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## Recalling '05: Pope dies, aid delivered to the Gulf Coast

BY WARD MIELE  
Managing Editor

NEWARK—The year that just slipped into history was dominated by the death of Pope John Paul II and the election of his successor. Meanwhile, events at the local level throughout the Church of Newark reflected its diversity, vibrancy and inevitable transition.

On the national scene, individuals, parishes and organizations within the archdiocese reached out to help Gulf Coast residents, who were battered by two hurricanes last year.

A month-by-month look at news highlights and page-one headlines in 2005 follows:

### January

Catholic Health and Human Services (CHHS) Corp. names Dr. Leon G. Smith to the new post of executive vice president for health care policy.

Following the leadership of Archbishop John J. Myers, parishes throw their support behind efforts to combat the evil of human trafficking.

As has been the case since 1973, the Archdiocese of Newark is well represented at the annual March for Life against abortion in Washington, D.C. protesting the U.S. Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal.

The faithful respond to the plight of those devastated by the Dec. 26 tsunami that struck South and Southeastern Asia by contributing close to \$1 million.

### February

As part of Black History Month, the Office of Black Catholic Affairs celebrates the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhitsa, a former slave who later became a saint.

Archbishop Myers celebrates Ash Wednesday Mass at

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**YOUTHFEST RALLY**—Jesse Manibusan was the keynote speaker and performer on Jan. 8 at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny, as the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry kicked off its Youthfest celebration. Over 300 spirited young adults attended the event and were led in joyful song and prayer by Manibusan, a self-described “undercover catechist.” Manibusan, a dynamic singer/songwriter who hails from the diocese of Fort Worth, Texas, and tours the North American circuit, shared his experiences and sang about Jesus: “Oh come and fish with me and your lives will never be the same again.” See page six for a full listing of activities slated for Young Adult Month.

## Archbishop's Annual Appeal set to kick off

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE  
Editor

NEWARK—The 2006 Archbishop's Annual Appeal (AAA) will kick off the weekend of Feb. 4 and 5, as pledge envelopes and literature on this year's campaign will soon be made available at parishes throughout the four counties of the archdiocese.

This year's theme—“It Is In Giving That We Receive”—is borrowed from a Franciscan prayer, Carla Gonzalez, Development director, said.

Archbishop John J. Myers, in a letter to the nearly 230 parishes throughout Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union counties, wrote that because of the generosity of parishioners via AAA donations, the Archdiocese of Newark is “able to help

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## Catholic groups to oppose 'punitive' immigration bill

BY MELISSA MCNALLY  
Staff Writer

NEWARK—The United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), based in Washington, and other Catholic organizations are in opposition of a new immigration act that could soon become law.

The U.S. House of Representatives, on Dec 16, passed the Border Protection, Anti-Terrorism and Illegal Immigration Control Act (H.R. 4437) just 10 days after it was introduced.

It's expected the bill will be brought to the Senate early this year. Given the concerns for national security and terrorism in the post-9/11 era, the bill proposes significant changes to U.S. immigration policy, including making any individual or group that assists illegal immigrants liable for criminal penalties and five years in prison. This includes Church personnel, healthcare workers, lawyers and many others who work with immigrants.

Allan Daul, executive director of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, disagrees with the bill and believes it fosters more problems instead of offering real solutions to illegal immigration.

"This is an enforcement-only bill that creates new categories of crimes," he said. "It is a negative and punitive bill with such broad language. That is why it is so dangerous."

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## Archdiocese rewires its 'connections'

BY MELISSA MCNALLY  
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NEWARK—The Archdiocese of Newark has partnered with telecommunications giant Sprint Nextel, Reston, VA, to provide a state-of-the-art communications technology—not only here at the Archdiocesan Center, but also through the schools, parishes and organizations in the four counties served by the archdiocese.

Deacon Joseph A. Dwyer Jr., vice chancellor for administration, aided by Fred Bauer, development consultant, launched and directed the project.

“The plan is to utilize the latest technology to enable (the Archdiocese) to curb costs and have better service. This requires some changes,” Dennis

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Photo-Sprint Nextel

The Archdiocesan Center has updated its communications technology with a new telephone system that runs over the Internet. The technology will be made available as an option for archdiocesan schools and parishes.



# Forming priests in today's tinderbox culture

Now that the initial dust over the Congregation for Catholic Education's recent instruction on homosexuality and candidacy for the priesthood has settled, three points seem worth underscoring.

## The first point is one of historical and theological context.

On Dec. 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Church marked the 40th anniversary of the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council—a reforming council intended by John XXIII to prepare the Church for what John Paul II would later call a “springtime of evangelization.”

Historically, we must remember that every great period of reform in Catholic history has included a reform of the priesthood and the consecrated life. Theologically, we must understand that there can be no “reform” of any facet of Catholic life without reference to “form:” in this case, the “form” in question is the priesthood understood as an iconic embodiment of the eternal priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Christ's eternal priesthood, in turn, involves Christ's spousal relationship with His bride, the Church. Keeping those truths of history and theology in mind is essential for reading the recent Instruction from Rome correctly, which is to say, as a reforming document.

## The second point is one of cultural context.

Living chastity is no easy business in the sex-saturated culture of the contemporary West. It's impossible to walk through a mall, turn on your computer or television, or browse through a bookstore without being bombarded by sexual imagery of every imaginable sort.

## The Catholic Difference

by George Weigel



The challenge of living chastely in these circumstances is a tough one for everybody: single, married, or celibate, lay or ordained. That is one important reason why the appropriate authorities in the Church—pastors, diocesan vocation directors, seminary faculty, seminary rectors, religious superiors, and, above all, bishops—must be as certain as humanly possible that a man is capable of living the demanding vocation of

chaste celibate love before he is called to Holy Orders.

That responsibility cannot be out-sourced to psychologists and psychiatrists. Why? Because, in the final analysis, it's a judgment of pastoral prudence, not a clinical judgment. The evaluation of clinicians can be helpful in forming a judgment about a man's capacity for living chaste celibate love in today's sexual free-fire zone. But the final call rests with the Church's pastoral authorities. And as the Long Lent of 2002 made unmistakably clear, it is a responsibility that cannot be shirked.

Candidates for the priesthood, whether diocesan or religious, also have a responsibility here, particularly given the challenging cultural circumstances in which they propose to serve. Any prospective candidate for ordination should be prepared and willing to demonstrate his capacity to live chaste celibate love before he asks the Church to confirm his vocation to the ordained ministry. Indeed, a willingness to do so might be considered an important sign of whether or not a man's sense that God is calling him to a priestly vocation is a true discernment.

## The third point takes us to the bottom of the bottom line.

Will this document make any difference? That is, will it help foster a genuine and enduring reform of the priesthood? That is entirely up to local bishops, in the case of the diocesan priesthood. A bishop must take the time and trouble to know his seminarians before he issues the canonical call to Orders.

If a bishop's first real encounter with a man he is to ordain happens on the day of that man's ordination, something is seriously wrong. As for men's communities of consecrated religious life, which seem to be the primary (albeit not exclusive) locus of unchaste clerical “gay culture” today, no Roman document can substitute for courageous leadership by religious superiors, calling all under their authority to live the “more excellent way” by honoring the majesty of their vows.

In the providence of God, the Long Lent of 2002 could not have been meaningless: it was, in retrospect, a call to the entire Church to take the reform of the Church's ordained ministry with the urgency Vatican II proposed. The recent Instruction is a response to that call, and should be welcomed as such.

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# Special Mass launches new Parish of the Transfiguration



**CELEBRATING TRANSFIGURATION**—A Mass was celebrated at St. Ann's Parish, Newark, on Dec. 18 to recognize the launch of the new Parish of the Transfiguration. Archbishop John J. Myers (left photo) and Father Josephat Kato Kalema (right photo), parish administrator, along with others, concelebrated the Mass. The Parish of the Transfiguration combines the Newark communities of St. Ann and St. Rocco. The merger of these two parishes, part of the ongoing New Energies Parish Transition Project throughout the

Archdiocese of Newark, will allow the respective communities to continue to jointly celebrate at the two worship sites, according to Father Kalema. The Mass featured many rousing, inspirational songs from an assortment of singers and musicians (center photo). Regarding the New Energies effort, Father Kalema, in a recent interview, offered four imperatives for pastors to consider: Believe in the process; enthusiastically share your vision of the future; listen to and respect the views of parishioners; pray.



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# Faith offers strength and solace to parents of children with developmental disabilities

BY BRIAN FORES  
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AREA—For the parents of people with developmental disabilities, the array of challenges posed by everyday living—tasks and actions most people take for granted—can be mind-boggling.

Parents often find themselves utterly drained by the mental, emotional and physical demands of caring for their unique children, and find themselves lacking in the traditional forms of support offered to other parents.

In part, their stresses are compounded by a culture insensitive to the needs of their children, uneducated about their varying conditions, and, to some extent, demonstrating a degree of apathy.

This attitude manifests itself throughout much of society, especially in some areas where parents of children with disabilities are particularly in need of support and understanding—namely the educational system.

Parents must fight for special programs, funding and aid for their children, as well as specific programs that address the particular needs of their children. Yet, many school districts revolve programs around their budget, rather than focusing on the needs of the children in their school district.

"I'm impressed by the dogged determination of many parents of children with disabilities, when I hear all the research they've done, the extra mile they constantly have to go, running to doctor's appointments and evaluations...to help their kids learn and thrive demands so much more than other parents," noted Ron Pihokker, director of the Catechetical Office for the Archdiocese of Newark.

He, along with Anne Masters, director of Catholic Charities' Apostolate—People with Disabilities, are working with parents to understand their needs and help provide support for their children and families.

"There's still this perception of 'What can we do for people with disabilities' rather than 'What can we do with people with disabilities?' We need to foster an environment where people with disabilities can make valid contributions to the community," Masters said.

"Many people are very open minded, but it's not enough; we have a lot of work to do," she continued. Masters said finding out "how" to help is the first step in developing what she calls an "unfolding vision" for the apostolate. "We're behind the secular world, in incorporation and inclusion, and we need to catch up in that."

