feb. 8, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost: \$25, lunch included. Call (973) 497-4218 or email downtinfr@rcan.org.

Open House

• The Felician College Child Care Center, Lodi, operated by the Felician Sisters, will hold a series of open houses on Feb. 3 and March 2-3, 9-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. Call (973) 778-0093.

Fundraisers

• The Holy Name Hospital Multiple Sclerosis Comprehensive Care Center, Teaneck, 8th annual luncheon, fashion show and auction will be held at the Marriott Glenpointe Hotel, Teaneck, April 10, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. For tickets, call Lisa Futterman beginning March 1 at (201) 837-0727, ext. 125 or email lfutterman1@aol.com.

• The Academy of Holy Angels, Demarest, will hold its 125th birthday gala March 12, at Rockleigh Country Club; the grand prize is \$125,000. Cost \$25, or \$100 for five tickets. Call Kathy Marchi at (201) 768-7822, ext. 224 or via email at kmarchi@holyan-gels.org.

• The Knights of Columbus, Washington Township, will host a NASCAR Daytona 500 party on Feb. 20, 1 p.m., at 79 Pascack Rd. Cost \$20, includes entertainment, food and beverages. Tickets may be purchased at 79 Pasckack Rd., 3-6:30 p.m., weekdays. Call (201) 664-0422.

Health

• St. James Hospital, Newark: a blood drive Feb. 7, noon-6 p.m. in the Doctor Cacciarelli Conference Room, fifth floor. Call (800) NJ-BLOOD, ext. 140 or visit www.cathedralhealth.org.

• Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck: free blood pressure screenings on Feb. 7, 5-7 p.m., and Feb. 4 and 18, 1-3 p.m. Call (201) 227-6250.

• Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth: a seminar on psychiatric illnesses in children and adolescents on Feb. 15, noon-2 p.m., with Raul Silva, M.D., deputy director of the division of child/adolescent psychiatry at NYU School of Medicine. To register, call (908) 994-7452.

• The Roselle Park Community Blood Bank, sponsored by Assumption Parish: its annual blood drive on Feb. 5 at the Roselle Park High School cafeteria, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Call James Vigliotti at (908) 245-7412.

Pre-K

• St. Vincent de Paul School, Bayonne, has opened a four-year-old Pre-K program, with full or half days. Call (201) 339-4438, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., or visit www.saintvincentdepaul.org.

Singles

• The “Catholics Who Happen to be Single” Club is sponsoring a wine and cheese evening, Feb. 4, 7-10 p.m., at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield. Call Leonora at (973) 743-6100.

• St. Phil’s Singles has a number of events on their calendar: Café Night at Panera Bread, Denville, Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m., call (973) 248-9245; Coffee Night at Starbucks, East Hanover, Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m., call (973) 248-9245; Bingo/Games Night at St. Joseph’s Hall, 386 S. Livingston Ave., Livingston, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m., call (973) 340-4001. Visit www.homestead.com/stphilssingles for more details.

Meetings

• The Bayley Seton League of Seton Hall University will meet on Feb. 15 in the Chancellor’s Suite at 1:15 p.m. A memorial Mass will be celebrated for John Deehan in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at noon followed by a luncheon. Frank Korn, assistant professor of classical studies, will offer “Vatican... Country and Spirit.” Call Rose Soriano at (973) 375-9332.

• Members of the Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Teresa will meet on Feb. 4, 3:15 in the Chapel of St. Peter Hall, 2652 Kennedy Blvd, Jersey City, for the recitation of the Little Office followed by Mass and a councilor’s meeting. On Feb. 5, they will gather at St. Peter Hall Chapel for the recitation of the Rosary at 8:40 a.m., followed by Mass and monthly breakfast meeting.

Cultural

• Seton Hall University, South Orange, will hold Poetry-in-the-Round Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Walsh Library Gallery. The 1981 recipient of the Nobel Prize in Chemistry, Roald Hoffman, will read from his poetry and answer questions. Reception and book-signing to follow. Free, first come, first served seating. Call (973) 761-9000, ext. 5105 or visit artsci.shu.edu/english.

Youth

• Caldwell College invites all area youth to attend its upcoming men’s and women’s basketball games on Feb. 5, against Felician College, as Caldwell College hosts NCAA Basketball’s 10th Anniversary Take a Kid to the Game Day celebration. Youth ages 12 and under, free, with the purchase of a reduced-priced adult ticket of \$3. Youngsters will receive fun give-a-ways as well. The men’s game tips off the double-header at 1 p.m., followed by the women’s game at 3 p.m. Call (973) 618-3260.

Reflections on a sacred mission

BY PAMELA SWARTZBERG
Special to The Catholic Advocate

As Catholic women, many of us mothers, we share concern for the upbringing of our children. How do we guide them in the right path? How do we make day-to-day decisions which allow our children to grow in faith? It is no easy task, as most of us live in the “busyness” of each day.

We are often unaware of our own faith lives as we are distracted by the demands on our time.

And yet, we are called to this holy mission of child-rearing. God has entrusted us with the very souls of our children.

The task is sometimes daunting, usually challenging, often utterly mind-boggling. But with confidence in God’s great love for us, it is also hopeful and beautiful and triumphant.

The Women’s Commission of the Archdiocese of Newark is pleased to support the families of the region in this endeavor of Christian parenting. To that end, we are honored to invite all to a Day of Reflection focusing on this sacred mission.

On March 12, James B. Stenson, author and educator, will share with us his thoughts on the great hope of Christian families, “The Light of Hope: Christ’s Divine Promise for the Future.”

In his recent book, *Anchor: God’s Promises of Hope to Parents* (Scepter Publishers, Inc., 2003), Stenson offers his sage advice on dealing with the challenges of parenthood and emphasizes the sacred mission and primary responsibility of parents: to bring children face-to-face with Jesus.

“He, the all-powerful Creator, needs you—counts on your free dedication, your generous consent to His will—to form in your children a truthful conscience, to strengthen their minds and will, to enkindle in their hearts a lifelong love for Him and ambitions for a life of holy, sacrificial service. He asks you to surpass yourself, expend yourself in joyful self-giving, to guide your children to become, with His never-failing help, great men and women—saints in the middle of the world.

“To direct the destiny of your children’s souls, their earthly and eternal happiness, is your sacred mission. This is God’s will for you from all eternity, your great vocation as a parent.” (*Anchor*, p. 12)

We all care deeply about our children, whether we are parents, grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles, educa-

tors or caregivers. We are all conscious of the difficulties of raising lovers of Christ in a fallen world. We all wish to raise our children into heroic Christian adults. And so we, the Women’s Commission, offer you this day of encouragement in that great challenge.

Our Day of Reflection will begin at the beginning, with the holy sacrifice of Mass, celebrated by Most Rev. John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark, at 10 a.m. at St. Aloysius Church, Caldwell. James Stenson will then share with us his thoughts and allow ample opportunity for questions and answers.

Please join us for this Day of Reflection and renew your faith in the hope that is Christ Himself. For more information call (973) 497-4010 or visit <http://www.rcan.org/womcom/>.

Swartzberg is chairperson of the Women’s Commission of the Archdiocese of Newark.



Pamela Swartzberg

A time for tears

Editor,

My heart aches for the thousands of poor souls who lost their lives in that tidal wave of death in so many countries on the Asian continent.

This tragedy has the world crying and praying for all involved in the mind-boggling event.

I find it ironic, however, that very few people realize that in this country alone, over 100,000 lives are legally killed every month! One may be shocked to hear this, but every day, more than 4,000 abortions are performed by the medical profession!

Hopefully, all of us will experience the same kind of pain, shed the same kind of tears, and pray for it to stop. Sadly, that is not going to happen due to the mindset of this nation! Animals get more protection than the child in the womb.

Bernard Kiernan
Fort Lee

Discoveries abound

Editor,

Scientific discoveries are partially uncovering the brilliance and intellect of God.

This is true for everyone, if only they stop to think about it. The first thing to remember is that we were created in the image of God.

We have come upon the “age of discovery.”

Isn’t it clear that we will discover more about the cosmos and other things regarding how God made the universe?

In the meantime, keep your eye on the ball. Religious vocations are needed and wanted. Isn’t it proper for a man or woman to give up something to spread God’s word? God is the master in the “age of discovery.”

Ed Mozinski
Lyndhurst

Locals march to stop the slaughter

It is a staggering statistic. Estimates are that since abortion became legal in 1973, some 46 million innocent human beings have been killed. Such carnage is why the Archdiocese of Newark was again well represented at this year’s March for Life last week in Washington, DC.

The busloads of marchers from Bergen, Union, Essex and Hudson counties joined forces with concerned pro-lifers from across the country calling for an end to abortion.

Among those braving the aftermath of the blizzard of 2005 and frigid temperatures was Msgr. Richard M. McGuinness, director of the archdiocesan Respect Life Office. He made the point, as did others at the march, of the number of young people taking part in the prayerful witness.

It is the next generation, after all, that will have to carry on, no matter how long it takes to reverse the infamous U.S. Supreme Court’s Roe v. Wade decision.

There is cause for hope. President Bush, who had substantial help in his reelection bid from opponents of abortion, is expected to appoint at least one pro-life Supreme Court justice during the next four years. The sooner the better.

On the legislative front, the Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act is expected to be introduced this week. It would require that women, 20 or more weeks pregnant and seeking an abortion, be informed that their child will feel excruciating pain from the procedure.

The message of the March for Life is a clear one. The witness will continue—next year and every year until the slaughter stops.

Celebrating the history of a people

Black History Month is the opportunity to learn about and celebrate the deep, enduring and diverse culture of a people. Nationally and in the Archdiocese of Newark, under the auspices of the Office of Black Catholic Affairs, February features programs and events marking this special time of year.

Highlighting the month in schools and parishes throughout the archdiocese are a special Mass Feb. 8 at Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Newark, celebrating the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, a former slave, and a Mass for Black History Month Feb. 27, 10:30 a.m., at St. Mary Parish, Plainfield.

Today’s Question: In the Archdiocese of Newark, is an “extraordinary minister of the Eucharist” permitted to expose and repose the Blessed Eucharist during a parish adoration if the priests and deacons are not present?—George F. McGehrin, Sr.

Most current Church documents regarding worship of the Holy Eucharist outside of Mass, including the Code of Canon Law (Canon 943), allow in particular circumstances, when a priest or deacon is not present for a legitimate reason, that an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion may be a minister of exposition and reposition, without benediction.

As the Commentary on Canon 943 clarifies, “The ordinary minister of exposition is a priest or deacon who may also bless the people with the sacrament at the end of the period of adoration. In the absence of a priest or deacon, an acolyte, special minister of Communion, or another person deputed by the local ordinary may publicly expose for adoration and later repose the Eucharist.

“These ministers may open the tabernacle and place the vessel containing the Eucharist on the altar or place of exposition or put the Host in the monstrance. At the end of the adoration they replace the Eucharist in the tabernacle, but they may not give the blessing.”

According to our Worship Office,

following these guidelines, an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion would be permitted, without ceremony, to expose and repose the Eucharist during parish adoration, when a priest or deacon could not be present.

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.

What’s the Matter?

By Msgr. Richard J. Arnolds



U.S. bishops rediscover their voices in 2004

Catholic editors around the country voted "Catholics and politics" the No.1 religious news story of 2004. Fair enough. Still, I'd argue that the most significant development in U.S. Catholic life in 2004 was a story-within-that-story: the story of individual bishops who vindicated Vatican II by rediscovering their voices as authentic teachers of Catholic faith.

The Second Vatican Council (1962-65) was convoked, in part, to complete the work of the First Vatican Council (1869-70).

Vatican I had initially focused its attention on papal authority; the conversation was truncated, though, because the Franco-Prussian War interrupted things before the council could discuss the authority of local bishops and its relationship to papal authority. Vatican I was suspended, never to be reconvened; the papal states then collapsed; the pope exiled himself inside the Leonine Wall as the "Prisoner of the Vatican."

Vatican II, it was thought, would finish what was left undone, giving a greater symmetry to Catholic ecclesiology—the doctrine of the Church—by addressing the nature and function of the episcopate in local churches around the world.

Lumen Gentium, Vatican II's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, and *Christus Dominus*, the council's Decree on the Pastoral Office of Bishops, fulfilled that expectation.

By teaching that bishops received the fullness of the sacrament of orders at their ordination, that the bishops form a global "college," that every local bishop shares apostolic responsibility for the universal Church and that the teaching office has "pride of

The Catholic Difference

by George Weigel



place" among the bishop's duties, Vatican II rejected any "branch office" model of the local churches, in which the local bishop is a junior office manager who simply implements directives from corporate headquarters.

In the immediate aftermath of the Council, and in the argot of that era, it was often said that local bishops had been "empowered" by Vatican II.

Yet the past four decades in the United States saw a considerable disempowerment of local bishops as teachers of

Catholic faith, as the national bishops' conference assumed a new (and mediagenic) teaching function.

That the bishops ought to speak in a unified voice on some matters, and on some occasions, is obvious: the most important example of effective, coordinated U.S. episcopal teaching has been on the life issues, as with the 1998 pastoral letter, "Living the Gospel of Life."

But as the bishops of the United States got accustomed to leaving the "big questions" to the bishops'

conference, a certain debilitation of the local bishop's role as teacher took place—a debilitation that meshed neatly with the managerial concept of the episcopate promoted by the *modus operandi* of the national conference.

Then came 2004: in retrospect, a real emergency. The first Catholic nominee for the presidency in two generations was a man who had long defied Catholic teaching on issues the bishops themselves had declared primary in assessing a candidate's fitness for office. To make matters worse, that same candidate was busily misrepresenting the Church's pro-life position as a "sectarian" one that could not be "imposed" on a pluralistic society.

The episcopal conference's reaction to Catholic politicians' claiming to be in full communion with the Church while voting for what the pope had called the "culture of death" was, sadly, bureaucratic and managerial: form a committee.

It quickly became clear that the committee would defer any serious action on "Catholics and politics" until after the 2004 election.

Then something dramatic happened. With the archbishops of St. Louis and Denver in the lead, local bishops around the country decided that, rather than waiting on the conference's lethargic "process," they would reclaim the teaching authority Vatican II had taught was theirs.

Thus, while the bishops' conference had nothing of consequence to say about "Catholics and politics" during the heat of the 2004 debate, Archbishop Charles Chaput of Denver (to take but one example of the new trend) produced a magisterial op-ed essay for *The New York Times*, demolishing the notion of Catholic sectarianism and challenging the entire nation to bring conscience to bear in public life.

George Weigel is a senior fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, DC.

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Jesus is not only our Savior, He is our model

Poor God!

When things go wrong in the world He always gets the blame—whether it is fire, cyclone, flood, earthquake, famine, plague, volcanic eruption, war or just human misery. At the hospital I cannot count the times I have heard, "What did I ever do to deserve this?" or "Why did this happen?" Rabbi Harold S. Kushner wrote a mega-best-selling book entitled *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*.

Now we have a new word in our vocabulary: "tsunami," what used to be called a "tidal wave." It was terrible. They tell us that it killed over 200,000 people. It destroyed a huge number of towns and villages.

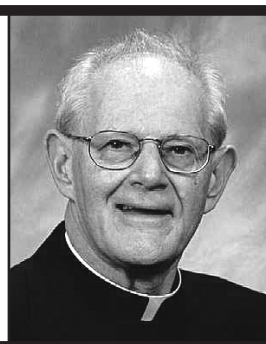
Immediately, many articles were written. Many news programs and talk shows discussed the topic. People everywhere asked the same question: "How could God let this happen?" So there you have it! It is "God's fault."

