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Archbishop's appeal making 'good' progress

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

NEWARK — Preliminary reports on the progress of this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal (AAA) are "good" despite several significant challenges including changing demographics, Archbishop John J. Myers explained at this year's annual AAA meeting.

Held Wednesday, April 13 at the Archdiocesan Center, the forum was attended by pastors and parish workers involved in the annual appeal. This year's goal is \$12 million.

Stressing that the Archdiocese is attempting to support its "changing population," Archbishop Myers noted that the subsidy to Catholic Charities has increased to over \$2.5 million "to care for the poor in our midst." Among the "continuing challenges" mentioned by the archbishop are the poor and immigrants whom the local church "genuinely wants to make welcome."

Mentioned too by Archbishop Myers were such vital areas as providing "quality" education and the needs of retired priests. He underlined the fact that the number of seminarians has been increasing "significantly" and that there have been thoughts of adding more rooms at Immaculate Conception Seminary on the

South Orange campus of Seton Hall University.

New Jersey, the archbishop noted, is changing as rapidly as any state in the nation. Such a situation, he said, results in "considerable stress" on schools and parishes. That stress "means we are really in touch with reality."

"We must meet these challenges," Archbishop Myers concluded.

According to Carla L. Gonzalez, Executive Director of Development, "we have an increase of \$200,000 in pledges and money collected versus last year at this time. We are optimistic that our generous parish-

ioners will meet the challenge to raise more money for Catholic Charities which needs more funding to address the increasing needs of our community."

Gonzalez said too "on behalf of Archbishop Myers and the community we serve, I thank all the people who made a gift to AAA 2005. The Archdiocese of Newark is truly blessed."

The executive director announced at the meeting that a brochure will be mailed out this week to past supporters who have not as yet made this year's gift.

The brochure will contain important information about

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Advocate photo-Ward Miele

Father Emery and Archbishop Myers listen to the AAA presentation.

Local pilgrims pay respects to the pope

BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Writer

AREA — As people from many faiths and cultures mourned the death of Pope John Paul II, pilgrims from around the globe journeyed to Rome the first week in April to say goodbye to a spiritual father.

Kamil Kluczynski, a senior at Paramus Catholic High School who came to the United States from Poland with his family when he was six, made a whirlwind 48-hour trip to the Eternal City, along with his father,

Wieslaw, and grandmother, Czeslawa, to be close to the pontiff who was not only a native son, but a national hero.

"He was our pope," said Kluczynski, who explained that the trip was particularly important for his grandmother, who still lives in Poland but was visiting in the U.S. when the pope passed away April 2. The family waited in line for nearly 10 hours, a sacrifice which must have been particularly difficult for the grandmother.

"Everybody was calm... people were having conversations,

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Deacon Joseph and Julia Persinger in St. Peter's Square.

Have we learned anything?

As the events of the past few weeks have unfolded, I have been struck by how significantly they have touched upon not only our daily lives but our very identity.

The well-chosen words of our Constitution leave little room for doubting that the framers understood that a secure democracy required above all else an authentic and adequate understanding of the human person. Their appeal to

"the laws of nature and of nature's God" would ensure that the rights so eloquently enumerated would be guaranteed by the Creator and not arbitrarily assigned, culturally determined or self-imposed. The inalienable dignity of the human person preserves our most cherished values from becoming insubstantial ideals that ultimately undermine and abrogate human liberty and, also, human fulfillment.

Several weeks ago our nation witnessed a macabre drama that was a direct result of measuring the dignity and worth of a human life while ignoring the indisputable fact that a woman was really alive. The controversy surrounding the life of Terri Schiavo was more than a medical discussion about the meaning of "persistent vegetative state," a judicial discussion about who has the final word concerning end of life

issues, and a philosophical discussion about "quality of life." Ultimately the controversy overshadowing the last days of Terri's life was a terrifying example of what happens when values and

Sincerely
in the Lord
By Archbishop John J. Myers

ideals are discussed as if the person to whom they apply is no longer relevant. Terri Schiavo was a helpless victim of an idea of

human worth not grounded in reality but subjectively considered. As we saw, Terri's life was worth so much to so many, especially to those who loved and cared for her. Terri was able to contribute something invaluable to them, something only she could.

Tragically for Terri, the judiciary did not agree. It is frightening to realize that at no time did any judge or body of jurists recognize that without the life, the presence, the person of Terri, all talk of legal principles and

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Holy Father's passing triggers profound memories

BY FATHER JIM CHERN

Special to The Catholic Advocate

I had just reached the part of the Mass that most Catholics know by heart from attending Sunday Mass—the Eucharistic Prayer.

Though the prayer is said in different languages around the world, the words haven't changed in thousands of years. As I recited the lines of the prayer "Lord remember your Church throughout the world; make us grow in love, together with ...", it hit me. I'm so used to saying "John Paul, our Pope," in that space. But, now, just a few hours after he had died, I paused. There was no name to say in that place. The reality that the pope was gone hit me at that moment.

After Mass, I realized that I cannot recall another pope's name being said in the prayer. I was almost five when John Paul II was elected, and I can't even remember that.

In fact, sadly, my first memory of the pope was the day he was shot. I was seven years old. I remember watching the news of the shooting on television, and crying as I told a neighbor that "they shot the pope."

My friend, a year younger than I and a non-Catholic, asked "Why?" I remember replying, "I don't know."

In my child's mind, I could not fathom why anyone would want to hurt a man who loved and served Jesus. It didn't make sense. Twenty-four years later, it still doesn't.

I don't recall hearing daily reports about the pope's recovery or the length and time he was in the hospital. In the next memory I have of him, he is recovered and recuperated. It was the day he went and forgave the man who shot him, Mehmet Ali Agca. The image of the Pope going to see this man in prison, and this man, who shot him, smiling as the Pope comes and offers forgiveness, is all that matters in my mind.

People can, and will, debate what John Paul II's legacy will be. For what will the global community most celebrate and recognize him? Helping to defeat communism? Bridging gaps between Roman Catholicism and other faiths? Being the most traveled pope in history?

People have been appropriately praising all of these feats. The "experts" will discuss whether John Paul II made the Church too conservative, or more

balanced. People will debate whether the hierarchy of the Church has become too centralized in Rome, or if that centralization has helped unify the Church. Those are all questions that history will answer—and not any time soon, but centuries from now.

However, it is the memory of the pope forgiving the man who tried to kill him that has forever marked my life. At the time it happened, I couldn't comprehend it.

Growing up in an Italian-American household, the youngest of three boys, getting beaten up was a somewhat normal, ordinary occurrence. Forgiving one another was usually something we were commanded to do, as my father insisted we were going to be "the Love brothers." But the apologies and forgiveness were somewhat shallow; as soon as mom and dad were out of earshot, my brothers and I would claim to each other that we "didn't mean" our forgiveness.

Here, now, was this guy who didn't "beat up" the pope; he shot him. But when the man said "I'm sorry," the pope said "I forgive you." Of course, I wasn't there, but the smile on that man's face as the pope left him that day told me that the pope had truly forgiven him.

That gesture of forgiveness, possibly the greatest teaching this Holy Father could have given to one of his sons, has been something I aspire to, and try- with mixed results- to emulate.



Father Jim Chern

How fitting it is that the pope's last words echoed the same lesson: "To humanity, which at times appears lost and dominated by the power of evil, of selfishness and fear, the Lord resurrected offers as a gift his forgiving love, reconciles and reopens the spirit to hope."

In teaching that lesson, this Holy Father has imparted the most important lesson to his son's and daughters: That Jesus Christ's love and forgiveness still has the power to change the most hardened of hearts.

In the end, John Paul II's greatness may be attributed to many things. But most important to the heart of the Christian was this Christ-like witness in his words and actions. Could there be any greater standard for a pope?

Father Chern was ordained in May, 1999 and is a parochial vicar at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, West Orange.

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PARISH MOURNS BABY CECILIA—Archbishop John J. Myers (with Rev. Christopher Hynes) paused for a moment of reflection at the spot in the parish garden where during Holy Week Fr. Michael Ward of St. Cecilia Parish, Kearny, found a newborn baby girl's body buried. The parish, Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese and several local funeral directors worked with authorities to take charge of and arrange a burial for the baby, whom the parish named Baby Cecilia. The Archbishop joined more than 300 members of the parish community on April 16 for the child's funeral.



Stewardship

'Show me the money'

BY DEACON ROBERT A. BAKER, SR.

Director of Research and Planning

We're skeptical people. We develop faith and trust when we see results. In the movie Jerry Maguire he was going to negotiate a football player's contract. "Show me the money" was the bottom line.

Should we apply this method when it comes to God? Should our faith and trust in Him be based on our material or monetary wealth?

If I applied this to my situation the title of this would be "God Who?" But as you know that is not the case. All too often the call to stewardship is based on "Show me the money."

If we look at a housewife we see a position that

comes with almost no monetary gain. A very labor-intensive job requiring heavy lifting and moving of heavy objects.

Responsibilities include picking up and cleaning after others, cooking for everyone and being the last to eat, cleaning all the pots, pans and dishes from the meal, washing, drying, folding and ironing clothes, shopping for food and other items for the family and forgetting what you needed.

Follow-up on the children—get them to sport activities, make sure they do their homework, have uniforms or school clothes ready for the next day, make lunch, pack book bags, take care of children's hygiene and health. Take out the garbage that everyone else in house thinks magically disappears, mop and sweep floors, look pretty for the husband when

he come home and be very compassionate about his "tough" day at work.

It is very important that these duties be performed 16 hours a day, seven days a week. Every duty must be performed with tender loving care.

God bless the housewife! What a great example of stewardship. A thankless job that is taken for granted but performed tirelessly with great love.

God does the same for you and I. We are to respond to His call and the call of His sons and daughters with no questions asked and with great love.

If God were to say to you "Show me the money" just how much did you treasure his work? How much have you given of your time and talent to him and others?

What you do, do without praise or reward but with lots of love. Honey, if you are reading this I promise to take out the garbage tonight.

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Participating with ‘lively faith’ Divine Worship Office goal

BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Writer

NEWARK—Father Thomas A. Dente, formerly parochial vicar at St. John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale, and associate director of the Office of Divine Worship, has been named director.

The second of three children, Father Dente grew up in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Oakland, where he was an altar server. Father Bob Connors’ 19-year pastorate influenced the young Dente, who became an Eagle Scout, the highest rank in scouting.

“He is still a good friend,” he said of Father Connors.

Interestingly, it was at the Oakland parish where Father Dente first

became friends with Sister Sandra DeMassi, S.S.J., his predecessor, who served in the Office of Divine Worship for over 12 years, nine as director. The Sisters of St. Joseph had worked in the parish school. After the school closed, the sisters stayed on, helping in other capacities.

Father Dente attended Don Bosco Preparatory, Ramsey, and went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in English from Seton Hall University, South Orange. In college he already knew he wanted to be a priest.

“We pray with all those who have gone before us, and all those ahead of us.”

—Father Thomas A. Dente

Msgr. William Harms, whom he had also known from Our Lady of Perpetual Help and who had come to work at Seton Hall, was a spiritual advisor at the time.

Father Dente graduated from Immaculate Conception Seminary in 1993 with a Master of Divinity, and was ordained that May.

He served first as parochial vicar of St. Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff from 1993 to 1996, as secretary to Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, 1997, and as parochial vicar of St. John the Baptist, Hillsdale, for the past six years. In 1999, he

also began working as associate director of the Office of Divine Worship.

In 1995, Father Dente began spending summers at the University of Notre Dame, IN,

working towards a Master of Arts in Theology (liturgical studies), which he completed in 2000.

He served on the editorial board of “Word on Worship,” the newsletter of the Office of Divine Worship, from 1994 to 2004, and as its editor since 2004. In addition to publishing many articles in the newsletter, he has offered presentations, workshops and lectures at Immaculate Conception Seminary and several parishes in the Archdiocese of Newark, and has served as an adjunct professor at Felician



Advocate photo- Brian Fores

Father Thomas A. Dente, the new director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Archdiocese of Newark.

College and Caldwell College.

As director of the Office of Divine Worship, he hopes to assist pastors and parishes in carrying out the rites and liturgies of the Church as prayerfully as possible, and work toward getting all those who come to the liturgies to “participate with a lively faith.”

Father Dente has always been interested in the intricacies of the Liturgy because “it is the prayer life of the Church. The Divine liturgy puts us in touch with God, and the Church worldwide. When we worship, we pray with all those who have gone before us, and all those ahead of us.”

Inner-City Scholarship Fund dinner April 21

WEST ORANGE—The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City children (SFIC) of the Archdiocese of Newark will hold its 21st annual scholarship dinner on Thursday, April 21, beginning at 6 p.m. at Mayfair Farms, West Orange.



John T. Dolan, Esq.