Perhaps the best place to start would be at a parish that successfully has been providing religious education for people with developmental disabilities for more than a quarter of a century: St. John the Evangelist, Bergenfield. Bob Korn, a retired salesman, has been involved with religious education for people with disabilities from the start.

"My oldest guy is 42, the youngest is six," he said with obvious affection in his voice. "We have 22 students this year," he added. Korn explained that St. John's has attracted partici-



Advocate photo — Brian Fores

Tommy Howard is a student in the special education program at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield.

pants from other parishes, because not every parish has the resources to implement a program. "For some parishes, with one or two persons with disabilities, it wasn't feasible. That's how we got more kids."

Masters emphasized that more parishes need to provide services for people with disabilities. She pointed to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' document, "Welcome and Justice for Persons with Disabilities—A Framework of Access and Inclusion," which urges the inclusion of persons with disabilities into the mainstream of the parish. "There can be no separate Church for persons with disabilities," the U.S. Bishops wrote.

Additionally, the U.S. Bishops include the rights of persons with disabilities within the spectrum of Right to Life issues. "Our defense of life and rejection of the culture of death requires that we acknowledge the dignity and positive contributions of our brothers and sisters with disabilities," the document states. To read the entire document, visit: <http://www.usccb.org/doctrine/disabilities.htm>.

Pihokker underlined that position. "Religious education for people with disabilities is not something 'extra' that you do in good will for your religious education program. It is required by the bishops."

"Parents need to have access to their community. They need to come in and feel welcomed," Masters added. She explained that she's often observed a parent at the back of a

Church, standing in the vestibule with their child. Because many children with developmental disabilities might call out or speak at inappropriate times, parents do not want to disrupt the Mass. Unfortunately, many of these faithful feel alienated from their own spiritual community, and some go to Mass less frequently, or stop attending altogether.

"Here's an opportunity for the community at large to grow, and, it's a central part of our teaching," Masters noted. "The challenge for us is recognizing that these children have gifts to offer and allowing them to shine. We all have gifts, but they only become evident when they are recognized and appreciated. This case is all the more so for a child with autism."

Korn said working with children with developmental disabilities requires a great deal of patience, yet it is all worth it. "The blessing is just being associated with the children," he noted. Korn said more than once, in frustration, he'd thought of taking a break from his work with the students, but they always kept him coming back.

"It's a really special feeling, to know how appreciated you are," he said. "They really want to be here. If you don't come to class, they get very upset. We had no class during the week of Thanksgiving. They thought they were being punished!"

Mary Beth Walsh, Ph.D., a professor of Pastoral Ministry at Caldwell College, is developing catechetical tools for catechists working with children with special needs. Her son, Benedict, 7, is autistic. She, along with two other mothers, Adrienne Robertiello and Cherie Castellano, turned to Pihokker and Masters for help, and said they have "responded wonderfully."

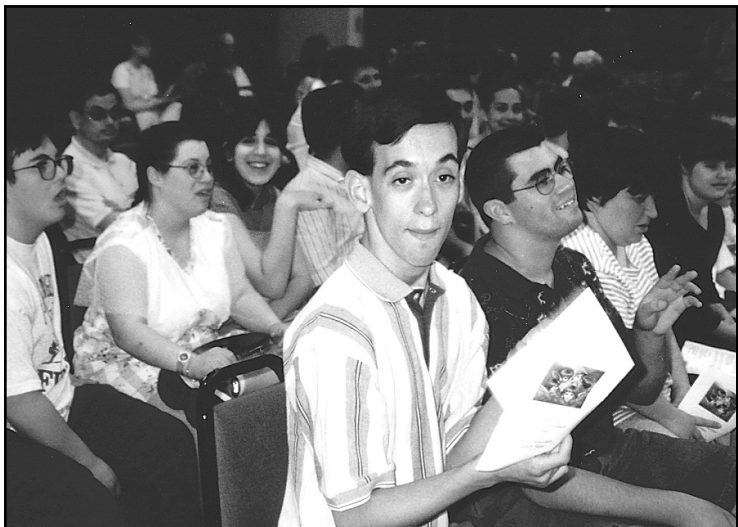
Walsh noted, "A major concern is improving religious education for children with disabilities, especially for sacramental preparation." Walsh said she decided to take Benedict to Mass when he was five. Pointing out that children with autism like things to be the same, she noted, "The Mass is perfect. It's the same every week. He loves the music. He likes to clap and applaud at the end of a musical selection."

She said at first she was concerned about his disruptive behavior, until a woman approached her one day after Mass and said she liked the way he clapped. "'Oh no,' was my first reaction. But then I thought about what she was really saying—she liked his behavior. She had an attitude of openness that I was grateful for," Walsh explained.

"It's important to take children to the Liturgy," she added. "They will come to know Jesus through their fellow parishioners. It's the perfect example of the Church being the Body of Christ."

Robertiello is the mother of three small children. Her son, Marco, 5, is autistic. Her sister, Suzzann Brucato, began a website ([www.Livingarrows.com](http://www.Livingarrows.com))—a resource and inspirational site—in honor of their nephew. Robertiello recently moved to Scotch Plains, explaining that in her previous town, she expe-

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Advocate photo — Brian Fores

Joey Burke is a student in the special education program at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield.

## Developmental disabilities

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rienced indifference and ineptitude in a school system unwilling to offer the kind of help required under the law for her son—a plight faced by far too many parents of children with developmental disabilities, she said.

“Dealing with the educational system is a very difficult and stressful thing. Some families don’t even know what to do, or

don’t have the wherewithal to deal with the issue,” Robertiello said, adding that she received help from her former school system only after hiring a lawyer.

Parents of children with developmental disabilities should check out Parents Rights in Special Education, (PRISE) which can be viewed on the web at <http://www.state.nj.us/njded/parigths/>. Additionally, most district

school boards provide the document in booklet form.

“I believe that the community needs to be responsible as a whole, they need to know us, accept us and understand us. This is particularly true with regard to safety—from the police, fire and recreational departments,” she noted.

For the last year, Robertiello has been working to create a community partnership for people with autism. One idea is to find sympathetic businesses, educate them and get them to help, which she says can be done in very simple ways.

Noting that getting a haircut is a difficult thing for her son, she noted, “I might take my son 10 times to the barber shop, not to get a haircut, just to listen, touch, and understand what is happening there. If Marco starts screaming, people will understand why. We need to find out what proprietors in the community are accepting to that kind of thing. We need to get rid of the stigma. Families with autistic children need to get out into the community and live life.”

Cherie Castellano is the mother of two boys, Louis John, 6, and Domenick, 4, who is developmentally disabled. A psychologist specializing in trauma at University of

Medicine and Dentistry, Newark, Castellano and her husband Mark, a detective for the Morris County prosecutor’s office, are active parishioners at Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament, Roseland.

With the aid of Judy Miller, director of Family Life, and Msgr. Richard Arnholz, Vicar for Pastoral Life, both of the Archdiocese of Newark, Castellano is in the process of starting a support group for mothers of children with developmental disabilities, “And a Child Shall Lead Us,” which will have its first meeting Jan. 25 at Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament.

“Mothers of children with autism are traumatized by this experience,” she stated plainly. “Often, they turn away from their faith. That is not the right thing to do. Rather, they need to turn even more towards their faith. To survive the trials and tribulations, to watch our child suffer...often their suffering is our own suffering. To try and offer up that suffering is a spiritual experience in and of itself,” Castellano offered.

Castellano started the group because, while there are support groups for parents of children who are developmentally disabled, she could not find that was uniquely

based in the Catholic tradition. “Mothers need to get together not just to talk about the school system or other issues, but about their faith. Maybe this experience shook their faith, as it did mine, but today this experience has confirmed my faith.”

Castellano also said it’s important to acknowledge that fathers, too, have unique concerns that should be addressed through a support group of their own.

As for Domenick, Castellano said through year-round schooling and several hours of therapy four times a week, he is making major breakthroughs. Additionally, Sister Rie Crowley pays the family home visits once a week to offer Domenick religious instruction. “I want him to understand the sacraments, not simply go through them,” Castellano emphasized.

“My hope is that he is somehow connecting to the faith,” the mother stated.

Late on a Friday afternoon, after several hours of work, *The Catholic Advocate* received a call from Castellano. She put four-year-old Domenick on the phone. His message for this writer: “God Bless You!” In that moment, it was clear that her hope was confirmed.

## 2005

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St. Patrick Pro-Cathedral in Newark.

### March

The recommendations of pastors and school administrators of nine elementary schools are accepted for a merger into four “area” school programs.

The archdiocese hosts the first area Hispanic Stewardship Day with participants coming from the Garden State, New York and Pennsylvania.

Archbishop Myers issues a pastoral letter, “The Way, the Truth and the Life” on Evangelism.

### April

Reacting to the death of Pope John Paul II, Archbishop Myers issues a statement, which says, in part, “we have all been blessed by his strength, his wisdom, his faith, his devotion to both God and his people and an immense sense of humor.”

Nigerian native Francis Cardinal Arinze, the prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments, visits St. Benedict’s Prep.

### May

The archdiocese reports it is working toward establishing a unique high school in Newark’s inner city for students who otherwise could not afford to attend a Catholic high school. Proposed as part of the national Cristo Rey Network, it is a venture where stu-

dents participate in a work-study program to help finance their own education.

Commenting on the election of Pope Benedict XVI, Archbishop Myers calls him “a loving, humble priest and bishop who will lead the Church and deliver the message of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

A dozen men are ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Myers.

### June

Graduations are held at schools throughout the Archdiocese of Newark.

Archbishop Myers visits Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, Harrison, to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, a focal point of the Year of the Eucharist.

A total of 226 archdiocesan students are named Bloustein Distinguished Scholars, an honor that goes to the top 10 percent of students statewide.

Archbishop Myers, along with several Catholic bioethicists, are among 35 experts in medicine and ethics who announce support for research into an experimental laboratory technique that could produce embryo-like stem cells without creating or destroying human embryos.

### July

Josef Cardinal Glemp, Primate of Poland, celebrates a special Mass in Polish at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Archbishop Myers bestows papal honors from Pope John II on

17 priests and 18 lay people during a Mass at the Cathedral Basilica.

The Church of Newark reports it is in the forefront of implementing a revamped program for the permanent diaconate.