Inevitably, when a great tragedy occurs the Book of Job is invoked. But may I suggest that Job is a wrong example. In the Book of Job, God allows Job to be tested by not only taking his property but also by allowing the death of his children. They are killed by a great wind that blows down a house upon them all.

Job may have said, "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." But nevertheless the death of the innocent is explicitly permitted by God to torment Job. But what about the children? What did they do to be killed?

Voices

By Msgr. John Gilchrist



Job in one place actually accuses God of being malicious (Job 13:23). Fortunately, the Book of Job is actually "potpourri" of literature of every type. Therefore it is not actual history, it is in large part didactic—wisdom literature composed by many hands over many centuries.

However, the problem is that somehow humans try to project God into every situation that can be imagined. It is as if God were micromanaging the universe.

We exist in two worlds. God's macrocosm—the whole universe—is in a sense alive. We are part of

it. Natural events affect us for good or for evil. But the physical laws of nature are specifically that—laws. They must operate for the whole of creation to be understandable, coherent and effective for God's providential plan.

On the other hand, each of us has our own inner world. And it is our response to the world around us that makes the difference. We Christians have a Savior who is like us in all things—sin excepted. Jesus is not only our Savior, He is our model. He is the anchor that gives us hope in darkness. He knew suffering and death personally.

Let me quote St. Paul: "What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness or peril, or the sword?...No, all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through Him who loved us." (Romans 8:35-36)

So in our microcosm, we must believe that in God's providence we are loved. And, to quote St.

Paul again, "For those who love God all things work together unto good"—and that includes even the bad things.

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

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Pope authorizes special indulgences

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—During the Year of the Eucharist, which runs through October, Catholics can receive special indulgences for eucharistic adoration and prayer before the Eucharist.

Pope John Paul authorized the indulgences in order to encourage in the faithful “a deeper knowledge of and a more intense love” for the Eucharist, said Cardinal James Francis Stafford, major penitentiary head of the Apostolic Penitentiary.

An indulgence is a remission of the temporal punishment due for sins committed.

Cardinal Stafford said the special eucharistic year indulgences include the normal requirements set by the church for all plenary indulgences: that within a reasonably short period of time, the person goes to confession, receives the Eucharist and prays for the intentions of the pope, all in a spirit of total detachment from the attraction of sin.

Special plenary indulgences, he said, would be

given to those who fulfill the normal requirements in conjunction with participating “with attention and piety in a sacred function or a pious exercise carried out in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, either solemnly exposed or preserved in the tabernacle.”


In addition, he said, those who recite the vespers and compline prayers of the Liturgy of the Hours in a church or chapel where the Eucharist is present in the tabernacle will receive a plenary indulgence.

Cardinal Stafford said that Catholics who because of illness or other serious reason cannot visit a church or chapel could still earn the indulgence if they make the visit “with the desire of their hearts, in a spirit of faith in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the sacrament of the altar.”

Those who cannot go to church, he said, should recite the Lord’s Prayer, the creed and a short prayer about the gift of the Eucharist.

The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II



Vatican commends mother for ‘courageous gesture’

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican praised an Italian woman who sacrificed her life for her unborn child, calling it an act of “love and faith.”

A 41-year-old woman from northern Italy died Jan. 24 from skin cancer, just three months after giving birth to a healthy baby boy.

Soon after Rita Fedrizzi was diagnosed with melanoma last year, she discovered she was pregnant. She refused doctors’ recommendations to abort the fetus and to undergo treatment that would have been harmful to her unborn child.

The Vatican newspaper, L’Osservatore Romano, headlined its Jan. 26 story about Fedrizzi “A gesture of love and faith in order to let life win.”

The decision to forgo treatment knowing she would most likely die as a result was not made without “a heavy heart” or with “superficiality,” said the paper.

“She informed herself ... and she knew clearly that if she were to give birth she would not have had any hope of surviving” the disease, it said.

The woman’s husband, Enrico Fontana, said his wife had told the doctors that carrying out an abortion would have been like “killing one of my other two children to save my skin.”

Fedrizzi made “a choice based on her faith, which I always shared with her,” Fontana said.

The Vatican paper called her sacrifice “a courageous gesture.”

The value of prayer

Dear brothers and sisters,

Psalm 116 (114) reminds us of the great value of prayer. It speaks of an appeal for help addressed to God in a situation of extreme danger. The believer clings to the Lord as his only hope of salvation and expresses his grateful love for the protection he receives. Authentic faith always sees God as love, even if at times we find it difficult to understand fully his actions. Prayer helps us to rediscover the loving face of God. He never abandons his people but guarantees that, notwithstanding trials and suffering, in the end good triumphs.

I extend a special welcome to the English-speaking pilgrims here today, including groups from Denmark, Canada and the United States of America. Upon all of you I invoke the peace and joy of Our Lord, and I wish you a happy stay in Rome.

Light and salt: Moving our faith into action

Readings: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

The riches of the liturgy are so varied and profound that we cannot absorb all their dimensions even in a lifetime of prayerful appreciation. To overcome superficiality we should focus our attention on one thread of thought which can be followed from one part of the Mass to another.

This may be chosen according to the liturgical season, placing us in sync with the rhythm of the Church’s prayer, or in response to a particular need or event in our life.

The theme of light dominates the readings from Isaiah and the Gospel. The liturgical experience of God’s benign presence as illuminating led the priests to intercede for Israel: “May the Lord let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you” (Num 6:25).

Psalm 19 draws an analogy between God’s illuminating gift of sunlight and the light that comes from his Torah (instruction or Law). God’s Word is a lamp illuminating the path of life (Ps 119:105).

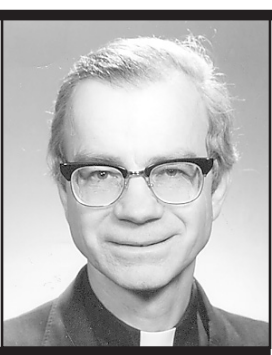
The fourth Gospel takes the theme of light into its hymn celebrating the Word whereby the Father created the universe (Jn 1:1-5). As the new manifestation of God’s presence and instruction, Jesus is the light of the world (Jn 8:12).

One shows appreciation for a gift by using it. How are we to reflect the luminous presence of God in our lives? The disciple of the great prophet Isaiah declares that this is achieved through the corporal acts of mercy.

Sunday Readings

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Feb. 6, 2005)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



The penitential practice of fasting must be completed by “sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless, clothing the naked...”(58:7). These and similar activities are an imitation of God’s loving care of the needy among his creatures.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus declares that His disciples are “the light of the world” (Mt 5:14) because they are children of God, the lightgiver.

To fulfill its function of enlightening and warming, light must be exposed for all to enjoy. So Jesus postulates that people must see our good deeds; then they will glorify the heavenly Father (5:16). It must be clear to all from our way of acting that we are but responding to a call of Christ to imitate the heavenly Father.

One shows appreciation for a gift by using it.

Moreover, whatever we share with the less fortunate is already a divine gift to all, so we are stewards or caretakers merely exercising our responsibility.

The second image used by Jesus draws attention to a resource to which local people had easy access. Salt, so essential to the diet that it was a form of currency and the monthly salary of soldiers, could be extracted easily from the mineral-laden waters of the Dead Sea.

Jesus hopes that His disciples, though few in number, will have a salutary effect on the world at large. “You are the salt of the earth” (5:13), a precious gift that must not be taken for granted.

The disciple must realize that the essential quality of salt can be lost. This is probably because salt had to be extracted from other minerals, which were left behind as residue.

The disciple must likewise engage in an ongoing process of purification and cast aside the dross, which might masquerade as the genuine gift that should be shared.

Gifts of God are to be shared in such a way that the integrity of each person is enhanced. Then the community will be at peace and be able to extend gifts to “outsiders” in a way that will draw them more and more into the circle of God’s love.

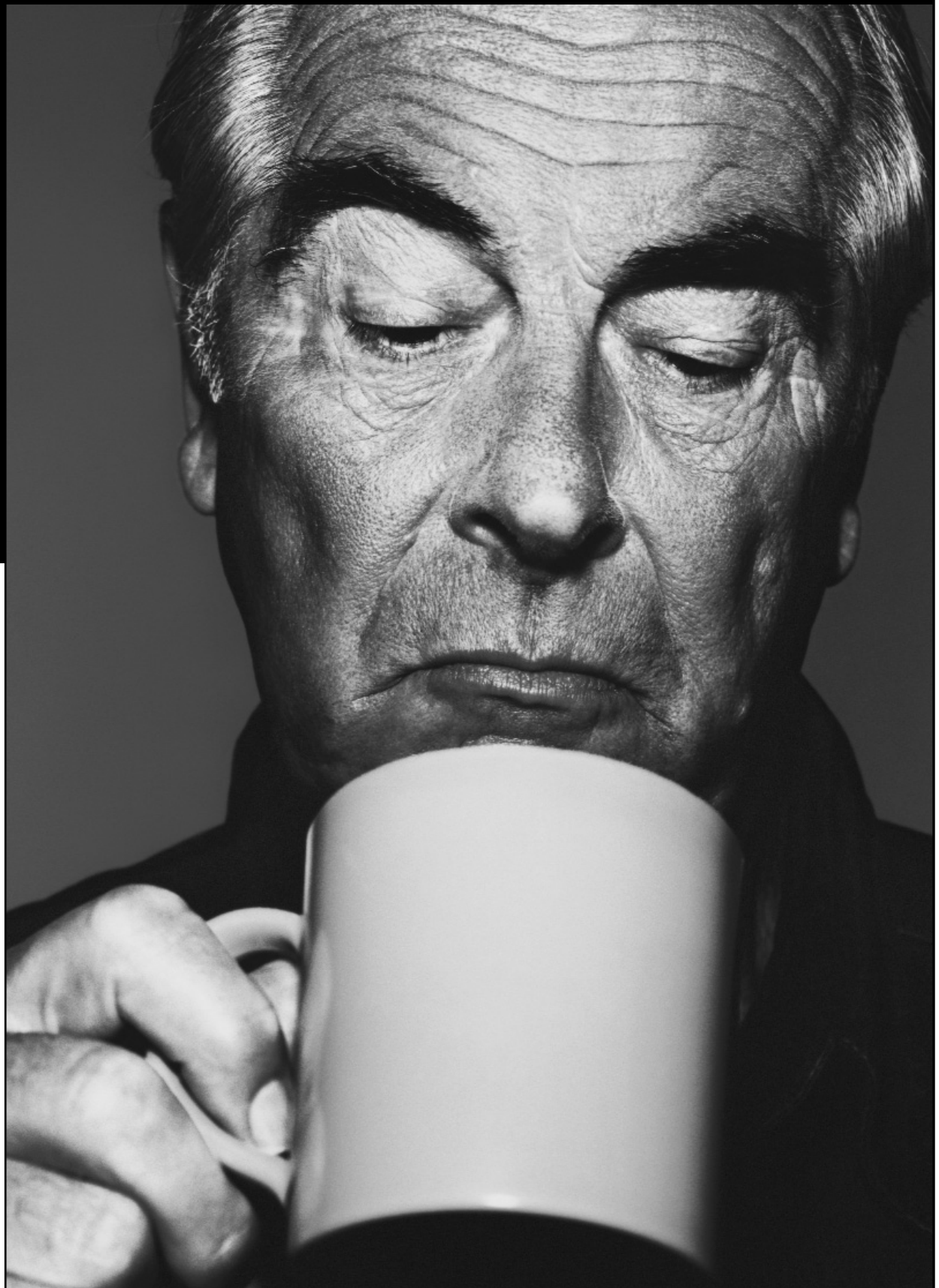
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Bishop’s ‘personal touch’ draws parishioners into deeper faith

BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Writer

St. Henry Parish, Bayonne, which serves 1,800 families of largely Polish, Italian and Irish heritage, is since May the seat of the Regional Bishop for Hudson County, Most Rev. Thomas A. Donato.

The new bishop, cordial and soft-spoken in demeanor, exudes a magnetic warmth that draws people to him, as well as a quiet intensity about his mission at St. Henry—to attract people, especially young adults, back to the Church.

“Yes, I have a great deal of concern for the young,” Bishop Donato stated. He explained, “When I was at St. Paul Parish, Ramsey, the involvement of the young added a whole new dimension to parish life. My dream, as soon as I can, is to reach out to young people, talk to them, and get them involved in ministry.”

Another hope for the new bishop is to begin a “Theology on Tap” series in Bayonne. “I’d like it to be sponsored by the entire deanery, not just by one parish or priest, and see where that goes, mainly because we don’t see enough of that age group in Church.”

“Outreach to them is very important,” he emphasized. “From my past experience, I know there is a hunger there, even if they themselves don’t always recognize it. Unless someone invites our young adults back into the Church community in ways that they’ll respond to, it’s just not going to happen. There needs to be a more personal touch—that’s what really speaks to this generation,” he explained.

Bishop Donato said he plans to call young parishioners on a regular basis, to talk to them about greater involvement in parish life, but mainly to provide that much needed personal touch.

“Once they get in the door, they need to get involved in some form or another, so that their sense of belonging is lived out. They need to feel that they’re not just another number, but that those talents which they offer so graciously to the parish are unique, and appreciated.”

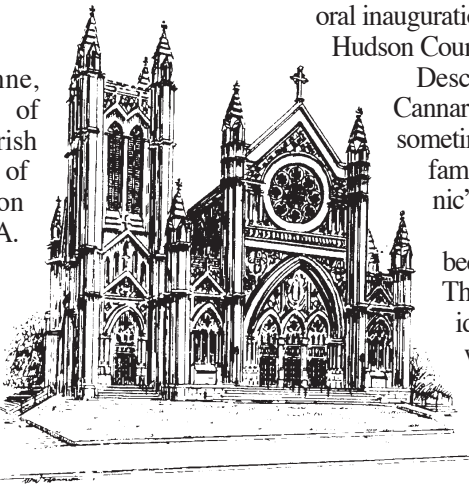
“He’s open to everybody,” said Father Paul A. Cannariato, parochial vicar at St. Henry for six years. “Everybody feels he is approachable. There have been many times where a parishioner will just go up to him to talk. He often approaches them, and that’s how he is with everyone. It’s a nice relationship.”

Father Cannariato has worked with the parish’s youth as moderator for the altar servers and the cub scouts and boy scouts. In addition to his work with youth, he runs the parish’s RCIA program, a Bible study and a men’s ministry.

He said he takes great pleasure in all his work at the parish, especially working with adults in RCIA, which averages somewhere between 8 and 15 new candidates a year. “I enjoy the area of formation, of teaching the Catholic faith,” he noted.

Father Cannariato pointed out that St. Henry’s is close in proximity to the Bayonne City Hall, and that the church building in some respects, has become somewhat of a town entity.

“There was a ecumenical 9/11 memorial service here, there was a service when our troops went to Iraq, the may-



Saint Henry Parish, Bayonne

oral inauguration Mass was here, the annual Blue Mass for Hudson County police officers was here,” he noted.

Describing the city of Bayonne, Father Cannariato called it a “close-knit” community, with sometimes as many as three generations of one family living in a single home, and a very “ethnic” flavor.

