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Catholic groups launch adult stem cell initiative

Research hinges on blood, cord donations from 15 NJ hospitals

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

TRENTON—The Catholic HealthCare Partnership of New Jersey (CHCPNJ) and New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC) joined Assemblyman Neil Cohen (D-20) at the State House on May 23 in support of adult stem cell research in conjunction with initiatives at all state Catholic hospitals to promote donations of placenta and umbilical cord blood.

The announcement followed state Senate passage on May 18 of

a bill providing \$200 million to fund stem cell research facilities and \$50 million for biomedical research facilities.

The Catholic Church is against embryonic stem cell research, which results in the destruction and/or cloning of a four- to five-day-old human embryo. It is Catholic teaching that an embryo is like any other human being and must be defended in its integrity. Stem cells collected from placenta blood and the umbilical cord of a newborn, however, do no harm to a human embryo and are rich with

cells that can be used to find cures and treatments for illnesses such as multiple sclerosis, diabetes, spinal cord injuries and lupus.

Father Joseph Kukura, the president of Princeton-based CHCPNJ, encouraged a meeting two months ago among himself, Cohen and Bill Bolan, the executive director of NJCC. Although they had differing opinions, all agreed that adult stem cell research was an important tool in finding medical miracles.

"There was no executive order, no bill introduced. We had our theological and social disputes, but we worked together to support adult stem cell research," Cohen said.

Father Kukura said he plans to educate people in all of the state's

15 Catholic hospitals about the urgent need for placenta blood and umbilical cord donations. Some hospitals, such as St. Joseph Medical Center in Paterson and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Camden already donate to Community Blood Services in Paramus and Coriell Institute for Medical Research in Camden.

"There are 20,000 babies born in Catholic hospitals in New Jersey each year. Obviously this number of births provides a fertile field of umbilical cord and placenta blood donation. This gives an opportunity for promising research. We are on the threshold of some great things with adult stem cell research that can hopefully provide miracles of hope

and promise. Hopefully, we can be a model for the rest of the country," Father Kukura explained. "The CHCPNJ has to make sure staff, especially those in obstetrics, are educated on umbilical cord and placenta blood donation," he added.

According to the National Institute of Health, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, stem cells can be manipulated to develop into most cells that are in an adult human—for example red and white blood cells, nerve cells, and different organ cells. It is possible, that with further research, organs can be regenerated and illnesses can be treated or prevented.

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'Differently-abled' masses offer comfort for families coping with special needs

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

MIDLAND PARK—It was a Christmas Eve Mass that almost brought Father John O'Connell, pastor of Church of the Nativity, to tears.

That was because it was the first of what has become a groundbreaking effort here at the Bergen County parish—monthly Sunday Masses for the "differently-abled," mostly youngsters and young adults with Downs Syndrome or Autism.

Its beginnings took shape at the parish several months earlier when Janet Nemec, director of lay ministries, and Dolores Fernandez, co-president of the pastoral council, crossed paths.

Her "lifelong friend," explained Nemec, has a 16-year-old son with Autism. "While not a special education professional, I worked with him during his early intervention program and

have since become involved with his life more indirectly," she said.

Religion, Nemec continued, "plays an important role in my friend's life." Attending Mass became part of the young man's individual education program as well as his religious education instruction in preparation for his First Eucharist, she said.

"Having witnessed the wonderful experience" of her friend and her son, Nemec approached Fernandez about a religious education program for children with special needs. Both went to Olivia Harrington, coordinator of religious education, and then talked with Father O'Connell. Harrington subsequently contacted the archdiocesan Apostolate for People with Disabilities. What emerged was Giving Religious Education with Alternative Teaching (GREAT). That program began at Church

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A flag-draped Mass in Colonia



MEMORIAL DAY PRAYERS, BLESSINGS—Memorial Day masses were held at five cemeteries managed by the Archdiocese of Newark. Msgr. Robert E. Emery J.C.L., M.A. (center), archdiocesan vicar general, served as the main celebrant at Saint Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia, and blessed the new garden mausoleum there. Over 800 people, including members of the Knights of Columbus, attended the alfresco Mass. Pictured with Msgr. Emery are Msgr. William B. Naedele (left), director of the archdiocesan Catholic Cemeteries group, and Father Joseph Kubiak, O.F.M., Cap., of the Diocese of Metuchen. See page three for photos of Memorial Day masses held at cemeteries in East Hanover and North Arlington.