A little more than a year after the launching of the New Energies Parish Initiative for parishes throughout the archdiocese, positive results are reported.

### August

The immigrant experience will be brought to the classroom after 10 archdiocesan teachers visit Ellis Island as part of a two week seminar sponsored by the Save Ellis Island Foundation.

The archdiocese approves a program of online tithing and donations.

Young people from the archdiocese attend World Youth Day in Germany.

A look at education and Catholic schools in the archdiocese shows schools are at a crossroads.

Efforts are launched to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina, which devastated the Gulf Coast areas of Mississippi and Louisiana.

### September

Programs to help hurricane victims in the south continue with a blood drive at St. Michael Medical Center in Newark. Archbishop Myers is among the first donors.

The youth group at St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, Saddle Brook, return from the African nation of Ghana, where they helped build a school library and

stock it with books collected back home.

The archdiocesan schools office reveals it is eyeing a regional plan as part of an unfolding sustainability strategy.

Citizens in the village of Ridgewood recall the painful memories of 9/11. The town dedicates trees and plaques in honor of the 12 residents who perished.

### October

A financial sustainability strategy, known as cost-per-pupil enrollment, for archdiocesan schools is pondered by the schools office.

Archbishop Myers is appointed by the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith in Rome as Ecclesiastical Delegate for the Pastoral Provision for admitting married former Anglican clergy to the Catholic priesthood in the United States.

A special Mass is celebrated by the archbishop at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, in commemoration of Pope John Paul II’s visit a decade earlier, the pontiff’s designation of the Cathedral Basilica as minor basilica and to mark the close of the Year of the Eucharist.

### November

Aquinas Academy Early Childhood Center, on the grounds of St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, is selected by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Education for establishing a system

to evaluate pre-school students.

The annual Youth Recognition Mass is celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, it marks the debut of a Rosary for Youth program.

Three cemetery workers from the archdiocese—Richard Golda, Thomas Melito and Patsy Guerriero—travel to Mississippi to assist in the massive cleanup effort from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

### December

Lech Walesa, the former president of Poland and a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, is honored by Seton Hall University. Walesa speaks at a program at the South Orange campus and receives the university’s Global Citizenship Award.

Archbishop Myers joins bishops from around the Garden State at a rally in front of the Statehouse in Trenton in support of the Urban School Scholarship Bill, which would provide financial support to low-income families for educating their children.

The Young Adult Ministry, in an effort to reach out to the children of Baby Boomers, those between the ages of 18-35 known as Generation Y, makes plans for Young Adult Month activities in January and February.

Archbishop Myers reveals that he has undergone a surgery to correct a disk problem. Doctors report that the surgery was successful.



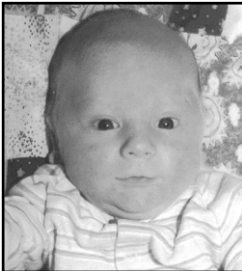


**EQUESTRIAN ORDER**—Five members of the staff of Archbishop John J. Myers recently were installed as members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. The installation was held at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, New York, followed by a banquet at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Pictured (left to right) are Father Michael A. Andreano, vice chancellor; Father James M. Sheehan, vice chancellor and secretary; Roseann Biasi-Vasquez, executive assistant to the archbishop; Archbishop Myers; Father Brian G. Plate, vocations director; and Father Christopher J. Hynes, assistant for public affairs. The priests were installed as Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, while Biasi-Vasquez was tapped as a Lady of the Holy Sepulchre. Membership in the Jerusalem order is one of the highest papal awards, representing meritorious work for the Church. The insignia worn by knights and ladies is the Red Cross of the Five Wounds of Christ, also known as the Jerusalem Cross.

Pastoral care seminar to run Feb. 14 at Newark Chancery

NEWARK—The next seminar in a series sponsored by the Institute of Pastoral Care on Feb. 14 will feature parish nursing. Speakers include Rev. Edward Clydsdale, director of pastoral care, Mountainside Hospital in Montclair, and two registered nurses from St. Valentine Parish, Bloomfield. The seminar, to be held at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., cost \$25. To register contact Cristina Pardo at (973) 497-4220 or at pardocri@rcan.org.

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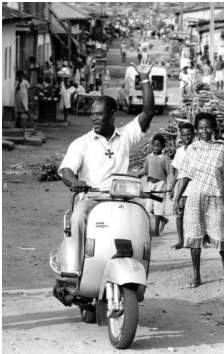
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So says Bishop Joseph Willigers of Jinja, Uganda, about Mathias, one of his catechists.



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# Kearny center lists events for Young Adult Month

KEARNY—The Archdiocesan office of Youth and Young Adults Ministries and Youth Retreat Center has planned a slate of activities for January and February, known collectively as “Young Adult Month,” which is designed to reach out to archdiocesan residents between the ages of 18-35.

As reported in the Dec. 7 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*, the activities will focus on four areas for young people: community, service, Word, and worship. The goal of the program, according to directors at the center, is to connect young people with Christ, the Church, the mission of the Church in the world, and their archdiocesan peer community.

Sister Loretta DeDomenicis is the director of Parish and Outreach Training, Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the archdiocese, while Bob McLaughlin serves as the director of retreats and spirituality. Contact the Youth Retreat Center, 499 Belgrove Dr., at (201) 998-0088 for more information.

The following is a list of activities planned for Young Adult Month.:

**Jan. 13**, 8 p.m., St. John’s, Linden. Young Adult Praise and Worship.

**Jan. 15**, 7 p.m., On The Border, Garden State Plaza, Paramus. Theology on Tap. “Narnia: A Fantasy About Real Life.”

**Jan. 15**, 7 p.m., Youth Retreat Center, Kearny. Fireside Chat, Theology on Tap. “Young Adults: Gifts of the Church.”

**Jan. 17**, 7 p.m., Bunny’s Restaurant, South Orange. Theology on Tap. “The Power of Prayer in Everyday Life.”

**Jan. 20-22**, 7 p.m., Young Adult Search weekend retreat, Youth Retreat Center, Kearny. (Mass at 3 p.m. on Jan. 22).

**Jan. 21**, 10 a.m., Archdiocesan Encuentro preparation gathering, Youth Retreat Center, Kearny.

**Jan. 22**, 7 p.m., On The Border, Garden State Plaza, Paramus. Theology on Tap. “Relationships:

Seeking and Finding Joy.”

**Jan. 22**, 7 p.m., Youth Retreat Center, Kearny. Fireside Chat, Theology on Tap. “The Catholic Church and the Broken World: Is There a Connection?”

**Jan. 23**, Right to Life March, Washington, DC (Buses depart from Youth Retreat Center in Kearny at 6:30 a.m.; cost is \$15 per person.)

**Jan. 23**, 7 p.m., Snuffy’s Pantagis, Scotch Plains. Theology on Tap. “The Extraordinary in the Ordinary.”

**Jan. 24**, 7 p.m., Bunny’s Restaurant, South Orange. Theology on Tap. “Poverty and Hunger: What Can I Do?”

**Jan. 27-29**, 7 p.m., Crusaders for Christ retreat for high school students, Youth Retreat Center, Kearny.

**Jan. 28**, 10 a.m., Young Adult Outreach Day, Youth Retreat Center, Kearny.

**Jan. 28**, 10 a.m., Archdiocesan Encuentro preparation gathering, St. Mary’s of the Assumption, Elizabeth.

**Jan. 29**, 7 p.m., On The Border, Garden State Plaza, Paramus. Theology on Tap. “What Happens When Money Isn’t Enough?”

**Jan. 29**, 7 p.m., Youth Retreat Center, Kearny. Fireside Chat, Theology on Tap. “Eternal Life: It’s Who You Know.”

**Jan. 31**, 7 p.m., Bunny’s Restaurant, South Orange. Theology on Tap. “A Purpose-Driven Life in a Purpose-Driven Church.”

**Feb. 4**, 10 a.m., Archdiocesan Encuentro preparation gathering, Youth Retreat Center, Kearny.

**Feb. 4**, 6:30 p.m., Chili (“Chilly”) Night, closing Young Adult Month, Youth Retreat Center, Kearny.

**Feb. 12**, 10 a.m., “CHAOS” (Christ Here At Our Side) Archdiocesan Middle School rally, Youth Retreat Center, Kearny.

## January 12

**Catholics Who Happen to Be Single Club**, Bloomfield, cruise info and sign-up night, 7:30- 10 p.m., Call Leonora at (973) 743-6100.

## January 13

**Carmel Retreat**, Mahwah, retreat, through Jan 15, 5:30 p.m., Cost: \$145 for private retreat, \$165 for directed retreat, Call Mary Ann at (201) 327-7090.

**St. Mary’s Hospital**, Passaic, free pre-natal classes, (Spanish) Jan. 13 and 20, (English) Jan. 18, 5:30-8 p.m., Call (973) 470-3000 ext. 3928.

## January 14

**St. Phil’s Singles**, Livingston, volleyball game, 7:30 p.m., (973) 340-4001.

**Knights of Columbus**, Belleville, blood drive, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 1-800-BLOOD NJ.

## January 15

**Church of the Ascension Parish**, New Milford, pasta dinner, 1- 5 p.m., Cost: adults: \$10, Senior Citizens: \$8, Children 12 and under: \$6, Call Marguerite at (201) 385-0159.

## January 16

**Corpus Christi Parish**, Hasbrouck Heights, witness talks given by the Office of Respect for Life, for 7th and 8th grade boys and their parents, (201) 288-4844.



**Queen of Peace Parish**, North Arlington, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, every Monday at 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., (201) 997-0700.

## January 18

**St. John the Apostle Parish**, Linden, Healing Mass, 7:45 p.m., (908) 486-6363.

**St. Thomas More Parish**, Fairfield, An Evening of Music with Marty Rotella, (973) 226-4948.

## January 20

**St. Phil’s Singles**, Livingston, dinner at Fuddrucker’s and coffee at Starbucks Coffee, Wayne, 7:30 p.m. (973) 248-9245. RSVP by Jan 19.

## January 21

**St. Phil’s Singles**, Livingston, games night, 7:30 p.m. (973) 340-4001.

**Choral Art Society**, Westfield, “The Magnificats in D” by Johann Sebastian Bach and son Carl Philip Emanuel Bach, (732) 382-0394.