“Many people move back to Bayonne because they miss it; it’s an enclave or sorts. There’s a real sense of community pride and identity, as well as love and care for the town, which is why people are attracted to it,” he said.

Also on staff is Msgr. Peter Cheplic, who has been there for one-year-and-a-half. “The parish has been deeply honored to receive a bishop as their pastor,” noted Msgr. Cheplic.

“Whether it’s saying daily Mass, giving communion of Sunday, or hearing confessions, people are always pleasantly surprised of his involvement, despite

his busy schedule. His simple presence has been very uplifting for people,” he stated.

St. Henry also has a talented and industrious music director. Alan Quinn, who has been at the parish for more than six years, maintains an active career as a professional musician in addition to his work at St. Henry.

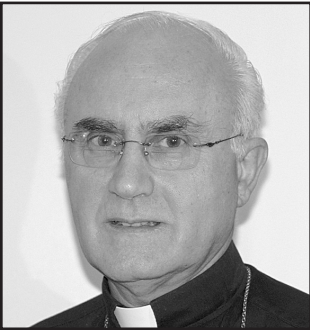
He said the choir members he works with are “like a family. After the Christmas and Easter seasons, we get together and have a big party. By the end, everyone’s singing just for the fun of it, having a great time.”

Though St. Henry does not have a parochial school, the parish does operate one of the most well-respected religious education programs in the county, boasting an enrollment of 400 students in grades Pre-K through 9,



The altar at St. Henry features a Baldacchino, a canopy over the high altar, found rarely today in Catholic churches.

Meet the Pastor



Most Rev. Thomas A. Donato

Age: 64
Date of Birth: Oct. 1, 1940
High School: St. Michael High School, Jersey City
College/Seminary/Graduate School: Seton Hall University, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, M.Div.
Date of Ordination: May 29, 1965
Hero: Blessed John XXIII
Favorite Saint: Thérèse of Lisieux
Favorite Food: Italian
Favorite Subject in School: “Life in the Church”
Favorite Movie: *Chariots of Fire*, *Chocolat*
Last Book Read: *Angels & Demons* by Dan Brown
Proudest Moment: Episcopal ordination
Occupation if I Weren’t a Priest: “I’ve wanted to be a priest since I was 8 years old; I couldn’t be anything else.”

in addition to an all-volunteer staff of 35 catechists.

Bishop Donato often likes to joke that people ask him, “Do you realize you have a bishop and a Pope on staff?” The reference of course is to Marie Pope, director of religious education there for eight years.

Among her first tasks was to establish a Pre-K program, and begin a special needs program for children with developmental disabilities. “Though they attend a separate class,” she said, “they receive the sacraments with all the other children in their age group—it’s important that they are with their classmates.”

Pope said that “no” is not a word that enters her vocabulary often, and that she does as much as possible to help any child with special circumstances.

“We keep in mind factors such any hardship with respect to the cost of the materials. If a parent is divorced, and the child is with one parent or guardian part time, we work with the parent or guardian to ensure that the child continues to receive religious instruction,” she noted.

Bishop Donato said St. Henry Parish has a rich history, but because the Church today is in a “changing mode,” there is a need to continue further Catholic-Christian education and formation.

He noted, “We need to build on what we’ve started, to make people more enthusiastic about living out their Christian life in ordinary ways. People think to be more spiritual they have to do extraordinary things.

“But, really, you should just start with what you’re doing right now, find joy in that, and in that joy, find God. The teacher, crossing guard, the postman, whatever it is you do, that is where your spirituality develops,” the pastor added. “First start there, then do the extraordinary.”

Bishop Donato concluded, “I believe there is a lot of talent at the parish, but it’s a slow process, a renewal of stewardship. It’s going to take a lot of our personal tapping on people’s shoulders, through general and specific calls. Sometimes people don’t respond because of a sense of ‘unworthy-ness,’ believing they are somehow not suited or fit to participate in parish life as Eucharistic ministers, lectors or in other areas. That is the kind of mentality that we must work to change.”

Saint Henry Parish is located at 82 W. 29 St.

Renewal of sacred vows is a teaching moment

CNS—For many married couples, Valentine's Day is not just for chocolates. Rather, it has become a time for exchanging again the vows of mutual love pledged on a couple's wedding day.

Couples can renew marriage vows on their own in a church before friends, relatives and parishioners. They also can join with other couples—sometimes many—in a large group celebration.

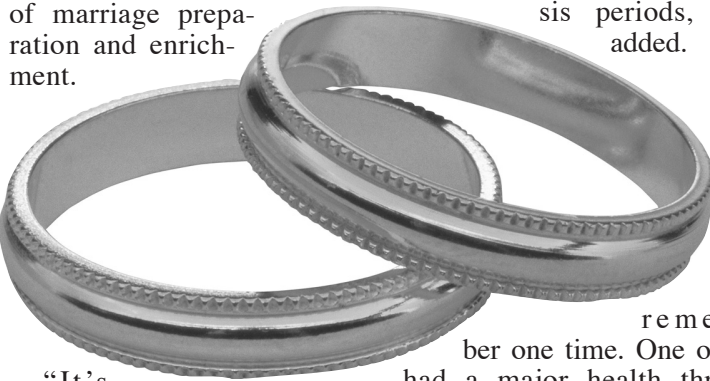
The Archdiocese of Baltimore encourages parishes to have renewal ceremonies on the second Sunday in February, chosen for its proximity to Valentine's Day, and to send their oldest married couple for an archdiocese-wide Mass of some 200 husbands and wives, usually at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Baltimore.

In New York in 2004, Cardinal Edward M. Egan held a similar Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

For Catholics promoting the renewal of marriage vows, the ceremony is also a sign to the community at large—at a time of debate over same-sex marriages and despite high numbers of fam-

ilies which have experienced divorce—that traditional marriages work.

Having people who have been married for a long time renew their vows is a teachable moment for the couple and for the congregation, said Laurie Przybysz, Baltimore archdiocesan coordinator of marriage preparation and enrichment.



"It's a wonderful sign to the world that love lasts, that sacramental love is effective," she added.

Trish and Ray Grose of Highland, MD, in the Baltimore Archdiocese, agree. They have been married more than 40 years and have been renewing their vows since 1982.

"We're honoring something that is very difficult in today's society, because the

picture society paints on a whole is not flattering to marriage," said Trish Grose, a retired kindergarten teacher.

"It takes me back to that day I promised to love, honor and cherish Trish," said her husband, an electrical engineer.

Renewing vows is also a source of strength during crisis periods, she added.

"I remember one time. One of us had a major health threat. How powerful it was repeating those vows at a time we didn't know what the health outcome would be," she said.

Josephite Father Thomas Frank has been promoting the celebration of marriage renewal for most of his quarter-century as a priest in parishes in Baltimore, New Orleans and Washington. He described the renewal of vows as "a teaching moment for the whole parish."

In an era of nontraditional families, "it reminds kids of the reality that people are married and love it," he said.

At renewal celebrations, Father Frank said he uses the homily to focus on the importance of sacramental relationships and on the message that "strong marriages create strong families."

These themes can easily be tied to other family issues, such as developing strong personal bonds between children and parents or the need for families to pray together to keep alive the family's spiritu-

al relationship, he said.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter promotes renewing marriage vows and organizes faith-based formation programs for married couples. It sponsors World Marriage Day on the second Sunday of February, and provides parishes with information kits on how to organize the Mass, incorporating the renewal of vows and accompanying events. The organization's web site—<http://wmd.wwme.org>—provides data about organizing World Marriage Day in parishes.

Anniversary Masses at Cathedral Basilica

The following are the dates for the 2005 wedding anniversary Masses:

Sunday, April 17 – 25 and 5 years (all counties)

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Traditional marriage: Is it becoming obsolete?

It is no secret that the institution of marriage, as we have known it for thousands of years, is in serious trouble. Moreover, an entire way of life, rooted in the recognition of its importance, is likewise threatened. But this is not so widely understood because, while the family remains the cornerstone of the culture on which at the end of the day everything depends, we have lost our sense of its inherent fragility.

We seem not to have noticed that the fractured state of the culture, along with an accelerating crisis affecting marriage itself, are not discontinuous events.

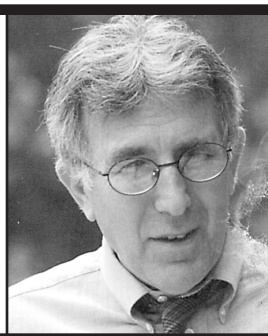
This was all most vividly brought home to me recently when, celebrating our son's marriage, I realized that among all those wonderful people we'd invited to share our joy, there were far too many for whom marriage and family life had been something of a disappointment, a torment even.

Yet, here they all were paying loud and enthusiastic tribute to the union of two people, two families joined in a very special and public way.

The irony of that fact is framed by still another, which is that the marriage our son and his bride began so promisingly, an adventure as thrilling and far-reaching as anything imaginable between two people, failed quite spectacularly to mobilize enough votes in the U.S. Senate to effect passage of a Federal Marriage Amendment. In other words, not even the highest legislative body in the world could be persuaded to defend an institution historically understood as the union of one man and one woman.

Speaking Faithfully

By Regis Martin S.T.D.



Nowadays, when I think of marriage, I think of Chesterton's warning that we don't know what we're doing, because we don't know what we're undoing. Here we are, busy as bees, about to abolish the very hive where life as we know it has been lived for centuries.

And not just centuries: the institution of marriage, having been inscribed in the order of nature, is as old as creation itself. The truth about marriage is not something so esoteric that only people who belong to Mensa can unpuzzle it. Falling in love is not rocket science. Even those of us in the grip of eros are endowed with reason, and it tells us that only opposites attract.

Is it only U.S. Senators who don't know this?

Of course marriage as an institution has fallen on hard times; only the completely clueless would claim otherwise. And, yes, it's going to be a tough assignment to mount a defense of marriage in a culture that has become ever more averse to finding ways to protect a relationship whose provenance goes all the way back to Genesis; a culture that undeniably has grown ever more unlovely.

But we do not despair. This is because finally, marriage is not an institution at all, but a sacrament whose Author is God, which means its maintenance does not essentially depend on the U.S. Senate but on the grace of God.

What we need to do at this awful moment of our nation's history, it seems to me, is to tell those who would presume to redefine the sacrament of marriage that a) it is not anyone's business to recon-

figure an order of nature fashioned by God Himself; that b) the family, which it is the purpose of marriage to bring into being, is the fundamental unit of any society, and therefore

prior to the state, which exists to protect and defend it, and that c) unless it gets busy doing its job, nothing worth having will survive the dark night that will then descend.

Dr. Regis Martin is a professor of theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH.

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Michael and Susan Rudnicki, holding infant son Aaron, renew their marriage vows at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church, Deer Park, NY, on the eve of a past World Marriage Day. Sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter the second Sunday in February, the day received the blessing of Pope John Paul II in 1993.




Celebrating matrimony

World Marriage Day, celebrated the second Sunday in February, will be observed on Feb. 13.

Sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as head of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life.

Begun in Baton Rouge, LA in 1981 as "We Believe in Marriage Day," the event has become so popular, it is now celebrated throughout the United States and the world. Pope John Paul II gave his apostolic blessing to the annual observance, whose permanent theme is "Love One Another," in 1993.

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Felician College honors its own

Three women were honored at Felician College for “sharing their time, energy, and talents to support the mission of the college.”

Ellen V. Kelly and Sister Mary Noelle Narbut C.S.S.F. received the President’s Medallion from Sister Theresa Mary Martin C.S.S.F., college president, at the 18th annual Christmas at Felician.

Sister Patricia Morris, O.P., Ph.D., received the President’s Medallion at an earlier presentation attended by college faculty and staff.

Chairperson for the college’s annual golf tournament and member of Felician College’s Board of Regents, Ellen V. Kelly has committed herself to the ministry of education.

She was active with Hudson County Hospice, West Essex Girl Scouts and Hudson County Homemakers, and received the “Woman of Distinction” award from Immaculate Conception High School, town, where she

served as the chairperson of the board of trustees.

Kelly recently retired from Provident Bank as vice president of the estate and trust division.

She received a degree in accounting and personnel management from Seton Hall University, and earned certification as a personal financial consultant specializing in estates and trusts at New York University.

In addition, Kelly studied pension law at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and attended the New York School of Finance, receiving all representative licenses as a registered principal on the New York Stock Exchange. She enjoyed a lengthy career with a Wall Street firm before joining the Provident Bank.

“Ellen is deeply committed to the ministry of education, and to any and every cause that fosters the well-being of God’s people,” said Sister Theresa. “You might say that working for charitable

causes has become her full-time second career.”

Sister Mary Noelle Narbut joined the Felician College faculty in 1967, teaching Spanish, French, Polish and English.

Certified by the National Translator Service, she is a qualified translator of Spanish, French and Polish.

During her distinguished career in education, she has taught kindergarten, elementary, and secondary classes, and served as principal of an elementary school. She is currently the development officer for the Felician Sisters.

A graduate of Seton Hall University, Sister Noelle earned a graduate degree from Villanova University and pursued doctoral studies at Fordham University.

“This very diverse woman has defied aging, defied defeat, and defied retirement,” noted Sister Theresa. “We are made less selfish by the depth of Sister Noelle’s unselfishness, more strong by the endurance of her strength, and more enthralled with the grandeur of the human spirit through which she so clearly discloses the presence of God.”

In a special tribute to Sister



Left to right, Sister Mary Noelle Narbut, Sister Theresa Mary Martin, and Ellen V. Kelly.

Noelle’s enduring teaching skills, a former kindergarten student, who named her daughter after Sister Noelle, traveled from Florida to be a part of the celebration.

After serving five years as vice president for academic affairs at Felician College, Sister Patricia Morris was honored with the President’s Medallion upon her retirement.

During her tenure, she helped develop new academic programs, expand online education, and create a Center for Teaching and Learning.

“Sister Patricia has served

Felician with distinction, integrity, and much wisdom,” noted Sister Theresa. “Clearly, she was the right person for the right time.”

A graduate of St. John’s University, Dr. Morris received a graduate degree from Catholic University of America, and a doctoral degree from Graduate Center City University of New York.

Prior to joining Felician College, she had served as assistant provost at Dowling College, and dean for academic affairs at Molloy College in Rockville Center, N.Y.

Renowned Latino artists on exhibit at Seton Hall

Voces y Visiones (Voices and Visions): Highlights from El Museo del Barrio’s Permanent Collection is on view weekdays through May 13, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Seton Hall University’s Walsh Library Gallery, 400 South Orange Ave., South Orange.

A reception, open to the public,

will take place Feb. 24, 6-9 p.m.

Voces y Visiones displays and interprets some of El Museo del Barrio’s most significant artwork by a variety of renowned Latino artists. It is a touring exhibition sponsored by a grant from MetLife Foundation.

Works on view include Antonio Martorell’s *Fiesta*

Loiza Aldea, a painting that depicts a vejigante mask, a significant icon of Puerto Rican culture. Other works are Rafael Tufiño’s *Cortador de Caña*, which carries a strong political message, and Norberto Cedeño’s *La Mano Poderosa*, a religious-themed sculpture.

“Walsh Library Gallery is

pleased to have the opportunity to collaborate with El Museo del Barrio by exhibiting some of the outstanding treasures of their collection,” said Jo Ann Cotz, director of the Walsh Library Gallery.