Honorees for the evening will be Elizabeth and Robert L. LaBlanc of Ridgewood, benefactors of the Jeanne-Marie Scholarship Fund.

In 1982, following the untimely death of their daughter, the LeBlancs dedicated themselves to helping deserving children receive a quality education by donating scholarship funds in her memory.

To date, scholarship funds established by the LaBlancs have granted over 84 scholarships to parochial high schools and eight to Manhattan College.

John T. Dolan, Esq., a partner in the

firm of Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger and Vecchione, is dinner chairman. Archbishop John J. Myers is the honorary chairman.

SFIC provides scholarships to needy children to attend private and parochial schools in New Jersey. Its mission is to provide disadvantaged youngsters with

the opportunity to receive quality value-based education. SFIC scholarships are given to students primarily attending Catholic elementary and secondary schools in the four counties of the archdiocese.

Funds are raised from concerned individuals, corporations and foundations.

Official Appointments



Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

Archdiocesan/Agency/Ministry

Reverend Edward G. Bradley,
Director of the Office of Ministry to Retired Priests, has been reappointed with continued limited teaching responsibilities at Seton Hall Preparatory School and continued residence at Seton House, both in West Orange.

Retirement

Very Reverend Anthony J. Kulig, V.F.,
Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Bayonne, has been granted retirement, effective Aug. 1.

Reverend Monsignor Joseph P. Plunkett, V.F.,
Pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Newark, has been granted retirement, effective July 1.

Chaplain

Reverend Anthony Onyekwelu,
Parochial Vicar of St. Michael Parish, Union, has also been appointed Part-time Chaplain of Union Hospital, Union, effective March 23.

Reverend Hippolytus Duru
has been appointed Chaplain of St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, with residence at Our Lady of Lourdes Rectory, West Orange, effective April 11.

Release

Reverend Frederick L. Miller
has been released from service to the Archdiocese of Newark to serve at Mount St. Mary Seminary, Emmitsburg, MA.

Sainthood not on fast track

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Vatican officials have dismissed press claims that Pope John Paul II could be beatified as early as October after receiving “popular acclamation” as a saint from Catholics worldwide.

“This is complete fiction; although it’s possible the process could be speeded up, such dates are totally imaginary,” said Jesuit Father Hieronim Fokcinski, an official of the Congregation for Saints’ Causes.

“There’s no possibility of acclaiming saints this way, particularly when doing so would bypass this congregation and appear to pre-empt decisions by a future pope,” he said in an interview with Catholic News Service April 11.

Jesuit Father Paolo Molinari, one of the Vatican’s longest-serving postulants of saints’ causes, said he would not be surprised if Pope John Paul were canonized someday.

“But these media reports have been organized by a group of Poles. They’re setting up an atmosphere to pressure the Holy See to do something which hasn’t been done for 500 years,” he said April 11.

“We have to be very careful in cases like this, when nationalism is involved and banners are being produced by an organized group,” he said. “Popular enthusiasm can pass, while it can also affect the authority of a pope.”

Calls for Pope John Paul’s canonization have proliferated since his April 8 funeral, during which placards were held up calling for him to be declared “*santo subito*,” Italian for “saint immediately.”

Father Molinari said he believed a beatification process would take “a minimum of three-four years.” Normal procedures require a minimum of five years to pass from a candidate’s death before the process begins.

He said Pope John Paul “agreed exceptionally” to waive the five-year norm in the case of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who was beatified in 2003. Her cause was opened in 1999, two years after her death, because she was “universally regarded as a saint in her own lifetime,” he said.

Current Church rules require detailed examination of all archival material on a sainthood candidate as well as the cross-examination of witnesses and the compilation of documentation

on the person’s life.

A commission of historians and theologians must also carry out investigations, before a group of cardinals refers the case to the pope for a final decision on the candidate’s “heroic virtues.”

Speaking to journalists April 9, Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said a decision to speed up a possible cause for the pope would “depend solely on the next pope.”



CALL FOR SAINTHOOD—Pilgrims hold a banner that translates “sainthood immediately” during the funeral Mass for Pope John Paul II. Thousands of the faithful began chanting the pope’s name in Italian during the funeral calling for his immediate canonization.

Cardinal Jose Saraiva Martins, who headed the Congregation for Saints’ Causes until Pope John Paul’s death, said that a process for the late pope could only open after five years.

“Popular sentiment is one thing,” he told Italy’s Catholic daily, *Avvenire*, April 10. “Canonical recognition of sanctity is another.”

Another Italian daily, *Corriere della Sera*, reported April 11 that the Polish secretary of the saints’ congregation, Archbishop Edward Nowak, had suggested the expected Synod of Bishops in October as a possible occasion for Pope John Paul’s beatification.

However, a spokesman for Archbishop Nowak told CNS he believed the interview had been distorted.

Pope John Paul beatified Popes Pius IX and John XXIII in 2003, 125 and 40 years, respectively, after their deaths.

Press reports said Venezuelan Cardinal Rosario Castillo Lara, a retired Vatican official, told mourners in Caracas April 8 he had witnessed the curing of a woman with cancer after a general audience in

Rome. He said he believed “a new star will soon radiate great light in the heavenly firmament.”

Meanwhile, Italy’s *La Stampa* daily said April 10 that the pope’s private secretary, Archbishop

Stanislaw Dziwisz, described the cure of a U.S. Catholic of Jewish origin who had cancer. The archbishop reportedly said the cure occurred after the man attended a Mass with Pope John Paul in 2002.

A priest from Poland’s Niepokolanow Franciscan monastery, Father Janusz Zatger, said many Catholics believed a miracle had occurred when a sick child was unexpectedly cured April 5 after undergoing life-threatening brain surgery.

“We came to St. Peter’s to pray with the father after the Holy Father’s death (April 2), and we all believe the pope pointed his finger and helped him,” Father Zatger told CNS April 8.

“At a time when many miracles are being witnessed in acts of generosity and friendship, we are certain this was an act of intercession by the pope,” he said.

However, Cardinal Jozef Glemp of Warsaw cautioned that a formal process would be needed to ensure a “deeper awareness of his life and teaching.”

“For the world, it’s obvious that John Paul II is a saint — the question of when a process begins doesn’t in any way change the fact of his holiness,” Cardinal Glemp told Poland’s Catholic information agency April 10.

“Although John Paul II is universally viewed as a saint, I wouldn’t rush the process, so we can get to know his teaching better, sort it out and document it,” he added.

Late pope praised

WASHINGTON, DC (CNS)—Pope John Paul II “brought the Gospel’s message of hope and love and freedom to the far corners of the earth,” President George W. Bush said April 9 in his weekly radio address to the nation. U.S. Sen. Ken Salazar, D-CO, had similar praise for the late pope in the Democratic response to the address, saying, “Our world lost a great spiritual leader of conscience and a statesman.” The president also spoke at length about Pope John Paul and about the experience of attending the pope’s April 8 funeral Mass in an interview with the travel pool aboard Air Force One, en route from Rome to Waco, TX. Bush was going to his Texas ranch to meet with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon April 11. “It’s such an honor to represent our country at a ceremony honoring a truly great man who is and will always be a great historical figure,” Bush said in the interview. “This will be one of the highlights of my presidency, to have been at this great ceremony.”

Rejoice in pope’s legacy

AGANA, Guam (CNS)—Archbishop Anthony Sablan Apuron of Agana called Catholics to continue to pray for the late Pope John Paul II and to find joy as they remembered the life of the pontiff, who visited the Pacific island 24 years ago. He also urged them to have courage that the right man for these times will be named as his successor. “I say rejoice in the Lord that he has given us such a great man,” Archbishop Apuron said. “And take courage that hopefully the Lord will send us another man ... who will continue to lead the Church in difficult moments and difficult times, who would truly be a shepherd and a pastor.”

Archbishop Iakovos dies

WASHINGTON, DC (CNS)—Retired Greek Orthodox Archbishop Iakovos of North and South America, 93, who died April 10 of a pulmonary ailment in Stamford, CT, was a pioneer in Orthodox-Catholic relations and a world-recognized ecumenical leader. His successor, Archbishop

Demetrios, held a trisagion, or Orthodox service for the dead, the following morning at the Chapel of St. Paul in New York at the headquarters of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America. He declared nine days of mourning. The funeral was held April 14. “Archbishop Iakovos was a believer in the uniting and healing power of the love of God,” Archbishop Demetrios wrote in a statement. “Throughout his ministry he brought together people of faith. ... He was an ecumenical leader, a friend of presidents and a tremendous contributor to the global witness of our Orthodox faith.”

Movement growing

NOTRE DAME, IN (CNS)—The Catholic charismatic movement is growing by leaps and bounds in Latin America as a Church counterweight to competition from Pentecostal churches in the once solidly Catholic region, said an expert on charismatic Christianity. “The charismatic renewal has developed into the

largest and most animated Catholic lay movement in Latin America,” said R. Andrew Chesnut, associate history professor at the University of Houston, during a panel discussion on Latin American Catholicism. Several other panel speakers said aggressive Pentecostal evangelization has contributed to the demise of a Catholic monopoly on Latin American religious life and is causing the Church to realign its priorities in the face of religious pluralism.

Voters support ban

MERRIAM, KS (CNS) — Kansas voters approved a state constitutional amendment April 5 to ban same-sex couples from marrying or entering into civil unions. The Kansas Catholic Conference in Merriam, just outside Kansas City, supported the ban on same-sex unions and had urged Catholics to vote in favor of it. A March 5 letter distributed by the conference, the public policy arm of the state’s Catholic bishops, said the measure was “for the good of marriage, family life and our

society.” The Kansas bishops wrote, “We believe this amendment will help protect our state from the possibility of a future court redefining marriage. That is hardly an idle threat, for we have watched the usurpation by the courts of the authority of legislatures to restrict or prohibit abortion.”

Publisher named

NOTRE DAME, IN (CNS) — Thomas Grady has been named the new publisher of Ave Maria Press, a ministry of Holy Cross priests that is based on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. Grady succeeds Frank Cunningham, who retired in March after 27 years with Ave Maria Press, including the last 11 as president and publisher. Grady himself has more than 25 years in the trade-book publishing business. For the past seven years, he has managed his own literary agency in northern California, working with new and established authors primarily in the areas of religion and spirituality.

April 21

Knights of Columbus, Washington Township, collections for developmentally disabled at key town locations through April 24. (201) 664-0422.



April 22

Marilyn of the Oranges, South Orange, art exhibition by alumnae, friends and students, 5:30-9 p.m. (908) 647-0318.

St. Anthony Parish, Elizabeth, drama club presentation "Nunsense," 8 p.m. Other dates: April 23, 8 p.m. and April 24, 3 p.m. Cost \$12/\$10 children, 12 and under free. (908) 351-3300.

The Shrine of St. Joseph, Stirling, "Earth Day—Creation Walk," with Linda Wass, 7:30 p.m. Cost \$10. (908) 647-0208 or www.stshrine.org.

April 23

St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, St. Phil's Singles volleyball in school gym, 7:30 p.m. (973) 340-4001 or www.homestead.com/stphilssingles.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Irvington, annual spring luncheon, noon. Cost \$5. (732) 225-5965 or (973) 670-3042.

April 24

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Bayonne, spring craft show. Cost of tables \$25. (201) 436-2222.

Carmel Retreat, Mahwah, "Sunday with Mary: Gifted by the Spirit," 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., cost \$25, and "Sunday Night Movie: *Steel Magnolias*," 5:30-9:30 p.m., cost \$25. Meals included. (201) 327-7090.

Saint Peter Preparatory School, Jersey City, open house, 2-4 p.m. (201) 547-6389 or www.stpetersprep.org.

Catholics Who Happen to Be Single Club, "Fitness Sunday," World of Fitness, Bloomfield, 7-9 p.m. Cost \$5. Call Leonora at (973) 743-6100 or email century153@yahoo.com.

April 25

Holy Family Parish, Nutley, Rosary Society meeting, 7:45 p.m. Spring fashion show April 27, 7 p.m. Call Lucy Rispoli at (973) 751-2715 after 2 p.m.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, Holy Hour for Life and Special Intentions, 7:30 p.m. (973) 338-9190.

April 26

St. James the Apostle Parish, Springfield, annual parish festival through April 30. (973) 376-3044.

April 27

Saint Peter's Preparatory School, Jersey City, lecture and book signing by author/historian Thomas Fleming, *Mysteries of My Father*. Free, (201) 547-6420.

April 28

Academy of Holy Angels, Demarest, "Awareness Evening," author Susan Crites Price, speaker, 7 p.m. (201) 768-7822.

Seton Hall University, South Orange, "Selecting the Pope: Uncovering the Mysteries of Papal Elections," Greg Tobin, speaker, 5 p.m. (973) 275-2378.

April 29

St. John the Apostle Parish, Linden, Barry Michaels, author of *Eucharist, The Church's Treasure*, speaker, 8 p.m. (908) 803-1014.