**St. Thomas the Apostle Parish**, Bloomfield, New Beginnings: One-Day Guided Retreat, 9 a.m.- 3:30 p.m., Call Anna at (973) 338-9538.

## January 22

**Queen of Peace Parish**, North Arlington, Holy Hour with Benediction for Right to Life, 1-3 p.m. (201) 997-0700.

**Knights of Columbus**, Jersey City, blood drive, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Call Barbara at (201) 251-3703.

## January 23

**Cathedral Basilica**, Newark, Archdiocesan Choral Festival, May 23, 7:30 p.m., pre-register by Jan 23. (973) 484-2400.

## January 24

**Benedictine Academy**, Elizabeth, open house for parents of girls in grades 6-8, (908) 532-0670.

**Holy Spirit Parish**, Union, Bereavement Ministry, call Lois at (908) 527-0730.

## January 26

**Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament Parish**, Roseland, a Spiritual Journey for Mothers of Children with Developmental Disabilities, 7-8 p.m., Call Cherie at (973) 752-9209.

**Lumen Center**, Caldwell, “Finding Ourselves in The Gospel,” 9:30 a.m. gathering, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. program, Cost: \$20, (973) 403-3331 ext. 25.

## Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

### ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY/MINISTRY

**Reverend Monsignor Richard J. Arnholz**, Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield and Vicar for Pastoral Life in the Archdiocese of Newark, has been reappointed to a second three-year term as Vicar for Pastoral Life ending Jan. 1, 2009.

**Reverend Charles Pinyan**, Pastor of Guardian Angel Parish, Allendale has also been appointed member of the Archdiocesan Commission for Christian Unity. This appointment was effective Jan. 2 for a term of three years.

### RETIREMENT

**Reverend Monsignor Augustin C. Park** has been granted retirement, effective Jan. 1.



### PAROCHIAL VICAR

**Reverend M. Christen Beirne** has been appointed Parochial Vicar of the St. Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills, effective Jan. 18.

**Reverend Richard J. Berbary**, Parochial Vicar of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills has been appointed Parochial Vicar of the Church of St. Henry, Bayonne, effective Jan. 18.

**Reverend Marek Chachlowski**, Parochial Vicar of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, Linden, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of the Church of the Little Flower, Berkeley Heights, effective Jan. 18.

**Reverend Pawel Molewski**, Parochial Vicar of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Elizabeth, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Elizabeth, effective Jan. 18.

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- Contact by **email**: mielejos@rcan.org, **fax**: 973-497-4192, or **mail**: The Catholic Advocate, Around the Archdiocese, P.O. Box 9500, Newark, NJ 07104



# US must reject ‘paranoid’ law

Editor,  
The U.S. House of Representatives has passed the Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005 (H.R. 4437). The new draconian act criminalizes undocumented immigrants.

Rep. Tancredo (R-CO), a darling of anti-immigrant groups such as Federation of American Immigration Reform and Center for Immigration Studies, said: “You will find people will go home and they will go home by the millions. Those who don’t go home you deport.”

He was talking about the millions of poor people who break their backs to keep the mighty U.S. wheel of fortune spinning. However, Tancredo and his anti-immigrant fellow Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) failed to mention whether these “aliens” would ever get the benefits of the \$7 billion they put each year into our Social Security funds before they’re kicked out.

*The Catholic Advocate* welcomes letters from readers. Due to space and time limits, there is no guarantee that a letter will run. Readers’ opinions do not necessarily represent the opinion of the newspaper or the Archdiocese. All letters must be typed, and are subject to editing. Include name, address and daytime telephone number.

# Catholic Conference supports call for moratorium on NJ executions

TRENTON-The New Jersey Catholic Conference said it supports bills S-709 and A-2347, which would place a moratorium on executions in New Jersey as well as initiate a study of the state’s death penalty.

The organization cited statements by the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey. The bishops have said that as death row inmates exhaust their appeals and the possibility of execution draws near, “we, the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey, wish to reiterate our opposition to the death penalty.

“We are guided by our belief that every person has an inalienable right to life, because each human being is made in the image and likeness of God, who alone is the absolute Lord of life from its beginning until its end (cf. The Book of Genesis 1:26-28).

“We acknowledge that the subject of capital punishment is controversial and emotional. All murders are violent and shocking. They all stir emotions of revulsion and anger. We grieve for the victims of murder, for the brutalization and loss of life.

“We affirm that the state has the duty to punish criminals and to prevent the repetition or occurrence of crime. We

The new act is dangerous, and it’s antithetical to American constitution and moral values. As Rep. Silvestre Reyes (D-TX), who worked in the Border Patrol for 26 years, said: “The underlying legislation betrays our heritage as a nation of immigrants.”

Let’s reject the politics of paranoia. America can do better than that.

Partha Banerjee, Ph.D.  
Executive Director, New Jersey Immigration Policy Network, Newark

# Prayers to end abortion needed

Editor,  
As we enter the New Year and approach the 33rd anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion and the annual Rally of The Unborn in the nation’s capital, we pray, we hope, we persevere as the slaughter goes on with over 50 million babies legally killed in this Christian nation.

How long will the people of God remain silent? How long will the people of God look the other way? How long will we believers, sons and daughters of God, let apathy, silence and weak answers perpetuate the slaughter?

Pray God, we all have a role to play in this bloodshed. Get involved—God is waiting!

Bernard Kiernan  
Fort Lee

## 2005


### TOP NEWS

#### STORIES

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*The Polish-born pontiff died April 2. More than 2 million people waited outside St. Peter’s Square to pay their respects at a public viewing.*
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- 3. HURRICANE KATRINA**
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- 4. TERRI SCHIAVO**
- 5. CHIEF JUSTICE JOHN G. ROBERTS**



John Paul II’s struggle in his final days, his death and the world’s examination of his life made the Polish pontiff the top story and newsmaker of 2005.

# Looking back at a busy year

For the Archdiocese of Newark, 2005 will be remembered as a time when world issues intertwined much more than usual with the work of moving forward on the local level.

It was after all the year when one of the longest and most prolific pontificates in the history came to an end with the death of Pope John Paul II, the only Holy Father many Catholics had ever known. Our prayers are with his successor Pope Benedict XVI.

The fury of nature also impacted the archdiocese. Responding to the devastation that struck southeastern Asia late in 2004, the Church of Newark swung into action contributing close to \$1 million a month after the tsunami. Then in late summer it was the double destruction of almost back-to-back hurricanes that slammed into the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Once again the Church of Newark was there to help God’s children. Schools and parishes held various fundraisers and collected food and clothing for those who had lost virtually everything. With Archbishop John J. Myers among those rolling up their sleeves, a blood drive was held at St. Michael’s Medical Center in Newark.

The archbishop also received a major appointment from the Vatican in the fall, when he was named by the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith in Rome as Ecclesiastical Delegate for the Pastoral Provision for admitting married former Anglican clergy to the Catholic priesthood in the United States.

Closer to home, it was a busy and productive year. Archbishop Myers led the way in a statewide effort among social service agencies and law enforcement to combat the evil of human trafficking. Along with another year of stellar achievement in the classroom, archdiocesan school officials took a hard look at the status of providing a quality education throughout the Church of Newark.

The archdiocese also was in the forefront of implementing a revamped permanent diaconate program and progress continued to mark the New Energies Project.

With the usual diligence, dedication and determination the challenges and issues of 2005 were met as always with the faithful in mind.

# A matter of life and death

Rarely is pending legislation a matter of life of death. But that is what is at stake with two bills before Trenton lawmakers.

S709 is the State Senate version. Its State Assembly counterpart is A-2347. Both would place a moratorium on executions in the Garden State and initiate a study of the state’s death penalty.

The New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC), citing the long-standing opposition of the state’s bishops to the death penalty, has thrown its full support behind both bills.

In voicing their opposition to capital punishment, the bishops put it best\* “we are guided by our belief that every person has an inalienable right to life.” They are so right.

The bishops have taken their stand in full acknowledgement that that inalienable right has been denied to a murder victim, the unending anguish of family and friends and the duty of the state to punish.

The debate over whether the death penalty is justice or revenge will not be solved by either of these proposed bills. But the fact remains that there are documented cases of death row inmates ultimately being found innocent.

The bishops and NJCC are powerful forces, but they cannot do it alone. Those of all faiths who oppose the death penalty should lend their voices to the effort and make sure S709 and A2347 become law.



# ‘Connections’

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Yarrington, technology/telecom manager at the Archdiocesan Center, explained.

The goal of the three-year plan is to create a more connected archdiocese through technology including wireless capabilities and telephone (wired) lines. The archdiocese has said it wants to reduce what it pays vendors by consolidating under only one provider, thereby reducing the number of people needed to provide ongoing technological support and maintenance.

The overall effort to upgrade the system, in the long run, is to save money in the future for the archdiocese. “We want people to be able to disseminate information in a timely fashion and increase productivity,” Yarrington explained.

He said the cost of this project is difficult to determine, because it is ongoing and has several phases. “It is hard to quantify a dollar amount. But, say we were to spend \$5 million on upgrading the communication system; we would save up to \$2 million,” Yarrington said. “That would be like a 30 to 40 percent savings. We save a lot of money because we don’t have to pay other people for maintenance and upkeep.”

The money saved after the update, Yarrington noted, could be deployed elsewhere throughout a parish or school.

The Archdiocesan Center began its technology update with a new telephone system that now runs over the Internet. Installing the system will save \$500,000, compared with how much it would cost to maintain the old system.

“Replacing this telephone

infrastructure has reduced the cost of toll calls. It will lower the cost of calling between archdiocesan locations. There is no additional charge to make calls over the Internet. We are utilizing a leading edge of technology when it comes to using voiceover IP (Internet protocol),” Yarrington added.

The new technology is not being mandated to archdiocesan schools and parishes; instead, it is an option that will be open to them. “We cannot dictate to schools and parishes that they must do this. I hope they see the benefit in this upgrade and see that we can help and offer assistance,” Yarrington said.