“*Voces y Visiones* showcases unique, thought-provoking works representing the artistic

achievements of the Puerto Rican, Caribbean and Latin American cultures. The objects to be exhibited are as varied as the subject matter; they include traditional mediums such as paintings, sculptures, prints, as well as works by contemporary and conceptual artists,” she added.



El Padre, El Hijo, El Espíritu Santo (The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit), by Juan Sánchez.



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Lessons are learned outside the classroom

This winter, the students of Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell, again came to the aid of the Center for Food Action (CFA), Mahwah.

For more than ten years, the Bergen Catholic community has provided volunteer help for the CFA through its community service projects.

Each student is required to donate service hours every year, with the CFA being a major beneficiary.

The CFA has been working to prevent hunger and homelessness for more than 27 years, providing food and clothing packages to people in need. From five sites in Bergen and Passaic Counties, CFA provides emergency food, advocacy and rent and utility assistance to individuals and families in crisis.

In December, more than 20 Bergen Catholic students

donated their time on a weekend prior to the Christmas holidays. They sorted and produced food packages for the needy, helped the needy select clothing items and carted and packed these items into the cars of the recipients. Some also helped to sort and distribute Christmas toys to the children of these needy families.

Bea O'Rourke, CFA-northwest manager for distribution centers in Mahwah and Ringwood, commented "For more than a decade, Bergen Catholic High School has been a major contributor for the Thanksgiving and Christmas projects here at the Center for Food Action. We are extremely grateful for the contributions of Bergen Catholic High School and its students. Without their strength and great faith, I honestly don't think that we could survive."



Bea O'Rourke, local CFA manager, with, left to right, Michael Zang, Robert Baron, Michael Gadaleta and Sean Fitts.

College board cites students

Eight Roselle Catholic High School students have been named Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level AP exams.

The Advanced Placement program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school.

Five Roselle Catholic students qualified for the AP Scholar award by earning an average grade of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams. They are Matthew Biondi,

Anthony Desimone, Nicholas Dimakos, Jill Kropa and Patricia Moniz.

The AP Scholars with Honor award is granted to those who receive an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken and also with grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. Amanda Brennan and Noriel Esteron qualified.

Mathew Salmi has qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction award by receiving an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

NCEA strategic plan has local flavor

Sister Dominica Rocchio, S.C., Ed.D., Secretary for Education and Superintendent of Schools, Ronald L. Pihokker, archdiocesan director of the Catechetical Office, Sister Mary John Kearney, O.P., associate professor at Caldwell College and Sister Adrienne Bradley, S.S.J., director of religious education at St. Anastasia Parish, Teaneck, were among a select group of 106 participants who met at the American Airlines Conference Center in Dallas last month for an interdepartmental planning convocation to draft a strategic plan for the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA).

The planning meeting was another major event in the association's centennial observance, which began last year. Prior to its centennial year, NCEA commissioned reflection papers by prominent Catholic educators.

In 2003, dioceses and regional organizations conducted more than 100 meetings to collect comments from more than 15,000 Catholic educators. All of this material was available in January 2004 when a larger group of 250 participants met in Washington, DC, to draft a strategic vision for the future of Catholic education in the United States.

That group drafted a vision

statement that subsequently was ratified by members at the association's annual convention in Boston in April. The vision statement contained three elements:

- **Identity:** How to proclaim and continue the Catholic identity of schools and religious education programs.

- **Leadership:** Where to seek and how to train new administrators, teachers and catechetical leaders.

- **Engagement:** How Catholic schools and programs interact with other segments of society.

The Dallas meeting focused on applying the strategies of the vision statement specifically to the mission and operations of NCEA through 2010.

Participants will review and refine the strategic planning document before the annual NCEA convention next month in Philadelphia.

Among the Newark archdiocesan participants, Sister Dominica serves NCEA as a member of the board of directors as well as in the capacity of vice president of the Chief Administrators of Catholic Education (CACE) Department's Executive Committee.

Pihokker is the chairperson of the Religious Education Division Advisory Committee of CACE and serves as a member of both

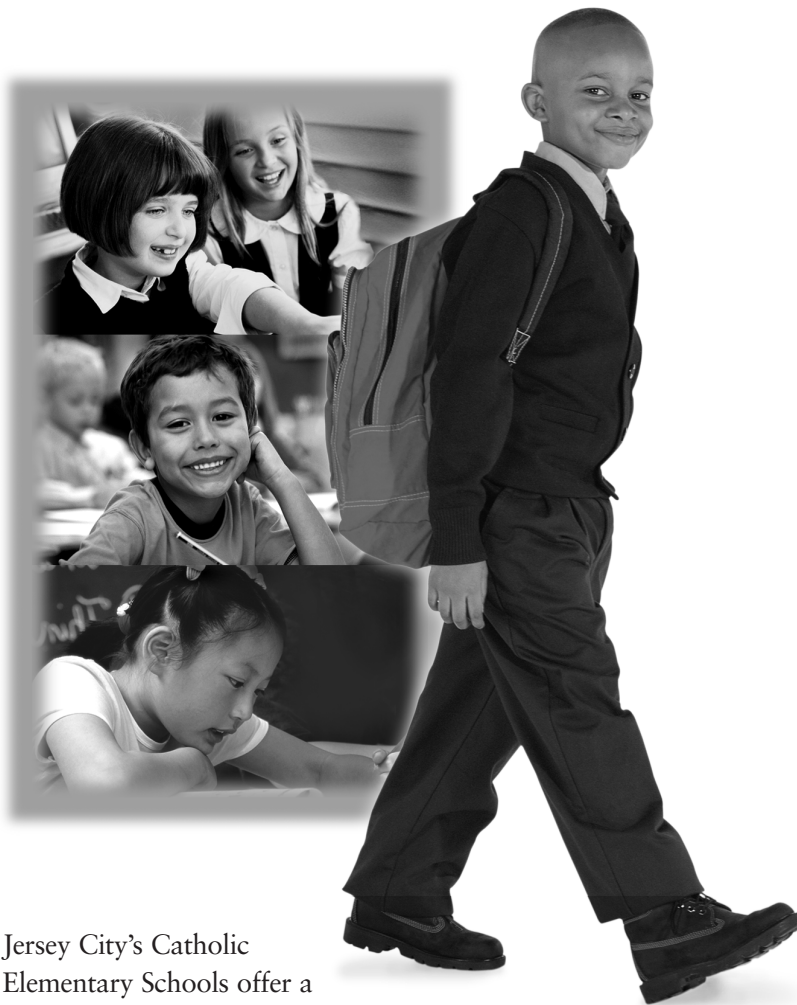
the executive committees of CACE and of the religious education department of NCEA.

Sister Mary serves as an associate member of NCEA representing the Association of Catholic Leadership Programs (ACLP). Sister Adrienne is a representative to the National Association of Parish Coordinators and Directors of Religious Education (NPCD).



Ron Pihokker of the Archdiocese of Newark takes part in one of the strategy sessions.

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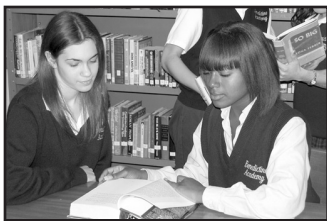
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The power and passion of poetry explored

BY LIESL FORES

Staff Writer

Three distinguished writers kicked off the fall 2004 series of Poetry-in-the-Round at Seton Hall University.

Adrienne Rich, Susan Vreeland and Philip Terman were invited to the South Orange campus to read to students, faculty and the general public from their works and answer questions.

World-renowned poet Rich drew the largest crowd, with over 400 people in attendance.

Considered a "political poet," Rich noted that the work of every artist and citizen is to create meaning. In her reading selections, which included older as well as newer poems, she covered topics from living in a time of terrorism and war to social issues, like gentrification, to personal subjects, such as aging parents, to reflecting on language and poetry itself.

"I like to think of poetry as creating a whole theater of

voices, not just my voice or what has happened to me," she asserted.

Rich also pointed out that this gathering was not only "an academic event, but a community event. And I hope there are people from many communities here."

The second speaker was former high school English teacher Susan Vreeland, bestselling author of, among other works, *Girl in Hyacinth Blue*, *The Passion of Artemisia* and *The Forest Lover*, all related to the art world.

Vreeland, who admits she is largely self-taught in the writing of fiction, carefully read excerpts from her novels and conducted an interactive lesson with attendees, discussing how she got ideas for her stories and illustrating how a writer can use language to paint a picture in the reader's mind while also communicating important information about the characters.

When asked if she believed the average person is more likely to become interested in art and painting after reading a story



Adrienne Rich

about it, Vreeland told *The Catholic Advocate*, "Yes. There's a misconception that art museums are only for those trained in art history. A story gives access to a painting. And I know they will be intrigued and [more apt to] read about a painting and the times. People can't resist a story. ... They'll find themselves changed [and wanting] to go into an art museum."

The last speaker for the semester was Philip Terman, professor of English and creative writing at Clarion University, PA.

The audience was treated to

readings of poems related to the Jewish tradition of Midrash, interpretation and commentary on Hebrew Scripture based on exegesis, parable and biblical lore.

Freshman Kerry Cahill explained that though she attended readings for extra course credit, "it was also a personal interest.

"Poetry expresses a person's inner being through words and emotions. ... It's a very unique art," the diplomacy major asserted, noting especially Adrienne Rich's capacity in her poems to "focus on what's going on in the world."

Commenting that the presentation by the internationally acclaimed Rich was a high point in Poetry-in-the-Round's history—"Ms. Rich is clearly one of the most important voices ever in the history of American poetry," he said—director of Poetry-in-the-Round John Wargacki, Ph.D., assistant professor in the English department at Seton Hall, was quick to point out that all speakers chosen for the series are superior writers who are established in the field and "can make a big impact."

"It comes down to quality," as opposed to popularity, he remarked.

The director continued that

"poetry is a mirror of what's going on in our daily lives and our cultural existence," and stressed that once this connection is made, it is "present forever."

"Most students are surprised at how fun a poetry reading can be," Wargacki added.

For information on spring semester readings call (973) 761-9000, ext. 5105 or visit arts.shu.edu/english.

After-school clubs abound

After-school clubs are thriving at Visitation School, Jersey City.

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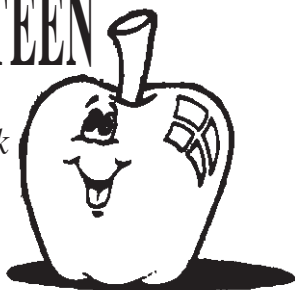
Other clubs include a Technology Team, Chess Club, Fun Club and the School Assembly Club that is working on a production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

The student council also sponsors a tutoring program. Faculty members supervise all after-school activities.

Barbara Dolan, principal, remarked, "The opportunity for students to interact with one another outside the classroom contributes to a positive school spirit and builds a greater sense of community."

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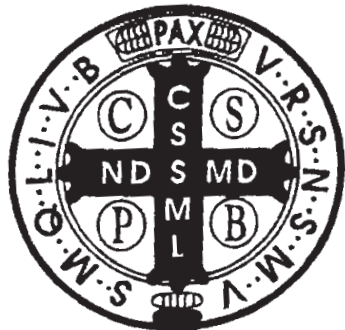
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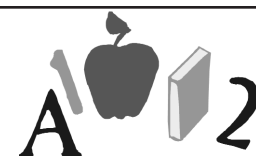
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Science curriculum is put under microscope

BY SISTER LOUISE CABABE, O.P., Ph.D.

Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum and Testing

Every year the superintendent's office updates a particular curriculum area. This year work is under way on the science curriculum.

A curriculum outlines what should be taught at each level from Kindergarten through Grade 8. The New Jersey Department of Education publishes the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards which was updated and adopted in October.

The Catholic school curriculum not only includes these standards but also integrates ethical, Catholic moral principles and Gospel values. This is especially true when it comes to Catholic social justice teachings regarding the life and dignity of the human person and care for God's creation.

Life science is an opportunity for teachers to proclaim the Church teaching that human life is sacred and this has ramifications when forming a position about cloning, sexual activity and abortion.

Science curriculum includes environmental studies. Here too, there is an opportunity to help students realize that Catholic tradition insists that we show our respect for the Creator by caring for the earth and good stewardship of creation.

Catholics are to protect the people and the planet. Environmental issues today have fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that are included in the Catholic school curriculum.

The superintendent's office invites educators to develop the Catholic school science curriculum that contains the core content, suggested strategies and assessment.

Basically these volunteer teachers answer three questions. What should the students learn? How will the students learn it? How will we know that the students know it?

A science curriculum committee has been meeting monthly since October. Although the meetings are only once a month, there is a great deal of work being done between meetings.

Usually, it takes two years to complete a curriculum project.

Currently there are nine science committee members: Sister Louise Cababe, OP, PhD, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum (Chair); Sister Lois Zampesse, M.P.F., principal of Good Shepherd Academy, Nutley; Jane Brienza, teacher, Visitation Academy, Paramus; Joanne Cavera, vice principal and teacher, St. Mary School, Dumont; Judy Foley, teacher, St. Thomas Apostle School, Bloomfield; Anton Tarabocchia, teacher, Our Lady of Czestochowa School, Jersey City; Tanja Ollis, teacher, St. Michael School, Newark; Ursula Rucki, teacher, St. Cassian School, Upper Montclair, and Robert Zacccone, teacher, Most Sacred Heart School, Wallington.



Advocate photo-Ward Miele

Art McFarland, education reporter for Channel 7, was at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, recently for a segment on the ongoing statewide school choice petition drive. Encompassing over 30 organizations of all faiths, the drive has so far collected over 130,000 signatures of Garden State residents which will be presented to state lawmakers in Trenton. The effort is aimed at obtaining parental school choice funded by the state. With Mary McElroy, diocesan director of the New Jersey Alliance of Catholic School Families, is Derrell Bradford, acting executive director of the New Jersey School Choice Alliance. To sign the petition online go to www.schoolchoicealliance.org.

Concerts continue

Concerts at Caldwell will present pianist Roy Eaton Feb. 16 at 8 p.m. in the Alumni Theatre.

Eaton, a faculty member of the Manhattan School of Music, will perform works by Scott Joplin, William Grant Still and the recently discovered Seven Preludes of George Gershwin.

In addition, An Evening of American Musical Theatre with Georgia Osborne begins March 2 at 8 p.m.

Osborne has performed on Broadway, at Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall as well as Europe. She is also a multiple Manhattan Association of Cabarets and Clubs (MAC) Award.

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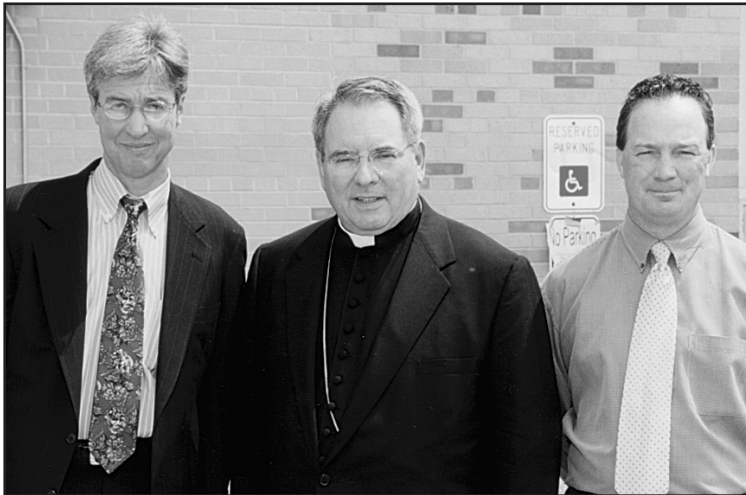
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Archdiocese to honor business, labor leaders

Ralph Izzo, Ph.D., president and chief operating officer of PSE&G, and Patrick Brennan, business manager and secretary-treasurer of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 711, will be honored at the Archdiocese of Newark's 12th Annual Business and Labor Recognition Reception, on Tuesday, March 1 at Mayfair Farms, West Orange.