April 30

National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Washington, memorial Mass for Sister Lucia, noon. Visit www.bluearmy.com/memorial.html or call (908) 689-1701.

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish, Newark, Most Rev. Edgar M. daCunha, Regional Bishop for Essex County, celebrant, memorial Mass for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 10 a.m. (973) 497-4339.

St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, St. Phil's Singles "Games Night," St. Joseph's Hall, 7:30 p.m. (973) 340-4001 or www.homestead.com/stphilssingles.

Catholics Who Happen to Be Single Club, "Singles' Dance the Night Away," Starlight, Nutley, 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Cost \$12. Call Leonora at (973) 743-6100 or email century153@yahoo.com.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Orange, 35th anniversary Mass for Feast of Maria S.S. Incononata, 11 a.m. Other Masses: April 27-29, 7:30 p.m. (973) 674-2052.

Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Orange, performance by Kayumanggi Chorale, Filipino heritage, 7:30 p.m., cost \$5. (973) 674-7500.

May 1

St. Paul Parish, Ramsey, candlelight Living Rosary and May Crowning, 7 p.m. (201) 327-0976.

Carmel Retreat, Mahwah, "Life of Mary in Art," May 1, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Cost \$25. Meal included. (201) 327-7090.

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Benedictine Academy for Girls, Elizabeth, open house, 2-4 p.m. (908) 352-0670, ext. 104.

Saint Dominic Academy, Jersey City, annual glee club spring concert, 4 p.m. at St. Aloysius Parish. Cost \$10, \$7 in advance. (201) 434-5938.

Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, free skin cancer screening, 9 a.m.-noon. (201) 227-6250.

St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Saddle Brook, concert for National Prayer Day, featuring various local church choirs, 7 p.m. Free. (201) 843-1888.

May 2

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Elizabeth, annual parish mission through May 4, 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. (908) 352-5154.

Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, free blood pressure screening, 5 p.m. Call for additional dates and times. (201) 227-6250.

Georgian Court University, Lakewood, Sergeant Keni Thomas will speak on real life experiences dramatized by 2001 movie *Black Hawk Down*, 4 p.m. Cost \$10. (732) 987-2263 or jankowskia@georgian.edu.

May 3

Cry/Help for Covenant House, NJ, "The Magic of Spring," dinner/fashion show to benefit youth in crisis, 6:30 p.m., at the Westmont Country Club, West Paterson. Cost \$60. Call Maria Masullo at (973) 344-1416.



May 4

Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, spring luncheon at Ridgewood Country Club, Paramus, 12:30 p.m. Cost \$30. Call Mary McNiff at (201) 652-9031.

May 5

St. Vincent's Nursing Home Auxiliary, Cedar Grove, Ascension Thursday Mass and Luncheon, 11 a.m. Cost \$20. Call Jeannie Battista at (973) 239-7797.

May 6

Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Teresa, meeting, 3:15 p.m., Chapel of St. Peter Hall, 2652 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City, followed by meeting, May 7, 8:40 a.m. in Dineen Hall. (201) 413-0123.

Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark, Eighteenth Annual Liturgy for Those Whose Children Have Died, 7:30 p.m., Notre Dame Parish, North Caldwell. (973) 497-4327.

May 7

Holy Trinity Interparochial School, Westfield, clothing drive at 336 First Street, Westfield, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. (908) 233-7482.



Knights of Columbus, Garwood, blood drive, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 37 South Avenue. Call (908) 789-9809 after 4 p.m. or visit www.bloodnj.org.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Maplewood, Nigerian Women's Rosary Crusade Inauguration Mass in Honor of the Blessed Mother, celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers, 1:30 p.m. (973) 761-0794.

Knights of Columbus, Washington Township, Kentucky Derby Party, 2-6 p.m., 79 Pascack Road. Cost \$20. (201) 664-0422.

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‘Blessed’ with pope’s leadership

Editor,

“Simon Peter, do you love me more than these?” Peter responded: “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” And Jesus told him: “Feed, my sheep.” These words of commissioning addressed by Our Lord to Peter come to mind with the passing of His Holiness John Paul the Great.

Over the past 26 years the Church and the global community has been blessed with the leadership of John Paul. We have witnessed and experienced the physical strength of his youth as he traveled the world over with the Gospel message, and in recent years the gradual decay of his body, but not the zeal of his fatherly soul. As his voice grew weak and even fell silent, his proclamation of the Gospel grew even stronger, not by his words but in his example and very person.

I am reminded of an incident that is said to have occurred a few months ago. A Vatican official, concerned with the Holy Father’s physical condition said to a personal aide of the Holy Father: “You must do something to make the Holy Father slow down. You must persuade him to stop his hectic pastoral schedule.” The aide simply responded: “How can I? Each day he hears the voice of the Lord

whisper into his ear: John Paul, do you love me more than these...Feed, my sheep!” We call our popes Holy Father, and a father does not stop being a father to his family because he has grown old and sick. A father does not retire from his vocation—he lives and dies tending to his family. And this, John Paul has done till the end.

A recurring theme in John Paul’s many addresses and apostolic writings is the notion of gift, specifically man’s need to make a gift of self. The Holy Father once wrote: “To say that man is created in the image and likeness of God means that man is created to exist ‘for’ others, to become a gift.” Through the tireless performance of his Petrine Ministry, John Paul II has given the Church the gift of Christ and His Gospel, wrapped up in the very gift of himself. For this, the Church today and for ages to come is most grateful.

May our prayers and affection for the man who has served as earthly Father to the Family of the Church, now assist him into the Glory of Heaven.

Father M.F. O’Malley
Pontifical North American College
Rome

‘Historic role’ of pontiff recalled

Editor,

The American Jewish Committee (AJC) profoundly mourns the passing of Pope John Paul II. He was the central figure of our times in the remarkable transformation in Catholic-Jewish relations in particular, and Christian-Jewish relations, in general.

Pope John Paul II will be remembered throughout the world for his unparalleled religious leadership, his historic role in the collapse of communism, and as a universal voice of conscience in troubled times.

The Jewish community also will remember him with particular affection—no pope had ever given the degree of attention to Jewish communities worldwide or received Jewish leadership at the Vatican so readily and so extensively as did John Paul II.

The AJC, the leading international Jewish organization advancing inter-religious understanding worldwide for more than half a century, had the privilege of engaging the pope directly on countless occasions at the Vatican, and during his papacy, the AJC and Catholic partners across the U.S. deepened relations for the common good.

Pope John Paul II moved the initial

revolution in Catholic-Jewish relations set in motion by the much-admired Pope John XXIII at the Second Vatican Council into high gear. He was the first pope ever to visit a synagogue; to honor the memory of the victims of the Shoah (Holocaust) with a memorial concert in the Vatican; to establish full relations between the Holy See and the State of Israel, and to make an official visit to the State of Israel.

His forceful condemnations of anti-Semitism as a sin against God and man were highlighted by the liturgy of repentance that he initiated on the eve of the millennium, asking forgiveness for sins committed by Christians against Jews down the ages—a text that he subsequently personally placed at the western Wall in Jerusalem.

In his historic role in advancing dialogue between religions throughout the world, his contribution to Christian-Jewish reconciliation crowns his achievements. His memory will remain as a great blessing.

Allyson Gall
New Jersey Area Director
American Jewish Committee
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GREAT POPE

U.S. Catholics who think John Paul II...



Based on April 1-2 telephone interviews with 254 adult Catholics. Survey has a sampling error of plus or minus 7 percent.

Source: Gallup

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In a recent Gallup survey, most U.S. Catholics named Pope John Paul II as one of the greatest popes ever and said they think he will be made a saint.

A papacy that reached beyond Vatican

By now the Roman Catholic Church might very well have a new Holy Father for the first time in more than a quarter century. But there will still be only one Pope John Paul II.

It will be years before the true impact of the past 26 years will be known. Poland’s native son has left behind a legacy that will soon, if it has not already, establish him as the most influential pontiff of the 20th century.

For a significant number of the world’s 1.1 billion Catholics, John Paul II was the only pope they have ever known. He was the inspiration for countless vocations and reached out to every corner of the world.

It has been said that during his pontificate, Pope John Paul II was seen by more people than anyone in global history.

Whether that incredible claim is true, the world mourned his loss to a degree rarely, if ever, seen. The response to the Holy Father’s death went far beyond the Catholic community. A cross-section of humanity felt the loss of this holy man.

From the first day of his papacy to the very end of his life, battling a chronic and debilitating disease, Pope John Paul II lived his well-known declaration, “Be not afraid.” In that, he was an inspiration.

May he rest in peace.

A question box about faith and practice

Today’s Question:What is the religious significance of the skull cap worn by the pope and cardinals? – Phil Obiedzinski, St. Mary Parish, Rutherford.

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia (Our Sunday Visitor edition), the zucchetto (derived from the popular Italian idiom *zucca*, meaning a “pumpkin” or “gourd,” which was used for “head”) is a small skull cap which at one time was worn by any number of persons as a head covering, especially in the winter cold. This was especially appropriate in unheated churches of centuries ago with clerics who wore the tonsure (shaved head – either completely or with an outside ring of hair on the scalp, representing the crown of thorns.)

Originating in the 13th century, it has come to mean the skullcap worn by ecclesiastics, in particular, prelates. It is worn under the miter to help preserve it. The pope wears a white zucchetto of watered silk. The cardinals

What’s the Matter?

By Msgr. Richard J. Arnholz



use scarlet, and bishops use purple. (Monsignori may wear black with purple piping. All others may use simple black, including abbots who are not endowed with the episcopal dignity.)

Some may think of it in relation to the Jewish custom of men covering their heads with the yarmulke as a sign of respect, particularly when at reading, prayer, or meals, but there is no specific link suggested in the sources that I have read. It must be removed when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

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

'Be not afraid' defines a life and a legacy

The whole world has reacted to the death of Karol Wojtyla, Pope John Paul II. We remember the deaths of Pius XII, John XXIII, Paul VI and John Paul I. But nothing could match the outpouring of emotion that occurred when John Paul II went to God.

I do not remember anything like the coverage on television, radio or the print media on the occasions of the demise of other popes. I remember the customary messages of sympathy from heads of state and other religions. But never, in history, has there been such a mass expression of grief from the human race as a whole as for this one man.

We could say, "Well, of course, this was huge. After all, Pope John Paul II was seen and heard by countless millions on every continent. He was a media star."

We could also say, "No other pope spoke so many languages, touched more people and was even physically able to reach out to the world."

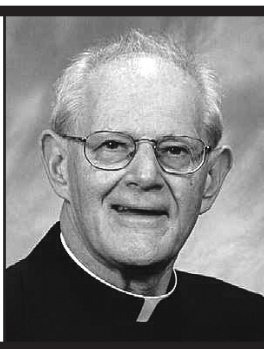
And we could add, "No other pope involved himself in so many issues and problems—political and religious—as did this man. He was a giant figure—a man of power."

Consider the popes we have known. Pius XII was like a distant God on Mount Olympus—a mysterious impressive presence—remote, revered and awesome.

John XXIII was a complete change from anyone who had gone before. He was a rotund, humorous,

Voices

By Msgr. John Gilchrist



and loveable father figure. For the first time in history the Catholic people were joined by non-Catholics in taking this spiritual leader to their hearts. And he

opened the Church to change in ways that we never dreamed of before.

Pope Paul VI, however, was a tragic figure. As I write this I have before me the picture of his funeral.

He lies on the floor of Saint

Peter's in a plain wooden box with the solitary Paschal candle before it. It is a picture of stark reality.

Paul VI endured the perfect storm. The bark of Peter was almost swamped. In Europe and America, sex, drugs, and rock and roll sucked the youth into all sorts of excesses. In the United States, civil disobedience and anti-war riots rocked the country. In the Third World, revolutionary fires were tearing countries apart

and communists stoked the flames while proponents of Liberation Theology in South America helped them.

Paul VI bore an internal strife that was ripping the Church to pieces as theologies conflicted, liturgies were changed, priests and nuns abandoned their vocations and many people just stopped listening to the voice of the shepherd. It was chaos and opposition that besieged him on every side. Truly, the bark of Peter was caught in a tempest. It pitched and rolled almost uncontrollably.

John Paul I came and went in a flash. We hardly knew that gentle man.

Then this big, broad-shouldered, tough yet loving figure arrived with his message. "Be not afraid," he said. He became an anchor in a stormy sea. He was a steady rock amid the waves of discontent.

The entire world looked and marveled. "This is a man," they said, as they watched him teach and preach.

Now the ship is more steady. The storms are not over. But his steady hand at the helm has given the ship direction again.

Rest in peace, John Paul. The strife is over for you—the battle won. And the entire world stands applauding as you cross the finish line into eternal life. You have achieved the crown. We all have felt your presence. We all lament your going. But the Church will pick up and move on. We await the next shepherd and the next saga in the eternal story of Salvation History. And we will always hear the echo of that deep voice with a Polish accent—"Be not afraid!"