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The 17 members of this year's ordination class, the largest in the nation, were ordained by Archbishop John J. Myers at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on Saturday morning, May 27. Before Mass Archbishop Myers led the ordinandi in recitation of the rosary in the garden of the Cathedral Basilica. In the Litany of Supplication the new priests prostrated themselves on the altar including Father James Tucker and Father Rafael Galves-Pineda. Following the anointing of hands, Father Larry Fama, Parochial Vicar at St. Helen Parish, Westfield, helped newly ordained Father Antonio Nuno Goncalves Rocha, wash his hands. Father Bryan Page gave his first blessing to the archbishop while Father Joseph Kwiatkowski promised "respect and obedience" to the archbishop and his successors. Father Brian Needles made a last-minute check in the mirror as he vests prior to Mass.

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Memorial Day: a moment to pause, honor all those who made the ultimate sacrifice



OUR HONORED DEAD—Under brilliant blue skies some 850 faithful attended the annual Memorial Day Mass at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover. Mass was celebrated by Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, (left photo) auxiliary bishop of Newark, who was also the homilist. He cited the ultimate sacrifice of those in uniform who died for their country. During Mass Bishop da Cunha blessed the new garden mausoleum. The Mass ended with “God Bless America.”



BLESSED REMEMBRANCE AT HOLY CROSS CEMETERY—Most Reverend John W. Flesey, (inset), auxiliary bishop of Newark, was the main celebrant at the annual Memorial Day Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington. Over 1,300 people attended the outdoor event, which featured music, prayers and poetry. Members of the Knights of Columbus Msgr. Peter B. O'Connor Assembly 1543, North Arlington, were on hand in their full, colorful regalia. Bishop Flesey, during his homily, read a heartfelt poem that he dedicated to his uncle, who served during World War II. Deborah Baseil (second from right, holding notebook) was the featured soloist, leading the gathering in song. The highlight performance of the morning Mass was her rendition of “Ave Maria.”



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Adult stem cells

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Embryonic stem cell research uses solely in-vitro fertilized eggs and removes the stem cells, killing the embryo and, in the process, requires therapeutic cloning. Human embryonic stem cells were first isolated for use in 1998. A recent poll conducted by International Communications Research (ICR) shows that 48 percent of Americans oppose federal funding of stem cell research that requires destroying human embryos, while only 39 percent support such funding. The poll was commissioned by the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

Adult stem cells, however, have been studied since the 1960s. They can be collected from select human organs or can be found in the blood of umbilical cords and afterbirth. When a mother chooses to donate her child's umbilical cord for stem cell research, the process has to be done immediately after the child is born. The cord is collected by the doctor or nurse and placed in a sterile kit provided by the umbilical cord banks. The

blood is then sealed and delivered to a laboratory for testing, processing and storage in a freezer.

In order to provide more thorough research, stem cells from all ethnic groups must be collected. So far, the samples do not have enough minority donors, however Father Kukura believes that Catholic hospitals can help fill this dearth. "There is an urgent need in minority communities for donors. Since most of the Catholic hospitals are in cities with minority population, success is going to come," Father Kukura said.

Archbishop John J. Myers, writing in his newspaper column last year, declared his support for medical research involving adult and non-embryonic stem cells (See *The Catholic Advocate*, June 29, 2005). Archbishop Myers, in the article, touted a technology known as "Altered Nuclear Transfer Oocyte Assisted Reprogramming," which is consistent with Church teaching on the dignity of human life. He also noted that adult stem cells from bone marrow and umbilical cords provide therapies for more than 50



Advocate photo - Melissa McNally

Father Joseph Kukura, president of the Catholic HealthCare Partnership of New Jersey (CHCPNJ), plans to educate people in all of the state's Catholic hospitals about placenta blood and umbilical cord donations.

diseases. Archbishop Myers is the president of the NJCC.

Boland supports adult stem cell research because it is in accordance with the Church's belief in the sanctity of human life. The NJCC expresses the views of Catholic bishops across the state and speaks on matters of public policy such as healthcare and human rights.

"I am excited about the promotion of adult stem cell research and this initiative has the support of New Jersey Catholic bishops," Bolan said. The organization plans to show its support by providing an insert for weekly bulletins for every Catholic parish in the state.