In announcing this year's honorees, the Most Rev. John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark, said, "Both are citizens of excellent character who in their lives demonstrate the very best of the American ideal—intelligence, moral rectitude, courage and strength. They are, in a word, men of integrity."

"Each year the Archbishop's reception honors a leader from business and labor who exemplify the finest example of integrity and service in their communities," said William T. Mullen, reception chairman and president of the New Jersey Building Trades Council, adding that proceeds from the event help support archdiocesan Youth and Young Adult



Archbishop John J. Myers with Dr. Ralph Izzo and Patrick Brennan during a summertime visit to the CYO Youth Center, Kearny.

Ministries and CYO athletics.

Dr. Izzo joined PSE&G in 1992 and was elected president and COO in October 2003.

He is a widely recognized leader in the utility industry and the public policy arena where he served as an American Physical Society Congressional Science Fellow in the office of U.S. Senator Bill Bradley. He also served as a senior policy advisor in the Office of New Jersey Governor Thomas H. Kean,

specializing in energy, science and technology. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in mechanical engineering and a doctorate in applied physics from Columbia University.

Brennan joined Painters Local 277 in Atlantic City as an apprentice paperhanger in 1979 and held several offices at the local including sergeant at arms, trustee, treasurer, delegate, president and business agent. He served as state-wide director of

organizing for District Council 711 prior to his election as business manager and secretary-treasurer in 2000.

He also serves as a vice president on both the New Jersey State AFL-CIO and the New Jersey Building Trades executive boards.

Since its inception in 1994, the Archbishop's Reception has raised over \$1 million to support the efforts of the Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry and CYO Athletics. The ministries provide positive role models, enhanced family values, and inspired self-reliance and self esteem for youths throughout the Archdiocese.

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The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice (Felician Sisters) have begun a year-long celebration of their origin in Warsaw, Poland. The celebration culminates Nov. 21, 2005, the 150th anniversary of the founding of the congregation by Blessed Mary Angela Truszkowska.

More than 2,000 sisters serve on four continents and in various countries, which include missions in Estonia, Ukraine, Kenya, Mexico, the Northwest Territory and the Amazon.

The jubilee year is being celebrated in several ways. The spiritual preparation began last

month with prayers to their Foundress, reflections on the early writings of the Congregation and participation in jubilee projects particular to each of the 12 provinces located in Poland (Krakow, Warsaw and Przemysl); the United States (Livonia, MI; Buffalo, NY; Chicago, IL; Lodi, NJ; Coraopolis, PA; Enfield, CT, and Rio Rancho, NM); Canada (Mississauga, Ontario), and Brazil (Curitiba).

The Felician Sisters of the Lodi Province minister in New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania. They sponsor Felician College and Immaculate Conception High School, Lodi.

Father Alfred Zemeikis, chaplain and pastor, 68

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 27 for Father Alfred T. Zemeikis, 68, who died Jan. 23.

Born in Elizabeth, Father Zemeikis was a graduate of Seton Hall University and attended Immaculate Conception Seminary, when it was in Darlington. He was ordained at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newark, by Archbishop Thomas A. Boland in 1963.

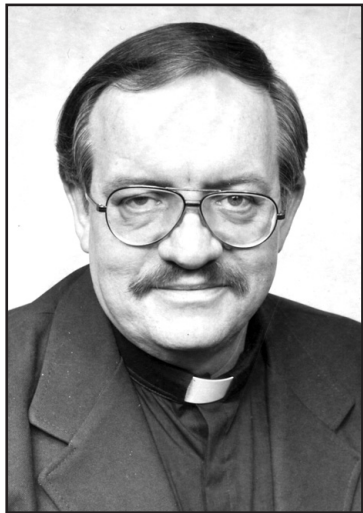
His first assignment was as CYO chaplain for the summer following his ordination, after which he was sent to Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Kearny, as associate pastor, from 1963-1979. During this time, he earned a master's degree in science and pastoral counseling from Iona College, NY.

In 1979, Father Zemeikis was assigned to Sacred Heart Parish (Vailsburg), Newark, as associate pastor. He remained in this position for five years and was then appointed pastor, ministering there for six more years.

Father Zemeikis was named Clergyman of the Year

Pray for him...

Eldridge J. Reiff, father of Father Dennis Reiff, parochial vicar at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, Paramus, died Jan. 12.



Father Alfred Zemeikis

in 1988 by the Friends of Brian Boru association, making him the first person of non-Irish descent to be given the honor.

In 1990, he returned to his home parish of SS. Peter and Paul, Elizabeth, as pastor, succeeding his brother, Father Peter Zemeikis. Father Al Zemeikis spent the remainder of his years serving at SS. Peter and Paul.

"[Father Al] lived the joy of the Lord Jesus and always shared that happiness with everyone he met. ... He always served the Lord cheerfully," commented Msgr. Francis R. Seymour, fellow seminarian of Father Zemeikis and homilist at his funeral Mass.



Proclaiming school spirit in song

An important part of the fine school spirit at St. Leo/Sacred Heart Interparochial School, Irvington, is a gospel choir now in its fifth year.

The idea of Paulo Sociedade, principal, who came to the school seven years ago, the gospel choir has hit high notes locally and nationwide.

What prompted him to form a choir, explains the principal, was the movie *Sister Act*, starring Whoopi Goldberg, about an inner-city parish choir.

Formation of the St. Leo/Sacred Heart Gospel Choir coincided with the hiring of Tyron Williams as a music teacher.

Response to the choir among parents, staff and students, notes the principal, was "very overwhelming, everyone was so pleased."

Originally a 70-member choir, today that number stands at 45 students from second through eighth grade. Auditions are held annually.

In just its second year, the choir took second place nationally in the McDonald's Gospel Fest. Ultimately, the school took home top honors.

The choir competes in the junior category.

The accolades are also abundant locally. Last year the choir finished second in the tri-state area in the Pathmark Gospel Choir competition. The young people from Irvington have also appeared on Broadway and were featured several years ago on a Channel 7 program.

This year, they performed at the opening ceremonies of African-American Heritage Month at Irvington High School.

Sister Margaret Scott, teacher

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 18 for Sister Margaret Scott, O.P., 80, who died Jan. 13.

Sister Margaret entered the Dominican Sisters of Hope in 1945. She received a B.S. in education from Fordham University, New York; a master's degree in educational administration and secondary school science from Villanova University, PA, and certification from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, providing updates in ecclesial and christological theology, and in Mexican cultural orientation in San Antonio, TX.

Ministering as teacher and administrator on the elementary and secondary levels in schools throughout New Jersey and New York, Sister Margaret also worked in social service and parish positions. From 1990-1998, she was the pastoral associate at the Church of the Ascension, New Milford, and was the recipient of the Jubilee Medal, *Pro Meritis*, for distinguished service in the Archdiocese of Newark.

She retired in 1998 to the Center of Hope in Newburgh, NY, where she resided at the time of her death.

Father Koerner, devoted to sick

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 29 for Father Frederick C. Koerner, 83, who died Jan. 25.

Born in Jersey City, Father Koerner was a graduate of Saint Peter's Preparatory School and Seton Hall University. He attended Immaculate Conception Seminary, when it was in Darlington, and was ordained at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newark, by Archbishop Thomas A. Boland in 1959.

Before entering the seminary, Father Koerner served in the Army during World War II.

His first assignment after

ordination was at Corpus Christi Parish, Hasbrouck Heights, where he ministered for 19 years.

In 1978, he was sent to St. Leo Parish, Irvington. He remained at St. Leo's as parochial vicar until he retired in 1996.

"He was very devoted to the sick. ... He was very kind and faithful to visiting [them]," said Father Donald Cooper, who served with Father Koerner at Corpus Christi for almost 15 years and was the homilist at his funeral Mass. "He was a wonderful priest. ... He was good at everything, really."

Sister Mary Burns, S.C., 85

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 28 for Sister Mary Suzanne Burns, S.C., 85, who died Jan. 26.

Sister Mary Suzanne entered the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth in 1946. She received a B.S. from New York University and a Master's of Business Administration from Montclair State University.

Her assignments in the Archdiocese of Newark included teaching at St. Michael School, Newark, from 1956-1962, and East Orange Catholic High School, from 1962-1965.

She served in the healthcare ministry at St. Vincent Hospital, Montclair, from 1971-1976, and later was chairperson of the Business Administration and Economics Department at the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station.

From 1978-1997, Sister Mary Suzanne worked in various positions at St. Elizabeth Hospital (now Trinitas Hospital), Elizabeth, and then she did volunteer work at the Convent of Saint Elizabeth until she retired to Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, in 2001.

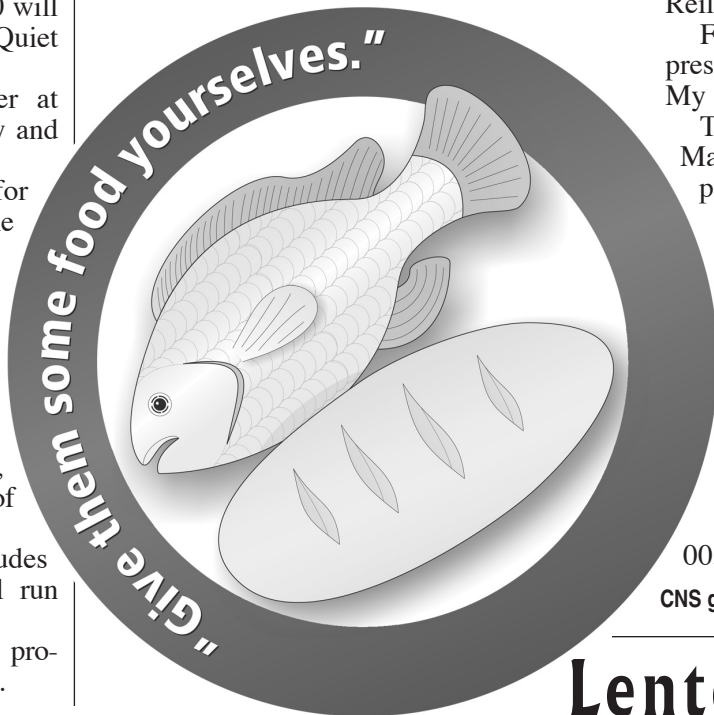
Prayerful preparation

Two special Lenten programs have been scheduled at the Carmel Retreat, Mahwah. Feb. 8 through Feb. 10 will offer Days of Prayer, Quiet and Peace. It begins with supper at 5:30 p.m. of the first day and ends with lunch. The cost is \$140 for directed and \$130 for single accommodations. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 9, will be a time of quiet prayer in preparation for Lent. A short morning conference will be followed by silence, solitude Mass, lunch and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The \$25 cost includes lunch. The program will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. To register for either program, call (201) 327-7090.

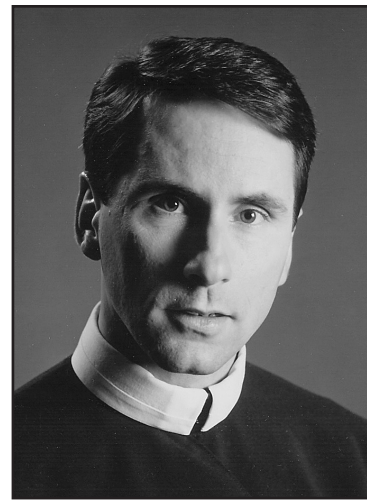
March lunch hour retreats set

The Lenten Lunch Hour Retreat at St. Thomas More Parish, Fairfield, continues next month. The theme is the seven last words of Jesus. March 2 the topic is "Behold Your Son, Behold Your Mother." The reflection will be

given by parish director of religious education Cabrina Kinslow. On March 9, Deacon Aidan King will speak on "My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me." "I thirst" is the March 16 address to be given by parish pastoral associate Sister Catherine Reilly, O.P. Father Gene Gniewyk, parochial vicar, will present a reflection on the topic "Father, I Put My Life in Your Hands" on March 21. The final lunch hour retreat takes place March 23 when Sister Agnes Bernard, O.P., pastoral associate, will present a talk entitled "It Is Finished." All lunch hour retreats are on Wednesdays with the exception of the March 21 retreat on a Monday at 7 p.m. All other times are 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. Fellowship will continue in O'Connor Hall. Those attending should bring their own brown bag lunch. A beverage and dessert will be supplied. For additional information call (973) 227-0055.



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Father Daniel Francis

Secaucus has parish mission set March 6-9

Father Daniel Francis, C.Ss.R., will lead the Lenten parish mission at Immaculate Conception Parish, Secaucus, March 6 through March 9.

Father Francis will focus on the theme of the mission: "Remember—Return—Renew."

After professing vows as a Redemptorist of the Baltimore (East Coast) Province in 1985, Father Francis worked with teenagers at Covenant House in New York City, assisted at a halfway house in the Dominican Republic, and taught in rural Kentucky and inner-city Philadelphia.

Ordained in 1991, he was assigned for five years as parochial vicar at St. Cecilia Parish, East Harlem, New York. Father Francis is now based in the South Bronx from where he travels to preach missions and renewals.

Besides conducting retreats to priests and Religious sisters, Father Francis offers days of recollection and workshops on various topics of adult Christian spirituality and formation throughout the United States and Canada.

The parish mission program will be held each day at 7:30 p.m. in the church. A light reception will be held following the Sunday and Wednesday sessions.

Father Francis will also conduct a mid-day mission on Monday and Tuesday, March 7 and March 8, with homily at the 12:05 p.m. Mass.

For the youth, Father Francis will meet with school children during this mission period.

Bus service for Secaucus seniors will be available. For information and directions, visit the parish website at www.Immaculate-Conception-Church.com or call the parish office (201) 863-4840.

Lenten regulations

The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially," or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

The Fridays of the year, out-

side of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

The time of fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, Feb. 13, to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 22.

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God’s ‘gift of longevity’

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Advances in science and medicine have allowed people to live longer, but families and governments must help the elderly live those added years in a full and dignified manner, said Pope John Paul II. The 84-year-old pontiff dedicated his 2005 Lenten message to the gift of longevity.

The pope told people to always “remain open and welcoming” toward older people, especially those who are weak, sick or suffering.

“The care of the elderly, above all when they pass through difficult moments, must be of great concern to all the faithful,” especially in Western countries where older people often struggle to find a place in society, the pope said in his written message, released Jan. 27 at the Vatican.

“Human life is a precious gift to be loved and defended in each of its stages,” he said.

The commandment “You shall not kill” applies to life’s very beginning at conception and to its natural end, said the message.

Even “in the presence of illness and when physical weakness reduces the person’s ability to be self-reliant,” the life of a human being is precious and represents a

gift from God, said the pope, who suffers from a neurological disorder and has not walked in public for more than a year.

Archbishop Paul Cordes, president of the Pontifical Council *Cor Unum*, the Vatican’s charity promotion and coordinating agency, said that the elderly today are under threat in a variety of ways.

