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Father
John Barno



Father
Brian Needles

Ordination class leads the nation with 17 new priests

INTO GOD'S SERVICE—Archbishop John J. Myers will ordain to the priesthood 17 men on Saturday, May 27, 10 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Priests to be ordained are (left to right, front row): Father Esterminio Chica, Father Raul Silva, Father Kyung Lee, Father Rafael Galvez-Pineda, Father Gerald Buonopane, Father Zeljko Guberovic and Father James Cho; (middle row) Father James Tucker, Father Jacek Napora, Father Rafael Velazquez, Father Antonio Nuno Rocha and Father Giandomenico Maria Flora; (back row) Father James Ferry, Father Bryan Page and Father Joseph Kwiatkowski. Two of the priests, Fathers John Barno and Brian Needles (inserts) were unavailable at time of photo. Biographies and individual photos of each new priest appear on pages 13 to 16. The Archdiocese of Newark this year leads the nation in the number of men committing themselves to a lifetime of serving God and His people.

Archdiocese registers largest ordination class in nation

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

NEWARK—Archbishop John J. Myers, reflecting on the Church of Newark leading the nation with 17 men being ordained to the priesthood, expressed confidence they will “serve the Church and her people well.”

The Archdiocese of Newark this year holds the honor of having the largest ordination class in the United States.

Archbishop Myers will ordain the Class of 2006 this Saturday, May 27 at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart (see pages 13-16 for profiles on the 17 new priests).

Data gathered by a survey released recently by the U.S. bishops’ Secretariat for Vocations and Priestly Formation, shows the education experience of the new priests in the Archdiocese of Newark in line with findings nationwide. Almost 80 percent of the men being ordained across the country this year completed a college degree before the seminary and 30 percent had attained a graduate degree.

Archbishop Myers stressed that “in recent years, this local Church of Newark has been blessed many times over not only by large numbers of new vocations to the priesthood, but also by their depth of faith and commitment to the Church and all she teaches.” The Archdiocese of Newark consistently has been

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among the leaders in men ordained to the priesthood with a dozen last year, 14 the year before and a dozen in 2003.

Turning to the vocations factor, two in three ordinands were initially invited to consider the priesthood by a priest. Friends and family were the most powerful influence. Four in 10 participated in a “Come and See” weekend, a popular vocations program.

Citing the nation-leading number of ordinands in the Church of Newark, Archbishop

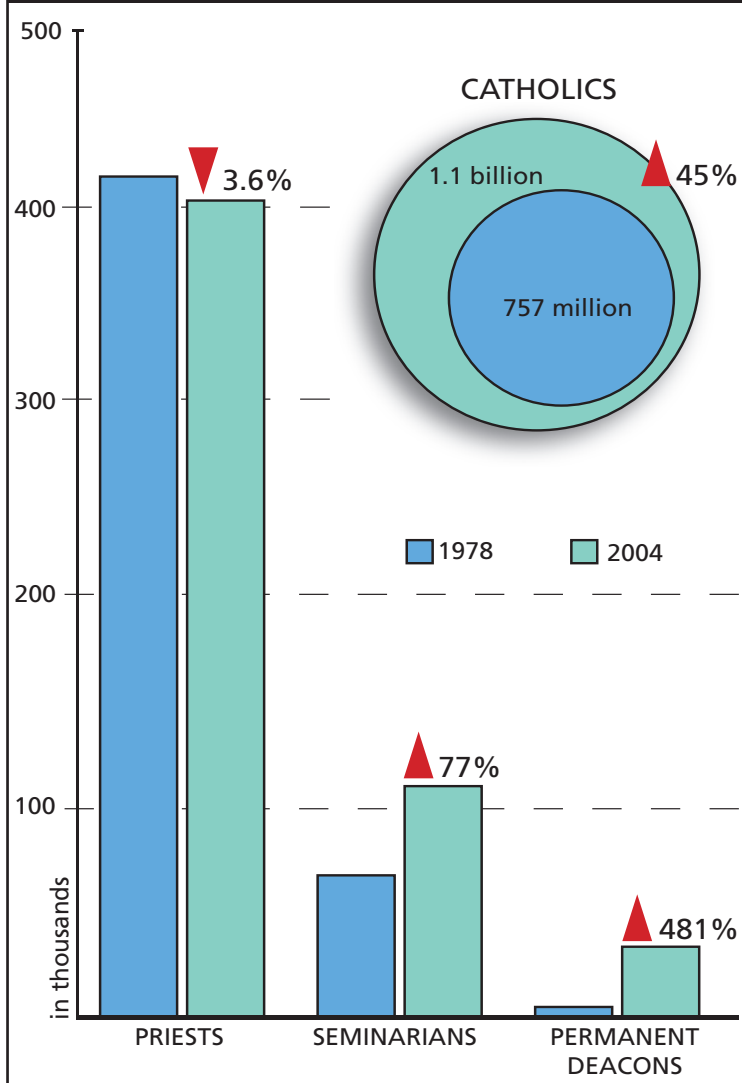
Myers said “we are grateful to God for these 17 new priests.”

Father Brian Plate, vocations director for the Archdiocese of Newark, commenting on the local Class of 2006, noted that “this achievement of the archdiocese is the fruit of much prayer, effort and commitment. The perseverance of these men is a tribute to their faith and the formation and faculty of our seminary.”

Speaking at this year’s Chrism Mass in Rome, Pope Benedict XVI said “the nucleus of the priesthood is to be friends of Jesus Christ. Only in that way can we truly speak in the person of Christ.” Friendship with Jesus, he explained, must be nourished through prayer and Bible reading, which are as essential to a priest’s ministry as preaching, teaching and celebrating the sacraments.

(Some information for this story came from Catholic News Service.)

Worldwide Catholic Figures



The worldwide Catholic population increased by more than 340 million during the pontificate of Pope John Paul II, according to Vatican statistics. The number of priests decreased, while figures for seminarians and permanent deacons showed an increase. (CNS graphic)

The sounds of the Spirit and the ears to hear them

Being in a large multicultural parish (St. John the Evangelist in Bergenfield), I am aware of the sounds of various languages, dialects and accents. Not that I understand them all, of course, but I do understand that somehow God’s Spirit is working through them all.

We are blessed to have priests here who speak English, Spanish, Tagalog and Polish. Our archdiocese, through its Multi-Cultural Affairs Ministry, serves people, in addition to those mentioned above, in the Brazilian, Chinese, Haitian, Indian, Irish, Italian, Korean, Nigerian Ibo, Portuguese and Vietnamese apostolates. Many of these languages also admit of dialectal and cultural differences based on country or region. Priests from a variety of countries speak these and other languages not formalized in an apostolate.

It is truly a gift of the Spirit that our archdiocese is filled with people from all over the world. St. John’s is home to members born in 55 countries. Bergenfield boasts 97. Many speak fluent English, some more halting, others virtually none. Walking through a shopping mall, in a supermarket, or on a city street can seem like a modern-day version of the Tower of Babel or the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Vocation patterns, of course, make it difficult, at times, for those in the pew, born and bred in the United States who only speak English. As fewer men from these families are answering the call to

Seeing & Believing

By Rev. Msgr.
Richard J. Arnolds



priesthood, the call “goes out to all the world,” and men from a plethora of nations take their place in our seminaries and parishes.

They come with the same zealous dedication as the priests of past generations. Many take courses in accent reduction so that they may be increasingly more effective in communicating sound Catholic spirituality in English as well as their native tongues. Often it does not seem fast enough for some of their listeners or even for themselves.

Many long-time parishioners, whether they suffer from a certain degree of hearing loss, struggle to understand the homilies of their foreign-born minis-

ters. Good will can carry a person only so far. Unintelligible syllables, sometimes heightened by amplification, can lead to frustration.

But those who strain to listen—not only with their ears, but also with open minds and welcoming hearts—are reassured that the “Spirit helps us to pray in our weakness,” even when the words don’t all seem to make sense.

In the Second Eucharistic Prayer for Masses of Reconciliation, we pray: “Fill us with His Spirit through our sharing in this meal. May He take away all that divides us...In that new world where the fullness of your peace will be revealed, gather people of every race, language and way of life to share in the one eternal banquet with Jesus Christ the Lord.”

As new priests and deacons are ordained in this archdiocese and around the world in these weeks surrounding Pentecost, and as others transfer from

one parish assignment to another, may the Holy Spirit help them, and us, to be proclaimers, hearers, and doers of His Word, wherever and with whomever we find ourselves.

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(Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnolds is pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Bergenfield and the archdiocesan vicar for Pastoral Life.)

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FREQUENCY FOR THE YEAR
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In the lilt of 'iris' laughter, you can hear the angels sing quite colorfully in Montclair



BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

PRESBY GARDENS INTERMEZZO—The resplendent, national landmark in Montclair—Presby Memorial Iris Gardens on Upper Mountain Avenue—is a 79-year-old living museum in the Archdiocese of Newark. The iris, with its glorious colors and abstract shapes, is the most regal of God's floral creations. An early morning stroll along the winding flowerbeds is a most uplifting diversion and a gentle reminder that the mild days of spring have reached their peak. Considering all this beauty, it's most disturbing to consider that these gardens suffered an ugly, senseless incident last year. As reported by *The Montclair Times* last August, vandals destroyed more than 150 prize irises. Some of the plants dated back to early 19th century, with one variety tracing its genealogy to the late 1600s. But just as spring offers a time for spiritual renewal, the flowers have bloomed with elegant defiance and brilliance. And, offering poetic and musical apologies to Chauncey Olcott and George Graff, Jr., we can declare with reverence that when 'iris' eyes are smiling here on these dazzling grounds, they absolutely will steal your heart away, as they do every season.

Advocate photos – M. Gabriele

Click on www.rcan.org/evangelization, connect with faith community network



The Web site, www.rcan.org/evangelization, is an online tool to connect with faith-based evangelization activities and events throughout the Archdiocese of Newark. Contact Liliana Soto, coordinator of the Office for Evangelization, at (973) 497-4353 for more information.

NEWARK—The archdiocesan Office for Evangelization, in collaboration with the Office of Communications and the BLD (Bukas Loob Sa Diyos) covenant community, has created a bilingual Web site designed as an online tool for evangelization.

The Web site, www.rcan.org/evangelization, is offered in English and Spanish.

In developing the site, the archdiocesan offices and BLD considered this observation by the late Pope John Paul II on religion and 21st Century communication challenges: “The question confronting the Church today is not any longer whether the man in the street can grasp a religious message, but how to employ the communications media so as to let him have the full impact of the Gospel message.”

The evangelization community link is a key feature of the site, offering individuals and parishes an opportunity to become a part of a faith-based community. This link posts events online via flyers. The flyers can be downloaded and distributed freely as a tool to invite others to events.

The Office for Evangelization urges parishes throughout the archdiocese to become a part of this online effort and evangelization community by sharing flyers and information on upcoming events. Contact Liliana Soto, coordinator of the Office for Evangelization, at (973) 497-4353 for more information.

The opening page of the Web site shows a picture of Jesus welcoming visitors with open arms and flashing scripture passages. There are four columns that invite individuals to enter and explore links to help them connect to the Catholic faith. The four columns are titled: Come and See: An invitation to explore the Catholic faith; Come Back Home: An invitation to learn more about the Catholic faith; Catholic, Rejoice—An invitation to grow in your Catholic faith; and Announce!—An invitation to share your Catholic faith.

Other links that can be accessed include The Vatican, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Zenit News, EWTN, an online Bible study site, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and church documents including the writings of Pope John Paul II. Another section, “Rejoice in Your Vocation,” offers links that will help spiritually nourish visitors in their particular vocation.

Advocate photo — Jack Meister

Collins enters Hall of Fame

SOUTH ORANGE—John W. Collins, Jr., Ed.D., acting chair of the Department of Education Leadership, Management and Policy at the Seton Hall University College of Education and Human Services, was inducted into the United States Army’s Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame at ceremonies held at the United States Infantry School in Fort Benning, GA.