The next step in the project is underway at the Archdiocesan Center. “We are deploying wireless technology (in the building) and then we are moving out to the rest of the archdiocese over the next couple of months. This will allow

people to better use their time and they will be able to work with more efficiency,” Yarrington said.

Bob Kennelly, director of Computing Services for the Archdiocesan Center, led the task force that worked with Sprint Nextel to put the technology plan in motion.

“We no longer have a plain old telephone. The phone is now a network device, like a computer hanging on the wall,” Kennelly said.

Kennelly expressed his excitement as to how this new technology would improve everyday school activities. “There are a lot of neat things that can be done in the schools,” he said.

For example, he explained that taking attendance could be done by pulling up an application on the computer and then having a voice recording automatically call parents, notifying them of their

child’s absence.

Greg Buontempo, sales manager at Sprint Nextel, and his team have been working with the archdiocese for the last two years trying to come up with solutions to improve the technology.

Healthcare and religious sections. The archdiocese had a more fragmented approach to technology before this project,” Buontempo continued.

“Sprint’s goal is to provide faster services, security, and flexibility that allows the archdiocese to change with time. They need to keep in touch with technology,” he added.

The process of upgrading the technology should take at least three years. “We hope the size and scope of this project will get bigger. A sale is not a lasting sale if there is no benefit to the archdiocese. It’s a really simplistic idea,” Migliaccio said.

# Annual Appeal

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those who are vulnerable and poor.” Contributions to the AAA help to serve “the neediest of those in need—children, families and individuals...for whom no other resources may exist.

“We face a tremendous challenge every year and only with your support will we be able to help the increasing number of people in need,” Archbishop Myers stated in the letter. “Too often, we get caught up in the materialistic world and forget that God wants us to share the gifts He bestowed on us with those less fortunate. I ask you to prayfully consider making a gift to the 2006 AAA.”

Gonzalez provided a distribution of the \$10 million in AAA funds that were collected in 2004 and distributed throughout the archdiocese last year (and into the early part of this year). The largest portion of that 2004 total, about 50 percent, went to parishes and schools. She said that, under the direction of the archdiocesan school’s office, about 50,000 children receive faith-based education at over 150 elementary and secondary schools.

Seminarian education and formation accounted for distributions of just over \$1.8 million, while Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark—a unit of Catholic Health and Human Services Corp.—received \$1.5 million. Gonzalez explained that, through the work of Catholic Charities, nearly 100,000 people receive food, shelter, job training, special education and counseling. In addition, the Bishop Francis Center for Immigration Services recently was opened to assist immigrants, refugees and victims of human trafficking.

The Development Office budgets its annual funding for archdiocese programs based on AAA pledges. An overview of AAA projects and funding efforts is available online at [www.rcan.org/AAA](http://www.rcan.org/AAA). Contact the archdiocesan Development Office for more information at (973) 497-4130.

# Church groups oppose ‘punitive’ immigration bill

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The proposed new law targets poor migrant workers and farmers, according to Daul. "Poor farmers are kicked off of their land because of American imports in their countries and cannot find jobs there. These people come here to work and feed their families, not to be on welfare," he said.

This new bill is similar to the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) of 1986, Daul said, because it gives more money to border patrol and focuses on enforcement provisions. IRCA also legalized over 2 million illegal immigrants thereby granting them amnesty. The law was drafted to reduce the number of illegal entries in the U.S., but the number of illegal immigrants doubled from 1986-1998 and today, it is estimated that there are over 11 million undocumented immigrants in America.

Daul believes that the IRCA did not offer comprehensive solutions and did not address why people came to America in desperate need of jobs. "The new bill is more of the same type of legislation. It will not help stop immigration but people will become more desperate and border crossing will become even more dangerous," he said.

This bill conflicts with the mission of Catholic Charities, which gives aid, including shelter, to those in need. If those in need of care happen to be illegal immigrants, Catholic Charities could be violating this new bill. The Christian ideals and values of the organization could be compromised if H.R. 4437 becomes law. Daul believes the new bill, however, will most likely not affect human trafficking victims and refugees.

The Catholic Church always has supported the plight of immigrants and migration, Daul pointed out. Based on Scripture and social teachings, he said Catholics should raise their collective voice for the marginalized. The Church does not support illegal immigration, but believes that reform is needed. He is worried that the law will also criminalize those who work in organizations that provide help for those who are potential illegal.

"Does this mean that if an illegal immigrant woman who is pregnant and in need of aid should be refused charity care in a hospital because she is breaking the law? Is that 'knowingly and recklessly' aiding a criminal? The language in the bill is so broad," Daul said.

The new bill makes it mandatory for all illegal immigrants to return to their home countries in order to apply

for a temporary work visa. Those who do not return and stay in America will be charged \$2,000 upon pending re-entry for every year they do not turn themselves in to authorities. The temporary work visa does not lead to permanent residency or citizenship and only lasts for two years. The worker can only have family members visit 30 days out of one year in America.

According to provisions of the bill, "unlawful presence" would now be considered a crime and a felony meaning possible jail time and being barred from future legal status in this country. Expedited removal of illegal immigrants would be mandated 100 miles of the border and within 14 days of a person's entry into the country. Such individuals will no longer face a immigration judge or qualified adjudicator before being deported and will pose a problem for those seeking asylum in the United States.

As an alternative to H.R. 4437, many Catholic organizations support of The Secure America an Orderly Immigration Act (H.R.2330). Sponsored by senators John McCain (R-AZ) and Edward Kennedy (D-MA), the bill offers more comprehensive reform.

In H.R. 2330, there is a path to legalization for current illegal immigrants. The bill states that, after six years of working illegally in the United States, immigrants can apply or permanent residency and five years later, can apply for citizenship. Those in foreign countries can also be issued a work visa if they have a job offer in America. The McCain/Kennedy legislation also eliminates the immediate relatives of U.S. citizens from the annual 480,000 cap on family visas allowing families to reunite.

To build solidarity within the Catholic community and to educate others about immigrant rights, the USCCB has designated Jan. 8-14 as National Migration Week, which marks its 25th year in 2006. The USCCB provides resources for parishes and schools and encourages prayer and outreach to seek justice and peace.

In addition, the bishops as well as other Catholic organizations have launched the national "Justice for Immigrants: Together in the Journey of Hope" campaign to encourage coalition building, outreach, and grassroots organizing to influence policies.

Visit [www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org) and [www.usccb.org/mrs/nmw.shtml](http://www.usccb.org/mrs/nmw.shtml) for further information.



# Vatican informs Neocatechumenal Way of changes

ROME (CNS) — The Vatican has told communities of the Neocatechumenal Way to join their entire parish at least once a month for Mass and to phase out their practice of receiving Communion seated around a table.

The instructions were contained in a letter from Cardinal Francis Arinze, prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, published in late December by an Italian newspaper and an Italian magazine.

According to the letter, Pope Benedict XVI requested that the changes be made.

“In the celebration of the holy Mass, the Neocatechumenal Way will accept and follow the liturgical books approved by the Church without omitting or adding anything,” the letter said.

Because the celebration of Sunday Mass is so important in the life of a parish, the letter said, the Neocatechumenal communities in each parish must join the rest of the parish at least once a month for Sunday Mass.

The statutes of the Neocatechumenal Way, approved by Pope John Paul II in 2002, allow the communities to celebrate their own regular weekly Mass on Saturday evenings.

For more than 30 years, members of the Neocatechumenal Way have prepared their liturgies by baking their own loaves of unleavened bread, and they have received the consecrated bread and wine while seated around a table.

However, the letter said, the practice should not

*‘The Neocatechumenal Way must move toward the manner foreseen in the liturgical books.’*

continue. “The Neocatechumenal Way will be given a transition period of not more than two years to pass from the common method of receiving holy Communion in its communities — seated, using a decorated table placed at the center of the church instead of the dedicated altar in the sanctuary — to the manner normal to the entire church for receiving holy Communion,” the letter said.

“This means that the Neocatechumenal Way must move toward the manner foreseen in the liturgical books for the distribution of the body and blood of Christ,” it said.

Cardinal Arinze’s letter also emphasized a point made in the Neocatechumenal Way’s 2002 statutes: Only a priest or deacon may give the homily at Mass.

The cardinal told the communities to be very careful to ensure that any readings or comments meant to reinforce the Gospel message are brief and clearly different from a homily.

He also said that the communities should make use of all the eucharistic prayers contained in the Roman Missal, rather than using only the second eucharistic prayer.

Cardinal Arinze said the Vatican would allow the Neocatechumenal Way to continue one of its special practices, exchanging the sign of peace just before the offertory rather than just before Communion.

Giuseppe Gennarini, who is responsible for Neocatechumenal communities in the United States, told Catholic News Service in Rome, “The most important thing about the letter is that it allows certain liturgical adaptations.”

## The Pope Speaks

Pope Benedict XVI



## The spirit of Christ

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In this first general audience of the new year, we reflect on the famous Christological hymn from the Letter to the Colossians. It sets a tone of thanksgiving for these first days of the year 2006. Christ is at the center of this hymn. He is presented to us as the first-born of all creation, the image of the invisible God. The expression “image,” like an Eastern icon, indicates more than a likeness; it brings out the profound intimacy that exists with the subject that is represented.

Christ is also portrayed as redeemer within the vast sweep of salvation history. As head of His body, the Church, He is joined in communion with all her members, living and dead, and He opens for us the way to eternal life. The fullness of grace that we receive from him transforms us within, so that we become sharers in His divinity.

As St. Proclus of Constantinople teaches, our redeemer is not merely human, He is God with a human nature. Had He not clothed Himself in humanity, He would not have saved us. In a wonderful exchange, He gave His spirit and He took our flesh.

# Listening and service as prayer in daily life

**Readings: 1 Samuel 3:3-10 and 19; Psalm 40; 1 Corinthians 6:13-20; John 1:35-42.**

What is the essence of the human vocation? The exalted dignity of each person, created in the divine image, should be the basis for evaluating the meaning of life.

Would that this truth were shared by all! No knowledge is worth more to people than this insight into our profound relationship with God. Grasping that we share a common destiny, we should be motivated to treat each other with the profound respect that is the foundation for justice and peace. Pope John Paul II frequently made this point.