Ensuring the safety and health of older people takes time, effort and money, which for those who must care for them can seem to be an insurmountable burden, the archbishop said as he released the pope’s message at a Jan. 27 press conference.

To avoid facing the suffering that sometimes afflicts the elderly, Archbishop Cordes said, family members may be tempted to avoid visiting their elders, or to send them to a home, or to help them “die in dignity” when a debilitating, painful illness lingers.

In today’s culture of death, the threat of euthanasia is “inevitable,” the archbishop said.

Bishop Andre-Mutien Leonard of Namur, Belgium, said the ideology of the importance of “an individual’s freedom of choice” is the driving argument for turning euthanasia and assisted suicide into a legally recognized

medical procedure.

Belgium and Holland recently passed laws regulating euthanasia.

“We like to think we are the owners of our lives, but we are born and we die. We didn’t choose to be born and we didn’t choose that life should end, so it’s a mistake to think we are masters over the beginning and end of life,” Bishop Leonard told reporters at the Jan. 27 press conference.

When appropriate palliative care, which aims to enhance a patient’s comfort and relieve pain, is provided, “this reduces many

requests for death,” said the Belgian bishop.

Archbishop Cordes urged the faithful to “not let political leaders sacrifice the dignity of human beings” in response to “popular or economic” pressures.

But especially this Lenten season Christians are urged to uphold the dignity of the person by

extending a hand of kindness to the older people in one’s family and neighborhood.

The challenge of real conversion, he said, is not proclaiming the pope’s message as an idea, but in carrying it out, taking care of older people, lifting them out of loneliness and recognizing them as a resource and gift to be valued.



Archbishop John J. Myers will celebrate Mass on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 12:10 p.m. at St. Patrick’s Pro-Cathedral, Newark.

Spirituality is the focus of St. Mary programs

St. Mary Parish, Nutley, has a series of events scheduled for Lent. Centering on spiritual presentations, the focus will be on prayer, lectures and music.

A Lenten mission, hosted by Father Samuel Vaccarella, T.O.R., will take place Feb. 14 through Feb. 16 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the main church. Prayer services will center on God’s love, forgiveness and compassion. An informal social gathering follows.

Also in the main church at 7:30 p.m. on March 5, Tatiana in concert will present “I Thirst,” a crucifixion story.

March 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement, Father Dante DiGiorlamo will lead a discussion of St. Francis Xavier Cabrini.

Most Rev. David Arias, Retired Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, speaks March 16 at 7:30 p.m. on the historic contributions of Hispanic Catholics to American life. The session will be in the church basement.

The church is located at 17 Msgr. Owens Pl.

For additional information contact the parish center at (973) 235-1100 weekdays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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Slave to saint

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and made her profession three years later.

In 1902 she was transferred to the city of Schio where she assisted her Religious community through cooking, sewing, embroidery and welcoming visitors.

She soon became well loved by the children attending the sisters' school and the local citizens. She once said "Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him... what a grace it is to know God." She died in 1947.

The first steps toward beatification began in 1959. She was beatified in 1992 and canonized eight years later.

During his homily at the canonization Mass, Pope John Paul II said "we find a shining advocate of genuine emancipation. The history of her life inspires not passive acceptance but the firm resolve to work effectively to free girls and women from oppression and violence, and to return them to their dignity in the full exercise of their rights."

Holy See News

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information included in the new edition. In 2004, the pope erected 10 new episcopal sees and one apostolic vicariate.

Six metropolitan sees were created, and a total of 171 bishops appointed.

The number of baptized faithful rose from 1,071,000,000 in 2002, to 1,086,000,000 in 2003. As for the geographical distribution of Catholics, 49.8 percent of them live in the Americas, 25.8 percent in Europe, 13.2 percent in Africa, 10.4 percent in Asia and 0.8 percent in Oceania.

There are 405,450 priests (268,041 diocesan and 137,409 Religious), and the total number of priests in 2003 increased with respect to the year before.

The number of priestly ordinations also went up from 9,247 in 2002 to 9,317 in 2003.

March for Life

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protected in law, may still be some ways away," but added, "but even from the far side of the river ... we can see its glimmerings."

President Bush is expected to appoint at least one Supreme Court justice during his second term in office, and the pro-life movement is calling for a pro-life designee, which would improve chances of overturning the Roe versus Wade decision.

Representative Chris Smith of New Jersey addressed the throngs on the Mall, calling the pro-life movement "the greatest human rights movement on earth."

Citing the number of babies killed through abortion since the 1973 ruling at more than 46 million, Rep. Smith pointed out that the figure is "fast approaching total worldwide deaths, civilian and military, from World War II."

The congressman also described new legislation that he and Senator Sam Brownback of Kansas will be proposing. The Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act would require that women, 20 or more weeks pregnant, seeking an abortion be informed that due to nerve cell development in a fetus at this stage, the baby can actually feel excruciating pain from the procedure.

"Technology really helps [us] understand human life in the womb," stressed Maureen Ruckel, parishioner at St. Michael Parish, Cranford, who



Members of the youth ministry from St. Teresa Parish, Summit, joined thousands marching to the Supreme Court to call for an end to legalized abortion.

was one of 21 from the parish in attendance.

Ruckel, who has gone to the march in nation's capital twice now, also emphasized that "the full culture of life needs to be addressed."

Explaining that there is a "full philosophy" of life that includes sexuality as well as the importance of children, she suggested that "to get people to understand what it's about," will help them have a "full, healthy life."

Neil and Mary Sullivan, parishioners St. Catharine Parish, Glen Rock, have participated in the March for Life for many years. They head the Respect Life Committee in their parish.

This year, they had about 45 people on their bus, including a

dozen or so kids ranging in age from the fifth grade to sophomore year in high school.

"We go as witnesses for the conscience of America," said Mr. Sullivan, "and also to stand in for the voiceless of our society ... as symbols for them."

He continued that the youth present at the demonstration is particularly encouraging. Pointing out that the pro-life movement used to be comprised of older generations, "now it's dominated by young people. That gives us hope that this will carry on," he asserted, "no matter how long the struggle takes."

Sullivan also noted that many of the youth from St. Catharine's that have gone to the march in years past have gone on to become involved in pro-life activities in high school, college and even on the national level.

He thanked Archbishop John J. Myers for "being at the forefront of this," stressing that the archbishop's "voice is raised" against abortion.

As it does every year, the march ended at the Supreme Court, where demonstrators were then able to visit legislators to petition Roe versus Wade and ask them to support a culture of life.



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When **Jesus** turned around and noticed them following him,

He asked them,
"What are you looking for?"

They said to him, Rabbi,
where do you stay?"

"Come and see,"

He answered.

John 1:38-39

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Top-notch hoops mark SFIC tourney

The second annual Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) Boys Basketball Festival drew over 3,000 fans last month to the Yanitelli Recreational Life Center on the Jersey City campus of Saint Peter's College.

Those who came to see top-notch high school hoops were not disappointed. Proceeds are earmarked for SFIC which serves the students and school of the Archdiocese of Newark.

"It was just a great afternoon of outstanding high school basketball, and we have to thank all of the schools, coaches, players and fans who came out to support us," explained Bill Fitzpatrick, event director and a member of the board of trustees of the Scholarship Fund.

The finale of the tripleheader came down to the closing seconds of the game, but the state's No. 1 ranked team, St. Anthony High School, Jersey City hung on to defeat Christian Brothers Academy (CBA), Lincroft, 40-37, when Dan Gallagher's three-point shot hit off the front rim just before the buzzer sounded.

CBA star forward Dan Werner, in foul trouble, led both teams with 12 points despite failing to score in the first two quarters.

Coach Bob Hurley's Friars had three players with eight points, including sophomore Miles Beatty, who had all of his points in the third quarter. Ralph Fernandez added six assists for the Friars, who have just one loss in their first eight games.

In the opening game, St. Benedict's Preparatory School, Newark, ran past St. Joseph High School, Metuchen, 74-45.

Senior guard Eric Moore had 19 points and Lance Thomas chipped in with 17 points. Sean Baptiste led St. Joseph's with 20 points.

The second game saw Paramus Catholic High School rally to within three of No. 3 ranked St. Patrick High School, Elizabeth, in the fourth quarter, but the Celtics closed out with a 76-62 victory. Jhamar Youngblood paced both teams with 29 points for the Celtics.

Ronald Mount, president of the board of trustees of the



Christian Brothers' Dan Werner and Ahmad Nivins of St. Anthony's battle for the ball in the final game of tourney.

Scholarship Fund, and Lorraine Cunningham, acting executive director, also recognized Kevin Joyce (St. Joseph's), Lance Thomas (St. Benedict's), Luis Guzman (Paramus Catholic), Kazeem Famuyide (St. Patrick's), Michael FasanoFanano (CBA) and

Derrick Mercer (St. Anthony's) with Academic Excellence Awards at the festival.

Each school received a \$1,000 grant for its general fund in honor of the recipients.

The basketball festival again received strong corporate support

from Hudson City Savings Bank, Saint Barnabas Health Care System (Sports Medicine Institute), Aeropostale, White Castle and the Speedwell Foundation. CN-8 televised the final game of the festival on a delayed basis.



Joseph Skrec, athletic director at Roselle Catholic High School, presents senior forward David Cherry with the Holiday Tournament MVP Award. In the first round, the Lions defeated Bishop Ahr, Edison, 74-49, then downed Colonia High School 68-58 and took the title with a 46-42 win over South Brunswick High School. Cherry averaged 16 points per game.

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God's Grace
in its various
forms.*

1 Peter 4:10

*"Ya que cada
uno ha recibido
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para el bien de
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cias que Dios
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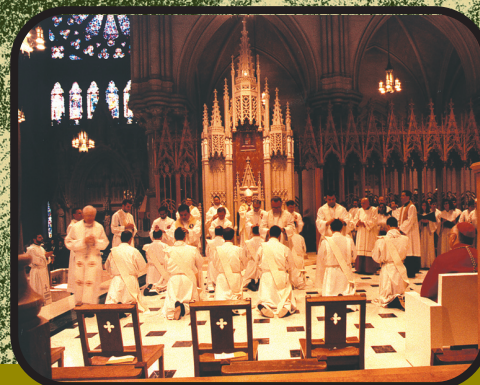
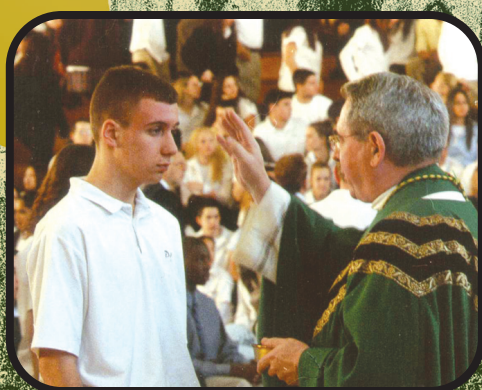
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Like the three stewards in Jesus’ parable, we have each been given different “talents,” different combinations of **time**, **talent** and **treasure**. We ask you to prayerfully reflect on what has been given to you by God, and to consider joining the *Circle of Stewards of the Archdiocese of Newark*.

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Have you considered remembering your parish and the Archdiocese in your will? For additional information contact the Archdiocesan Development Office, 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104, (973) 497-4126.

Dear Friends,

I would like to express my gratitude for your generosity in serving the Archdiocese of Newark. The Church is present to restore, strengthen and encourage the faith of its people on their journey of peace and ultimate tranquility with God.

God has already gifted each of us with a life to live, however long or short, in service and in joy. He has entrusted us with His treasures so we may share them with those struggling with various obstacles. The Church of Newark is present to assist these people in need through programs and services that are funded by your gifts to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal.

As disciples of Jesus, we have an opportunity here and now to follow the example of Jesus who took compassion on the sick and the poor every day of His life. Your contribution to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal is a realistic and tangible way of following Jesus today.

I earnestly ask you to make a generous gift to the 2005 Appeal. The need is great and your generosity allows our Church to continue to grow and flourish.

Please keep me in your prayers and know that you are always remembered in mine.

May God continue to bless you and your loved ones with His peace and joy.

Faithfully yours in Christ,



Most Reverend John J. Myers
Archbishop of Newark



In addition to helping your parish, your gift to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal benefits many programs and ministries in your community.

When you make a contribution to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal, you share your gifts from God with those less fortunate than you. Your support cultivates the Gospel message of stewardship.

The Appeal supports outreach programs through Catholic Charities (formerly known as Catholic Community Services). Catholic Charities operates a network of emergency shelters that offer shelter for homeless men, women and children, including many people who suffer from mental illnesses, chemical dependency, or HIV/AIDS. It offers programs for immigrants, refugees, and victims of human trafficking. In addition, the agency provides educational, developmental, and vocational services to special needs students in six Mount Carmel Guild Schools. Unfortunately, resources and funding are not growing as fast as the needs of the people in the community. We are making a special appeal this year to increase our donations so we may increase the portion the AAA distributes to Catholic Charities.

We, the people of the Catholic Church of Newark, remain dedicated to educating the many young people in our community. For these students, many of whom are poor, a faith-based and value-centered education is a true gift.

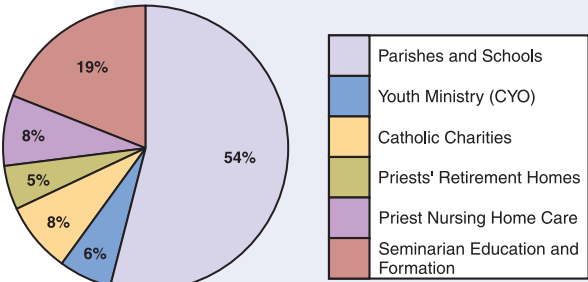
We are also dedicated to keeping thriving parishes open in urban areas. Churches in inner cities are beacons of hope for their often distressed communities.

We have an obligation to care for the many retired priests who have served the people and helped spread God’s Word.

Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future priests who will serve the people in your community.

The Youth Ministry (CYO) seeks to empower the young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today.

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1 Peter 4:10

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's Grace in its various forms.



The Archbishop's Annual Appeal's success is dependent on you. Together we can make the difference in someone's life.

Without the AAA, we would not be able to assist men, who have heard God's calling, with their seminarian costs, provide retirement homes for priests who have dedicated their lives to spreading God's message, provide a faith based education for children living in impoverished neighborhoods, and provide food, shelter, and counseling for so many in our community.

When you contribute to the AAA, you also help transform what happens in the hearts and minds of those we help. Many feel alone, abandoned and without hope. With your help, the AAA helps to restore their faith in humanity and in themselves. It helps them to heal the wounds that have led them astray from God's teachings.

Jesus taught us about tolerance, love, and sharing our gifts with those in need. The Annual Appeal is our way to continue his journey of holiness together, reaching out to people with our love and support. By applying the Gospel to our daily lives, we are helping ourselves by becoming closer to God and his kingdom.

I pray that you will make a generous gift to the 2005 Archbishop's Annual Appeal so we may continue to provide programs and services to the growing number of people in need.

Sincerely,

Carla L. Gonzalez
Executive Director
Development Office



Catholic Charities

of the Archdiocese of Newark

A Special Appeal for Catholic Charities

For 101 years, Catholic Charities has provided shelter, food, and counseling to many struggling people in our community.

The needs in our community have increased and we need your help. Your contribution to the AAA will ensure that Catholic Charities carries on the mission of caring for the aging, the sick and the poor like Jesus did while on earth.