Cohen is committed to stem cell research and believes that science is constantly evolving. "Stem cell research is changing on an hourly basis," he said. "My goal is to make New Jersey one large state laboratory. All participants in stem cell research are technicians in the fight against diseases. The education process has to begin early for all involved in donation. Hopefully our initiative will start a firestorm across the country."

He also expressed hope that this research can alleviate the suffering of millions nationwide. "There are elderly people literally losing parts of their bodies and dying undignified deaths due to diseases that can hopefully be treated or cured by stem cell research," Cohen said.

Assemblyman Louis Greenwald (D-6) also announced his support of adult stem cell research. Greenwald, chair of the Assembly Budget Committee, has

had personal experience with umbilical cord blood donation. In 1998, he went to visit Coriell Institute and learned more about stem cell research. After his mother-in-law died of cancer, he and his wife decided to donate the umbilical cord blood of their child. "We were one of the first families in New Jersey to donate. For as long as my children live, they have a perfect match of healthy cells at Coriell."

Greenwald and his family relied on faith during his mother-in-law's illness. "No family could have prayed harder. In this case, God's plan was different from our plans." Putting aside religious and political differences is what makes the promotion of adult stem cell research so important, Greenwald said. "To focus on how we differ misses the whole point. We have to focus on the vast majority we do agree on in order to move forward. We are concentrating on what binds us together, not what separates us. We all acknowledge that there is something greater than ourselves. We need to continue to move down the road of adult stem cell research so we can answer people's prayers, no matter what religion they are."

'Differently-abled' masses

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of the Nativity with seven families in January.

Nemec and Fernandez attended an informational meeting about GREAT prior to its launch.

During those discussions, "it became evident," noted Nemec, that "these families were not comfortable attending Sunday Mass due to the behavior of their children." That is when Fernandez talked with the pastor who immediately backed what has become the differently-abled Mass and scheduled the first Mass of its kind for Christmas Eve.

Reflecting on the genesis of the masses, Fernandez said it was clear that the Sunday Mass experience, which most families "take for granted," affects families of special-needs children quite differently.

Recalling the Christmas season, she soon learned that those families "never go" to Christmas masses primarily due to the crowds, which she described as a "tough environment" for their children. Her reaction to Father O'Connell's decision to add a Christmas Eve Mass, was that it was "just such a gift."

Nemec and Fernandez vividly remember that before Mass, the pastor spoke to the families. He told them, they fondly recalled,

that the church is God's house, a place where they should feel comfortable and the children can "be who they are." The Mass, Nemec said, was a "magical 30 minutes." Fernandez used two words to describe the experience "absolutely wonderful."

The differently-abled masses, Father O'Connell stressed, were established so as not to "shun" affected families while at the same time, "encourage" them to attend Mass together as a family.

Although most churches have "crying rooms" available at "mainstream" masses, the pastor emphasized it is still "difficult" for families with special-needs children to attend—often because they feel "embarrassed."

Father O'Connell said he sees the differently-abled masses as "the perfect opportunity to reach out to God's children and satisfy their (spiritual) needs." His homily is "tailored" to the children. The goal, he continued, is to make everyone "comfortable." The first step, noted the pastor, is to "get to the parents before the children." After Mass, specially designed CCD classes are held for the youngsters.

Father O'Connell made special mention of a recent Mass where an autistic young man was an altar server on his birthday.



Father John O'Connell celebrates a "different" kind of Mass at The Church of the Nativity, located in Midland Park. Pictured with him are, left to right, Doug Duchak, Merri Duchak and their son, Cory. The Bergen County parish recently launched monthly Sunday masses for the differently-abled—mostly youngsters and young adults with Downs Syndrome or Autism.

The pastor called it "a wonderful experience." He sees the differently-abled masses as the Church "reaching out" to the affected youngsters and their families. "I get more out of it than they do," he confessed.

It was Merri Duchak's 16-year-old son who was the altar server on his birthday. When she heard of the differently-abled masses, said Duchak, she "jumped at the opportunity."

Her son being an altar server, said his proud mother, was a "highlight" for him and the family. His two siblings, Duchak explained, had been altar servers and she "never thought"

her son would do the same. She described him as "proud of himself" because he was in an atmosphere that was "relaxed and not overwhelming" for him. The masses, Duchak added, encompass such a "welcoming environment."