Fewer than one percent of the more than 300,000 men and women who have trained at the Army’s Officer Candidate School since its inception have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. Collins will join other notable inductees including former Senator Robert Dole, former Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh, Jr. and former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger.

Collins completed an Army career of nearly 23 years in 1998. He began his career as a member of the enlisted ranks and retired a lieutenant colonel. He was involved in operations in Lebanon, Grenada, Libya, the Persian Gulf, Panama, Kuwait, Iraq, Turkey, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Ukraine, Somalia, Macedonia and Rwanda. He is a highly decorated, disabled veteran with more than 40 awards including the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation, the Legion of Merit, three Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, five Army Commendation Medals, the

Army Achievement Medal, the National Service Medal, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross, New York State Conspicuous Service Star, the New Jersey State Meritorious Service Medal and numerous other medals and citations.

Collins is a Seton Hall College of Education and Human Services alumnus who holds a doctorate degree in Education Leadership, Management and Policy, the same area in which he serves as the acting chair and a member of the faculty. His work involves the development and administration of graduate programs that prepare midcareer teachers and educators for advancement into leadership roles such as principal, supervisor or superintendent.

Throughout his academic career, Collins has been consistently commended by the College for his instructional excellence, team skills, research, service and overall collegiality.

“John Collins exemplifies the concept of servant leadership that we aim to instill in our students,” said Joseph DePierro, Ed.D., Dean of the College of Education and Human Services. “His tremendous service to his country and his dedication to the advancement of the field of education represent servant leadership at its best. The entire Seton Hall community joins the United States military in acknowledging John’s commitment to public service.”



John W. Collins, Jr.

Conference on June 10 hopes to ignite spiritual fire in Catholic young adults

STIRLING—Young adults—men and women, married and single in their 20s and 30s—from around the state will gather on Saturday, June 10, for a conference that organizers hope will “set the world on fire.”

The third-annual New Jersey Young Adult Conference (www.yac.fjac.org) will be held here at St. Vincent De Paul Parish, noon to 8:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark, and the dioceses of Camden, Metuchen, Paterson and Trenton the Father Judge Apostolic Center (www.fjac.org) and Spirit & Truth Eucharistic Adoration Community (www.sandt.org), the conference has grown three-fold since its inception in 2003.

“This is the first year that all five New Jersey dioceses will be participating,” said Rev. Kent Weidie co-chairman of the event and the director of Young Adult Ministry at the Father Judge Apostolic Center. “We are expecting a huge turnout, and a great experience for all who attend.”

The theme for the conference, “Highly Flammable,” is based on a proclamation of Jesus, as recorded in the Gospel of Luke: “I have come to set fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already blazing” (Lk 12:49).

Caroline Gambali from the Diocese of Metuchen will serve as keynote speaker for the event. Participants can choose from the following topics for two workshop sessions: “Fire of Love,” a presentation on the Creator’s plan for sex, dating and relationships; “The Spark That Set the Flame,” a discussion of pop cul-

ture and the Gospel; “Spontaneous Combustion,” a presentation on the power the Sacraments of the Church can have on our daily lives; “Firewatch,” a reflection on contemplative living through the eyes of Thomas Merton, Trappist Monk, author, photographer, poet, artist, priest and modern-day prophet; “Fire of Mercy,” a discussion of sin, forgiveness and the Sacrament of Reconciliation; “Wild Fire,” a presentation on service, peace and social justice; and “Smoke Detector,” a reflection on God’s influence and interaction with us in our daily choices and decisions.

The cost of the event is \$20, which includes admission, dinner and related materials. Participants can visit www.yac.fjac.org to register online and view the schedule of the day and more detailed descriptions of the workshops. Contact the Father Judge Apostolic Center at (908) 647-7112 for more information. St. Vincent de Paul Church is located here on Bebout Avenue. The parish’s phone number is (908) 647-0118.

Philippine governor to visit

NEWARK—The Philippine American Cultural School (PACS), based at Seton Hall University, in collaboration with the Philippine Independence Day Council, the Antiquenos of the tri-state area and the Kasimanwa, USA, will hold a dinner-dance in honor of the governor of the Province of Antique, the Honorable Salvacion Zaldivar Perez, on Sunday, June 11 from 4:30 to 10 p.m. at the Sheraton Newark Airport Hotel.

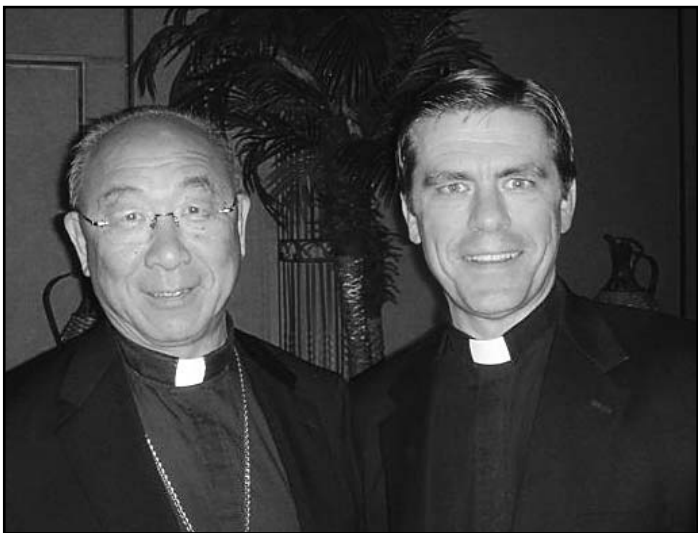
Gov. Perez, who is on a cultural mission tour, will be accompanied at the dinner dance by government officials and members of the Binirayan Cultural Group of Antique. Antique is one of four provinces of the island of Panay. The governor has promoted its culture and heritage as well as that of the Philippines.

For additional information on the dinner-dance call Agnes Marshall at (973) 762-5431 or (973) 632-1716.

Youth group serves meals

NUTLEY—Members of the youth group at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish spent part of Mother’s Day preparing and serving meals to residents of Apostle House in Newark.

Apostle House is a charity-based facility in the state’s largest city that provides food and shelter to the area’s homeless families.



NATIONAL MEETING—Most Rev. Ignatius Wang, left, Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco and director of the Propagation of the Faith in that archdiocese, is pictured with his counterpart from the Newark Archdiocese, Msgr. Robert J. Fuhrman. The two attended the annual national meeting of the Pontifical Mission Societies, held this year in Orlando. Among the speakers were the national mission directors from Brazil, Scotland, Ireland and Malawi.



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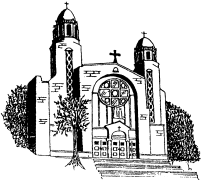
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May 25

State House Annex, Trenton, “A Just and Moral State Budget” prayer vigil, noon, (609) 989-1120 ext. 14.

May 27

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Garfield, pilgrimage to The National Shrine of Immaculate Conception, Washington, and St. Jude Shrine, Baltimore, 7 a.m.- 11 p.m., Cost: \$30, (973) 772-7889.



June 2

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, “Mix and Mingle,” 7:30 p.m., Cost: \$5, RSVP ASAP, (973) 743-6100.

Chapel of St. Peter Hall, Jersey City, Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Teresa recitation of the “Little Office” followed by Mass, 3:15 p.m., call Katherine T. Crossan (201) 689-1471.

June 3

Chapel of St. Peter Hall, Jersey City, Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Teresa recitation of the Rosary followed by Mass, 8:40 a.m., call Katherine T. Crossan (201) 689-1471.

St. Catharine Parish, Glen Rock, JustFaith Workshop, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m., Cost: \$20, (973) 497-4341.

June 5

Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell, 35th Annual Brother Martin P. Burns Golf Classic, White Beeches Golf & Country Club, Haworth, Call Marge Millus at (201) 634-4142.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, rosary/novena and potluck supper, 7:30 p.m., (908) 232-1162.

June 7

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

June 11

Pascack Valley Hospital, Westwood, Smile Forever Walk, 9:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m., Cost: \$25, RSVP by June 7, Call Pat at (201) 677-0368.

Other

Sacred Heart School, Lyndhurst, summer camp for ages 3-12, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., before and after care available, June 26-July 28, call Maria Sancilio at (201) 939-4277.

Georgian Court University, Lakewood, interactive theater production of “Mrs. Gould Welcomes Eddie Cantor,” begins May 24, Cost: \$40, (732) 987-2263.

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

Memorial Day masses planned

AREA—The annual Memorial Day Mass will be celebrated at five cemeteries in the Archdiocese of Newark.

Sponsored by the Catholic Cemeteries Office, each Mass will be at 11 a.m. At two of the locations, Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover, and Saint Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia, new garden mausoleums will also be dedicated.

Reflecting on Memorial Day, Andrew Schafer, executive director of Catholic Cemeteries for the Archdiocese of Newark, said “Memorial Day is a time of remembrance and prayer for those who have served our country and for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice of giving one’s life for peace and freedom. On this Memorial Day, as we pray for those who have served us, we should also continue our prayers for world peace.”

Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V. Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, will be the main celebrant and homilist at the Gate of Heaven Cemetery as will Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Emery, V.G. at Saint Gertrude Cemetery.

Most Rev. John W. Flesey, S.T.D., D.D., will be the main celebrant and homilist at Holy

Cross Cemetery in North Arlington as will Rev. Msgr. Paul D. Schetelick at Holy Name Cemetery in Jersey City. Father Philip J. Waters will be the main celebrant and homilist at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in East Orange.

Masses will be celebrated rain or shine. A canopy and seating will be provided.

Speaking of Memorial Day Mass, Sidney Cristol, executive director of the Catholic Cemetery Conference, said “I urge everyone to take time on this Memorial Day to pause and remember all those young men and women who have bravely served their country in the armed forces. We must also give special remembrance to those who have died in the service of their country and pray for the repose of the souls of all deceased veterans. As Catholics we are truly blessed that at every Mass there is specific remembrance of our beloved dead. What better tribute is there to give than to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Memorial Day? Whether we attend Mass at our local Catholic cemetery or parish church, we are united as one in our tribute of undying love and gratitude for the patriots of yesterday, today and tomorrow.”

Catholic Cemeteries group pitches fund-raiser on June 13 at Yogi’s park

NEWARK—The Catholic Cemeteries group of the Archdiocese of Newark will host its first Baseball Game Day on Tuesday, June 13, noon, at Yogi Berra Stadium in Little Falls (adjacent to Montclair State University).

The family event for funeral directors and their staffs and

families has been organized as a fund-raiser to establish a 9/11 memorial in Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington.

The event will include a round-robin baseball tournament, lunch, prizes, other activities and access to the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center. All those attending the event will

receive free tickets for upcoming games for the New Jersey Jackals.

Sponsors are being sought to help support the event and the 9/11 memorial project. Contact Ellen Heath, business relations manager for the Catholic Cemeteries group, at (973) 497-7978 for more information.

Official Appointments



Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY MINISTRY

Reverend Michael A. Andreano, Vice Chancellor, Assistant to the Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, is appointed Vice Chancellor & Secretary to the Archbishop, effective June 2, with continued residency at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Reverend Emmett J. Gavin, O. Carm., J.C.L., has been appointed to the office of Adjutant Judicial Vicar in the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Newark for a term of five years effective May 1.

Reverend Walter D. Lucey, parochial vicar at Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington, is appointed to the Faculty of Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University, South Orange, effective June 21, with residency at Immaculate Conception Seminary.

CORRECTION

Reverend James T. Brown, parochial vicar of the Church the Assumption, Emerson, has been appointed Administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Demarest, effective May 15.

RELEASE

Reverend James M. Sheehan, Vice Chancellor & Secretary to the Archbishop, is released for Doctoral Studies in Canon Law at the Pontificia Università della Santa Croce, Rome, effective July 1 with residency at the Casa Santa Maria.