The very term "vocation" expresses the concept of "calling," which implies that God draws each person into the divine plan. This Word of God may be misinterpreted or stifled at times, but unless a person obstinately blocks out the divine nudgings or whispers, the persistence of God’s voice will evoke a response.

We "pray for vocations" not only to the priesthood and religious life, but more fundamentally that all people develop their capacity to hear God’s Word, making it the basis for their daily lives.

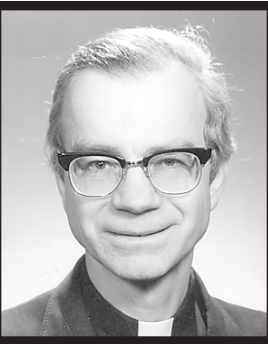
The books of Samuel begin with the narrative of this prophet’s marvelous birth and dedication from childhood to God’s service at the Tent of Meeting (Tabernacle) in Shiloh. The Ark containing the tables of the Decalogue was housed in this Tent; as footstool of the invisible God and receptacle for the Ten Words, the Ark provided a focus for Israel’s faith that God indeed dwelt in her midst.

The boy Samuel gradually learned that God, not the elderly priest Eli, was calling him. The response was an indication of his readiness to serve: "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

## Sunday Readings

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time  
(Jan. 15, 2006)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



The Fourth Gospel begins with a profound reflection on the hymn of creation (Genesis 1:1-2:4); it shows that the Word of God desires to convey life and light to every human being. To achieve this goal in the manner most consistent with the social dimension of our human nature, this Word and life-giving Wisdom tabernacled in Israel (see Sira 24:7-12). Then, in the fullness of time, "the Word became flesh and pitched his tent among us..." (John 1:14). Jesus offered a new opportunity for people to experience the divine presence and to hear God’s Word. This was coupled with his role as the Lamb of God, offering Himself to take away the sins of the world (John 1:29, 36).

The Baptist knew that, like every human educator, he had to point beyond himself to the greater Teacher. His role was to stand and listen for the Bridegroom, rejoicing greatly at the sound of his voice (see John 1:38). Were his disciples looking for happiness, success, a better life? They sensed that his very person embodied all for which human beings might be searching. They want-

ed to have access to Him rather than tangible goods or theoretical answers to life’s questions. "Where are you staying?" Jesus did not provide an address, but made an invitation. "Come and you will see!"

Initially they called Jesus by the honorable title "Rabbi" (my great one), designating him as Teacher. After Andrew has spent some time with Jesus he told his brother Simon: "We have found the Messiah," which in Greek is rendered "the Christ" (Anointed One).

To develop the capacity for listening to God’s Word in the varying circumstances of human life, we need to cultivate the habit of quiet, attentive prayer. Like Samuel and the disciples, we must seek the dwelling place of the Lord. Of course, we may find this quiet in our home, perhaps even on the way to work. However, the Church offers a unique privilege for experiencing the Word, both to challenge and to heal us, in the Eucharist, the other sacraments and prayers of the Liturgy.

In the chapel of the seminary where I studied, the altar cloth bore an inscription: "Magister adest et vocat te." The English translation is "The Teacher is here and calls you" (John 11:28). The Eucharistic presence of Christ is the precious gift that marvelously continues the indwelling of God that Israel and the disciples of Jesus experienced.

May Catholics of our generation develop the listening attitude that characterized Samuel and those who heard John the Baptist describe Jesus!

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

*We need to cultivate the habit of quiet, attentive prayer.*



# Vibrant faith community draws energy from rural roots and humble beginning

BY MELISSA MCNALLY  
Staff Writer

In 1865, John Hock and family were the first Catholics to settle in Livingston. As more Catholics came to the area, they realized a new place of worship was necessary. The nearest parish was in Caldwell, a difficult journey on rough country roads.

The Catholic faithful continued to grow in the Caldwell area prompting establishment of two sub-parishes, one of which was Livingston. The first Mass in Livingston was celebrated in 1891. Priests from neighboring towns visited Livingston once per month to celebrate Mass in the O'Reilly homestead and other area homes.

By 1925, the Catholic Mission Society of Livingston decided to build a permanent place to worship. The group leased a small building known as Newman's Hall where Mass was celebrated. The young people of the mission would arrive early at 6:30 a.m. on Sundays to cut wood and build fires for the 8 a.m. Mass. The altar was fashioned from two orange crates and an ironing board covered with a lace curtain.

Still designing their own church building and having a piece of property donated by a family in the name of their deceased daughter, the community held a fund raiser for a new church. On April 28, 1928, the first Mass was celebrated.

The new mission church was known locally as the "little Catholic church on the mountain." Devoted to St. Philomena, the first pastor would urge the congregation to pray to her and the new church was named after his patron saint.

When Father William

McCann became pastor in 1949, the parish had grown to 40 families and he saw the need for a school. The pastor started a school in 1952 by renovating a building on the newly purchased 45 acres of land. In November 1971, construction began on a new church. On Dec. 24, 1972, the first Mass

I have been impressed by the willingness of the parishioners to be of assistance to the Church. Twice a month, we have a Family Mass. This is especially important to the parents of young children. The families participate in the Liturgies and the homily is geared to the children," Father

ing writing letters to the elderly, reaching out to children in poor neighborhoods, creating a giving tree, and making angels for people who have passed away. She also believes that the parish has had a great turnaround since Father Laferrera has been pastor.

"Since Father John has been here, the parish is not just a place

## Saint Philomena, Livingston



St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, decorated for the season of Advent.

was celebrated attended by over 1,000 parishioners.

Today 1,951 families are on the parish roles. In addition, there are 230 students enrolled in the Early Childhood Center and Aquinas Academy.

The parish has a robust Catechetical program, a Sharing project that helps the homebound and needy families, a thriving youth ministry, as well as an RCIA program and an Adult Enrichment series.

There is a mix of nationalities in the parish- Italian, Polish, Indian, Filipino and Black.

Father John Laferrera has been pastor since 2004. "There is a great volunteer spirit in the parish. Since I have been pastor,

Laferrera explained.

The emphasis on family is further stressed at the Early Childhood Center that has gained recognition as the first faith-based center to be Middle States accredited. The parish youth group, led by Deacon Joe Francione, contributes to the spirit of volunteerism. The group is involved in activities such as serving breakfast once a month at St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark, collecting money for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and wrapping gifts for needy families at a department store.

Jill Whipp has been a member of St. Philomena Parish for 20 years and works in the CCD program. "I have four kids and the parish has embraced all of them. The staff at St. Philomena Parish makes the kids believe that they are important aspect of the Church and make them feel special," Whipp said. "The parish is great for families because they have lots of programs for all age groups. That is what we need today—a family parish."

Whipp highlighted all the things the young people have done for the community includ-

for worship; it has become a place to develop a parish family. It is a place to be with people that share your own values and morals. Father John gets in the ditches—he tries to get people involved and you always see him and the other priests around. They are very prominent in the parish," Whipp added.

As a parent of a special needs child, Whipp appreciates how St. Philomena Parish reaches out to all children. "They try to accommodate everyone and the parish really reaches out to everyone in the community. There is a feeling that they can all belong and everyone has a place here."

Her husband Pat is also involved in the parish as well as two of their children. "My 8-year-old son ushers with me and my other son is an altar server. The kids love it—they are the future of our Church," Pat Whipp said.

Children also helped out at the parish carnival that it has been revived after an absence of two decades. Jill Whipp said parishioners became reacquainted with old friends on that day. The town came out in support and there was a gracious out-

## Meet the Pastor



Rev. John Laferrera

**Date of Birth:** March 23, 1947

**High School:** Essex Catholic High School

**College/Seminary/Graduate School:** Seton Hall University and Immaculate Conception Seminary.

**Date of Ordination:** May 26, 1973

**Heroes:** My parents

**Favorite Saints:** Saint John Vianney & Saint Patrick

**Favorite Sport:** Racquetball and walking

**Favorite Food:** Italian

**Favorite Subject in School:** Math

**Favorite Movie:** Scrooge and Fatso

**Last Book Read:** Father Joe: The Man Who Saved My Soul, by Tony Hendra and Atlantis Found, by Clive Cussler

**Proudest Moment:** Ordination

**Occupation if I Weren't a Priest:** Teacher

pouring of love and community from over 300 volunteers.

Parishioners helped decorate the church for Christmas and a large crowd gathered for the display of the nativity scene.

"The parishioners are very proud of their parish—they recently donated for a new nativity scene for the outside of the church. One family in the church even made the stable and Livingston UNICO donated the Christmas tree and lights," Father Laferrera exclaimed.

Steve Miller, a parishioner for 18 years, is also impressed with the tremendous outreach. "This is a very spiritually active and fulfilling parish. People volunteer for everything— you have to beat the volunteers away sometimes," he said with a laugh. Miller is parish council president, lector, Eucharistic minister and chairperson of the stewardship committee. "It's great to see young people active in the church."



The Nativity scene was donated by parishioners and drew a large crowd when it was first displayed.

Advocate Photos-Melissa McNally





## Dominicans celebrate 50 years

CALDWELL — Gathering with their Prioress, Sister Arlene Anyzak, O.P., the Dominican Sisters of Caldwell joined in the Caldwell College Student Center recently to celebrate the Golden Anniversary of nine Sisters.

Eight were able to attend the celebration. Father Robert Stagg, a longtime friend of many of the Dominican Sisters presided at the Liturgy. The reflection was given by Sister Alice McCoy, O.P.

Sister Brigid Brady, O.P., made St. Aloysius Parish, Caldwell, her parish home when she began life in the Dominican Order. She is a professor of English at nearby Caldwell College. Sister Barbara Moore, O.P. entered from St. Joseph Parish, Bayonne and is an assistant professor of Theology and Pastoral Ministry at Caldwell College. She also coordinates the Master's program in Pastoral Ministry at the College.

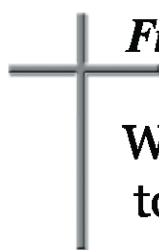
Sister Jeanne Marie Prince, O.P., who entered the Order from St. Cecelia Parish, Rockaway, teaches at St. Michael School in Union. Sister Mary Immaculate, O.P. originally from St. Joseph's Parish, Bogota, teaches at Sacred Heart School in Lyndhurst. Sister Mary Ann Brezina, O.P., a member of Assumption Parish in Jersey City when she entered the Order, is now plant manager at Saint Dominic Academy, Jersey City.