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

Never, in history, has there been such a mass expression of grief.

Pope John Paul II, spiritual leader, personal friend

As we have seen from the great outpouring of love and respect for the late Pope John Paul II, our favorite shepherd was loved by people around the world, both as a shepherd and as a world leader. But he was also loved as our personal friend.

You didn't have to be Polish (or love someone who was Polish) to love Pope John Paul II, but it helped. I remember the day in the fall of 1978 when we were all awaiting the election of a new pope after the death of Pope John Paul I. I had a couple of televisions on, so anxious I was to hear the news, but my mother-in-law heard it first. Don's mother was the daughter of Polish immigrants; in fact, her parents had come to New York only a year before her birth. She had been the victim of some discrimination in New York, and at that time the Polish were the butt of a million jokes. Of the names they were called "Polack" was the only one that could be printed in a family newspaper.

Sophie heard the news before I did. When I answered the phone, I could hardly make out who it was or what she was saying. I finally realized it was Grandma Sophie and she was screaming, "He's Polish! He's Polish!"

For the rest of her life, the fact that we had a Polish pope was a great source of pride to Grandma Sophie and whenever a priest was in the house, she would let them know (right off the bat) that she, like the pope, was Polish. That fact was usually a great conversation starter, and she was happy to continue the conversation (which was usually a bit one-sided) and show everyone a book she had about the pope, a book she purchased in Poland when she, Pete and Don visited Krakow in 1981. The book, in Polish, had pictures of several of the places Karol Wojtyla had lived before he moved to Rome, and after Sophie was diagnosed

Over the Coffee Cup

By Mary Costello



with Alzheimer's she'd carry the book with her everywhere she went. She insisted on showing it to anyone who came in the door. Some of her grandchildren's friends were kind enough to let her show them the book about 17,000 times.

One of the reasons so many people traveled to Rome for the pope's funeral—so many people that the city was in virtual gridlock and the mayor was begging them to go home—was that we all knew Pope John Paul II. He was not only our spiritual leader, he was our personal friend. How many people ever saw Pope Pius XII, or for that matter, Paul VI? I'm not criticizing two fine popes; they lived at a time when air travel was not so easy and when the world was a much different place. But this pope traveled to every continent; he came to visit us where we lived. He seemed to even like us.

The first time I saw Pope John Paul II was on a

windy, chilly hillside in Iowa when he visited this country in 1979. When we first heard the news that the pope was not only coming to the U.S., but that he was coming to Iowa, we were astounded. At that time, the concept of a pope coming to Iowa was as mind-boggling as space travel or a moon-landing must have been to our grandparents. Human beings stayed on the ground and popes stayed in the Vatican; it was as simple as that. I'm not sure if anyone in my family had ever seen a pope. Only priests and Religious had seen the pope and then it was usually a postage-sized pope in a tiny window overlooking St. Peter's Square.

So when the word came that this energetic, new, young pope was coming to Iowa we took off in buses, cars, caravans, even on motorcycles and bikes. If he was coming to within 300 miles of our home, by gosh, we were going to be there. And we were: 300,000 of us.

The weekend Pope John Paul II died, conversations in churches and even in shopping centers and grocery stores were often

about "the time I saw the pope." Millions of Americans had personal experiences with this pope, either in this country or in Rome. When we went to Rome (and we went in droves), we were able to have an almost-private audience with him, thanks to the huge auditorium he built next to the Vatican—another indication of his desire to see us and to know us. Pope John Paul II changed our ideas about who the pope is and what he does. God Bless you, John Paul II. May you rest in peace.

Mary Costello is a freelance columnist.

Pope John Paul II changed our ideas about who the pope is and what he does.

Holy Father reflects on papacy in his final spiritual testament

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—In his spiritual testament, Pope John Paul II reflected on the communist persecution of the Church, the attempt to assassinate him, the fall of the Iron Curtain and his own aging.

As his 80th birthday approached in 2000, he said he considered resigning and hoped God would show him when it was time for his ministry as head of the Catholic Church to end.

The College of Cardinals released an Italian translation of the Polish text April 7.

The pope's final spiritual message to the Church was written during his annual Lenten retreats in seven different years, beginning in 1979 and ending in 2000.

In almost every entry, including the first when he was 58 years old, Pope John Paul said he was prepared to die.

"'Watch, because you know not the day your Lord will come'—these words remind me that the final call will come when the Lord wants," he wrote in the first entry, dated March 6, 1979.

In an undated entry before March 1980, the pope wrote, "I express my profound trust that, despite all my weaknesses, the Lord will give me every grace to face any task, trial and suffering that he asks of his servant in the course of his life."

The last and the longest entry by far was written during the Holy Year 2000, when he said that he had been prepared to lead the Church into the new millennium.

"According to the designs of providence, I have lived in the difficult century that is ending and now, in the year that I will turn 80 years old, one must ask if it is not the time to repeat with the biblical Simeon: '*Nunc dimittis*,'" the Latin phrase beginning his prayer to the

Lord, "May you let your servant go in peace."

In the document, Pope John Paul said he had no property to be willed to others and that his personal belongings should be "distributed as seems appropriate."

The pope said God "saved me in a miraculous way from death" after the 1981 assassination attempt, and from that moment his life belonged even more clearly to God.

"I hope He will help me recognize up to what point I should continue this service, to which He called me on Oct. 16, 1978," the pope wrote in 2000.

But he also said, "I ask that He would call me back to him when He wants."

Pope John Paul asked that Masses and prayers be said for him after his death, and he asked that his personal notes be burned.

In a 1992 marginal note, he wrote that he wanted to be "buried in the ground, not in a sarcophagus."

He told the College of Cardinals that they could, if they wanted, consult with Polish bishops about holding his funeral in Poland, but he did not mention the possibility of being buried anywhere but at the Vatican.

The only person still alive mentioned by name in the document was Archbishop Stanislaw Dziwisz, who served as his personal secretary, first in Krakow, Poland, then at the Vatican.

When remembering the leaders of other Christian communities and other religions he had met, the pope mentioned specifically "the rabbi of Rome," referring to



retired Chief Rabbi Elio Toaff, who welcomed Pope John Paul to Rome's synagogue in 1986.

Pope John Paul said the 2000 ceremonial opening of the Holy Door at Rome's Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls with Anglican Archbishop George Carey of Canterbury, England, and with a bishop representing the Ecumenical Orthodox Patriarchate of Constantinople "remains impressed in my mind in a special way."

In the last entry, he wrote, "How can I not embrace with grateful memory all of the bishops throughout the world whom I met in the series of *ad limina* visits," which heads of dioceses make every five years.

"As I reach the limits of my earthly life, my mind returns to my beginnings: to my parents, brother and sister (whom I never met because she died before I was born)," to his parish in Wadowice, to his schoolmates, to his co-workers at the Solvay quarry during World War II, to his parishioners and to "the persons who were entrusted to me in a special way by the Lord," in Krakow and in Rome.

In 1980, 14 months before a Turkish gunman shot and seriously wounded him, the pope wrote, "Today I want to add only one thing: Everyone must keep in mind the possibility of death and must be ready to present himself to the Lord and to the judge."

Ten months after being shot, he wrote, "the attempt on my life May 13, 1981, in a way confirmed the accuracy of the words I wrote during my spiritual exercises in 1980."

"Even more profoundly, I feel that I am totally in the hands of God, and I remain constantly at the disposition of my Lord, entrusting myself to Him through His Immaculate Mother, '*Totus tuus*,' (All yours)," he wrote.

"Everyone must keep in mind the possibility of death."

—Pope John Paul II

The Way, the Truth and the Life through divine help

Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12.

Sometimes when we face problems in parish or family life, we may daydream about how wonderful the early days of Christianity must have been. Surely those who heard the Apostles and other teachers in Jerusalem were so privileged! But did they cope with the challenges of daily life easily? A careful reading of the New Testament, especially the Acts of the Apostles, shows that they too constantly needed divine help to live the Gospel message of justice, charity and peace.

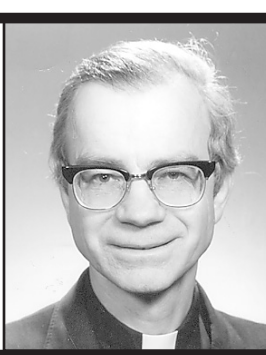
Even in Jerusalem, the City of Peace, the early Church faced issues of insensitivity or discrimination. Those whose families had come from other lands and had not learned Hebrew or Aramaic were at a disadvantage. How often do we think of offering a helping hand to the immigrants from other lands who come to our parish? A simple effort to introduce oneself can begin to break the language barrier, but often teamwork is needed to assist people in need. Certainly some of our complaints will seem petty compared with what they face!

The Apostles selected seven men to supervise practical aspects of the community's life and the needs of its members. Organized effort and delegation of authority provided the key to solving difficulties, so that the Church could grow and spread. The first prerequisite for those offering service in Christ's name is not merely sensitivity to others, but a prayerful response to the Holy Spirit. More than social involvement is demanded of the Christian. While helping others with their hunger, suffering and other problems, we quietly suggest to them that only God

Sunday Readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter
(April 24, 2005)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



provides the fulfillment of the deepest human needs.

When St. John's Gospel records the disciples' experience at their last meal with Jesus, its profound teachings are presented within the context of their limited perception of the event's meaning. They were confused about Jesus' departure and wanted to go with Him. Much is conveyed in a few words; they would require much prayerful reflection to unpack the meaning of a statement like "I am the way, the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6).

People on a journey must know the way; Thomas learns, however, that intimate association with Jesus offers much more than knowledge. His words constitute a succinct statement about His role as their leader. He is the king (Jn 1:49; 19:19) who guides the people of God

through the pilgrimage of life along the way, whose goal is union with the heavenly Father. He is the prophet (Jn 6:14), like Moses, who teaches the truth, which is essentially God's fidelity to His word, a commitment that demands our careful listening so that we can obey His will. He is the good shepherd, the high priest who lays down His life for His flock (Jn 10:11,18) so that all may have the gift of life in its fullness, communion with the living God. These are the deepest human needs: to know the purpose of life and the way to achieve it, to believe without doubt that the most profound truth is expressed in fidelity, and to live on a level deeper than that of the senses so that one can triumph over the mystery of death.

When St. John recorded Jesus's sign of multiplying loaves and fishes at Passover time, he noted that people thought of Moses and of God's gift of manna. They

exclaimed: "This is truly the Prophet" (6:14) and they wanted to proclaim Him king. However, the Living Bread which brings eternal life can be given only if offered in sacrificial obedi-

ence. "I am the Bread of Life... the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" (6:35, 51). What Jesus does is so identified with His very person that He can say: "I am the way, the truth and the life." May we grow in our response to His presence and gifts!

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

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Pilgrims

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standing, talking and clapping when the line would finally move," he noted. At certain points, Kluczynski recalled, people began chanting in different languages, offering prayers for John Paul II. "After six or seven hours, fatigue started to kick in. I wanted to give up, my legs were shot, and my grandmother, too, who is 65... I was surprised she lasted through all this," he commented.

Kluczynski said as soon as his family heard the news of the pope's passing, they dropped everything and decided to go to Rome. "It was really an overwhelming experience. When we finally reached the Basilica, where he was lying in state, I wanted to start crying, but I couldn't, I was too tired.

"Just being there was really special, I've wanted to see the pope my whole life. I didn't get to see him while he was alive, but it doesn't matter, I had to see him," the high school student commented.

Deacon Joseph Persinger and his wife, Julia, pastoral associate at St. Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills, also felt the call to be in Rome during these solemn days for the Catholic Church.

For Deacon Persinger, that desire was rooted in a personal encounter with Pope John Paul II during his 1995 visit to the Archdiocese of Newark. The dea-



Kamil Kluczynski, a senior at Paramus Catholic High School, with his grandmother, Czeslawa Kluczynska, in Rome.

con, who works as a lawyer in the Wall Street district of Manhattan, said a friend who worked for the Port Authority invited him to a nearby helicopter landing to greet the pope upon his return from a long day of travels.

"My friend said we'd just be there to greet the him as his helicopter landed, and it would be only a minute or so that we would see him," Persinger recounted, pointing out there would be no VIP's in the crowd of 20 or so gathered at the location.

He noted that it was after 9

p.m., and observed that it must have been a long day for John Paul II. Upon landing, however, after pausing to whisper something to a security guard, the Holy Father approached the small crowd, and greeted each and every person individually.

"I took his hand and kissed his ring, and he took both hands and put them around mine—he had massive strong hands—and smiled. I felt I was in the presence of pure holiness, and that is why I went to Rome," Persinger explained, adding, "It was the least I could do."