RETIREMENT

Reverend John J. Lester, parochial vicar at St. Bartholomew Parish, Scotch Plains, has been granted retirement, effective July 1.

Reverend William J. Melillo, faculty member at Seton Hall Prep, West Orange, has been granted retirement, effective July 1.

‘Why Catholic’ workshop at parishes

AREA—The “Why Catholic?” faith enrichment and education program will be offered Wednesday, May 24 at St. Helen’s Parish, 1600 Rahway Ave., Westfield; Thursday, May 25 at St. Thomas More Parish, 210 Horseneck Rd., Fairfield; and Wednesday, May 31 at Immaculate Conception Parish, 30 North Fullerton Ave., Montclair. All sessions begin at 7:30 p.m. and run for two hours.

Developed by Plainfield-based RENEW International, “Why Catholic?” provides an opportunity for parishioners to deepen their faith and gain the confidence to live and share their faith with others. The program brings together the content of the Catechism of the Catholic Church with Sacred Scripture and presents the teachings of the Church in an approachable, thoughtful way. Participating in “Why Catholic?” sessions gives participants a sense of closeness and fellowship, creating an atmosphere where they can freely share their faith, according to RENEW directors.

Contact Liliana Soto, the archdiocesan coordinator of evangelization, at (973) 497-4353; or RENEW International representatives Father Abraham Orapankal at (908) 769-5400, exten-

sion 122, or Sister Veronica Mendez (908) 769-5400 extension 161 for more information.

The RENEW International staff will conduct a workshop titled “Scripture and Tradition: The Braid of Revelation.” This workshop explores the Catholic understanding of Sacred Scripture and will explain why the Catholic Church gives such a great importance to Sacred Tradition on a par with Scripture.

Summer directed retreat July 6-9

BLOOMFIELD—The Ministry of Spiritual Direction at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish is sponsoring a Summer Directed Retreat from Thursday, July 6 to Sunday, July 9 at The Upper Room Spirituality Center in Neptune.

Located on West Bangs Avenue, the center is close to the beach.

Reservations are limited. The offering is \$195.

For additional information call Anna Graziano at (973) 338-9538.

Exposing ‘codes,’ confronting an assault on the Catholic faith

BY FATHER MICHAEL T. MICKELSON
Special to the Catholic Advocate

Anyone who has not been in a cave for the last three years or so is certainly aware of Dan Brown’s sensational novel, *The Da Vinci Code*. This potboiler has given rise to a whole industry of commentaries and refutations.

What is upsetting about its long life as a best seller (and now movie) is the failure of Christians to see it as a frontal attack on their faith.

It is very easy to say: “Relax, it’s only a novel.” But any novel that insulted the sacred beliefs of Islam and/or Judaism would rightly meet with an outraged response. Christians have no such reaction; instead, they have contributed many millions to enrich its author and publisher.

Brown frequently has claimed that his story is “based on fact.” But he can’t have it both ways. Is it fact or fiction? Again and again, Brown conveniently confuses his anti-Christian propaganda with history.

It is no small omission that Brown totally ignores the four canonical Gospels, because his bizarre “Gnostic gospels” do not have the same clout. In these counterfeit Gnostic narratives, Jesus is not the incarnate Son of God, born into human history and rooted in an actual place and time.

The Gnostic sects had no connection to the Apostles or the Evangelists. Most of the 12 Apostles and many of Jesus’ disciples witnessed to the historic Christ by giving their lives for him.

The earliest Gnostic counterfeit gospels appeared a century after the Church already had compiled the four Gospels. But the Gnostics were indifferent to history and hostile to God’s creation. They taught that material creation and all physical reality was evil. They put words into the mouth of a phantom “Jesus” of their own invention.

As for theories on Mary Magdalene, there is absolutely no evidence in the authentic gospels of any romance or marriage. There may have been some confusion concerning Magdalene and “the woman taken in sin,” but this was no evil conspiracy. In fact, Mary Magdalene is honored in both Catholic and Orthodox churches as a saint. If the Christian Church had conspired against her, they certainly would have edited the Gospel where Magdalene is depicted as the first witness to the resurrection of Christ.

Brown makes quite a few false, even absurd, assertions. In reality, the Gnostic view of women was quite demeaning, even insulting. In the Gnostic gospel of Thomas, for example, Magdalene is told to pray that she may become a man. Another typical Gnostic narrative has Judas ask Christ: “How should we pray when we pray?” The Lord responds: “Pray where there is no woman.” So much for the place of women in Gnosticism!

As to theories on Leonardo Da Vinci, there is not one art historian who will uphold the existence of any trace of Brown’s wacky “code” in his art.

Perhaps Brown’s most crucial mistake is his odd interpretation of Da Vinci’s famous painting—“The Last Supper.” That masterpiece does not depict the institution of the Eucharist, but records the response of the Apostles to Christ’s announcement of his betrayal. How very strange is Brown’s claim that the chalice is absent in the painting because, he says, Mary Magdalene is the chalice of the Sacred Blood. Brown means she is the vessel of Christ’s offspring. To give credence to his claim, Brown writes that Da Vinci painted Mary sitting to the right of Jesus. All historians of art agree, in keeping with the gospel account, that it is the Apostle John sitting at the Lord’s right hand. Scholarly artistic traditions have always depicted Saint John as a beardless youth with long hair.

Finally, there is a truly glaring embarrassment for Mr. Brown. The author has insisted on the reality of the secret “priory of Sion,” an elite society of so-called “Grand Masters.” An article in *The New York Times*, “*The Da Vinci Con*” by Laura Miller and published on Feb. 22, 2004, exposed the fraud of the so-called priory.

Plantard, a convicted felon and a rabid Anti-Semite, admitted to the hoax concerning the “documents” about the priory. Does Brown care about this embarrassing fact? No.

But why would so many Christians purchase Brown’s preposterous book that slanders the most sacred aspects of their faith?

Part of the irresistible appeal of books like *The Da Vinci Code* is that the reader imagines him or herself as being “let in on” a great secret concerning the existence of an elite group of superior beings. This seems more and more silly as so many millions of readers become “in on” the alleged secret.

But the conceit of being informed about a gnosis or “higher knowledge” is very much a part of our prevailing pop culture’s egoism. It is seductive for some people to be able to dismiss the truth of Scripture or the authority of The Church. The temptation has always been there, from the days of the ancient Gnostics to today’s *Da Vinci Code*, to believe that spiritual insight and salvation come only from ourselves.

Authentic Christianity is not about esoteric “codes” or “secret knowledge.” It has always been about the loving mercy of the Blessed Trinity freely given to the human race in faith, hope and love.

(Rev. Michael T. Mickelson is pastoral associate at St. Michael’s Church, Palisades Park. He also serves as an adjunct spiritual director at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University, South Orange.)

The Archdiocese of Newark: fertile ground for cultivating ‘the call’

Ordination to the priesthood is an awesome and joyous occasion. That is especially true in the Archdiocese of Newark, which this year leads the nation in the number of men committing themselves to a lifetime of serving God and His people.

As a former vocations director during his days in the Diocese of Peoria, it will surely warm the heart and stir the soul of Archbishop John J. Myers when he ordains 17 new priests this Saturday morning at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

For the record, the Archdiocese of Washington reports a dozen ordinands, followed by the Archdiocese of Denver with 11 and Diocese of Rockford, IL with 10.

The hand of God is, of course, what results in a man hearing “the call” to become a priest. But along the way major components of the process that lead to ordination are the seminary, other priests and Religious met along the way and the learning experiences in the parishes.

The Church of Newark is obviously fertile ground for nurturing a priestly vocation. While leading the nation in the number of new priests, the Archdiocese of Newark reflects findings of a recent survey by the U.S. bishops Secretariat for Vocations and Priestly Formation that the Class of 2006 is better educated, older and more likely to be foreign born than their colleagues of years past.

The Catholic Advocate joins with the entire Archdiocese of Newark in congratulating our 17 new priests. To each and every one of them we say God bless.

‘A cherished friend’

Editor,

The American Jewish Committee (AJC) is deeply saddened by the passing of Sister Rose Thering, a cherished friend of the Jewish people.

With courage and conviction, Sister Rose took a stand long before the Second Vatican Council and challenged the long-standing precepts of Catholic teachings regarding Jews and Judaism. Her pioneering efforts in the mid-20th century contributed in large measure to changing the course of Catholic-Jewish relations.

AJC was honored to work with Sister Rose for many decades. For example, in the 1960s AJC supported her groundbreaking study of textbooks used in Roman Catholic parochial schools. Her study, in turn, influenced the deliberations leading to *Nostra Aetate*, the 1965 declaration approved by the Vatican Council, and to revising Catholic curriculum. As a result of her study, significant positive changes were made in textbooks regarding Jews, Judaism and the Holocaust.

Resolute in the struggle for Soviet Jewry, the fight against anti-Semitism, the effort to build Catholic-Jewish understanding, and advocacy efforts for Israel, Sister Rose was a remarkable inspiration, an authentic role model for countless Christians and Jews.

She was a national leader in the Soviet Jewry campaign and participated in a hunger strike at the UN to emphasize her commitment to freeing Soviet Jews. For more than 30 years, she taught at the Institute for Judeo-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University. She founded the National Christian Leadership Conference for Israel, a broad-based membership group that builds Christian public support for the security and well being of Israel.

She led scores of study missions to Israel, whose participants always included Christian leaders from the U.S. and Canada, including Catholics, Protestants and Eastern Orthodox.

AJC was privileged to honor Sister Rose in September 2004 with our Jan Karski Moral Courage Award for her life-long commitment to Christian-Jewish relations, her unwavering, inexhaustible support for Israel and her relentless opposition to anti-Semitism.

We were pleased to show the film about her, “The Passion of Sister Rose,” at the AJC-sponsored Westchester Jewish Film Festival last year. Despite her failing health she came from her home in New Jersey to participate in the discussion that followed the film, and, as always, inspired the audience.

We extend our condolences to her grieving family.

New York City

‘A great help’

Editor,

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have shared in the care of our elderly religious through contributions to the annual Retirement Fund for Religious Appeal. The \$719,571 contributed by the people of the Archdiocese of Newark—an almost 7 percent increase over 2004 giving of \$673,107—is a great help to senior religious throughout the United States.

Ninety-four cents of every dollar contributed goes directly to religious institutes, and you are remembered daily in the prayers of the more than 38,000 senior religious who benefit from your generosity.

Sister Andree Fries, Executive Director
National Religious Retirement Office

Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, the former archbishop of Newark, steps down from his duties in Washington

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

NEWARK—Archbishop John J. Myers offered his predecessor, Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, “warmest good wishes and congratulations as he embarks on a new phase of his ministry within the Catholic Church.”

Pope Benedict XVI on May 16 accepted the resignation of Cardinal McCarrick as Archbishop of Washington D.C. Cardinal McCarrick has headed the Archdiocese of Washington since 2001, but before that he served the Church of Newark as archbishop for 15 years.

The Holy Father named Bishop Donald W. Wuerl of Pittsburgh to succeed Cardinal McCarrick in the nation’s capital.

Archbishop Myers, in a prepared statement, said Cardinal McCarrick “has served the people of the local Church of Washington with the same zeal and dedication to the faith that he has shown throughout his life as a priest and bishop. They have learned in his five years in Washington that what the people of the local churches of New York, Metuchen and Newark have long known—that in every action, every effort, he truly is ‘thinking of you.’”

Archbishop Myers’ choice of words were symbolic as “Thinking of You” was the title of Cardinal McCarrick’s column in *The Catholic Advocate* during his term here as Newark’s archbishop.