Help us continue the legacy of being good Stewards by contributing generously to this year's appeal.

Mathew 25:40

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Total Pledges: \$11,160,561

Total Received to Date: \$9,578,602

Total Number of Donors: 50,843

Average Gift per Donor: \$219.51

Parish	Goal	\$ Received	% of Goal	Rebate	# of Families Supporting AAA
Annunciation, Paramus	\$36,491.47	\$44,698.00	122.49	\$7,752.41	264
Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River	\$88,704.61	\$96,690.00	109.00	\$7,985.39	587
Corpus Christi, Hasbrouck Heights	\$48,133.57	\$75,465.00	156.78	\$18,479.07	394
Church of Epiphany, Cliffside Park	\$33,786.77	\$42,413.00	125.53	\$7,691.79	268
Guardian Angel, Allendale	\$32,371.35	\$45,200.00	139.63	\$9,651.46	127
Holy Cross, Harrison	\$22,376.47	\$24,850.00	111.05	\$2,473.53	162
Holy Family, Linden	\$5,216.00	\$8,489.00	162.75	\$2,158.10	125
Holy Family, Nutley	\$51,486.50	\$54,410.86	105.68	\$2,924.36	392
Holy Family, Union City	\$8,887.48	\$9,395.00	105.71	\$507.52	74
Holy Name of Jesus, East Orange	\$18,241.57	\$19,176.00	105.12	\$934.43	130
Holy Rosary, Edgewater	\$15,882.67	\$27,023.00	170.14	\$7,158.43	85
Holy Rosary/Saint Michael's, Elizabeth	\$10,381.00	\$16,114.00	155.23	\$3,904.60	147
Holy Spirit, Union	\$48,424.31	\$76,049.68	157.05	\$18,655.12	473
Holy Trinity, Fort Lee	\$19,461.83	\$68,052.08	349.67	\$26,241.31	203
Holy Trinity, Hackensack	\$50,000.00	\$79,341.01	158.68	\$19,670.51	370
Epiphany/Holy Trinity, Newark	\$7,170.29	\$8,150.00	113.66	\$979.71	67
Holy Trinity, Westfield	\$67,644.78	\$124,445.13	183.97	\$35,164.65	483
Immaculate Conception, Mahwah	\$30,845.57	\$38,738.00	125.59	\$7,030.77	193
Immaculate Conception, Elizabeth	\$18,444.79	\$36,103.00	195.74	\$10,673.58	247
Immaculate Conception/St. Mary's, Hackensack	\$9,789.90	\$11,825.00	120.79	\$1,996.54	83
Immaculate Conception, Montclair	\$36,400.75	\$42,442.10	116.60	\$6,041.35	151
Immaculate Conception, Newark	\$7,598.46	\$8,405.00	110.61	\$806.54	72
Immaculate Conception, Norwood	\$38,209.04	\$38,893.00	101.79	\$683.96	202
Immaculate Conception, Secaucus	\$45,883.53	\$54,566.50	118.92	\$8,682.97	429
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Elizabeth	\$9,640.68	\$22,221.00	230.49	\$7,254.23	337
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mahwah	\$21,290.75	\$35,397.00	166.26	\$9,182.20	177
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Newark	\$10,255.19	\$12,690.00	123.74	\$2,242.92	115
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scotch Plains	\$59,049.46	\$81,786.00	138.50	\$17,273.22	346
Little Flower, Berkley Heights	\$52,129.00	\$70,095.00	134.46	\$14,195.90	308
Madonna, Fort Lee	\$20,084.39	\$31,046.00	154.58	\$7,489.24	237
Most Blessed Sacrament, Franklin Lakes	\$88,447.67	\$176,114.76	199.12	\$52,678.31	326
Most Holy Name, Garfield	\$15,309.00	\$19,981.15	130.52	\$3,866.98	149
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bayonne	\$38,177.05	\$42,319.00	110.85	\$4,141.95	348
Nativity, Midland Park	\$50,069.00	\$62,559.00	124.95	\$11,251.90	268
Notre Dame, North Caldwell	\$44,761.96	\$48,114.00	107.49	\$3,352.04	226
Our Lady Help of Christians, East Orange	\$11,866.82	\$16,270.41	137.11	\$3,388.48	114
Our Lady Help of Christians St., West New York	\$11,930.10	\$17,600.00	147.53	\$4,027.96	136
Our Lady Mother of the Church, Woodcliff Lake	\$28,337.45	\$45,810.00	161.66	\$11,570.02	131
Our Lady of Czestochowa, Jersey City	\$18,941.14	\$25,036.50	132.18	\$4,941.79	95
Our Lady of Fatima, Elizabeth	\$12,579.93	\$12,945.00	102.90	\$365.07	132
Our Lady of Fatima, North Bergen	\$19,788.07	\$31,485.00	159.11	\$7,827.27	167
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Newark	\$10,308.47	\$12,658.00	122.79	\$2,205.61	77
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Washington Township	\$42,061.86	\$74,806.00	177.85	\$20,578.26	330
Our Lady of Grace, Fairview	\$19,343.58	\$22,310.00	115.34	\$2,966.42	163
Our Lady of Grace, Hoboken	\$14,398.93	\$23,960.00	166.40	\$6,220.43	93
Our Lady of the Lake, Verona	\$58,583.47	\$87,705.00	149.71	\$20,419.11	356
Our Lady of Lourdes, Mountainside	\$42,890.71	\$71,113.00	165.80	\$18,400.22	274
Our Lady of Mercy, Jersey City	\$40,009.29	\$55,079.00	137.67	\$11,535.78	349
Our Lady of Mercy, Park Ridge	\$80,189.75	\$104,931.32	130.85	\$20,389.76	378
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Jersey City	\$14,232.00	\$14,426.00	101.36	\$194.00	111
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Montclair	\$15,981.00	\$31,400.00	196.48	\$9,307.60	100
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Newark	\$9,096.00	\$9,394.00	103.28	\$298.00	87
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Nutley	\$18,634.00	\$24,796.00	133.07	\$4,944.40	181
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Ridgewood	\$77,874.74	\$235,341.28	302.20	\$86,520.74	679
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Tenafly	\$50,143.04	\$79,837.00	159.22	\$19,861.28	256

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Our Lady of Peace, New Providence	\$55,918.25	\$74,185.00	132.67	\$14,725.20	325
Our Lady of Sorrows, Garfield	\$8,816.59	\$9,358.00	106.14	\$541.41	80
Our Lady of Sorrows, Jersey City	\$2,660.98	\$2,995.00	112.55	\$334.02	41
Our Lady of Sorrows, Kearny	\$14,329.19	\$20,685.00	144.36	\$4,610.82	202
Our Lady of Sorrows, South Orange	\$67,575.48	\$80,205.00	118.69	\$12,629.52	369
Our Lady of Victories, Jersey City	\$16,425.54	\$32,709.00	199.14	\$9,784.28	224
Our Lady of Victories, Harrington Park	\$33,423.97	\$50,744.00	151.82	\$12,002.41	153
Our Lady of the Visitation, Paramus	\$54,731.54	\$109,500.50	200.07	\$32,857.63	517
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Oakland	\$40,011.94	\$49,377.00	123.41	\$8,683.72	331
Our Lady Queen of Peace, Maywood	\$29,134.99	\$40,866.00	140.26	\$8,779.00	301
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Bayonne	\$29,606.00	\$52,096.00	175.96	\$14,205.60	284
Queen of Angels, Newark	\$8,604.00	\$10,195.00	118.49	\$1,591.00	55
Queen of Peace, North Arlington	\$50,325.10	\$63,626.05	126.43	\$11,682.99	410
Sacred Heart, Bloomfield	\$55,115.00	\$60,408.04	109.60	\$5,293.04	266
Sacred Heart, Haworth	\$26,201.58	\$34,060.29	129.99	\$6,549.51	135
Sacred Heart of Jesus, Irvington	\$13,307.19	\$15,627.00	117.43	\$2,319.81	150
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark	\$5,965.41	\$48,860.50	819.06	\$22,044.09	292
Sacred Heart, Newark	\$11,446.00	\$16,164.00	141.22	\$3,503.60	77
Sacred Heart, North Bergen (Cliffside Park)	\$13,235.50	\$21,665.00	163.69	\$5,538.30	140
Saint Adalbert's, Elizabeth	\$19,528.00	\$22,244.00	113.91	\$2,716.00	168
Saint Aedan's, Jersey City	\$27,248.00	\$34,820.00	127.79	\$6,510.80	175
Saint Agnes, Clark	\$47,928.94	\$72,244.00	150.73	\$16,950.42	397
Saint Aloysius, Caldwell	\$62,678.18	\$69,460.00	110.82	\$6,781.82	281
Saint Aloysius, Jersey City	\$35,020.56	\$49,278.50	140.71	\$10,631.03	334
Saint Aloysius, Newark	\$5,574.29	\$11,225.00	201.37	\$3,382.78	54
Saint Andrew's, Bayonne	\$32,447.29	\$36,965.00	113.92	\$4,517.71	199
Saint Andrew's, Westwood	\$43,577.64	\$56,443.00	129.52	\$10,790.44	409
Saint Ann's, Hoboken	\$10,572.00	\$18,717.00	177.04	\$5,129.70	108
Saint Ann's, Jersey City	\$8,242.53	\$10,095.00	122.47	\$1,750.49	105
Saint Anthony's, Newark	\$12,813.00	\$19,609.00	153.04	\$4,679.30	159
Saint Anthony's, East Newark	\$6,824.55	\$7,610.00	111.51	\$785.45	59
Saint Anthony's, Jersey City	\$9,452.25	\$9,814.00	103.83	\$361.75	30
Saint Anthony's, Northvale	\$23,573.97	\$30,244.00	128.29	\$5,692.41	192
Saint Anthony of Padua, Union City	\$12,862.97	\$17,805.34	138.42	\$3,757.48	249
Saint Antoninus, Newark	\$12,094.02	\$13,470.00	111.38	\$1,375.98	48
Saint Bartholomew's, Scotch Plains	\$51,465.70	\$83,129.00	161.52	\$20,978.22	485
Saint Benedict's, Newark	\$9,668.00	\$10,096.50	104.43	\$428.50	101
Saint Catharine's, Glen Rock	\$83,442.00	\$94,646.00	113.43	\$11,204.00	374
Saint Catherine of Siena, Cedar Grove	\$54,421.94	\$74,658.00	137.18	\$15,560.22	452
Saint Cassian's, Upper Montcliar	\$74,139.82	\$86,499.00	116.67	\$12,359.18	327
Saint Cecilia's, Englewood	\$38,907.37	\$43,695.00	112.31	\$4,787.63	142
Saint Elizabeth's, Wyckoff	\$110,535.25	\$190,644.00	172.47	\$51,107.90	495
Saint Francis, Hoboken	\$18,045.62	\$46,995.00	260.42	\$16,279.25	257
Saint Francis, Ridgefield Park	\$39,987.51	\$66,521.00	166.35	\$17,265.50	372
Saint Francis Xavier, Newark	\$19,550.00	\$26,560.00	135.86	\$5,460.00	254
Saint Gabriel's, Saddle River	\$49,858.93	\$173,458.72	347.90	\$66,785.79	321
Saint Genevieve's, Elizabeth	\$42,878.81	\$56,086.00	130.80	\$10,891.48	317
Saint Henry's, Bayonne	\$29,583.99	\$45,931.00	155.26	\$11,131.90	227
Saint James, Springfield	\$41,245.47	\$60,619.90	146.97	\$13,811.76	350
Saint John's, Newark	\$2,440.59	\$4,520.00	185.20	\$1,283.76	19
Saint John the Apostle, Linden	\$65,399.70	\$77,824.00	119.00	\$12,424.30	467
Saint John the Baptist, Hillsdale	\$58,462.48	\$77,266.40	132.16	\$15,248.21	360
Saint John the Baptist, Jersey City	\$23,099.00	\$27,270.00	118.06	\$4,171.00	120
Saint John the Evangelist, Bergenfield	\$61,797.27	\$119,190.00	192.87	\$34,876.09	537
Saint Joseph's, Bayonne	\$18,144.00	\$24,917.00	137.33	\$5,200.90	130

Parish	Goal	\$ Received	% of Goal	Rebate	# of Families Supporting AAA
Saint Joseph's, Demarest	\$26,421.53	\$46,149.00	174.66	\$12,505.89	152
Saint Joseph's, East Orange	\$9,709.01	\$15,360.00	158.20	\$3,796.40	53
Saint Joseph's, Hackensack	\$4,248.27	\$5,198.00	122.36	\$899.69	60
Saint Joseph's, Hoboken	\$5,475.07	\$5,641.00	103.03	\$165.93	74
Saint Joseph's, Jersey City	\$21,445.55	\$34,511.01	160.92	\$8,677.29	220
Saint Joseph's, Lodi	\$16,610.47	\$21,933.00	132.04	\$4,322.31	158
Saint Joseph's, Maplewood	\$26,029.35	\$29,262.00	112.42	\$3,232.65	144
Saint Joseph's, Roselle	\$31,094.28	\$32,041.00	103.04	\$946.72	188
Saints Joseph and Michael, Union City	\$23,073.55	\$24,008.00	104.05	\$934.45	145
Saint Joseph's, West Orange	\$41,790.23	\$60,407.00	144.55	\$13,487.41	227
Saint Joseph of the Palisades, West New York	\$49,348.00	\$63,378.00	128.43	\$11,949.80	723
Saint Lawrence Church, Weehawken	\$20,031.00	\$28,532.00	142.44	\$6,253.60	160
Saint Leo's, Irvington	\$11,590.59	\$20,417.50	176.16	\$5,572.51	157
Saint Lucy's, Newark	\$7,686.97	\$12,122.25	157.70	\$2,986.34	106
Saint Luke's, Ho-Ho-Kus	\$49,734.40	\$71,433.50	143.63	\$15,822.99	313
Saint Mark's, Rahway	\$10,416.89	\$16,653.00	159.87	\$4,159.74	142
Saint Mary's, Rutherford	\$56,524.88	\$145,156.37	256.80	\$49,968.23	668
Saint Mary's, Rahway	\$40,387.21	\$45,300.35	112.17	\$4,913.14	163
Saint Mary's, Plainfield	\$22,349.12	\$58,827.00	263.22	\$20,473.85	830
Saint Mary's, Nutley	\$38,589.80	\$63,855.00	165.47	\$16,491.58	406
Saint Mary's, Dumont	\$50,691.26	\$67,091.75	132.35	\$13,269.37	403
Saint Mary's, Closter	\$36,394.48	\$36,704.00	100.85	\$309.52	129
Saint Mary's, Newark	\$3,158.00	\$7,185.00	227.52	\$2,329.30	41
Saint Matthew's, Ridgefield	\$31,752.95	\$32,525.00	102.43	\$772.05	249
Saint Michael's, Union	\$54,167.74	\$80,894.00	149.34	\$18,779.90	583
Saint Michael's, Bayonne	\$9,094.94	\$14,743.00	162.10	\$3,733.52	124
Saint Michael's, Cranford	\$72,678.29	\$124,097.00	170.75	\$32,977.18	1,182
Saint Michael's, Newark	\$14,085.70	\$19,400.00	137.73	\$4,065.72	233
Saint Nicholas, Palisades Park	\$11,162.74	\$24,388.00	218.48	\$7,728.90	202
Saint Patrick's, Elizabeth	\$6,089.94	\$6,414.00	105.32	\$324.06	73
Saint Patrick's ProCathedral, Newark	\$4,043.55	\$5,265.00	130.21	\$1,015.08	30
Saint Paul's, Ramsey	\$75,470.88	\$132,619.50	175.72	\$36,121.40	503
Saint Paul the Apostle, Irvington	\$10,397.03	\$13,362.50	128.52	\$2,522.44	108
Saint Paul the Cross, Jersey City	\$16,064.00	\$20,039.00	124.74	\$3,593.90	124
Saint Peter's, Belleville	\$30,782.73	\$40,357.00	131.10	\$7,865.41	292
Saint Peter the Apostle, River Edge	\$53,326.57	\$105,688.00	198.19	\$31,513.37	518
Saints Peter and Paul, Elizabeth	\$7,172.83	\$7,320.00	102.05	\$147.17	78
Saints Peter and Paul, Hoboken	\$23,995.71	\$61,496.00	256.28	\$21,149.72	170
Saint Philip the Apostle, Saddle Brook	\$42,853.39	\$45,266.00	105.63	\$2,412.61	304
Saint Philomena's, Livingston	\$72,896.99	\$78,205.00	107.28	\$5,308.01	288
Saint Pius X, Old Tappan	\$24,739.97	\$31,285.00	126.46	\$5,746.51	161
Saint Rocco's, Newark	\$3,484.00	\$3,505.00	100.60	\$21.00	20
Saint Rocco's, Union City	\$2,710.00	\$6,450.00	238.01	\$2,141.00	57
Saint Rose of Lima, Newark	\$4,483.08	\$5,534.00	123.44	\$973.77	49
Saint Rose of Lima, Short Hills	\$99,408.27	\$184,959.20	186.06	\$52,716.29	325
Saint Stanislaus, Newark	\$5,711.92	\$6,675.00	116.86	\$963.08	109
Saint Stanislaus Kostka, Plainfield	\$2,696.82	\$3,080.00	114.21	\$383.18	38
Saint Teresa of Avila, Summit	\$93,552.52	\$141,402.00	151.15	\$33,279.99	361
Saint Theresa's, Kenilworth	\$40,005.48	\$75,335.00	188.31	\$21,665.31	307
Saint Theresa of Lisieux, Cresskill	\$62,518.18	\$100,850.00	161.31	\$25,417.73	555
Saint Thomas the Apostle, Bloomfield	\$82,288.05	\$137,945.00	167.64	\$36,057.28	794
Saint Thomas Aquinas, Newark	\$2,284.73	\$6,945.00	303.97	\$2,558.61	83
Saint Thomas More, Fairfield	\$31,008.75	\$37,126.00	119.73	\$6,117.25	233
Saint Valentine's, Bloomfield	\$25,672.00	\$35,339.50	137.66	\$7,400.95	225
Total:		\$7,813,732.95		\$1,770,825.44	