His wife, Julia, believes the "Holy Spirit" interceded to make their trip a smooth one, with travel and lodging arrangements made without complications. Despite succumbing to fatigue after nearly four hours in the enormous line, the next day, Italian officials waved the couple past several checkpoints after Persinger demonstrated his deacon's credentials. She added that once inside St. Peter's Basilica, they were ushered into a special VIP line, and their wait was shortened considerably.

Commenting that there was a sense of "reverence and awe" inside the Basilica, Persinger noted, "Between this man who, to me, is a saint, and being in this holy place where all the popes had been... it nearly takes your breath away."

She also said they were "lucky enough" to gain entry into St. Peter's Square for Friday's funeral Mass. Noting that many travelers were waving their national flag, she observed, "It was amazing to see the people of all these different cultures gather around this wonderful saint of a man who had brought them all together."

Persinger said that at the end of the Mass, the pallbearers tilted the pope's coffin upwards and turned to face the crowd. "There was an eruption of applause—it was a somber moment. I felt the loss, and the tears came," she noted, adding, "I thank God for the blessing of being able to go over there, and to have gained admittance to these somber and moving events."



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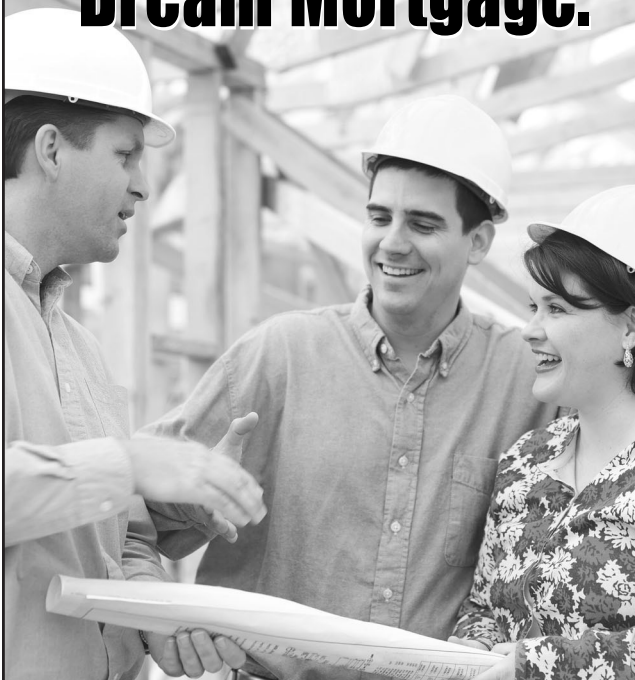
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Catholic Charities and the work it does throughout the archdiocese. In all, AAA will distribute \$2,500,000, or approximately 25 percent of this year's appeal dollars, to address the rapidly growing community needs facing Catholic Charities.

Last year alone 57,586 people received essential meals through the Emergency Food and Nutrition Network and 2,778 homeless utilized emergency shelter, transitional or permanent housing and/or supportive services to stabilize living arrangements. In addition, 3,584 clients were assisted in overcoming employment barriers; 6,131 persons with mental illnesses were helped; 6,900 students received special education classes, early childhood education and school-based intervention and prevention services geared to their needs. And, finally, 862 senior citizens at risk for abuse and neglect or in need of support services, received visits, telephone reassurance, information, referrals and other services.

Very Rev. Robert E. Emery, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, stressed the crucial need of AAA funds for every ministry of the Church of Newark. Deacon Joseph Dwyer, Vice Chancellor for Administration, cited the work of the Development Office and those at the parish level who do the "behind the scenes" work. He also called Gonzalez "a very effective leader."

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The view of the interior of Our Lady of Grace from the choir loft. The church was built in 1878.

Roots of faith run deep

BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Writer

The coming springtime months, with the blossoming of nature, extended hours of daylight and warmer temperatures, usually bring a sigh of relief for most people, especially after this particularly long, snowy winter. But for Father Kenneth Herbster, pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Hoboken, this spring will be bitter sweet.

After a six-year tenure as pastor of this venerable parish, considered the mother church of the area, and five year administrator of its sister parish, St. Joseph's, also in Hoboken, Father Herbster is preparing his departure. He will work full-time as Minister to Priests for the Archdiocese of Newark, a position he has held part-time for the last 14 months.

Founded in 1851 under the guidance of Father Antonio Cauvin, the parish was originally known as St. Mary Parish. The current church was erected in 1878 and was constructed in the German-Gothic style. Cathedral-like in size and design, today the church is recognized as a national historic site.

"Only one building is less than 100 years old, and that one is 90 years old," declared Father Herbster. The parish-plant consists of the church, rectory, school/convent, which closed in 1999—the parish is a co-sponsor of Hoboken Catholic Academy. The convent was occupied for many years by the Sisters of Charity of Convent Station, who

taught in the school, and the "utility building," erected in 1864, which is used today as a meeting space.

"In a plant this old, not a week goes by that there isn't some kind of glitch or something that needs repairing," admits Father Herbster, who says a great deal of time has been devoted to the upkeep and maintenance of the parish's buildings. Still, he admits that the parish's age and beauty are a big part of what attract new-

took root in the parish during the 1970's, and the newest group—Hoboken's young professionals working in Manhattan. In addition, there are a small Asian-Indian population and a growing number of Filipinos.

Father Herbster said that a major goal of his pastorate has been "to try and get everybody involved. That's the goal always, to create community among these diverse groups."

Sister Maria Iglesias, S.C., pastoral associate at the

comers to Our Lady of Grace, and he adds that parishioners are always more than generous when there is a collection to help defray the cost of repairs. "This parish has been here for 154 years—it's a tradition, it's a place in history and memory. We have parish files going back to 1851," Father Herbster said.

He added that through the efforts of the women of the parish and Father Cauvin, St. Mary's Hospital in Hoboken came into existence in 1863. The Ladies Altar Society of Our Lady of Grace raised \$800 to purchase 28 beds and chairs, kitchen utensils, and larder provisions for four months.

Today, the parish is home to 400 registered households. Father Herbster said there are three major groups at the parish—long-time parishioners consisting mainly of Irish, Italian and Germans; a sizable Hispanic population which

eyes, a compassionate voice, and unhurried demeanor, is a woman intent on her mission to foster inclusiveness, community and enthusiasm for the faith. Wherever her assignments have been, she always became involved in the local and national Hispanic Apostolate.

Msgr. Frederick M. Eid, in residence at the parish, spearheaded the Hispanic Apostolate at Our Lady of Grace in 1971, offering Masses in Spanish long before other churches had done so. It was upon the solid foundation that he established that Sister Maria began her work there three years ago. "He's 87, and he is retired. But not really—he does fulltime work," she noted.

Father Gerardo Gallo, a recently incardinated priest for the

Archdiocese of Newark and a native of Colombia, is parochial vicar at the parish. Father "Gerry," as he is known, also serves at St. Joseph Parish.

Our Lady of Grace was predominantly Irish for many years. "It was known as the Irish church," Sister Maria attests. Today, there is still a large celebration for the Feast of St. Patrick. The family of Joan Cuning, a life-long parishioner whose family spans back generations in the parish, is among the chief organizers of the city's St. Patrick's Day parade.

Cuning, one of seven brothers and sisters who grew up in the parish, has seven children of her own. Just as her parents had done, she raised her children in Our Lady of Grace and they attended the parish school. "My grandfather's sister, Mary Roarty, was the first person baptized in this parish," she announced proudly.

Mary Pendrick, another life-long parishioner, also educated her four children at the parish school. One of her sons, Thomas Pendrick, is an archdiocesan priest ordained two years ago.

"It's really great to see the younger people get involved," she noted. "They re-did the garden, planted flowers all over the parish grounds... they're really enthusiastic. What we really need is younger people, and Hoboken is full of them." They sing in the choir and serve as Eucharistic ministers, lectors, song leaders and ushers.

If the number of young adults at Our Lady of Grace is growing, it might be due in part to the fact that the parish has ambitiously pursued the Theology on Tap program, where a priest or other speaker meets 20- and 30-somethings in local bars and restaurants.

"All the parishes in the deanery are involved. We just held it for four Mondays in the month of March," Father Herbster noted.

Ignatius De Palma, a parishioner of 35 years and father of two grown children and five grandchildren, attributes their success today to the education they received in the parish school. One is a successful businessperson, the other, a teacher. "I feel indebted to the priests and teachers who worked with my children," he noted.

As a parish trustee and member of the finance council, De Palma said his main concern is the viability of the parish. "We're doing everything we can to get the new generation to come to church and support us with their prayers and talents, and to become part of the parish," he said.

Marta Cabrera, who immigrated to the United States in 1968

Meet the Pastor



Fr. Kenneth Herbster

Age: 69
Date of Birth: January 26, 1936
High School: Immaculate Conception, Montclair
College/Seminary/Graduate School: Seton Hall University, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC and Long Island University
Date of Ordination: May 25, 1963
Hero: Dorothy Day
Favorite Saint: Blessed Pope John XXIII
Favorite Sport: Sailing
Favorite Food: Italian
Favorite Subject in School: History
Favorite Movie: *The Mission*
Last Book Read: Peter Steinfels, *A People Adrift: The Crisis of the Roman Catholic Church in America*
Proudest Moment: Ordination
Occupation if I weren't a Priest: Carpenter

from Cuba, became a parishioner the next year, after her husband began an internship at St. Mary's Hospital, eventually becoming a doctor there (he still works at the hospital today). Soon thereafter, her son entered the parish school.

Along with Father Eid, she established the religious education program in Spanish, and helped start the St. John Bosco Youth Group. She noted, "We're a family, everyone knows each other. Many have moved because Hoboken has become so expensive, but the parish today is very unique and enthusiastic."

Reflecting on his departure from Our Lady of Grace Parish, Father Herbster explained that he "could not do justice to both positions," adding that he felt the parish deserves a pastor who is free full-time to attend to the needs of its parishioners. In the end, he said, "It is the people of the parish I will miss most."

Our Lady of Grace is located at 400 Willow Avenue.

Union Catholic plans to induct four into Hall of Fame

SCOTCH PLAINS—Union Catholic High School, Scotch Plains, will honor the 2005 Hall of Fame inductees at its annual dinner April 29 at 7 p.m.

The four inductees bring to 15 the number of members in the Hall of Fame.

The 1981 and 1982 girls' state championship swim teams head the list of inductees. Both teams went a combined two-year regular season won-lost

record of 22-1.

The 1981 girls' swim team was the first team in school history to win a state crown. In 1982 they continued their dominance by being crowned Union County champions and repeating as state champions, completing an undefeated season.

Ed Ehret, class of 1972, joins Mike Allocco as only the second boys' individual basketball player to be inducted into the hall.

Ehret, whose career spanned from 1969-1972, was the school's first 1,000 point scorer. He still ranks in the top ten for total points scored in a career for boys' basketball at Union Catholic. Ehret went on to star for four more years at Scranton University in Pennsylvania, where he helped them capture that school's first ever NCAA championship.

Bob Wischusen, class of

1989, was one of the top high school golfers in Union County.

As a senior he captured the Union County Individual Golf Championship. His success on the links and in the classroom helped him garner the Union County Scholar-Athlete award his senior year. His love of the game and a passion for sports led him to Boston College, where he eventually traded in his clubs for a microphone and

a goal to be a professional broadcaster. Wischusen can now be seen on the Madison Square Garden network as host of Sportsdesk, and heard on 1050 ESPN and WABC (770AM) as the radio voice of the New York Jets.

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Pirates capture state hoops title

WEST ORANGE—The varsity basketball season ended for Seton Hall Prep when the Pirates turned back Christian Brothers Academy 48-40 before 3,000 fans at the Rittacco Center in Toms River to capture the New Jersey State

Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) Non Public School Championship.

Center Brandon Costner, who will attend North Carolina State in the fall, was named MVP. He poured in 25 points in the title

contest.

Costner scored 16 of his points in the first half to give Seton Hall a 20-point lead at the intermission.

The victory gave the West Orange school its 12th title.



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With the championship trophy in hand, the victorious Pirates are all smiles moments after the game.

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Teacher shares her skills far from classroom

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

WEST ORANGE—With the full support of everyone at Seton Hall Preparatory School, Spanish teacher Marta Gibson recently spent eight days in Honduras as translator for a medical mission of mercy in remote sections of the impoverished Central American country.

As a member of Team 11 of the Friends of the Barnabas Foundation, Gibson traveled into the backwoods along mountain paths on foot as well as by bus, boat and mule, bringing to the people what she described as “basic health care.”

The team flew to San Pedro Sula and traveled on to El Cajon, which served as their base of operations.

On two daily treks to what Gibson described as “remote” sections of the country, the team set up roadside clinics and deworming stations, offered eye examinations and provided information about

family medical and nutritional precautions and needs.