Although announcement of retirement “typically brings with it a sense of ending, I know today’s announcement will be different,” Archbishop Myers continued. While Cardinal McCarrick “may not be dealing with day-to-day diocesan responsibilities,” Archbishop Myers pointed out that “he is sure to continue to work

tirelessly for the Church in a range of new undertakings both for the bishops in the United States and for the universal Church in the years to come.” The archbishop, said his predecessor, “has been a friend and advisor to me since I first became a bishop and then after I was named to lead the Archdiocese of Newark. I have been grateful for his friendship and advice.”

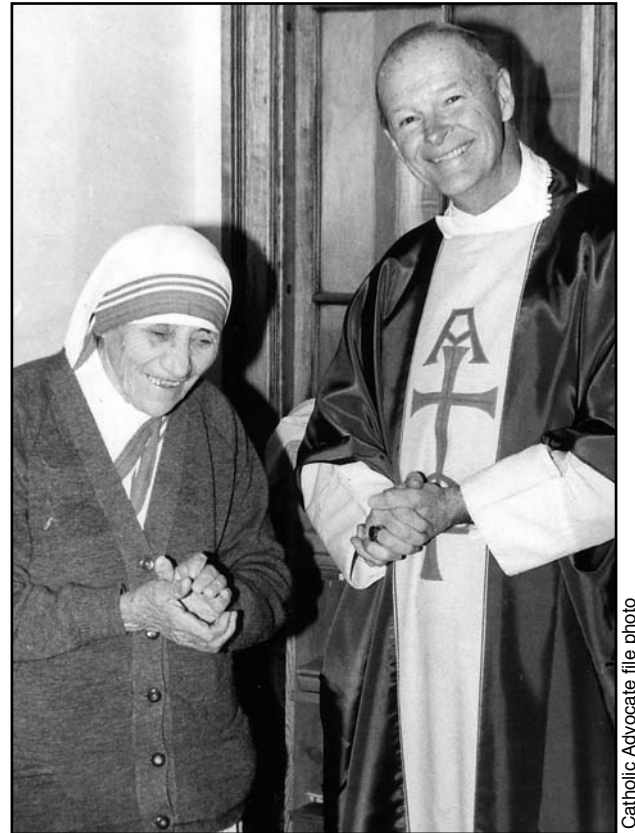
As canon law requires of all bishops, the cardinal submitted his resignation to Pope Benedict when he turned 75 on July 7, 2005. However, Cardinal McCarrick announced at meeting with archdiocesan priests last September that the pope had asked him to stay on. The news that Cardinal McCarrick would formally step down became official last week.

Born July 7, 1930, in New York, Theodore Edgar McCarrick studied for the priesthood at the New York archdiocesan seminary and was ordained a priest on May 31, 1958.

After ordination he was assigned to The Catholic University of America in Washington, where he earned a master’s degree in social sciences and a doctorate in sociology while serving first as an assistant chaplain and later dean of students and director of development. He was president of the Catholic University of Puerto Rico from 1965 to 1969.

He returned to New York in 1969 as archdiocesan associate secretary for education, and the following year he became secretary to New York’s Cardinal Terence Cooke. He was named an auxiliary bishop of New York in 1977, was tapped as the first bishop of the newly formed Diocese of Metuchen in 1981 and became archbishop of Newark in 1986.

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Catholic Advocate file photo

Archbishop McCarrick greets Mother Teresa of Calcutta during her February 1989 visit to the Archdiocese of Newark. Cardinal McCarrick, who has headed the Archdiocese of Washington since 2001 and served the Church of Newark as archbishop for 15 years, has submitted his resignation to Pope Benedict, as required by canon law.

Love, responsibility, free will and justice

Readings: Acts 1:15-26; Psalm 103; 1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11-19.

Shortly before Holy Week, the National Geographic Society exploited the context of the Christian calendar to publicize the discovery of a provocative text from the third century A.D., known as “the Gospel of Judas.”

This is one of several works deriving from the Gnostics, a group who competed with the Jews and Christians of that time. The Greek word “gnosis,” which means knowledge, describes their view that spiritual salvation comes through an intellectual illumination provided to the select few.

They presented these ideas in the vocabulary familiar to people of faith. Thus several texts presented what they claimed to be “secret” teachings of Jesus, perverting the Good News presented by the Church.

The Christian then or now should take St. Paul’s advice: “...Test everything; hold fast to what is good, abstain from every form of evil” (1 Thessalonians 5:19-22).

The theme that links this Sunday’s first reading and the Gospel is the sin and mysterious destiny of Judas Iscariot. “The saying in Scripture uttered long ago by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of David was destined to be fulfilled in Judas, the one who guided those who arrested Jesus” (Acts 1:16).

In His solemn prayer at the Last Supper, Jesus declared: “As long as I was with them, I guarded them with your

Sunday Readings

7th Sunday
of Easter
(May 28, 2006)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



Name, which you gave me... and not one of them was lost, none but him who was destined to be lost, in fulfillment of Scripture” (John 17:12).

Do these passages imply that Judas was merely a pawn in a drama that transcends the human order? Here he is called “the son of perdition” and John has indicated “the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray Him” (13:2, 27, see 6:70).

It must be noted that these statements do not imply denial of free will. Judas, like the brothers of Joseph when they sold him into slavery, was responsible for

his malicious deed. An invitation must be extended to the devil before forces of darkness can enter the human heart. Joseph explained to His repentant brothers: “You meant

Our decisions and actions are part of a cosmic drama, components in the struggle between good and evil that is epitomized by the crucifixion of Jesus.

evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today” (Gen. 50:20). Indeed, our decisions and actions are part of a cosmic drama, components in the struggle between good and evil that is epitomized by the crucifixion of Jesus.

In any situation of persecution and oppression, many stand guilty of the crime. It may have happened anyway, but no one can take that as an excuse for his or her collaboration or even indifference. Bystanders must not turn a blind eye when wicked deeds occur, but should stand up for the oppressed victim and do their part to bring about justice.

None of us knows the precise weakness that led Judas to deny Christ’s oft-expressed signs of love, although the Fourth Gospel indicated that it included greed (Jn 12:6). Nor can we fathom in the world today the personal guilt of those parents who pass drugs, sickness and death to their unborn infants. However, someone is guilty of these crimes, probably a number of people whose greed leads them to exploit the weakness and lack of real love in their young lives.

As we express gratitude to our own parents, living and deceased, we realize how much God has loved us in guiding their faith into lives of service! “If God has loved us so, we must have the same love for one another” (1 John 4:11). How can we carry this gift to those tempted by people whose insatiable greed separates them from divine love? The Church strives to present the principles of the Gospel that will shape balanced responses to the many challenges of life.

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

‘Code’ claims not swaying Catholics

WASHINGTON (CNS)—According to a poll released May 15, American Catholics aren’t likely to be swayed by the claims made in the novel *The Da Vinci Code*.

A nationwide telephone survey of U.S. Catholics found that 42 percent intend to “seek the truth” — one of the catch phrases in the book and in promotions for the film version that opened May 19—by studying the Bible more closely. In the poll more people said they would consult the Bible than any other source.

According to the survey, two-thirds of Catholics who were familiar with The Da Vinci Code story did not believe the book’s premise that leaders of the Catholic Church understand the truth as portrayed in the novel but are suppressing it. Just 12 percent said they believed the book rather than Church officials. Another 21 percent said they were unsure about the claims in the book.

Among other things the novel contends Jesus Christ was married to Mary Magdalene and fathered a child.

The poll of 1,049 Catholics nationwide—a Le Moyne College/Zogby International/Contemporary Catholic Trends survey—was conducted May 2-10. It carries a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

Men were considerably more likely than women to believe the church. In the poll, 78 percent of men said they do not believe church leaders are suppressing the “truth” as portrayed in the film, but just 58 percent of women agreed. One in four women said they were unsure of this point.

The Da Vinci Code claims the Vatican knows it is

living a lie concerning Jesus, but does so to maintain its influence. The book also claims there is a Church-led conspiracy to suppress Jesus’ alleged marriage to Mary Magdalene, and His fathering of a “royal bloodline” with her. The book contends Mary Magdalene is the real Holy Grail because she carries the “blood” of Jesus within her, and that Leonardo da Vinci worked this into his art.

John Zogby, the founding president and chief executive officer of Zogby International, told Catholic News Service he was surprised by the poll findings.

“I thought perhaps that given the sensitivity to women in the Church ... the leadership of the Church—whose popularity not being at the highest level—the message resonated a little bit more, and apparently it has not,” Zogby said in a May 17 telephone interview.

Zogby added Church leaders who are the most familiar to lay Catholics get high approval ratings from them. “The new pope’s ratings were somewhere in the 80s,” he said. “The bishops were back into the 60s again (following the clergy sex abuse scandal that broke in 2002). That’s something we’ve been tracking right along.

“And everybody likes a good parish priest,” Zogby said.

Zogby—who is a LeMoyne graduate, hence the polling partnership—said he had read the novel. “I thought it was a wonderful read. I thought it got a little silly toward the end. But it certainly captured me on the first page, and it kept me captured till the very end.

“And I intend to see the movie despite some awful reviews that came out,” he added.

The Pope Speaks

Pope Benedict XVI



‘A fisher of men’

Dear brothers and sisters,

In our weekly catecheses, we have been considering the apostolic ministry as a form of service to the Church’s communion in faith and in the living tradition that comes from the apostles. Today we begin to look at the individual apostles as they are portrayed in the New Testament, beginning with St. Peter. A fisherman from Galilee, married, the brother of Andrew, Peter was chosen by the Lord as one of his first disciples. His strong, impulsive and openhearted character, and his deep religiosity, are evident in the account of his calling. Having fished all night and caught nothing, Peter trusted fully in Jesus’ word, and, after witnessing the miraculous haul of fishes, accepted His call to follow Him as a fisher of men (cf. Lk 5:10). At Caesarea Philippi, Peter speaks for the other disciples in acknowledging Jesus as the Messiah (Mk 8:29), but he is scandalized when the Lord reveals that His mission will include suffering, rejection and death. Peter must painfully learn the meaning of conversion and true discipleship, following in the footsteps of the Master by embracing the mystery of His cross.

ANNUAL EVENT—Second grade students at St. Michael School, Cranford, left to right, front, Gabriella Vara, Abigail McGann (holding crown) and Olivia DelVecchio and back, Alex Beato and Brian Manginelli, carry the floral crown for the annual May Crowning. The entire student body attended the traditional spring liturgy. Eighth graders crowned the Blessed Mother.



MAY CROWNING—Sunshine was on special order as Father Joseph O’Brien, O. Carm, pastor, Principal Sister Helene Byrne and a very proud second grade teacher, Mrs. Dorothy Wexler, meet with the school communion class among the rectory flowers after the May Crowning of Mary at St. Therese Church in Cresskill.

Spirituality Festival this summer at CSE

MORRISTOWN—The College of Saint Elizabeth (CSE) will hold its ninth annual Summer Institute and Summer Spirituality Festival from July 9 to July 20 sponsored by the Center for Theological and Spiritual Development.

Dr. Adele Gonzalez, the keynote speaker, will address the topic “Fear is Useless...” on July 9, 8:30 p.m., in the Mahoney Library, Octagon.

Dr. Gonzalez, a national speaker, is founder of Get-With-It, an organization committed to human and spiritual growth. The opening event is free of charge.

The institute will feature 12 courses and lectures in spirituality, theology and scripture which will be given by worldwide instructors and theologians. Courses may be taken for credit or audit.

In addition to this year’s institute, the center will host a Summer Spirituality Festival and Saturday, July 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Mahoney Library, Octagon.

The day will feature keynote addresses by Father Lawrence Boadt, president of Paulist Press in Mahwah, and Patricia Livingston, nationally known speaker and award winning author. The day will begin with morning prayer and include a choice of four breakout workshops.

Cost is \$75 per non-credit course for Summer Institute; \$30 for the Spirituality Festival. Lunch can be purchased.

For more information on taking classes for credit and/or audit, contact Mary Ann Badenoch at (973) 290-4364. For all other information, contact the Center at (973) 290-4300 or visit www.cse.edu/center.