Sister Joan Spingler, O.P., from Christ the King Parish, Hillside, ministers at the Cusack Care Center in Jersey City. Sister Thomas Marie, O.P. from Immaculate Conception Parish, Franklin, is a pastoral associate at St. Cecilia Parish in Englewood while Sister Elise Redmerski, O.P. from St. John Parish, Jersey City, is a pastoral associate at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Jersey City.

Sister Carol VanBilliard, O.P. entered from Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Jersey City and works out of an office in the same parish as director of volunteers for Hudson Hospice. She is also an advisor for Caldwell Dominicans who share in the Dominican mission, prayer and sometimes ministry with the Sisters.



**VOCATION AWARENESS**—Union Catholic High School recently welcomed from left, Brother Patrick from Newark Abbey, Benedictine Sister Marita, Reverend Henryk Wiecek, and PIME Missionary Father John Carlos who spoke about their vocation. With the visitors are, students, left to right, Kaitlin Butler, Diego Galarraga and Nick Ferreira.



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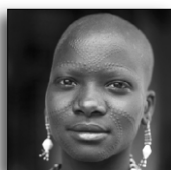
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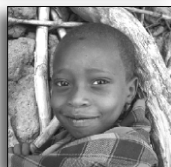
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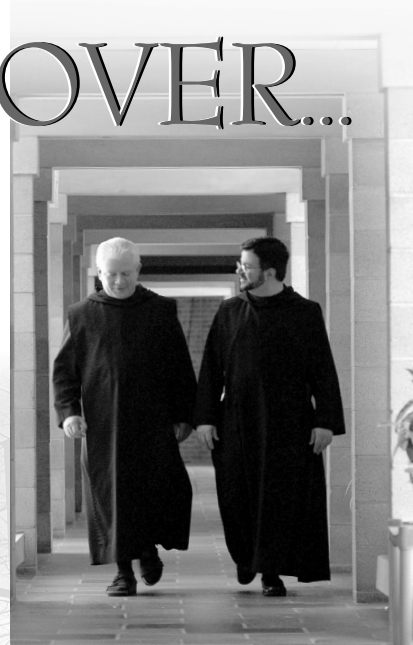
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# Parents, as catechists, help children find true calling

BY REV. BRIAN PLATE

*Special to The Catholic Advocate*

NEWARK—Parents must foster a vocation that is proper to each child, and this must be done with special care if it is to be a religious vocation, which makes the family the first true

“domestic Church” and place of vocation discernment.

The first and best lesson that parents give to their children on the discernment of a particular vocation is by living a life that has as its first and true focus the reward of Heaven. To do this, parents should provide an exam-

ple of living the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience, which are intended for every Christian, according to their own state in life.

Because parents are the primary and first catechists of their children, parents have a responsibility to teach their children that God creates them for the purpose of knowing, loving and serving Him, who is Love itself.

Contrary to the contemporary notion that the purpose of marriage is personal fulfillment or “self-realization” through finding one’s soul-mate, mother Church has reiterated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church her constant teaching—revealed by the divine Author of marriage—that the primary purpose of marriage is the generation and education of children, together with that of mutual love between husband and wife. It is through the generation and education of their offspring that this love is made manifest, and it is for the self-donation and life-giving abilities of the parents that this love exists.

The late Pope John Paul II strongly reaffirmed this teaching in his own work on marriage: “Love and Responsibility.” More recently, he decried the modern “corruption of the idea

and the experience of freedom, conceived not as a capacity for realizing the truth of God’s plan for marriage and the family, but as an autonomous power of self-affirmation, often against others, for one’s own selfish well being.”

The Second Vatican Council adds unmistakably to this in *Gaudium et Spes* (Joy and Hope, the Conciliar document on the Church in the Modern World): “By its very nature the institution of marriage and married love is ordered to the procreation and education of the offspring and it is in them that it finds its crowning glory...Marriage and married love are by nature ordered to the procreation and education of children. Indeed, children are the supreme gift of marriage and greatly contribute to the good of the parents themselves.”

Children are catechized not only by verbal communication and explanation, but even more so by the example parents give to their children. It is an understanding that their lives are oriented and directed toward the knowledge, love and service of God. Daily prayer, family rosary, prayer before meals, Mass attendance, and a life of service to others all serve as examples of such a witness.



Father Brian Plate

There is no more important job or calling than that of being a mother or father. God entrusts parents with the awesome responsibility of teaching by word and example what it means to be a human being, created in God’s likeness and image. It is through this teaching that parents help their children to find their true calling in life, whether that calling is marriage, priesthood or religious life.

*Father Brian Plate is the director of the office of vocations for the Archdiocese of Newark.*

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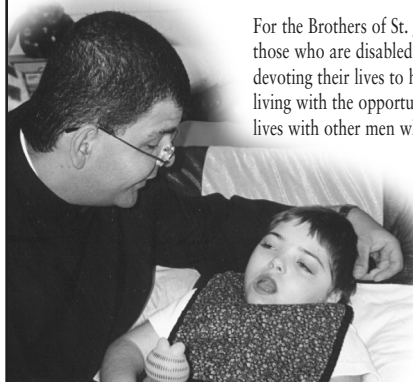
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Linda Cowan, Seton Associate, lights a candle for new associate, Diane Ruffle, as Sister Marie Russo looks on.

## Committal ceremony is held

**CONVENT STATION—** The Seton Associates program for the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth recently held a committal ceremony, where 12 new associates made commitments at Seton Associate Day of Acceptance in Holy Family Chapel. In addition, 12 associates made lifetime commitments and others renewed their annual commitments.

The General Assembly of the Congregation, in 1987, endorsed a congregational program of lay affiliates for those men and women to share in the mission and charism of the Sisters of Charity. The council chose March 25, the day Elizabeth Seton made her vows, as the official beginning of the Associate Program.

The program officially was inaugurated on March 25, 1990. Sixteen women and two men were accepted as associates. That number has grown to over 250 throughout the United States and in other countries.

The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth invite men and women who desire to share their mission and spirit to join them as associates in a non-canonical relationship of mutual prayer and support. Associates live out the charism of charity through one or more of the following: prayer for the mission of the Congregation; full-time, part-time or occasional ministry, especially toward the poor, the sick, and the uneducated; sharing in congregational celebrations, retreats, liturgies, and area group meetings.

Inquiries should be directed to Sister Barbara Connell at (973) 290-5336 or [bconnell@scnj.org](mailto:bconnell@scnj.org) for more information on the

Seton Associate Program. Information also is available at <http://www.scnj.org/associates>.

## Vows renewed before students

**RAMSEY—**Brother Matthew DeGance, S.D.B., renewed his vows as a Salesian of St. John Bosco at a school Mass honoring the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

His profession was witnessed by the entire 865-member student body as well as the faculty, staff and administration.

Brother Matthew is in the period of temporary religious profession. A Salesian makes his profession for a year at a time for the first three years, and then for a period of three years. Brother Matthew will make his final vows during his theological and pastoral courses.

After spending a year as a pre-novice at the Salesian House of Formation in South Orange, he was asked to do his two-year practical training at Don Bosco Prep.

The Salesian Province of St. Philip the Apostle, headquartered in New Rochelle, NY, has sent a total of 15 members to Don Bosco Prep to help with the ministry of teach-

ing the young. Of the 15 community members residing there, four are religious brothers and 11 are priests. Since its inception in 1915, more than 120 Don Bosco Prep alumni have become priests and/or religious brothers in the Church.



Brother Matthew DeGance, S.D.B. renewed his vows before, (left to right) Don Bosco Prep Director/President Father Louis J. Molinelli, S.D.B., '79; Salesian Director of Formation Father Steven Shafran, S.D.B., '74 and Brother Frank Tilton, S.D.B.



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# ‘Jews of Czestochowa’ exhibit opens Jan. 22 at SHU

SOUTH ORANGE—A vanished world comes to life at Seton Hall University’s (SHU) Walsh Library Gallery in the exhibit, “The Jews of Czestochowa: Co-existence-Holocaust-Memory,” which opens Jan. 22. Through hundreds of photo-

graphs, historical maps, artifacts and biographical videos, the exhibit chronicles Jewish community life in Czestochowa, Poland, from the 17th century through the early 1900s, followed by an account of its near extinction during the Holocaust and life after the war. Czestochowa, the home of the revered Catholic shrine of the Black Madonna, had a Jewish

population of roughly 40,000 (a third of the city’s total population) before the Holocaust. Today, the number is less than 100.

An opening reception will be held at the SHU gallery on Jan. 22, 2 to 5 p.m., and the public is invited to attend. Docent-led group tours of the exhibit can be arranged by calling (973) 275-2033. The exhibit runs through April 2.

The Sister Rose Thering Endowment, established in 1993, serves as the sponsor of the exhibition, which is under the guidance of JoAnn Cotz, Walsh Library Gallery exhibition consultant. Sister Rose Thering, O.P., Ph.D. professor emerita at Seton Hall is a Dominican nun who has dedicated her life to preserving the historical link and advocating the common purpose of Jews and Christians throughout the world.



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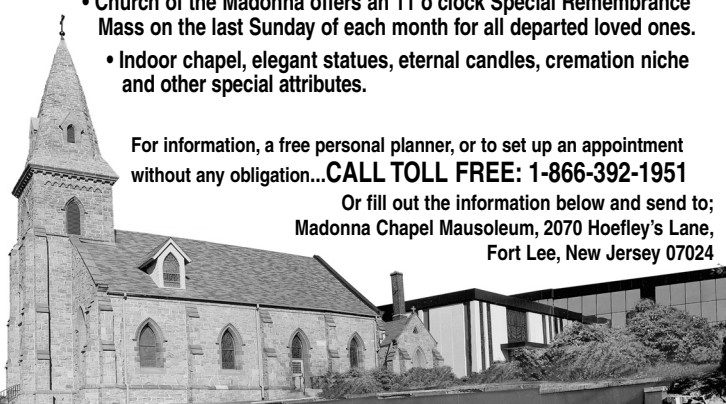

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## Camp Fatima dance Feb. 11

UNION—Camp Fatima of New Jersey will hold its annual Valentine’s dinner dance fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus Hall located here at 1034 Jeanette Ave. Tickets are priced at \$60 per couple and must be ordered no later than Feb. 8. Contact Sister Ann Dominic at (908) 686-5271 or the Knights of Columbus at (908) 686-4504 for more information. All proceeds will go to Camp Fatima, which touts itself as the state’s only all-volunteer, one-to-one camp for disabled people.