Before the differently-abled masses, Duchak continued, her husband had to stay home with their son. Now they are able to attend Mass "as a whole family." Even though Cory can now attend a traditional Mass, explained his mother, the family "looks forward" to attendance at the monthly differently-abled masses because Cory "finds the

relaxed environment of the Mass more enjoyable."

It is hoped that eventually similar masses will be celebrated at neighboring parishes so that a weekly schedule can be established, Fernandez said. The importance of such masses, she stressed, is acceptance. As Fernandez sees it, these youngsters are to be "loved for who they are." She sees the masses as "showing them the face of God, we all deserve to feel loved by God."

This theme of the Church providing "compassionate inclusion" for families with special needs or welcoming people with disabilities was discussed recently by Anne Masters, the program director of the Apostolate-People with Disabilities, part of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark (See *The Catholic Advocate*, May 10). Masters said her ministry supports the inclusion of people with disabilities in the life and mission of the Church. "This is done specifically at the local parish level, by working collaboratively with the parish leadership," she explained in her column.

Visit the National Catholic Partnership on Persons with Disabilities online at www.ncpd.org or contact the Apostolate-People with Disabilities, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark at (973) 266-7971 or anne_masters@ccsnewark.org.

Prayers abound for John Paul II's beatification

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

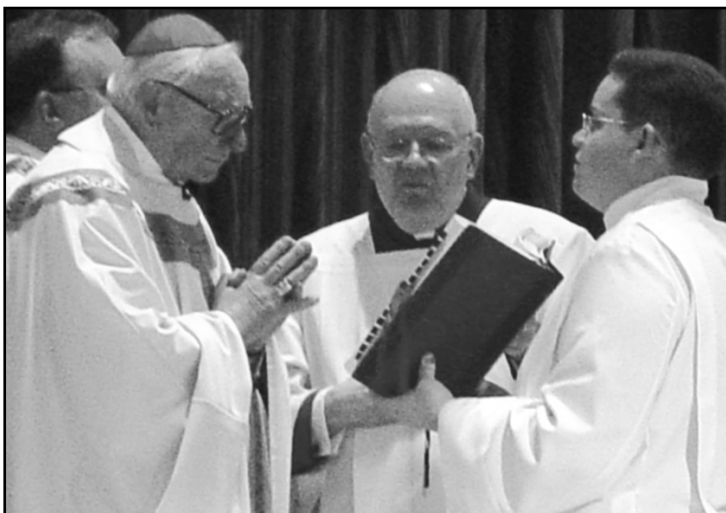
NEWARK — Vatican Archbishop Szczepan Wesoly celebrated Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on April 27, in support of the beatification of Pope John Paul II, as part of the 17th Annual Polish American Priest Association Convention.

The theme of the April 24-28 convention was applying the philosophies of Pope John Paul II in the United States and garnering support for is speedy beatification.

In welcoming remarks, Archbishop John J. Myers praised the late Holy Father. "Pope John Paul II was the son of Poland and a citizen of the world. Today, we celebrate his legacy and welcome people from every nation. Poland has a rich Catholic culture, which is a great gift."

Young children and adults wore colorful traditional Polish costumes in bright reds and greens as they carried flowers and photographs of Pope John Paul II, Mary and Jesus down the aisle. Flag bearers and gift carriers were also dressed in colorful fabrics, expressing the pride of their homeland and celebrating their heritage.

Father Mirosław Krol, parochial vicar at Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish in Harrison,



Advocate photo - Melissa McNally

Archbishop Szczepan Wesoly (left) from the Vatican celebrated the Mass on April 27 for the beatification of Pope John Paul II. The Mass marked the first anniversary of the late Holy Father's passing.

was the convention chairman. Father Krol believes the convention is important not only because it builds solidarity between Polish priests, but explores how to reach

everyone in all communities with the spirit of Pope John Paul II.

"We as priests have great testaments of Pope John Paul II. He showed that we have to live

what we preach. It is not enough to proclaim the whole Gospel, we have to live it."

Father Krol noted how the late Pope had a profound impact on young people as he recognized them as the future of the Church. "Young people were listening to him like he was a rock star. People were starving for truth

and the whole world was watching when he was dying."

The effect Pope John Paul II had on the world and his influence in Church teaching may result in a quick beatification. "I think (his beatification) will happen sooner than we think," Father Krol said. "It may be a surprise for many people, but not for me."