Taking a cue from its pastor, parish uses theology to inspire community outreach

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

When Rev. John E. Murphy encouraged his fledgling community to raise the necessary funds for a church and school in 1962, there were 550 families who came to worship. Today, there are 1,570 families—nearly 5,700 people—who comprise the Notre Dame faith community in North Caldwell.

Forty-four years ago, the major problem facing Father Murphy—Notre Dame's first pastor—was securing a house to serve as a rectory and a place for daily Mass. A house at 330 Mountain Ave. was selected because of its easy access and ground floor. The rectory basement provided space for about 70 people at either Mass or for a meeting.

However, an even more pressing problem for Father Murphy was the need to find a suitable spot to celebrate Sunday Mass. The West Essex Regional High School Auditorium was secured and on Sept. 17, 1962, the first Mass was celebrated.

A building project was launched in 1964 and the parish held a one-day fund-raising event to finance the program. With over 100 men volunteering, \$202,000 was pledged toward the cost of the church-school project. In addition to the church-school parish hall, a temporary rectory and convent were also part of the plans.

Everything fell into place and on May 25, 1965, Notre Dame church and school were dedicated.



"Mary, Our Mother" statue is located inside the North Caldwell parish, adorned with lilies. Notre Dame's church and school were formally dedicated in 1965.

Following Father Murphy's retirement, Msgr. Harold P. Darcy was appointed pastor and served from 1980-1987. During his service, the liturgical renovation of the church was initiated to bring it into compliance with guidelines of Vatican Council II. The contemporary design of the sanctuary and the muted earth tones of the interior provided an

excellent ambiance for community worship and prayer.

In July 1987, Msgr. Edward J. Ciuba, former rector of the Immaculate Conception Seminary (Darlington), became pastor. "I have been pastor for the past 17 years. I have enjoyed both the ministry of teaching and formation in the seminary context, and then the pastoral ministry of a parish. It has been a blessing to share different forms of ministry," Msgr. Ciuba said.

second-, third- and fourth-generation Italian-Americans. In addition, there has been a steady increase of new parishioners in the last decade. Parishioners hail from North Caldwell, West Caldwell, Fairfield and Little Falls.

"There is a genuine spirit of welcome in our community," Msgr. Ciuba said. "You can sense that as soon as you enter the church. All of our ministers and people work on this virtue of welcome. Our liturgies, especially the Eucharist, and many para-liturgies (like the celebration of the Sacrament of Anointing) are well done. We receive many fine, positive comments about preaching and liturgical celebration."

The different ministries at the parish also draw positive comments from members of the community. Notre Dame has four major areas of ministry: word, worship, community building and service. The ministries are associated with spreading the Good News and are meant to enhance worship and spirituality through prayer and other sacramental celebrations. They also have ministries that provide an environment to increase a sense of belonging to a faith community with support and mutual respect.

Maureen Bezer, a parishioner for 25 years, knows this sense of community and fellowship well. During a health scare over two years ago, Bezer felt the compassion and love of her parish family. "The parish had a prayer service for my husband and I. (The parishioners) know when you need them; you don't have to ask for help. They kept calling and checking up on us and offered their prayers."

Notre Dame, North Caldwell

As pastor, Msgr. Ciuba said he aims to infuse academic theology from his time at the seminary into his outreach to the parish community. "My hope has always been to try and share the best pastoral insights of Vatican II and to embody them into a community of disciples of Jesus Christ," he explained. "In this sense, people come to realize that we are all members of the Church, all of us called to different ministries. In this way, people have a sense of belonging."

The members that belong to the community consist mostly of

Bezer believes this familial atmosphere is due in part to the work of Msgr. Ciuba and Parochial Vicar Father Anthony Randazzo. "Father Ed and Father Anthony make the parish special. They are very inclusive and know their theology, but don't flaunt it. They make the theology useful and not threatening. Everyone feels invited at our parish and there are so many ways to get involved. Our parish is a faith-based community, not a club. It's not about membership."

She credits the clergy of Notre Dame with influencing her

Meet the Pastor



Msgr. Edward J. Ciuba

Birthday: March 20, 1935

Hometown: Elizabeth

High School: Don Bosco

Preparatory, Ramsey

Seminary: North American

College, Rome, Italy

Undergraduate:

Seton Hall University;

Immaculate Conception

Seminary, Darlington

Graduate School:

Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome,

Italy; Ecole Biblique de

Jerusalem, Jordan

Ordination: March 14, 1959

Heros: Pope John XXIII and

Msgr. John Kiley

Favorite Saint:

Don Bosco (St. John Bosco)

Favorite Sport: Skiing

Favorite Food: Pasta

Favorite Subject in

School: History

Favorite Movie:

To Kill a Mockingbird

Last Book Read:

The Poisonwood Bible

Occupation if I Weren't a

Priest: Pediatrician

involvement with the parish. "Father Ed is the epitome of a servant leader. I became active in the church seven to 10 years ago. Before that, it was a place to go to Mass and I wasn't very engaged. Now I'm in the Cornerstone Women's Group and teach CCD. Father Ed has become a spiritual leader for me and I am really into theology. Occasionally, he has Bible study sessions with some of us. He teaches us like we are worth teaching," she said.

Bezer's work with CCD has also enriched her spiritual life and the lives of her two young sons. "I can't wait to see the kids (I teach) mature in spirituality. I want their faith to be a balancing force; something to hold on to."

While teaching others, she said she will not forget the lessons Notre Dame has taught her. "The clergy (at the parish) is all about reaching out and going that extra mile. I think God gave them a gift for helping others and I am just grateful to be a part of it."

(Notre Dame is located at 359 Central Ave., North Caldwell.)



Photos courtesy of Notre Dame Parish

About 1570 families comprise the faith community of Notre Dame. The parish celebrates four major areas of ministry: word, worship, community building and service.

Cardinal McCarrick

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Cardinal McCarrick was named to the College of Cardinals less than three weeks after his installation on Jan. 4, 2001 as head of the Washington Archdiocese, becoming the fourth consecutive archbishop of Washington to be appointed a cardinal.

Announcement of his assignment to the nation's capitol was made on Nov. 21, 2000. Then-Archbishop McCarrick celebrated his final Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on Dec. 30 that year. He was created a cardinal in Rome on Feb. 21, 2001 as a member of the largest consistory in history of 44 new cardinals.

Years ago, writing in his column in *The Catholic Advocate* following news of his transfer to Washington, then-Archbishop McCarrick stressed the fact that his tenure in Newark was the longest of his priesthood. He expressed his "heartfelt gratitude to the Church that has been my family for the past 15 years."

Congressman Chris Smith (R-NJ) chairman of the House committee that oversees global human rights, commented on the cardinal's retirement, calling him "a holy, compassionate and practical man who radiates Christ to those in his presence. His humanitarianism was a true inspiration and his touch will be felt for years to come."

Commenting on Archbishop-elect Wuerl, Archbishop Myers said he has known him for more than four decades, "first as a fellow seminarian studying in Rome and then subsequently as a priest and brother bishop. In fact, we were ordained together in Rome in 1966."

The people of the Church of Washington, Archbishop Myers asserted, "will soon come to recognize in him (Archbishop-elect Wuerl) what I and the people of the local Church of Pittsburgh have long known—that he is deeply committed to the faith and

to the Church and her people. He is a compassionate and loving pastor, and a staunch defender of human dignity. The prayers of the

local Church of Newark are with him as he accepts the call of our Holy Father to serve the Church in this important national post."

(Note: Catholic News Service provided information for this article.)

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Newark's 2006 ordination class ranks as largest in United States

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

(Note: The following article provides snapshot biographies of members of the 2006 ordination class in the Archdiocese of Newark. The Catholic Advocate wishes to thank Msgr. Thomas Nydegger, vice chancellor and business manager of Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, for his help in compiling and editing the background information on the 17 new priests.)

Father John Robert Barno



Born in Brooklyn, Father John R. Barno, 30, attended Immaculate Conception Seminary for one year before being sent to the Pontifical North American College (NAC) in Rome.

He obtained a bachelor's degree in Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University and will complete a license degree next year in

Mariology at the Marianum, both of which are also in the Eternal City. While there he served as a deacon at the NAC and at the University of St. Thomas, his college apostolate.

The Bergen Catholic High School graduate earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration majoring in accounting from Seton Hall University (SHU), South Orange.

It was during his undergraduate days, Father Barno explained, that "I really developed my relationship with God, worked with the campus ministry and began to recognize and discern my call to the priesthood." He said he was "very much inspired" by the priests at SHU. "I thought about my future and how, if God willed it, I might be able to one day preside at Mass and impart God's spiritual healing through the sacraments. In order that I might better know the will of God, I began to pray the rosary daily and spoke with some of the priests at Seton Hall as well as with my spiritual director and retreated often in prayer to the Blessed Sacrament and other quiet places."

He worked as both an auditor and senior accountant for four years. However, he said that "I just couldn't help but feel that there was something missing—my heart was restless. The same longing I had experienced in the past to be a priest had not left me and the Lord seemed to be speaking louder than usual. I yearned to be consecrated to God and to live totally and exclusively for Christ and His Church."

Throughout his childhood and young adult years, Father Barno said, "I had been fortunate to have known

so many wonderful priests who gave me a very positive view of the priesthood." His "hopes" for his own priesthood, Father Barno said, "are certainly influenced by the good example I have been shown through (other priests), as well as through the lives of the saints. I cannot help but feel humbled by the calling I have received and profoundly thankful to Jesus for giving me the extraordinary grace to follow my vocation. I will never forget the great peace in my heart when I decided to accept God's call. I am so very happy."

In preparation for the priesthood, Father Barno served at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Elizabeth and Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish in Garfield.

Father Barno will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving at 12:15 p.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Emerson on Sunday, May 28. Concelebrants will be Msgr. Robert Harrington, Father Dominick Lenoci, pastor; Father Michael Hansen, Father Bryan Adamcik, Father Peter Palmisano, Father James O'Sheerin, Father Peter Wehrle, Father Joseph Astarita and Father James McGahagan. Father Barno will preach the homily.

Father Gerald Joseph Buonopane



From the time he was a teenager, Father Gerald Buonopane believed "Christ has been calling me to be a priest."

The 52-year-old Newark native attended Northeastern University (earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology/Chemistry), The University of Connecticut (a Master of Science degree in Nutritional Science), Penn State

University (Ph.D. Food Science) and SHU, where he received a Master in Divinity degree. As a seminarian, Father Buonopane was the recipient of the Thomas V. Daily Vocations Scholarship from the Knights of Columbus.

Father Buonopane held field education and summer assignments at his home parish, St. Catherine of Siena in Cedar Grove; St. Michael Parish in Palisades Park; and St. Joseph Parish in Oradell. He was a deacon at St. Philomena Parish in Livingston.

The feature of seminary life "dearest to my heart," Father Buonopane commented, is "the great blessing to begin each day in common prayer and liturgy with all the priests and seminarians. What a blessing it is to have shared my journey to the priesthood with my classmates, most of whom I have known now for five years."

Father Buonopane aspires to be "a holy priest, a man of prayer and deep faith." His "great desire" is to be a "people's priest, to be ever present for my faithful and to be attentive to their needs. I look forward to sharing in the lives of the faithful. I pray I will bring the love of Christ to God's children. God has given me such an awesome and beautiful gift—the gift of the priesthood."

A particular area of interest for Father Buonopane is reaching out to inactive Catholics. To a young man "or not so young man like myself," who thinks the Lord is calling him to be a priest, Father Buonopane said "I strongly recommend that he be open to God's call."

Father Buonopane will be the homilist at his first Mass of Thanksgiving to be celebrated on Sunday, May 28 at 12:15 p.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Parish. Concelebrants will be Msgr. Charles Gusmer, pastor; Father John Laferrera, Father Robert Suszko, Father Robert Gelinas, Father James Redstone, Father Albert Berner, Father Charles Theobald, Father Kevin Hanbury, Father John Chadwick and members of the Immaculate Conception Seminary faculty.