Such services are in short supply in the areas around El Cajon, a man-made lake created with the construction of the Morazon Dam. The Honduran

National Power Company partnered with Friends of the Barnabas Foundation to help those living in the watershed area created when the dam was built over two decades ago.

At the clinics, Gibson

noted, the team was particularly busy providing treatment for parasites. The people were also given basic medications such as Tums as well as antibiotics. Towns, Gibson stressed, are some 100 miles away. She noted too there is no running water or electricity. In fact, Gibson said, the thought occurred to her that “this must be like how people lived in biblical times.”

Team members, Gibson

pointed out, are from all faiths. Everyone went at their own expense.

Looking back on the trip, Gibson said, “It was a wonderful experience to be able to help people.” She felt too the trip “was like a calling for me.”

Gibson, a South Orange resident, has taught Spanish at Seton Hall Prep the past six years. She plans to bring her experience into the classroom by conveying to her students “how they will be able to be of service using their ability in the Spanish language.”



At one of the health clinics are, left to right, Beverley Franklin, R.N.; Marta Gibson, and Dr. Marco Antonio Aguilar.

Academy helps at food bank

DEMAREST—Students and alumnae from the Academy of the Holy Angels (AHA) recently joined forces to volunteer at the Community Food Bank of New Jersey in Hillside.

The AHA group carried out various tasks to prepare donated food prior to the items being distributed.

Taking part were juniors Sang Eun Park and Bona Choi; sophomores Jenna Trimboli, Ashley Kraemer and Rosalie Montenegro, and freshman Rebecca Constantinople. They were joined by alumnae Amanda Witt and Laura Hugerich Magliocchetti, both 1998 graduates.

During their visit to the Community Food Bank, the volunteers participated in a discussion about why people in our metropolitan area are hungry.

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Dr. Rice, a graduate of Yale University, brings an extensive background to his new position, combining interests in curriculum, faculty development, and student success with fundraising work.

Before coming to Felician College, Dr. Rice was director of corporate giving for Northeastern University, Boston.

Author of a variety of scholarly publications and presentations, he is also a graduate of the Institute for Educational Management, Harvard University.

"Felician College offers exciting possibilities for extending and developing a special community of teachers and learners who fashion imaginative solutions to the problems of today and create possibilities for a better world of tomorrow," said Dr. Rice.

Donahue brings more than 20 years of not-for-profit experience to his position in institutional advancement, with 15 years direct experience in campaigns and major-gift fundraising.

Prior to coming to Felician College, he was development director, Northeastern U.S., for Father Flanagan's Girls and Boys Town. In addition, he spent five years as director of capital and major giving for Saint Peter's College, Jersey City.

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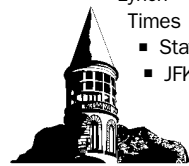
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'The Hill of Crosses'

BY JOSEPH A. VANCIO

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One of the striking pictures of Pope John Paul II that was published in the special commemorative edition of *The Catholic Advocate* for April 6, 2005 was the papal visit to the hill of Crosses in Lithuania.

Many people have inquired about the picture of this hill in northern Lithuania and its significance with hundreds of thousands of crosses and ask why the crosses were placed there.

It is said that the size and variety of the crosses in Siauliai rivals only their number. Crosses of many sizes and shapes, carved from wood or traced in precious metal, simple or in marvelous artistic detail, often hang one upon the other creating a tapestry of colors and faith. Martin Gray writes in *The Hill of Crosses*, "On a windy day breezes blow-

ing through the forest of crosses and hanging rosaries produces a uniquely beautiful sound."

Siauliai, (pronounced shoo-lay) a city in northern Lithuania with a population of about 150,000 people, is an industrial city and a Lithuanian national pilgrimage center. The city has a unique history reaching back to the 13th century when the Teutonic Knights occupied it. The presence of crosses at this sight goes back to medieval times as a symbol of Lithuanian defiance of foreign invaders.

The city belonged to the Polish crown from 1589 to 1772, then, subsequently passed to Russia in 1795, returning to an independent Lithuanian state in 1920. A number of crosses were recorded in place since the late 1800's after a notable peasant uprising, and then numbers grew to over 200 during World War I. The city was captured by Germany in WWII. By

that time there were over 400 large crosses surrounded by thousands of smaller ones.

From 1944 on Siauliai, as all of Lithuania, became part of the expanded atheistic Soviet USSR and the hill, once again, became the center of pilgrimage as a vital expression of Lithuanian faith and nationalism. During the Soviet era the crosses were repeatedly removed and burned, the hill leveled and the area desecrated and covered with waste. Local inhabitants and Lithuanians from all over the country in defiance of the oppression always soon replaced the crosses upon the sacred hill. A few years before Lithuania became independent again in 1991, the hill was left in peace and the number of crosses increased.

It was only fitting that John Paul II visited the site in his 1993 visit to Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia. His presence at the Hill, a place of tangible expression of faith and hope – reaffirmed his message of 'Do not be afraid' and it is faith and love that finally prevail!

Sincerely in the Lord

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family rights was meaningless. The judiciary forced Terri to die as if it had no choice, as if the removal of a feeding tube and the starvation of a human being were part of the same document which guarantees each of us the right to life.

The tyrannical audacity of the judiciary in this case is symptomatic of an increasing tendency on the part of many judges and courts to create and impose laws rather than interpret them and safeguard those for whom the laws are written. This trend has now reached a level of absurdity that demands more than response; it demands change. We cannot simply turn our heads and ignore what took place as if the life of one person –treated with less respect than that given to

criminals and animals, has no bearing upon our own. If Terri's life could be taken from her by the will and the power of the courts than no life in the United States of America is truly safe.

Yet, while Terri's life was forcibly and tragically taken from her, one aging infirm man inserted his own silent presence into our national consciousness. Once again his life was a sign of hope in the continuing struggle of Americans to understand that safeguarding the ideals and values enshrined in our Constitution means protecting the life of each human person; no matter what. Pope John Paul II allowed his last moments of life to become the most powerful example of everything he taught throughout his tenure as the Vicar of Christ. With simple dignity and clarity of purpose his last days of life reached across the ocean to say in a particular way to the people of the United States the words that Terri seemed unable to communicate

on her own, "I am, I exist, I matter." Pope John Paul II reminded us that both in life and in death we belong to the God who created us, the God who guarantees the inalienable rights of all men and women, the God whom John Paul II served his entire life.

The passing of this great man and the horrible circumstances of the death of one of his spiritual children provides a unique opportunity for reflecting upon who we are as a people and how we will act to secure our democratic experience. The ideals and values that define our nation must not and cannot be abstracted from the flesh and blood that gives them real life. "We the people" have a responsibility to ensure the inalienable worth and dignity of one another. This is not a power given to the executive, legislative or judicial branch of government. It is an obligation we receive from the same God who guarantees the rights by which our lives can reach their fulfillment.

Rosary Pilgrimage Sunday May 1

The Dominican Nuns, Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary, Summit, will host a Rosary Sunday Pilgrimage, May 1 at 3 p.m.

Ceremonies will include an outdoor procession, recitation of the Rosary, crowning of Our Lady and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Guest preacher will be Father Frank Sutman, O.P., Director of Preaching, Dominican Province of St. Joseph. He is one of the province's traveling preachers who conducts parish missions and retreats.

Father Sutman served as chaplain at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York and

parochial vicar at Saint Dominic Parish, Youngstown, OH. For 11 years he worked overseas. His first assignment was at Tangaza College in Kenya. He was then sent to be the Dominican superior in Saint Petersburg, Russia. Father Stutman has traveled extensively throughout Russia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Africa, the Mediterranean and Scandinavia.

For additional information, contact the Dominican Nuns at (908) 273-1228 or e-mail to nunsopsommit@op.org.

The monastery is located at 543 Springfield Ave.



Advocate photo- Brian Forbes

ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATED— Archbishop John J. Myers offered a special Mass on April 17 for couples celebrating their 25th and 5th wedding anniversaries, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. After the Mass, the Archbishop personally greeted each of the couples and gave them crosses, which he blessed. See the May 4 edition of *The Catholic Advocate* for full coverage.



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BY LIESL FORES
Staff Writer

AREA—The Ignatian Lay Volunteer Corps (ILVC) has come to northern and central New Jersey, tapping into one of our finest resources: the wisdom and experience of our senior citizens.

ILVC gives retired lay people a chance to lend a hand to the disadvantaged, volunteering two days a week at a particular non-profit organization in their area. Its mission statement reads, "The Ignatian Lay Volunteer Corps provides men and women, age 50 and over, the opportunity to serve the needs of people who are poor, to work for a more just society, and to grow deeper in Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition."

The agency was founded by Fathers Jim Conroy, S.J. and Charlie Costello, S.J. Sensing that older and retired people were looking for "concrete ways" to minister to the poor and grow spiritually, the two Jesuit priests from Maryland began operations in 1995.

Since then, ILVC has spread to several major U.S. cities and metropolitan areas and has over 200 volunteers. Services include being advocates for migrant workers or recreation assistants for their children; mentors for "at-risk" adolescents; job locators for women coming off public assistance; attorneys in immigration cases; teachers of English/adult literacy and other basic skills as well as for citizenship and religion; workers in programs for homeless and hungry; companions for elderly/invalids, and public policy advocates.

"There is a tremendous need in this area," said Edmund J. Stankiewicz, coordinator for the northern/central New Jersey chapter that opened this past November.

With 15 volunteers so far (some formally with other chapters), including retired lawyers, members of the pharmaceutical industry, business owners, teachers, physicians and nurses, the organization has a presence in the House of Faith, a homeless housing facility, and York Street Project, which assists homeless and economically disadvantaged women and children, both in Jersey City, and the Elizabeth

Coalition to House the Homeless and Josephine's Place, which provides various social services to women in need, both in Elizabeth.

ILVC is also in the process of placing volunteers within the numerous programs of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark and with many other social service agencies throughout this region of the state.

"We follow the Jesuit philosophy and send you where you're needed, and you adapt your skills," explained Stankiewicz, pointing out that they have a CPA working in a soup kitchen.

However, if one is interested in volunteering in a specific area or using personal skills she or he already has, there are many choices, depending on where one lives.

Stankiewicz added that the ILVC is currently reaching out to potential volunteers through alumni associations of Jesuit colleges and Knights of Columbus councils; by doing presentations at parishes, and through word of mouth—people often hear about the ILVC at different retreats, he noted.

Besides the labor, there is an essential spiritual side to this volunteer organization. Members meet monthly in their area for prayer, and reflection and sharing of their experience. Sometimes Mass is celebrated.

Members also meet with a spiritual reflector at these gatherings. This person is someone who is "well trained in Ignatian spiritu-

ality and can be a companion or guide for helping [members] to see God's actions in their volunteer work." Father Thomas L. Sheridan, S.J., the former head of the theology department at Saint Peter's College, Jersey City, is the "Jesuit reflector" for the northern/central New Jersey region.

Finally, members commit to attending two overnight retreats and a day of recollection annually. These gatherings involve larger groups consisting of volunteers from several chapters.

Michael Ring is an ILVC volunteer going on his third year at Collier High School in Wickatunk, NJ.

Assisting as an aid to the buildings trade teacher at this alternative school that serves students who, for any number of reasons, have trouble adapting to a public school setting, the former businessman also fills in when needed as a substitute teacher and has gotten his bus driver's license in order to be able to transport students to and from different events.

The biggest challenge, Ring remarked, is "to remember why I'm here."

"[The school] has an outstanding success rate, but you can't win them all," he pointed out.

However, "getting through to kids that let you into their world, sharing where they're coming from," is invaluable. "The satisfaction when you get through," asserted Ring, is the most

rewarding.

He calls his work with ILVC "a Godsend." Ring, who had become disillusioned with the Church, says he "got fed up and walked away." When his wife saw an announcement in a parish bulletin about the ILVC, she passed it along to him, and he contacted the organization, explaining he was interested in helping high school kids.

The experience, Ring stressed, "made me search and want to rekindle my faith." He added that he has become active in St. Anselm Parish, Wayside, "a very socially conscious parish."

William Crowley, another volunteer, does his ILVC service at his parish, St. Mary of the Assumption, Elizabeth.

Completing a 36-week program on the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises at a church in New York, Crowley yearned for ministry. When an ILVC spokesperson made a presentation to the group, the former teacher approached his pastor, Msgr. Robert J. Harrington, who needed assistance with outreach to the elderly and sick.

After discussing the possibility with the ILVC representative and ensuring that the work at St. Mary's would "fit the parameters" of the organization, Crowley began his service two years ago. Today, through ILVC, he is also involved with the



parish's soup kitchen, food pantry and overnight shelter.

"The look of gratitude when you reach out and really help, whether it's a bag of groceries or a nice meal," is what makes the work worth it for Crowley.

"It has deepened my relationship with Jesus Christ," he added.