## FBI agent will speak at forum

SOUTH ORANGE— Robert Laughlin, assistant special agent in charge of the Newark office of the FBI, will address the topic of counter-terrorism and what is at stake for U.S. citizens during a lecture on Sunday, Jan. 15, 9:15 a.m., at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 217 Prospect St. The public is invited to attend the forum. A light breakfast, courtesy of the parish Holy Name Society, will precede the lecture, which will be held in the lower church, near the 4th Street entrance. Contact the parish at (973)-763-5454 for more information.

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## SFIC girls' festival tips off Saturday

NEWARK—Six outstanding teams comprise the field of the second annual Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) Girls Basketball Festival presented by Aeropostale on Saturday, Jan. 14 at Paramus Catholic High School.

The match-up include the Academy of Holy Angels vs. Roselle Catholic, Mount St. Dominic vs. Immaculate Heart Academy and finally St. Anthony vs. Paramus Catholic.

"This promises to be a great day of girl's basketball," explained Bill Fitzpatrick, the Event Director of the Festival and a Trustee of the SFIC.

The festival will be headlined by Parochial A favorite Immaculate Heart Academy, which is led by senior guard Nikki Flores. Roselle Catholic is another team to watch since it is the returning state champion and defeated Mt. St. Dominic in the state tournament. The games tip-off at 3 p.m.

Founded in 1983, SFIC has raised over \$19 million to provide need-based scholarships to inner-city youngsters.

For additional information about the Basketball Festival, log onto the event's website [www.BasketballFestival.com](http://www.BasketballFestival.com) and or call the Scholarship Fund office at (973) 497-4279.



Advocate photo-Brian Fores

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR INNER-CITY CHILDREN**—Archbishop Myers received a warm greeting from the cheerleading squad at St. Joseph Elementary School, East Orange, where he met with students, teachers, administrators and SFIC trustees for the fund's annual Christmas Breakfast. Here, Archbishop Myers appears with, left to right, Ny'Asha Brown, 6th grade, Kiera Holmes, 7th grade, and Sonia Ottley, 8th grade.

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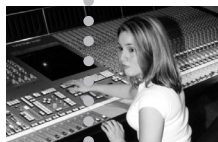
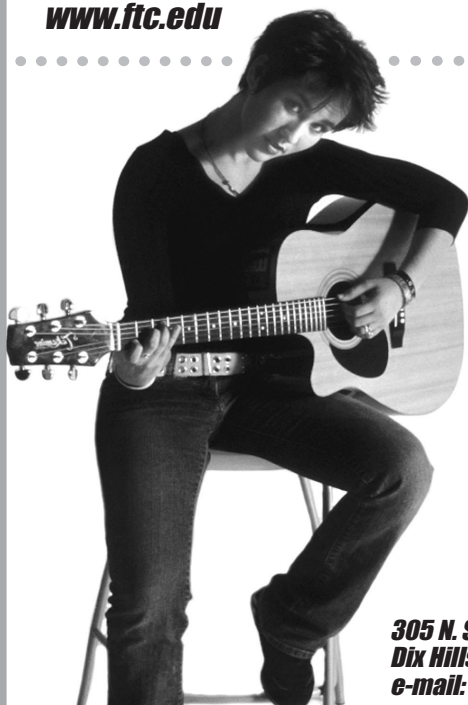
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# March for Life events planned

AREA—Faithful from the Archdiocese of Newark can express their pro-life stance in Washington, D.C. or in Trenton on Monday, Jan. 23 at marches and rallies marking the 33rd anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion.

Bus loads from parishes throughout the Church of Newark will again be traveling to the nation's capital for

the annual March for Life.

A rally will be held at noon at the mall on 7th Street west of the capitol. President George W. Bush has been invited. In past years he has spoken to the marchers via a telephone hookup.

Featured at the rally will be a variety of post-abortion men and women speakers and the parents of Terri Schindler-Shiavo, the Florida women

who had been in a coma for years and died last year after her feeding tube was removed.

The rally will be followed by the 24th annual March for Life Education and Defense Fund sponsored Rose Dinner at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill.

Closer to home, New Jersey Right to Life will hold a Rally for Life on the steps of the Statehouse in Trenton from

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pro-life speakers will be featured.

The Salesian Youth Movement has scheduled a Pro-Life Vigil and March in Washington on Jan. 22-23.

There will be games, witness talks and presentations, a youth rally at the nearby MCI Arena, meals and recreation, adoration, prayer and participation in the overall March for Life.



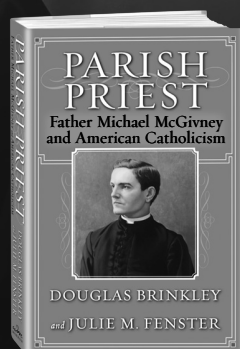
At the school level in the archdiocese, Our Lady of the Visitation School, Paramus, will hold a prayer

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Albin Obal and Sister Theresa Mary Martin admire the Obal Hall dedication plaque.

## Felician honors chairman, benefactor

LODI—The main college building at Felician College has been renamed and dedicated to Albin D. Obal, a long-time friend of the Felician Sisters and staunch supporter of the college. Obal is chairman of the Felician College board of trustees.

Obal developed a special friendship with the Felician Sisters in 1928 when he was three years old. He wandered away from his home across the street from the convent in Lodi and found himself in the Sisters' chapel, fascinated by the beautiful stained glass windows and vivid images on the altar. One of the Sisters brought him back to his worried parents, and Obal never forgot his connection with the Felician Sisters.

"Albin Obal has been part of the spirit and life of Felician College for many years, sharing his bounty with the college at a level beyond measure," said Sister Theresa Mary Martin, President of Felician College. "He does an incredible amount of good."

The dedication ceremony included a video presentation and a tribute in song by Irma Obal Lucca, Obal's daughter. Family and friends delivered accolades and best wishes, including messages from Acting Gov. Richard J. Codey, Senator Paul A. Sarlo, Assemblyman Fred Scalera, and First Lady of Poland Jolanta Kwasniewska.

Mariusz Handzlick, Polish Ambassador to the United Nations, praised Obal as "a man of outstanding standards. He is equally known for his exceptional entrepreneurial and philanthropic work."

Following in the footsteps of his father, an immigrant from Poland, Obal learned the art of brickwork

and masonry. In 1947, he started his own contracting business in Saddle Brook, New Jersey. He built homes and eventually developed Midland Enterprises, a highly successful business responsible for building some of New Jersey's most impressive housing and development projects.

Obal lends his support to many civic and inter-cultural programs. He served as chairman of the American Center of Polish Culture in Washington D.C. for more than 10 years, promoting Polish culture and a positive image of Poland in the United States.

Obal has been honored on many occasions; including the Officer Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland and the Order of Polonia Restituta for outstanding support of the American Center of Polish Culture in 2003. He was received by President Lech Walesa in the Presidential Palace in Poland and received a Doctor of Humane Letters from Felician College.

One of his favorite achievements is organizing and funding "A Summer of Dreams" vacation for disadvantaged Polish children in cooperation with the First Lady of Poland. The children, age 12 to 15, spend a week at Felician College during their tour of the United States.

"Our purpose in life is to help others. We are important to each other," Obal said as he addressed the audience. An oil painting and dedication plaque will be placed in the lobby of Obal Hall, which houses the John J. Breslin Theatre, Business Center, cafeteria, classrooms and administrative offices.

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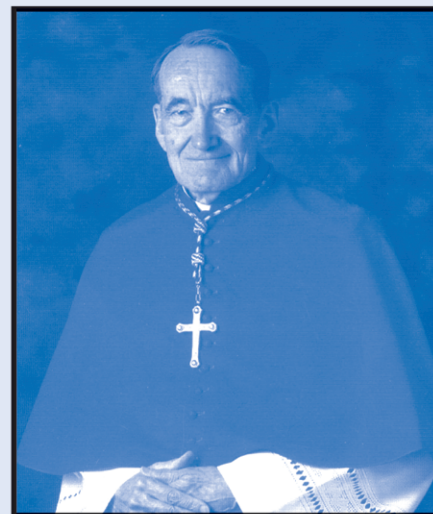
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**SAYS IT ALL**—Members of Mary Immaculate Knights of Columbus Council 12769 purchased for Immaculate Conception Parish, Secaucus, a “Keep Christ in Christmas” banner. Left to right, Sir Knight and Deputy Grand Knight Paul Pinkman, Council Coordinator Douglas Christmann, his wife Leanne and council Grand Knight Gary Jeffas put up the banner in front of the church on Paterson Plank Road.



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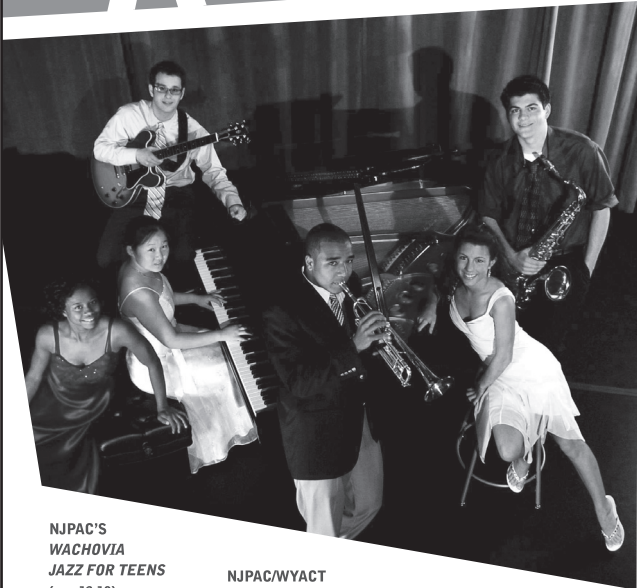
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