Father Esterminio Chica



Born in El Salvador, Father Esterminio Chica, 33, attended Hudson County Vocational School and Bergen Community College before entering Immaculate Conception Seminary. While studying at SHU he received the Global Servant Leader Award for his participation with the Division of Volunteer Effort (DOVE), which organized

mission trips to El Salvador.

He served at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in East Orange, St. Ann Parish in Jersey City and St. Francis deSales Parish in Lodi as deacon.

Looking back on his seminary days, Father Chica is convinced "part of our formation to the priesthood takes place beyond the walls of the seminary building, academics and many other essential things that go along with our formation." He has learned from everyone who he has met at every parish, especially from the laity, who serve the Church "with all their hearts."

Focusing on academics, Father Chica feels the professors "managed to teach us what we needed to learn in order for us to serve the people well." He made special mention of the "wonderful priests" he met during his seminary years who "taught by word and example. They are men of great hearts and of great minds." He also cited the Religious Sisters who contributed to his formation. "Their total self-giving to Christ and to the Church has taught me about the great values of surrender and humility. Their presence in our midst is priceless."

"I want to walk with God all the days of my life,"

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Father Chica stressed. "I want to serve His people to the best of my abilities and I want to inspire vocations to the priesthood and religious life."

Before entering the seminary, Father Chica worked for seven years at a restaurant and then four years at a warehouse—shipping clothes to retail stores across the country. "These occupations provided me with financial stability that was difficult to give up. Nevertheless, it was worth it because it helped me to trust more honestly in God's providence."

On Sunday, May 28 at 4 p.m., Father Chica will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving at Most Holy Name Parish in Garfield. Concelebrants will be Msgr. William J. Reilly, pastor; Father Joseph Chapel, who will preach the homily; and Father John M. Ballweg.

Father James Cho



Father James Cho, 36, has a degree in Philosophy. Born in Seoul, South Korea, he attended Kwangju College Seminary and Immaculate Conception Seminary.

He entered the seminary after high school and served in the Korean Army for two and a half years. "Except for that period, most of my life was with formation for the priesthood," he said.

"Whenever I pray with my fellow seminarians, I feel that not my prayer but our prayer is very powerful," Father Cho said, reflecting on seminary life. "Praying together leads me to the deeper prayer life and encourages me when I get down."

Father Cho described himself as someone who "loves to follow the disciples of Jesus. I am confirming my desire to follow their lives." Looking toward his priesthood, Father Cho commented, "I like to be a server of God's people. I believe that being humble will keep me as a server." He also expressed a desire to "focus on serving those who are isolated from society in many ways."

His field education and summers were served at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange; St. Philomena Parish, Livingston; St. Thomas More Parish, Fairfield; and St. Joseph the Carpenter Parish, Roselle. He was a deacon at St. Joseph Parish in Maplewood.

Father Cho will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday May 28, 11:30 a.m. at St. Andrew Kim Parish in Maplewood. Concelebrants will be Msgr. Augustine Park, Father Minhuyn Cho, pastor; Father Jerome Bracken, Father Haedong Lee, Father Jungsoo Kim and Father Goo In Kim.



Father James Patrick Ferry



Born in the Bronx, Father James Patrick Ferry, 40, received a bachelor's degree from Franklin and Marshall College, a Masters of Business Administration degree from New York University and Master in Divinity degree from Immaculate Conception Seminary.

Starting out in the business world with a degree in economics, Father

James Ferry traveled the world in several professions. Looking back on his work experience, Father Ferry said "each year of working led me to consider what I wanted to do over the longer term. I cannot identify one moment when the priesthood was chosen. It was a gradual move, even after I was in the seminary."

While at the seminary, he said that an important factor was "our dialogue, which is manifest in the words we express to each other and those we express to God." The seminary, he continued, "helped me to understand more of the larger vision of our Catholic faith and how we live it day to day." Father Ferry said he was "challenged to consider how I work as part of a team while also identifying the areas where I can contribute and also where I might grow."

As he embarks on the priesthood, Father Ferry sees the need for silence and meditation in his life so "I can be authentic to every person I encounter." He also recognized that "the work schedule of a priest will not always be mine to control."

He has drawn "upon the lessons of commitment" from his family. Father Ferry also expressed gratitude to "the priests I have known in Jersey City and Hoboken, both before and during the seminary, all of whom have taken the time to listen and to share the experience of ministry."

Father Ferry was a deacon at St. Henry Parish, Bayonne. He did his field education and summer assignments at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Jersey City; the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark and St. Henry Parish.

Father Ferry will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 28, 12:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood. Concelebrants will be Msgr. Robert Coleman, rector and dean of Immaculate Conception Seminary; Msgr. Thomas Nydegger, vice chancellor and business manager of the seminary; Father Joseph Chapel and Msgr. Ronald Rozniak, pastor. The homily will be preached by Msgr. Robert Wister.

Father Giandomenico Flora



Educated in Italy and SHU, Father Giandomenico Flora, 40, attended Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Kearny.

Born in Naples, Father Flora attended the University of Naples where he received a master's degree in Geology. Father Flora also was awarded a scholarship to the University of Perugia in Italy. He earned a

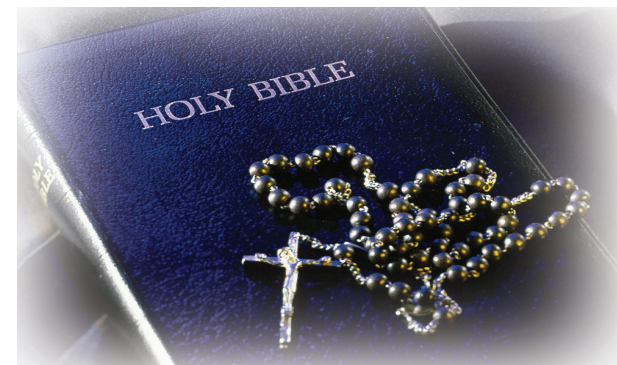
Master of Divinity degree from SHU.

His field education and summer assignments were at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Newark; Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Parish, Garfield; SS Joseph and Michael Parish, Union City; Holy Cross Parish, the Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos Islands of the British West Indies and the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul in Tallinn, Estonia. Father Flora served as a deacon at Holy Family Parish in Nutley.

The "most outstanding memory" of seminary life for him has been his mission assignments to the Turks and Caicos Islands, he said. "I experienced the help of God in overcoming difficulties not only in myself, but also in the people living there."

His "dreams and aspirations" for the priesthood, said Father Flora, are "to live my life not according to my own ideas, but according to the will of God."

Msgr. Paul Bochicchio, pastor of Holy Family Parish where Father Flora will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 28 at noon, will be the homilist. Concelebrants will be Father Giovanni Rizzo, Father Alex Barbiato, Father Donato Miceli and Father Dante DiGirolamo.



Father Rafael Galvez-Pineda



A former secular lawyer, Father Rafael Galvez-Pineda will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 27 at Holy Trinity Parish in Hackensack. Most Rev. Charles McDonnell, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark Emeritus and pastor of Holy Trinity, will be the homilist.

Born in Medellin, Antioquia, Colombia,

Father Galvez-Pineda, 42, received his law degree from the University of Colombia and a Master in Divinity degree from Blessed John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, MA. He served as a deacon at Holy Trinity Parish, Hackensack, and Saint Julia Parish in Weston. His field education and summer assignments were at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Jersey City, and St. James Parish in Springfield.

Upon graduating from high school in Colombia, Father Galvez-Pineda was selected by Medellin's archbishop as a candidate for the priesthood. At the time, however, he "decided to serve the Lord from another perspective." The future priest became involved in Catholic Youth Leadership and was a Red Cross volunteer while studying law.

As key influences in his life, he cited his family background, the prayers of his parents, the "influence of priest friends who were great role models" as well as six years with the Neocatechumenal Way. He came to the United States five years ago. As ordination approaches, Father Galvez-Pineda said he knows that "God alone suffices."

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Father Zeljko Guberovic

Father Zeljko Guberovic, born 46 years ago in Koprivnica, Croatia, and attended Redemptoris Mater Seminary.

Reflecting on the priesthood, he cited his “enormous joy (that) God has chosen me as an instrument to bring the Good News about His death and resurrection and to heal the brokenhearted.”

Father Guberovic cited the

inspiration he received from his formation mission work. As a priest, Father Guberovic said his hope is that he will “be able to do the will of God; that means to love the people to whom God sends me to serve and to announce to them the salvation of God with zeal and joy”

Before deciding to become a priest, he worked as a chemical engineer. He feels it is important to note that, until 1990, he was an atheist. But in his last year of studies, explained Father Guberovic, “while I studied the structure of the living cell in Biochemistry, in spite of my atheistic mentality, I came to the conclusion it is more reasonable conclusion that life was created, than that it came about by chance.” To obtain faith, he went on, “I needed to face serious suffering and to receive the announcement of the Good News.”

His field education and summer assignments were at St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Union City; Holy Family Parish, Nutley and Sv Ana, Sabac-Serbia; Sv. Obitelji Parish, Valjevo, Serbia. His days in Serbia are among his “most outstanding” memories.

Father Guberovic’s first Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 10 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Union City. Concelebrants will be Father Ilario Crepaz, Father Fabio Venturini, Father Girolamo Iacobucci, Father Antun Kragol, Father Piotr Mai and Father Przemyslaw Palmowski.

**Father Joseph C. Kwiatkowski**

“I pray that God will work through me and that I will not be a hindrance to His work” declared Father Joseph C. Kwiatkowski.

Born in Passaic, the 49-year-old former salesman attended Montclair State University and Immaculate Conception Seminary, where he earned a Master of Divinity degree.

For his field education and summer assignments,

Father Kwiatkowski served at St. Joseph Parish, Maplewood; Center of Hope Hospice; Catholic Community Services; the East Orange Veterans’ Hospital and St. John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield. He was a deacon at Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington.

Father Kwiatkowski said his spiritual direction during his years in the seminary “helped me experience the presence of God in my life.” His years in sales taught him how to “take care of my clients.

Hopefully, I will take care of my parishioners.”

Father Kwiatkowski will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 28, 2 p.m. at St. Augustine Parish in Newark. Msgr. Gerry McCarren will be a concelebrant and the homilist.

**Father Kyung Lee**

Father Kyung Lee said his dream is to “live and die as a priest.” A graduate of SHU and Immaculate Conception Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree, Father Lee, 41, will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, May 27, 6 p.m. at the Church of the Korean Martyrs in Saddle Brook.

Born in Nam Pyung, Chon Nam, South Korea,

Father Lee was a deacon at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Jersey City. He did his field education and summer assignment at St. Thomas More Parish in Fairfield.

His many positive experiences at the seminary, explained Father Lee, “have given me a more fundamental understanding of God and have helped me discover who I am and prepared me to face my future as a priest.”

Before entering the seminary, he studied accounting at Akron University in Ohio. When he came to the United States in 1991, said Father Lee, he had “no formal religion.” While living in San Francisco he attended Mass with his sister and was baptized a year later. Moving to Cleveland, he attended a Charismatic seminary and “tasted God’s love and searched for God.”

Thinking about the priesthood, he took a friend’s advice and came to the Archdiocese of Newark to speak with Msgr. Augustin Park. He subsequently received encouragement from Msgr. Thomas Nydegger.

Father Lee’s family converted to Catholicism. He said his mother prays the rosary for him every day.

Concelebrants at Father Lee’s first Mass will be Msgr. Paul D. Schetelick, Msgr. James Turro and Msgr. Park as well as Father John Gabriel, Father John J. Cryan, Father Donald Blumenfeld, Father Duck Su Han, Father Min Hyun Cho and Father Jung Su Kim.