Stewardship Office

Director of Stewardship and Planned Giving, David Osborne

Many good things are happening in the Stewardship Office of the Archdiocese. For all our friends in the Hispanic Parish Communities—we will be hosting a workshop on promoting this way of life in their parishes on Saturday, February 26, 2005. The event will include nationally recognized speakers and the distribution of stewardship manuals in Spanish to help them accomplish just that. Also in February, we will give a formation session at the *Introduction to Ministry* program to first-year seminarians at Immaculate Conception Seminary to teach all about the stewardship way of life. In October, we will host our Annual Stewardship Day at Seton Hall University. This event is open to all clergy, religious and lay leaders of parishes in the Archdiocese and has been well received by all who attended the day in the past two years. Within the next few months we will begin to distribute funds from the stewardship endowment that was created in 1999. These grants will be given to inner-city parishes and schools in need of critical capital repairs. Contributions to this fund from parishes will cease at the end of this year. It is vital that we continue to increase the principle dollar amount in this fund in order to distribute the grants every year. If you wish to make a contribution to the stewardship endowment, please fill out the form below and return it to our office with your contribution.

2 Corinthians 9:15

“Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!”

We should always thank God for the gifts He gives to us.
We would like to thank you for your gift.

As part of my stewardship of treasure, I wish to contribute \$_____ to the Archdiocesan Stewardship Endowment to financially aid inner city schools and parishes.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Parish _____

For more information: **Phone:** (973) 497-4584 **Website:** www.rcan.org/development **Email:** aaainfo@rcan.org

Return this form with
your contribution to:
Archdiocese of Newark
Stewardship Office
PO Box 9577
Newark, NJ 07104

Dear HERITAGE TOUR:

I have an interest in learning more about the Heritage Tour Project:
☐ Contact me about being a Sponsor or Patron for the Tour events.
☐ I am interested to attend - Send me information about the upcoming Spring /Fall Tours.
☐ I would like to donate _____ to the Tour and its work to preserve our legacy.

For information and virtual tour please visit the Archdiocesan Web Site www.rcan.org/HeritageTour
Or call Joseph A. Vancio, Director of The Heritage Tour 973-497- 4024

Please print

Name(s): _____

Address : _____

City: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Please contact me by my Email address: _____

Please return this form to:

The Heritage Tour
Archdiocese of Newark
P.O. Box 9500
171 Clifton Avenue
Newark, NJ 07104

Research & Planning

Director, Deacon Robert A. Baker, Sr. MBA, CFE

The Office of Research and Planning of the Archdiocese of Newark is a resource with many facets and benefits for the administration of the Church on a diocesan as well as parish level. The office maintains extensive databases on the archdiocese as a whole and its individual entities, such as the parishes, schools, the clergy, healthcare institutions, Religious communities and overall demographics. Applying this data, the office is often called upon to furnish information or reports that will assist the Office of the Archbishop, the College of Consultors, Parish Internal Audit, the New Energies Task force on parishes, the School Office and other chancery offices in their decision-making or other responsibilities. The data can help a parish or school receive an emergency loan, move forward discussions on merger or closure, aid in the process of a parish audit, just to name a few benefits of this resource. The Office of Research and Planning also provides manuals and training for parishes that need guidance on forming or reinvigorating their pastoral councils.

The Heritage Tour
Treasured Churches of the Archdiocese of Newark



Detail of Stained Glass Window
St. Aloysius, Jersey City
c. 1900

The artistic and historical patrimony of the Archdiocese of Newark includes many incomparable treasures works of art and architecture — mosaics — stained glass —carvings — marble altars and pipe organs. Forty-one churches are on the New Jersey State Historical registry and twenty-two are listed on the National Registry.

The religious works of art of Newark’s churches and institutions often are unrecognized by the greater Catholic population of the area. For example, few realize that Presidents Hall at Seton Hall University possesses the oldest stained glass representation of St. Elizabeth Seton, the likeness of which was approved by her nephew, Bishop James Roosevelt Bayley.

The churches, treasured places of gathering and prayer, were built and offered to the glory of God as works of Faith by the labor and sacrifices of thousands of our predecessors in the last one hundred and fifty years – from laborers, dockworkers, housemaids, vendors to lawyers, doctors and professionals – all who have gone before us.

It is indeed an honor and a burden on all of us in the present generation to appreciate, guard, and maintain these gifts of Faith for the future.

If you are interested to join or donate, please mail coupon below.



2005

Llamado Anual del Arzobispo

Fín de semana de Compromiso comienza en su parroquia
el 5 y 6 de Febrero

Sirviendo las Necesidades de Nuestra Comunidad

ARQUIDIÓCESIS DE NEWARK

El Compromiso

Apreciamos cada donativo; pero sólo usted puede decidir cuál es el donativo apropiado de acuerdo con sus posibilidades. La mejor manera de dar es seleccionar la cantidad que usted pueda ofrecer mensualmente. Si se compromete a dar una cantidad mensual, su donativo será más generoso a la larga y usted podrá cumplir con sus otras obligaciones financieras.

SUGERENCIAS PARA SUS DONATIVOS

Compromiso	Pago Inicial	Pagos Mensuales (10 meses)
\$5,000	\$500	\$450
\$2,000	\$200	\$180
\$1,000	\$100	\$ 90
\$ 800	\$ 80	\$ 72
\$ 500	\$ 50	\$ 45
\$ 300	\$ 30	\$ 27
\$ 200	\$ 20	\$ 18
\$ 150	\$ 15	\$ 13.50
\$ 100	\$ 10	\$ 9

Ha usted considerado el recordar a su parroquia y a la Arquidiócesis en su testamento? Para más información por favor comuníquese con la oficina de Desarrollo de la Arquidiócesis, 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104, (973) 497-4126.

Queridos amigos,

Quiero expresarles mi gratitud por su generosidad en el servicio a la Arquidiócesis de Newark. La Iglesia está presente para restaurar, fortalecer y animar la fe de su pueblo en su jornada de paz y en la tranquilidad final con Dios.

Dios nos ha regalado a cada uno una vida para ser vivida, ya sea corta o larga, en servicio y en gozo. Él nos ha confiado Sus tesoros para que los compartamos con los que se enfrentan a distintas dificultades. La Iglesia de Newark está presente para ayudar a las personas necesitadas por medio de programas y servicios sostenidos por los donativos de ustedes al Llamado Anual del Arzobispo.

Como discípulos de Jesús, tenemos la oportunidad, aquí y ahora, de seguir Su ejemplo. Jesús tuvo compasión de los enfermos y de los pobres durante toda Su vida. La contribución de ustedes al Llamado Anual del Arzobispo es una forma real y tangible de seguir a Jesús hoy.

Les pido de todo corazón que sean generosos en este Llamado 2005. La necesidad es grande y la generosidad de ustedes le permite a la Iglesia crecer y dar frutos.



Por favor, manténganme en sus oraciones y sepan que ustedes están en las mías.

Que Dios siga bendiciéndoles a ustedes y a sus seres queridos con Su paz y Su gozo.

Fielmente en Cristo,

✠Excmo. y Rvdmo. John J. Myers
Arzobispo de Newark

Además de ayudar a su parroquia, su donativo al “Llamado Anual del Arzobispo”, sostiene muchos programas y ministerios en su comunidad.

Cuando usted contribuye al Llamado Anual del Arzobispo está compartiendo los dones que ha recibido de Dios con otras personas menos afortunadas que usted. Su ayuda ejemplifica lo que dice el Evangelio sobre la administración de los bienes.

El Llamado Anual apoya los programas de ayuda a través de las Caridades Católicas (antes llamada Servicios Católicos Comunitarios). Caridades Católicas operan un grupo de refugio para hombres, mujeres, y niños sin hogar, incluyendo aquellos con enfermedades mentales, dependencia de drogas y personas con la enfermedad del SIDA. Ofrecen programas para inmigrantes, refugiados y víctimas del tráfico de humanos. También la agencia provee servicios vocacionales, educativos y de desarrollo para estudiantes con necesidades especiales en seis escuelas de “Mount Carmel Guild”.

Desafortunadamente, los fondos y recursos no crecen tan rápidos como las necesidades de la comunidad. Es por eso, que estamos haciendo una petición especial este año para aumentar sus donaciones y así acrecentar la porción que el Llamado Anual del Arzobispo distribuye a las Caridades Católicas.

Nosotros, el pueblo de la Iglesia Católica de Newark seguimos dedicados a la educación de muchos jóvenes en nuestras comunidades. Para esos estudiantes, muchos de los cuales son pobres, una educación basada en la fe y centrada en los valores cristianos es un verdadero regalo.

Asimismo nos esforzamos por mantener parroquias florecientes en áreas urbanas. Las iglesias de los barrios pobres son faros de esperanza para sus comunidades a menudo tan necesitadas.

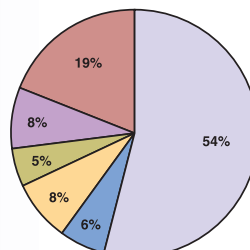
Tenemos la obligación de cuidar de los sacerdotes que han servido al pueblo y han sembrado la palabra de Dios durante su vida, y que ahora están jubilados.

Su contribución al Llamado Anual es una inversión para los sacerdotes del futuro que servirán a los miembros de las comunidades de ustedes.

El Ministerio Juvenil (CYO) se propone preparar a los jóvenes para que vivan como discípulos de Jesucristo en el mundo de hoy.

Gracias por su consideración.

Año Fiscal 2003-04



Parroquias y Escuelas
Ministerio Juvenil (CYO)
Caridades Católicas
Casas de Retiro para Sacerdotes
Asilos para Sacerdotes
Educación y Formación de Seminaristas

Así es como se usan sus donativos para comunicar la palabra de Dios y para realizar Su obra.

* El Llamado Anual del Arzobispo no es la fuente primaria de ingresos de CYO o de Caridades Católicas

** Solicitud para el Año Fiscal 2006



Great Giving

*to the next generation:
the gift of Catholic Faith and Life
through our resources.*

Though every gift has a special quality, we have learned that some gifts stand out from the rest as extra special. And interestingly, it's not the size of a gift that makes it particularly special, though we are always encouraged when a larger asset comes our way.

What makes a gift extra special are the circumstances surrounding it, including the attitude of the donor.

As we look back over the many gifts, certain common characteristics emerge that combine to make a good gift great. See if you agree.

A great gift is motivated by our mission.
Something intangible, yet valuable, is added to a gift when it addresses the purposes of the Church. You identify with our vision and mission to bring Jesus to people and people to Jesus. Your planned gift reflects a sense of ownership and partnership to build the kingdom of God for the next generation.

Such a gift warms and inspires us more than, say, a gift that comes to us anonymously ...or a gift that is motivated solely for tax purposes.

A great gift is well planned.
Great giving requires time and effort. You must consider a variety of factors and options and select the right asset for the right gift vehicle at the right time, and do it in a manner that will appropriately address your overall estate plan, as well as the needs of the Archdiocese. As the saying goes, anything worth doing is worth doing well. Great giving may require more work, but the rewards are worth it.

A great gift pleases the donor.
That is, you are convinced your gift will make a positive difference in a parish and the Archdiocese. It has been well planned and there are no regrets. A sense of fulfillment prevails and crowns the gift with added value. The gift is made greater by the glow of satisfaction. Donor delight is right up there at the top of our list, and we work hard to make it happen.

Over the years in our parishes and at the Archdiocese of Newark, we have received numerous planned gifts. These include will bequests, gift annuities, contributions to our pooled income fund, life insurance, charitable trusts and outright gifts of stock, real estate and other assets. Each one of these gifts has been received with sincere and enthusiastic appreciation.

When our donors are happy, we are happy.

As you consider what kind of planned gift you would like to give to a parish or the Archdiocese, we urge you to contact our director of planned giving, David Osborne. He is well-versed in the various gift arrangements and is dedicated to helping our donors make "great" gifts.

You can reach Mr. Osborne at (973) 497-4584, email: osbornda@rcan.org, or by using the handy response form below. Also, please note that you can use the form to request complimentary material.

We look forward to serving you.

Dear Mr. Osborne, I am interested in learning more about planned giving:

- ☐ Please send me free literature about making a planned gift to my parish or the Archdiocese.
- ☐ Please contact me about a personal visit. The best time to call me is: _____.
- ☐ I have provided for my parish and/or the Archdiocese in my will or other estate-planning document. Please include me in the Archdiocesan Legacy Circle.
- ☐ Please send me information about the Archdiocesan Legacy Circle.



Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

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