Stankiewicz, who himself volunteers with ILVC at the Center for Great Expectations, a residence for homeless, pregnant and addicted women, in Somerville, NJ, described the effect of assisting those in need.

Many of the clients of the program, he said, go on to receive a high school diploma or nursing certificate, among other things. "Help[ing] break the cycle of poverty for them is absolutely fantastic," Stankiewicz emphasized.

The coordinator stressed that the ILVC is looking for more volunteer opportunities and is developing a marketing campaign for northern/central New Jersey to alert "non-profit organizations that serve the poor" of the assistance it offers as well as to appeal to more seniors who would like to share their gifts with others while enjoying camaraderie and receiving spiritual nourishment.

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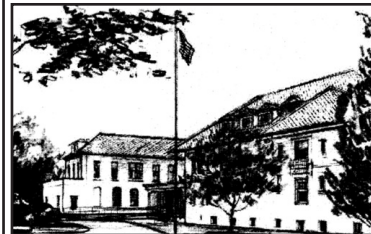
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mation on the "In the Pink" Program, call (973) 877-2989.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation was established in 1982 by Nancy Brinker to honor the memory of her sister, Susan G. Komen, who died of breast cancer at the age of 36. Today, the Foundation is the largest private source of funding for breast cancer research and community outreach programs.

The Komen North Jersey Affiliate serves the nine-county northern New Jersey region (Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren counties).

Since its inception in 1997, the affiliate has granted over \$6.2 million to community-based agencies providing breast health education and breast cancer screening and outreach programs focusing on the medically underserved and uninsured.

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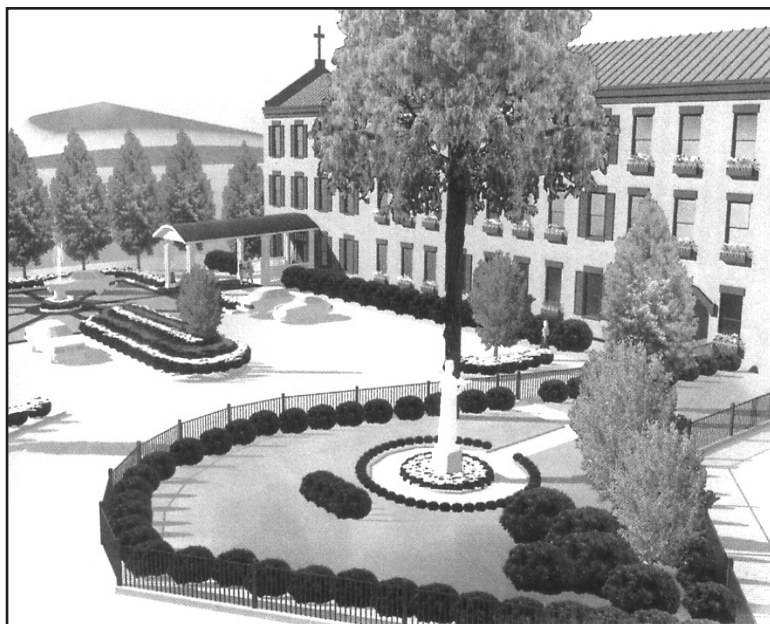
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The programs include:

- Saturday, May 7: The Jubilant Singers from St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Ridgfield Park, will perform musical selections at 11 a.m. in the lounge.

- Thursday, May 12: The "Hobbyaires," a big band comprised of senior men from Ridgewood led by Joe Hovan, will present a concert featuring swing and big band music at 7 p.m. in the lounge.

- Wednesday, May 25: Strawberry Festival featuring strawberry-themed refreshments and a free raffle will take place from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the lounge.

- Thursday, May 26: The Tap Hatters, a troupe of senior dancers, will present a patriotic program at 2 p.m. in the lobby.

Also in May, the Atrium will host a number of activities for residents and their families, as well as participants in the Atrium's Senior Social Club.

On the schedule are a Spring Fashion Show with prizes for the most extraordinary outfits and hats; a "Bingo for Prizes" afternoon organized by the youth group of Guardian Angel Parish, Allendale; Learle's Dollhouse Party, and Italian Day on May 19.

Appraiser to visit

MAPLEWOOD—Winchester Gardens, a not-for-profit continuing care retirement community, has scheduled a special event later this month.

On Thursday, April 28, at 2 p.m., a guest antiques appraiser will visit. Reservations are limited and only one item per person will be appraised.

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Vascular screening May 14 at St. Michael's

NEWARK—Saint Michael's Medical Center, in association with New Jersey Vascular Laboratory, Inc., will participate in the American Vascular Association's fourth annual national screening program for vascular disease on May 14, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The free screening will be

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The American Vascular Association has created a broad screening program to educate the public about major, non-cardiac vascular

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Law school joins effort to make legal system available to all of Haiti

BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Writer

NEWARK—Patrick E. Hobbs, Dean of Seton Hall Law School, was joined recently in Haiti by a small group of faculty and students to help make the legal system more available to the vast majority of the country's citizens.

Dean Hobbs first traveled to the impoverished and unstable country two years ago as part of "The Haiti Rule of Law Project," along with three professors and Father Eugene Squeo, J.D., of Assumption All Saints Parish, Jersey City. This year, the local effort was expanded to include several students.

Father Squeo, a 1981 law school graduate, is a member of the Haiti Solidarity Network of the Northeast which, he explains, attempts to pair schools, parishes and other institutions in the United States with similar institutions in Haiti.

"The idea is to form the relationship in a respectful way, so that all partners feels they have something to contribute," Father Squeo stressed.

During the group's four-day stay in the struggling nation, the small group journeyed to Jeremie, a remote city in eastern Haiti. There, Father Jomenas Eustache established L'Ecole Superiure Catholique de Droit de Jeremie, in addition to serving as a parish priest.

The mission of the school is "to combat government-sponsored lawlessness and violence by fostering respect for the rule of law and justice in Haiti," according to the law school. This year, the school celebrated its tenth anniversary.

While there, the professors and students from Seton Hall presented talks on the legal system in the United States, focusing on their area of expertise. They also met with local officials to gain a better understanding of Haiti's legal system.

Kevin Kelly, clinical associate professor of Law at Seton Hall's Center for Social Justice, observed that while law students in the United States can generally expect to find a job and be making a decent salary after graduation, Haitian law students have no such expectation.

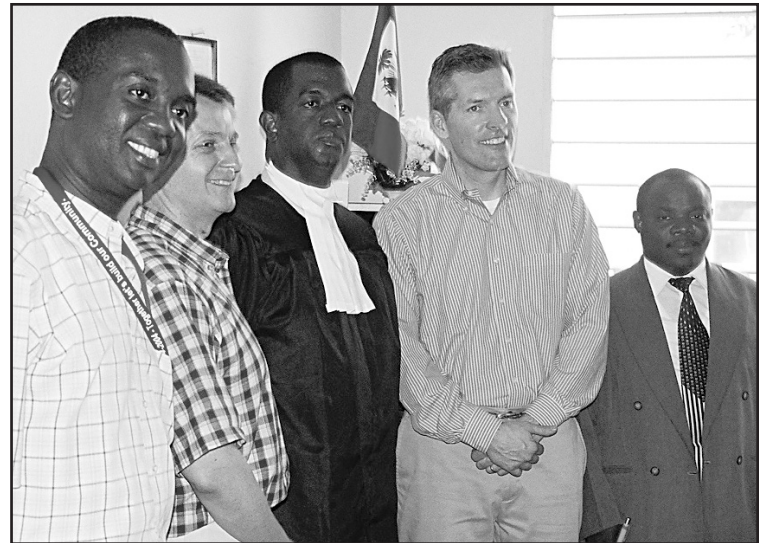
"The law school there works to build leaders for Haiti that the people can respect, that understand the law, and who can teach others to respect the law," he declared.

Akinyemi Akiwowo, student bar president at Seton Hall, said he was "astonished" to see students taking notes on small scraps of paper during lectures, and noted how appreciative they were to receive the simple blank notebooks the SHU students had brought for them.

"They have an amazing spirit," recalled Anjum Gupta, faculty fellow at Seton Hall Law School's Center for Social Justice, "despite the overall feeling of hopelessness in Haiti."

Despite their great need, Dean Hobbs emphasized that the relationship between Seton Hall Law School and L'Ecole was a reciprocal one, with each side benefiting in different areas.

He noted, "When I first traveled to Haiti two years ago, I began to fall in love with the country. Amidst all of the poverty and despair, this group of students was going to law school at night with little prospect of jobs. Rather, their hope is that the country will be a better place because of what they are doing, and that there will be opportunities for them to work in



Seton Hall meets with local officials. Left to right, Father Jomenas Eustache, founder of the Haitian law school, Professor John Kip Cornwell of Seton Hall, a local judge (unidentified), Dean Patrick Hobbs, and Clouvice St. Hillaire, a board member of the Haiti Solidarity Project.

that better place down the road."

Professor John Kip Cornwell, who specializes in criminal law, said legal recourse is too often a privilege afforded to only the wealthiest Haitians. Because of abuses in government at all levels, the nation's poorest view the law as a tool of oppression rather than means to cultivate order, justice and civil liberties.

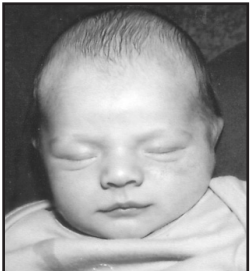
He pointed out that, among other issues, there is no awareness of marital rape as a crime, and that many of the female law students are keenly aware of the need to develop laws that protect the civil liberties of women and children.

Dean Hobbs remarked that one of the positive aspects for the stu-

dents, above all, was gaining perspective. "To be able to go to a country in a state of collapse, with a broken infrastructure, and a society where the rule of law exists for only a few, gives them a deep appreciation of living in the United States, and a renewed commitment to promote justice in all their legal endeavors."

He hopes to expand the relationship with L'Ecole in coming years, and said he would like to see the school become an institution for Haiti, "One that is known for the rule of law, for developing graduates who have a deep sense of the power of the law and are committed to providing access to the law for Haiti's poorest people."

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Gabriel Papera, father of Father Lewis Papera, pastor of Corpus Christi Parish, Hasbrouck Heights, died March 6. **Mildred Papera**, mother of Father Papera, died March 30.

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Spring 'break' spent on mission trip

KENILWORTH—Members of the youth ministry group at St. Theresa Parish, Kenilworth, left Easter Sunday for a weeklong mission trip to the impoverished Osage, WV region.

The teens gave up their spring break to help repair homes, along with anything else their budget, time and skills would allow.

"It was truly an incredible experience for the kids," explained Rich Donovan, youth minister. "This was our fourth year doing this trip. We usually average about 10 teens from the parish. This year we had 21 committed to going, and we even had to turn some away. We simply don't have the room to transport them all."

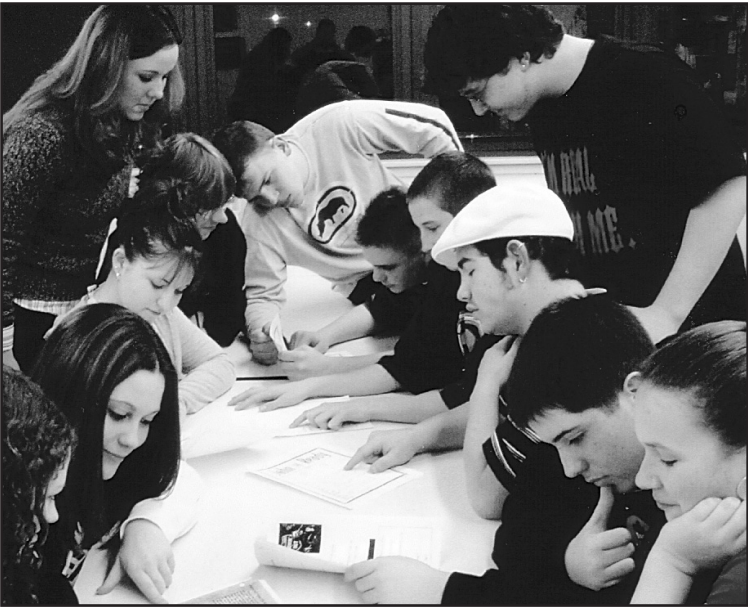
Projects in the past have included everything from putting a new roof on a house, rebuilding the entire second floor of a home for a family where the father had recently passed away, insulating and siding a home for an 84-year-old man, helping reinforce a basement wall with cement in a trailer, building steps for an elderly woman and even some plumbing

with tubs and toilets. This is in addition to work that is done daily at the Shack, a neighborhood recreation/service facility that helps organize the trip.

"This was definitely not a vacation for these guys. They work! Everything from the actual labor and work, to making lunches and dinner, was done by the kids. Adults were brought along to help instruct the kids and teach them the necessary skills that are needed to complete the various array of projects that are presented to them," noted Donovan.