**Father Jacek Jozef Napora**

Father Jacek Jozef Napora, who has a special devotion to the Black Madonna, was born in Konina, Poland. He attended seminaries in Poland, Louisiana and Michigan. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Saint Joseph Seminary College, Covington, LA, and a Master of Divinity degree from SS. Cyril & Methodious Seminary, Orchard Lake, MI.

He served at St. Genevieve Parish in Elizabeth and was a deacon at St. Hyacinth Parish in Detroit. Those

experiences, he said, made a significant impact on his life.

As he embarks on his priesthood, Father Napora, 29, said he wants “to make a positive change in the lives of God’s people.” He has also been influenced by the life of Pope John Paul II.

Father Napora will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 28 at Our Lady of Czestochowa and St. Casimir Parish in Brooklyn, New York. Father Witold Mroziowski, the pastor, will be among the concelebrants. Deacon Maciej Zajac will preach the homily.

**Father Brian Xavier Needles**

Atending the Pontifical North American College in Rome and serving as a deacon at the U.S. Naval Base in Naples, Italy, Father Brian Xavier Needles, 41, sees the priesthood as “a living sacrament of the unique High Priest, Jesus Christ.”

A Cleveland native, Father Needles attended Miami University in Ohio, as well as the

Pontifical University Regina Apostolorum, Pontifical Gregorian University and Pontifical University Santa Croce—all in Rome. He holds a bachelor’s degree in business from Miami University, a Ph.D in Philosophy from Regina Apostolorum, a Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree from Gregorian University and a S.T.L. degree in Theology from Pontifical University in Santa Croce in Rome.

Before entering the seminary, he worked for 11 years in real estate. In 1996 he became a partner in a computer software company started by two of his brothers. During those years in business, Father Needles said, he always considered a priestly vocation. “I had never totally disregarded the possibility that someday I might be a Catholic priest. I would later discover that God does things in His own way and in His own time,” he said.

“I have been incredibly blessed and fortunate to have studied in Rome and to experience the universal nature of the Church. To have had the opportunity to meet Pope John Paul II and his successor, Pope Benedict XVI, is a grace for which I will forever give thanks and praise to God,” he said.

As he embarks on a lifetime in service to the Church as a priest, Father Needles said he wants “to help nourish and sanctify the members of the Church by proclaiming without reservation the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the teachings of His Church. I want to freely and unreservedly give myself to Christ and His Church both in my way of life and in the intimacy of my heart.”

Local parishes in which he served during his priestly studies were Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Bayonne; St. Aloysius Parish in Caldwell; St. Agnes Parish in Clark and St. Stephen Parish in Kearny.

Father Needles will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Aloysius Parish at noon on Sunday, May 28. Concelebrating will be the pastor, Msgr. Michael Desmond, along with Msgr. Benjamin Piazza, Father Joseph Scarengella, Father Joseph Cerne and Father Frederick Miller, who will also preach the homily.

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Father Bryan Emerson Page

A Jersey City native, Father Bryan Emerson Page, 29, hopes to be “a faithful, holy priest.”

Father Page, who attended Penn State University and SHU, has a bachelor’s degree in Labor and Industrial Relations. He worked in business, most recently as a human resource consultant for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Fort Lee. “This position

helped me to systemically approach work with a close attention to detail and become aware of practical interpersonal issues that affect the way people interact.”

He prepared for the priesthood at Immaculate Conception Seminary. Father Page was a deacon at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Ridgewood. He did his field education and summer assignments at St. Francis Parish in Hoboken; St. John Parish in Linden; St. Joseph Parish in Oradell and St. Pius X Parish in Old Tappan.

Living with 70 men in the seminary, “all striving to find the Will of God, has left a great source of encouragement in my heart as I moved closer and eventually will live the priesthood,” he said. “This has helped to serve as confirmation that God is active in my life as He moves through others.”

Father Page will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, May 27, 5:30 p.m., at St. Francis Parish, Hoboken. He will preach the homily. Concelebrants will be the pastor, Msgr. Michael Gugalimelli, Father Michael Figler, Father Salvatore DiStefano, Father Brian Woodrow, Father Joseph Scarengella, Father Thomas Guarino, Father Chris Panlilo and Father Dan Backner.

**Father Antonio Nuno Goncalves Rocha**

Born 33 years ago in Fafe, Portugal, Father Antonio Nuno Goncalves Rocha attended elementary, high school and college in his native country. He also attended SHU where he earned Bachelor of Arts and Master of Divinity degrees. Father Rocha was a student at Immaculate Conception Seminary.

A deacon at St. Cecilia Parish in Kearny, he received his field education and summer assignments at Immaculate Conception Parish, Hackensack; St. Cecilia Parish; Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck; Creighton University in Nebraska and the International Institute for Priestly Formation in Long Branch.

Before entering the seminary, he worked for Veloso Industries in Linden. He was engaged 10 years ago with plans to marry the following year. However, in the interim, he discovered his calling to the priesthood and accepted the invitation of a priest to spend a month’s vacation in Brazil.

Following his time in Brazil, he contacted the Archdiocese of Newark. It was a time, recalled Father

Rocha, he received the “help” of “significant people from priests to lay persons who helped me see with clarity the path upon which I would soon embark.”

What struck him most about the seminary was “the opportunity to grow my relationship with God and to develop such a strong friendship with Him that I am now able to see His presence in my daily life and in all the wonderful friends and relationships with which I am blessed.”

Speaking in all humility, Father Rocha said he hopes “to be an example of inspiration and joy to others so that they might take the opportunity to grow closer to God and receive the happiness such a relationship can provide.”

Father Rocha will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Newark, on Saturday, May 27 at 5:30 p.m. Concelebrants will be Msgr. Francis Seymour, Msgr. Joao Antao, Msgr. George Lutz, Father Mario Nunes, Father Antonio Ferreira daSilva, Father Anthony Bico, Father Michael Wallack, Father Richard Berbary, Father James Worth, Father Michael Ward, Father Yuvan Alvarez, Father Anthony Giamello, Father Hildebrando Ibara, Father Gerard Graziano, Father Kevin Kelly, C.O., Father Stanley Gomes, Father Scott Pontes, Father Jose Manuel Fernandes, Father Amaro, C.C., Father Manuel Oliveira, Father Paulo Frade, Father Ezio Antunes, Father Adrian Baranyuk and Father Joseph Escobar.

**Father Raul Ivan Silva**

Attending Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Father Raul Ivan Silva, 30, was a deacon at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Born in Lima, Peru, he attended Caldwell College and SHU, where he earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees.

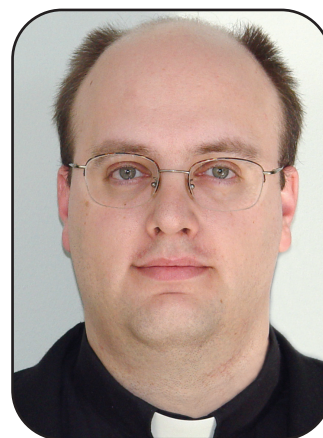
“I pray that, as a diocesan missionary priest, the Lord may give me zeal and love for His Church always and everywhere,” Father Silva said.

Part of his vocation was “the word and witness of faith, which I saw in the brothers and sisters of the Neocatechumenal Way that enlightened my life again and brought me back to the Church.”

His field education and summers were spent at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Jersey City; Our Lady of Divine Providence Parish, Providenciales, Turk and Caicos Islands; Holy Cross Parish, Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos Islands and St. Mary Parish, Plainfield.

His experiences helping priests in the missions in the Turks and Caicos Islands “opened my eyes to see the great need for evangelization in our world today. In the missions I discovered that there is nothing better that one can do in life than to bring Jesus Christ to the people, especially through the sacraments of the Church.”

Father Silva will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving in Spanish on Sunday, May 28 and in English on Sunday, June 4. The May 28 Mass will be at St. Mary Parish, Plainfield. His second Mass of Thanksgiving on June 4 will be at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Father Silva will preach the homily at both noontime masses.

Father James G. Tucker

With a bachelor’s degree in English and master’s degree in school counseling from the University of Scranton, Father James G. Tucker, 37, attended Immaculate Conception Seminary.

“I fully intend to help people discover who God the Father created them to be. I especially look forward to helping people grow closer to God through the Mass

and Sacrament of Reconciliation.”

Before entering the seminary, Father Tucker, who was born in Izmir, Turkey, was a computer programmer. It was in the seminary, he explained, that he “learned patience from those who showed me kindness and patience. I learned that each and every person is created with the dignity of a child of God and (that) the people of God need to know this.”

Father Tucker will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 28, 2 p.m. at the Church of St. Joseph in Mendham. Concelebrants will be Father John Gabriel and Father Gene Gniewyk. Father Tucker will preach the homily.

**Father Rafael Velazquez Verano**

Coming to the priesthood, Father Rafael Velazquez Verano said “one thing I am sure of is that this has not been a result of my own doing, rather it has been the hand of God acting and carrying this vocation forward.”

Father Velazquez said he wants “to be a holy priest with the help of God (and) to be an instrument of God for

the salvation of souls.”

Born in Sanlucar de Barrameda, Cadiz, Spain, Father Velazquez, 37, received a bachelor’s degree in Education from SHU. He attended Redemptoris Mater Seminary and served as a deacon at St. Mary Parish, Plainfield.

He worked in construction before entering the seminary. In 1991 he attended World Youth Day in Poland and, as a result of the preaching of Pope John Paul II, began to consider his vocation to the priesthood.

Father Velazquez will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 28 at noon at St. Mary Parish in Plainfield. Concelebrants will be Father Kenneth Jones, pastor; Father Sean Manson and Father Jorge Ortiz. Father Jones will preach the homily.





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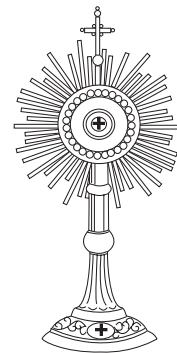
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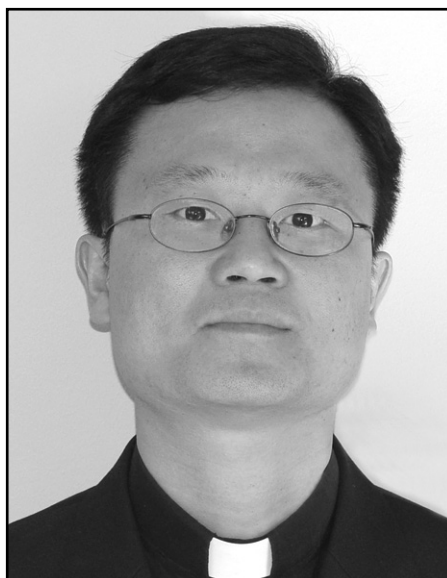
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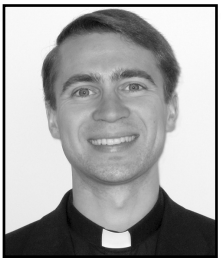
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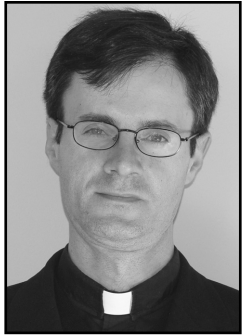
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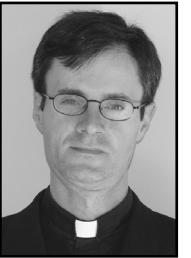
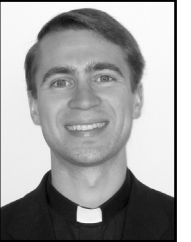


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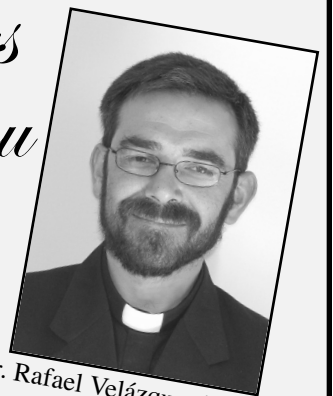
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HOPE TOWNSHIP—The Land of Make Believe, which prides itself in introducing new and innovative rides, this year unveils the Pirate's Plunge, an exclusive body slide, and Frog Jump Around, a family ride.

Land of Make Believe opens for the season Memorial Day weekend and will be open weekend though June 10-11. It

begins daily operations June 17.

Pirates Plunge is the latest addition to the Pirate's Cove Water Park, which also features last year's main attraction, CannonBall, a water slide adventure.

At Land of Make Believe, families have the opportunity to choose among a wide variety of rides, attractions, shows and waterpark activities.

"At Land of Make Believe, it is all about everyone in the family, grandpa, grandma, mom and dad, and, of course, the kids," says owner Christopher Maier whose father Hermann designed and opened the park in 1954.

Whether its Old McDonald's Farm and its array of farm ani-

mals, to Thriller, the park's popular roller coaster or the traditional Tilt-A-Whirl, there is something for all ages.

The Land of Make Believe is the only tourist destination in New Jersey that caters to children under 12 and their families.

Admission is \$20 for children ages 2-18; \$18 for adults and \$16 for senior citizens. Children under 2 are admitted free. The park will be open through Monday of Labor Day weekend. It is then open the weekend of Sept. 9-10 for the season finale. Located two miles from exit 12 on Rt. 80, it is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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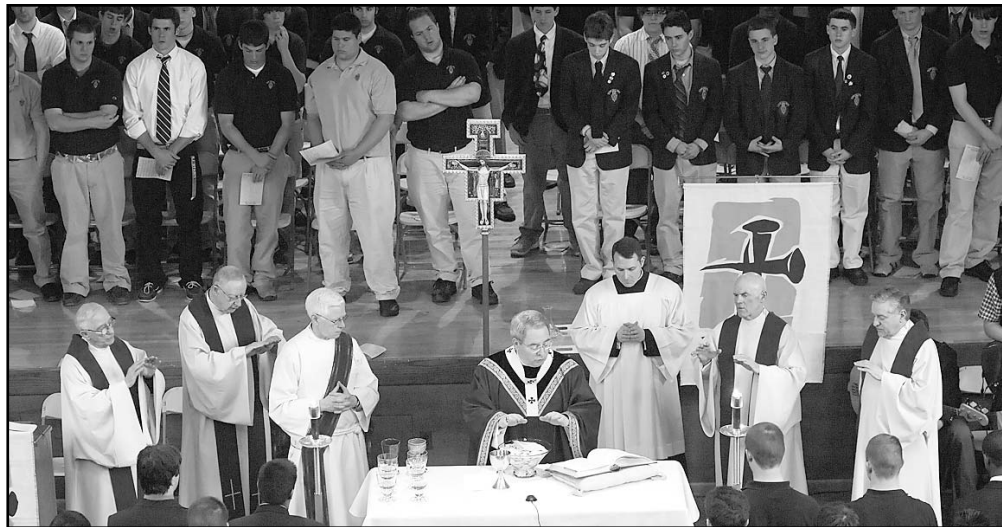


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SETON HALL PREP CELEBRATION—

Surrounded by members of the Seton Hall Prep student body, Archbishop John Myers (center) celebrated the school's Easter Liturgy on April 11. The archbishop was joined at the altar by members of the Seton Hall Prep Theology Department, including (left to right) Msgr. Edward Bradley, Father Stephen Kilcarr and Deacon Richard O'Hara, Father James Sheehan (archdiocesan vice chancellor), Headmaster Msgr. Michael E. Kelly and Father William Melillo. Archbishop Myers joined his Easter remarks with congratulations to the school as it celebrates its 150th anniversary during this school year.

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Jesús les contestó:
—Vengan a verlo.

San Juan 1:38-39

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



LIFESAVING LESSON—Saint Michael's Medical Center in Newark recently offered free cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training to 30 people who registered for its CPR for Family & Friends course as part of CPR Week in New Jersey, an outreach effort of the American Heart Association. Supervising the training, far right, is Richard DeLisi, acting director of EMS training at St. Michael's. For more information about Emergency Medical Services (EMS) training, contact DeLisi at (973) 877-5094.

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Breaking the cycle of arrest

ELIZABETH—A partnership between Trinitas Hospital, the Union County Prosecutor's Office and a follow-up treatment program known as Bridgeway, Inc. is aiming to break the cycle of arrest, re-arrest and incarceration of individuals with serious mental illness who commit non-violent offenses.

"Too many people with mental illness who commit non-violent offenses end up in jail when what they really need is treatment," said Department of Human Services Commissioner Kevin Ryan. "The Department of Human Services is pleased to fund this long-overdue pilot project to provide mentally ill people with intervention, counseling, treatment and other services to improve their quality of life, rather than incarceration—the last remedy they need."

Trinitas Hospital's Department of Behavioral Health & Psychiatry will partner with the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health Services as part of an innovative pilot program involving the Prosecutor's Office Special Offenders Unit to divert a number of non-violent mentally ill offenders in Union County from the criminal justice system under the new Jail Diversion Pilot Project (JDPP) that is now combining clinical evaluations and case management services with training sessions for local police and municipal prosecutors.

"Non-violent, mentally ill offenders comprise up to 20 percent of the jail population in New Jersey. It is much more appropriate, in most instances, to divert these individuals into treatment where the cycle of arrest can be broken and they can get the treatment they need in order to return to society," explained James Lape, vice president of the Department of Behavioral Health at Trinitas Hospital.

The target population for receiving these specialized intervention services will be defendants who suffer from a persistent mental illness who

are involved with non-violent third or fourth degree or disorderly persons offenses.

In order to be most effective, crisis intervention and clinical assessments must begin at the earliest possible point so that informed decisions can be made regarding treatment needs before the individual enters the local jail system. An individualized plan for follow-up services can then be developed, including case management, therapy, medication monitoring, substance abuse counseling and meeting housing and employment needs.

Union County Prosecutor Theodore J. Romankow, who testified last year before a legislative committee dealing with crimes involving citizens with specialized mental health issues, said he was pleased to help spearhead the effort to bring the funds to Union County. "Part of our focus will include educating municipal judges, police, public defenders and municipal prosecutors," said the prosecutor, who noted he has made the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains available for this purpose. "Many individuals charged with indictable offenses languish in the county jail or are ultimately sent to prison due to lack of awareness or understanding of their mental illness and we have a Special Offender Unit headed up by Assistant Prosecutor Maureen O'Brien that has begun to tackle some of these difficult cases," the prosecutor added.

Romankow said a great many of those convicted of non-violent crimes such as burglary, theft or minor drug charges will be directly referred to Trinitas for treatment and then to Bridgeway for case management and follow-up services. Through this innovative program, the relationship between the criminal justice system and the local mental health system will be enhanced, and the dynamics of what happens to a mentally ill person facing charges in the municipal and superior courts will be changed, he said.

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Holy Name uses leading-edge system to track heart disease

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital has expanded its positron emission tomography (PET) imaging services to include cardiac PET stress testing making it the first hospital in New Jersey to utilize cardiac PET technology to

determine the presence and extent of heart disease. Less than 50 hospitals in the United States perform cardiac PET stress testing.

"The emerging use of cardiac PET stress testing reinforces its status as one of the most accurate

diagnostic tests for the detection of coronary artery disease and assessment of blood flow to the heart," says Jacqueline Brunetti, M.D., medical director of diagnostic imaging services. "It is also considered the gold stan-

dard for assessing tissue damage in patients who have experienced a significant cardiac event and who would benefit from cardiac catheterization and revascularization."

Cardiac PET stress testing works by assessing myocardial perfusion (blood flow) to the heart at rest and during stress. Blockages in blood flow can lead to a heart attack.

Cardiac PET stress testing is performed while the patient lies down on a table rather than while exercising on a treadmill. It offers patients the following benefits when compared to current, traditional nuclear stress testing: significantly lower false positive results, which afford better accuracy and higher diagnostic certainty, reduced testing time—45 minutes instead of three to four hours, lower radiation exposure and quick and precise evaluation for emergency room patients with chest pain.

The diagnostic accuracy of cardiac PET is also shown to be significantly higher in specific patient groups.

While traditional nuclear testing has been successful in diagnosing heart disease, it often detects the disease in a relatively advanced stage. Cardiac PET shows heart disease in its

early stages and can even detect at-risk situations.

"Images from Cardiac PET stress testing are far superior to those of traditional nuclear stress testing," says Dr. Brunetti. "This improved accuracy assists cardiologists in determining the best course of treatment for their patients, be it medication, angioplasty or surgery. The promise of cardiac PET stress testing is so strong that I envision it will change the way heart disease is assessed."

Holy Name's combination PET/CT scanning system provides state-of-the-art images to evaluate cardiovascular and neurological disorders as well as diagnose, stage, treat and monitor cancer. This revolutionary technology combines the capabilities of positron emission tomography (PET), which reveals the biochemical processes under way in an organ, with computed tomography (CT), which displays the anatomical structure. Its superior ability to detail anatomy, or what tissue looks like, allows physicians to see the exact location and extent of the diseased area.

Holy Name Hospital is among 45 medical institutions participating in a national clinical trial to determine the efficacy of modalities used in the evaluation of coronary artery disease (CAD).

Valuable wellness lessons learned

RAMSEY--A full day of wellness seminars was presented recently to kindergarten through eighth grade students at St. Paul Interparochial School.

The young people were given information on nutrition, tobacco abuse, sugar cravings, the health risks of body art, spine and back safety, spinal cord and brain injury prevention, body image, fitness, physical therapy, "stranger danger," safety at home and in the community, First Aid, cancer protection, hygiene, dental health and more.

The mayor and council were on hand to begin the program. Sponsors included The Ramsey Alliance Against Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Panera Bread and Dunkin Donuts of Ramsey.

Presenters were volunteers from the community and health professional parents of St. Paul School including Tami Mackle MS RD, Abma's Farm Health Barn; Rachel Ledner of



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Karen Kurtz's fifth grade class was among the students at St. Paul School, Ramsey, to have a full day of wellness seminars presented to them by volunteers and professionals from the community.

Community Action Taskforce; Hema Daswani and Diane Nedelkoff, Holistic Health Counselors; Joanne Hayden, Health Educator BCHC; Dr. Dale Fairchild, Chiropractor; Sandy Mariani RN and Ronald Moore of Think First Program from Kessler Institute; Linda Meiman, Physical Therapist; Tamie Proscia-Lieto, MD; T. Shoemaker, Ramsey

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R.M.C.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN
Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me that you are my mother. Oh Holy Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. I place this cause in your hands. Amen. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. Novena is published in gratitude. Thank you.

W.B.

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Holy Spirit, You who solve all problems, who light all roads so that I can attain my goals. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me, and that in all instances of my life, You are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things and to confirm once again, that I never want to be separated from You, even and in spite of all material illusion. I wish to be with You in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. Amen. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. Published in gratitude of grace attained and for many requests granted.

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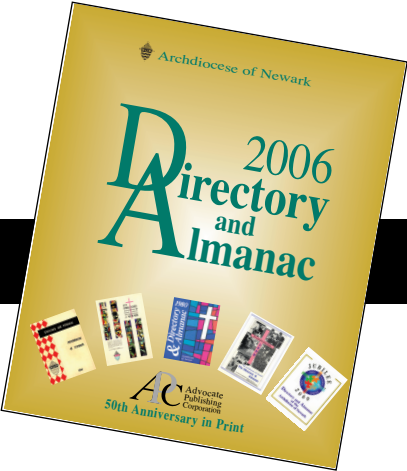
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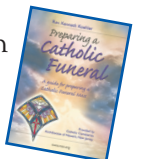
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