"The Shack is basically the only recreational facility these people can enjoy and be a part of. Projects here have included everything from working with the facility's after-school program, to helping work on the facility's pool and equipment. Whatever it is, we try to help make it better, so the kids can have more," he said.

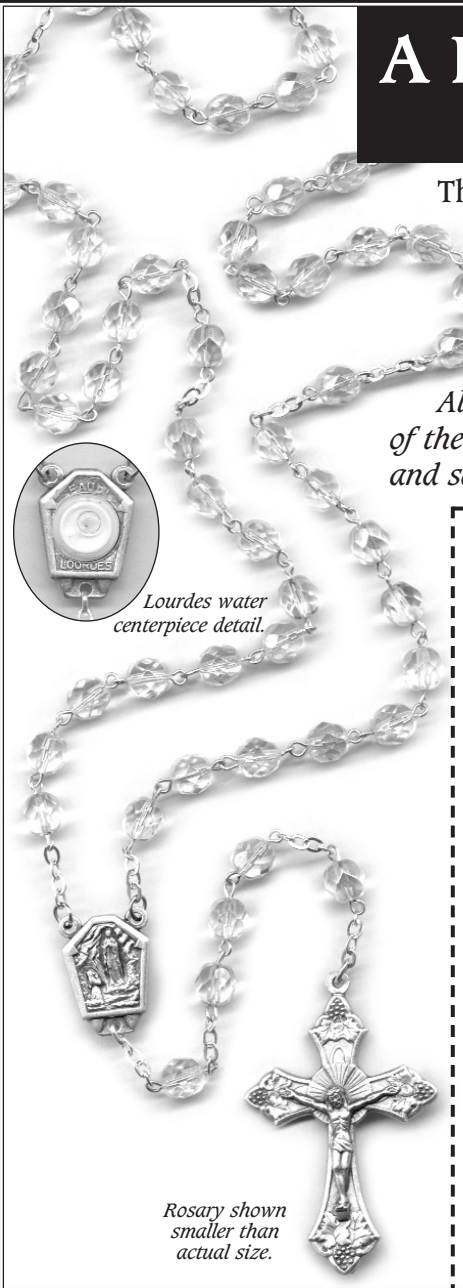
The week basically followed the same pattern; up at 7 a.m. with work starting by 9 a.m. Lunch was at noon, and work resumed by 12:30 p.m. and continued until



6 p.m. Then, the group gathered for dinner, prayer and discussion of the experiences of the day.

Donovan commented, "The teens really immersed themselves in the community. The after-dinner sharing aided the learning experience. The teens learned more about the families they helped and the people they interacted with that day."

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NOVENAS

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

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PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

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NOVENA TO ST. JUDE-

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

Future musicians to perform

CALDWELL—The Future Musicians, Inc. (FMI), 26th annual All State Band Concert will be held Sunday at Caldwell College.

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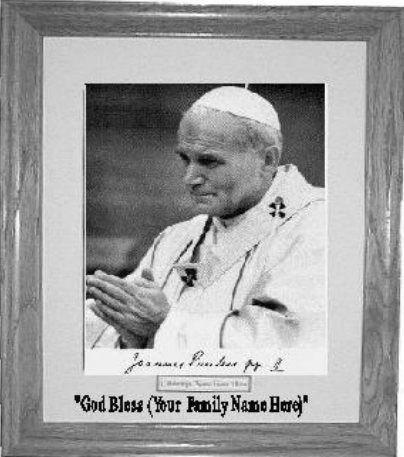
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Immaculate Conception Seminary graduate instituted as an acolyte

ROME-Daniel Beebe, a 2003 graduate of Immaculate Conception Seminary, was instituted last month as an acolyte during the celebration of the Eucharist at the Pontifical North American College, Rome.

Beebe, in his second year of theological studies, was among 37 seminarians who became acolytes. He graduated from Immaculate Conception Seminary with a B.S. degree in philosophy. His family belongs to Most Blessed

Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes.

The acolytes were instituted by Bishop Brian Farrell, L.C., Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity.

In his homily, Bishop Farrell reminded the candidates that they are not participating in this ministry because they are the best, but because the Lord has called them.

"You will be asked to do it for love of the Church, for the love of those you will serve, not for yourselves," Bishop Farrell, went on to

say, "The altar of the sacrifice becomes the place of your special concern...to serve the Eucharist, to bring it, to give it, to help the priest and deacon in the celebration."

Speaking directly to the seminarians, he added, "Your lives must reflect the mystery you are serving; there is no other way."

Referring to the seminarians future parishioners, the bishop added, "They will not believe a teacher; they will only believe a witness. Everyday you have to come to the Eucharist, to renew yourselves for service."

The seminarians are now instituted into the last required ministry before the diaconate, and then, priestly ordination.

Acolytes are appointed in order to aid the deacon and priest. They have the responsibility to serve at the altar and to assist the priest during the celebration of the Eucharist.

'Mass Times' fills a need

AREA—An electronic ministry of sorts offers Catholics, especially travelers and those on vacation, information on where to find a parish for Mass or other worship services.

Established in 1994, www.MassTimes.org has received encouragement from Archbishop John Foley, president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications. A ministry of the Pauline Books and Media, it is operated by Mass Times Trust. The services provided are free.

In addition to travelers and families on vacation, the site is designed to help the handicapped, migrants, pilgrims and workers on the road.

The website records the number of visitors for each church and city. In one instance, a parish reported that over 50 percent of the entries in their visitors' log indicated the church had been found through Mass Times.

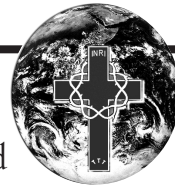
Visitors to the website can find the address of a parish, contact information and, if available, a particular parish's website.

There are, to date, parishes in 154 countries and 2,600 dioceses entered into the system.

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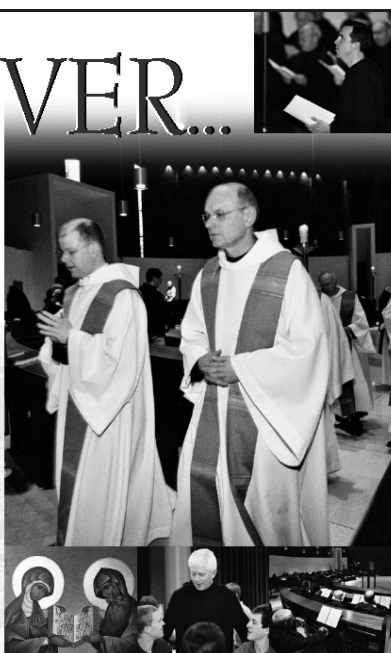
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OFFICERS CHOSEN- Representatives to the Executive Committee of the Council of Permanent Deacons have been elected and officers chosen. Left to right, seated, are: Deacon Ed Porter, ex-officio Director of Permanent Diaconate; Deacon Asterio Velasco, Hispanic representative; Deacon Tom Barrett, Hudson County representative; and Deacon Joe Yandoli, chairman and Bergen County representative. Standing are Deacon Luis Lorza, Hispanic representative; Deacon Herb Gimbel, vice chairman and Hudson County representative; Deacon Joe Lubas, Union County representative; Deacon Mike DeRoberts, Union County representative, and Deacon Ed Campanella, publicity chairman. Missing are Deacon Al McLaughlin, secretary and Bergen County representative, Deacon Aldo Antola and Deacon Tom Bulgia, Essex County representatives.

St. Vincent DePaul conference formed

ELIZABETH—St. Genevieve Parish has established a St. Vincent DePaul Society Conference.

The parish's new conference has an agenda of basic services in place. They include:

- person-to-person assistance through home visitation to individuals and families
- visitation/assistance to the elderly, sick and disabled
- disaster relief
- special services through thrift stores, food pantries, feeding sites, housing and shelters
- collaboration with other agencies/organizations
- education/job assistance programs
- youth programs

The first program of the new conference at St. Genevieve

Parish is a food pantry that began the first Sunday of Lent. Non-perishable food will be collected at all Masses.

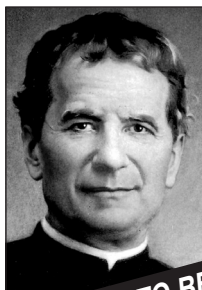
The conference also plans to focus on helping shut-ins by visiting, doing their shopping or providing food.

Those who know of shut-ins in the parish should call the

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Membership is open to women and men. Students doing service for the sacrament of Confirmation or high school graduation are welcome to join.

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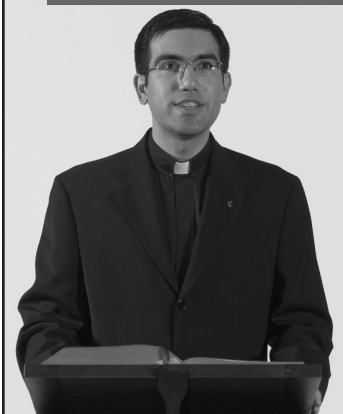
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Dominicans Sisters elect new leadership

CALDWELL—The Sisters of Saint Dominic have elected their new Congregational leadership for the next five years.

Elected were Sister Arlene Antczak, O.P., Prioress; Sister Alice Uhl, O.P., Vicarress; Sister Luella Ramm, O.P., Councilor; Sister Honora Werner, O.P., Councilor.

Sisters Arlene and Alice are concluding five years as Councilors to Prioress Sister Joan Doyle, O.P. Sister Luella Ramm currently serves as Chief Financial Officer for the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt, NY. Sister Honora Werner is an associate professor of preaching at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore. Sister Arlene and her Council will assume office in a ceremony on June 30.

The election culminated the congregation's 17th General Chapter, a week-long discernment on issues of Life and Mission, during which delegates formulated plans and established working groups to address issues within their existing ministries and to open the way to new ventures.

All the actions discussed carry forward the community's mission, "to respond to God's call in a united quest for the unfolding revelation of God."



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Serving God for 70 years

BORDENTOWN—Father Francis Mahon, S.V.D., 95, is celebrating 65 years of ordination and 70 years in religious vows.

Born in Elizabeth, he attended Sacred Heart School before entering the Society of the Divine Word at Duxbury, MA, in 1927. He was ordained at St. Mary's Seminary, Techny, IL, in 1940.

Father Mahon's first assignment was as office manager at St. Michael's Seminary, Conesus NY. In 1949, he was assigned as a teacher and community treasurer at Sacred Heart Seminary, Girard, PA. He taught at Divine Word Seminary, Bordentown from 1958-1960.

In 1960, Father Mahon was

assigned as director of the Divine Word Missionaries, Pittsburgh. He also became director of the hospital apostolate for the University of Pittsburgh hospitals which were served by the Divine Word Missionaries. He worked in the Pittsburgh hospital ministry as its director from 1960 to 1971.

Father Mahon was assigned again to the Divine Word community, Bordentown, in 1971 and served as treasurer until retiring in 1998. He is retired and lives in Bordentown.

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Father Joseph Astarita, Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, Paramus, addresses seventh graders.

Vocations explored

PARAMUS — Religious priests, brothers and sisters recently conducted a Vocation Fair at Visitation Academy.

Under the direction of Sister Mary Headley, O.P., Dominican Sister of Hope, the Capuchin Franciscans, the Dominican Sisters of Caldwell and Hope, the Salesian Sisters and Brothers, the PIME missionaries, the Maryknoll Fathers, Benedictine Sisters, Elizabeth, the sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, the Felician Sisters of Lodi and a Newark Archdiocesan priest, interacted with the students in groups of 10 to acquaint them with their ministries.

Beginning with a segment

from the *Lion King*, the students were alerted to the call to mission. A prayer service led by fifth and eighth grade students focused on the baptismal call of each person.

The students had ample opportunity to see each congregation's display, ask questions and receive a packet of informational book-marks, holy cards, pins and pencils to remind them of the experience of the day.

Following the presentation, Juliette D'Ambrosio and Chris Mecca, president and vice president respectively of the student council, presented each participant with a token of gratitude.



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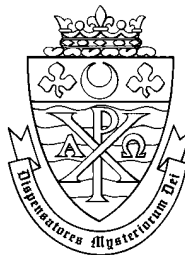
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✠ MAY 31-JUNE 9 AND FRIDAY, JUNE 3
Synoptic Gospels

Taught by Reverend Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L.
MTWR, 5:30-9:15 p.m.

✠ MAY 31-JUNE 9 AND FRIDAY, JUNE 3
*Theology and Spirituality of Marriage
and Family Life*

Taught by William Toth, Ph.D.
MTWR, 9 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

✠ JUNE 13-23

Christology

Taught by Reverend Anthony Figueiredo, S.T.D.
MTWR, 5:30-9:15 p.m.

✠ JULY 25-AUGUST 4

Marian Spirituality

Taught by Dianne Traflet, J.D., S.T.D.
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