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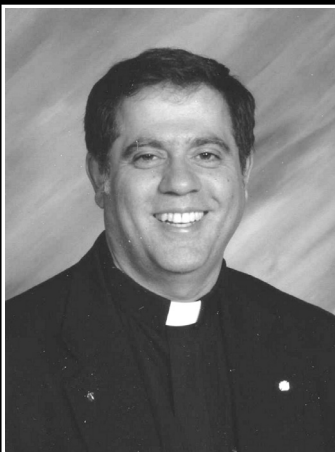
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Reverend Stanley M. Gomes,
Spiritual Director at St. Andrew College Seminary, Seton Hall University, has also been appointed part-time Director of Adjunct Clergy in the Office of Clergy Personnel, effective June 21.

Reverend Joseph A. Meagher,
Parochial Vicar of St. John the Apostle Parish, Linden, has also been appointed part-time director of Respect Life in the Archdiocese of Newark for a term of three years, effective July 1.

PAROCHIAL VICARS

Reverend Donato Cabardo, Jr.,
Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City, has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Bartholomew Parish, Scotch Plains, effective June 21.

Reverend James N. Chern,
Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, West Orange, has been appointed parochial vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, effective June 21.

Reverend Salvatore DiStefano,
Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Lyndhurst, has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Stephen Parish, Kearny, effective June 21.

Reverend Francesco Donnarumma,
Parochial Vicar of St. Rocco/St. Brigid Parish, Union City, has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Union City, effective June 21.

Reverend Larry Evans, II,
Parochial Vicar of the Church of Presentation, Upper Saddle River, has been appointed parochial vicar of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City, effective June 21.

Reverend Giuseppe Fedele,
Parochial Vicar of Immaculate Conception Parish, Secaucus, has been appointed parochial vicar of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, effective June 21.

Reverend Basil L. Lek,
Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Oradell/New Milford, has been appointed parochial vicar of Holy Cross Mission, Grand Turks Island, British West Indies, effective June 21.

Reverend Joao Bosco Lima,
part-time parochial vicar of the parishes of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Orange and Holy Trinity/Epiphany, Newark, has been appointed full-time parochial vicar of Holy Trinity/Epiphany Parish, Newark, effective June 21.

Reverend Sean A. Manson,
Parochial Vicar of St. Mary Parish, Plainfield, has been appointed parochial vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, effective June 21.

Reverend Jacek Marchewka,
Parochial Vicar of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, has been appointed parochial vicar of Presentation Church, Upper Saddle River, effective June 21.

Reverend Nigel R. Mohammed,
Parochial Vicar of St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Paul Parish, Ramsey, effective June 21.

Reverend Philip A. Sanders
has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, effective Aug. 1.

Reverend James V. Teti
Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Verona, has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, effective June 21.

Reverend James R. White,
Chaplain/Campus Minister at Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell, has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Luke Parish, Ho-Ho-Kus, effective June 21.

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Reverend Fabio Venturini,
Parochial Vicar of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Union City, has been released to Itinerancy in the Way, effective June 21.

RELEASE

Reverend Emmanuel Bornhauser,
Pastor of Holy Cross Mission, Grand Turks Island, British West Indies, has been released for pastoral ministry within the Archdiocese of Marseille, France, for a period of three years, effective June 21.

Reverend Luis Orlando Gonzalez,
Parochial Vicar of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, has been released for pastoral ministry within the Archdiocese of Nairobi, Kenya, for a period of three years, effective June 21.

Reverend Alfonso Picone,
Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, Garfield, has been released for pastoral ministry within the Diocese of Bridgeport, Connecticut, for a period of three years, effective June 21.

Reverend Julio I. Roman,
part-time parochial vicar of St. Anne Parish, Jersey City, and part-time parochial vicar of St. Columba Parish, Newark, has been released for pastoral ministry within the Archdiocese of Asuncion, Paraguay, for a period of three years, effective June 21.

Reverend Ivan Sciberras,
Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, has been released for pastoral ministry within the Archdiocese of Agana, Guam, for a period of three years, effective June 21.

THE NEWLY ORDAINED

Reverend John R. Barno
has been appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills, effective June 26.

Reverend Gerald J. Buonopane
has been appointed parochial vicar of Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington, effective June 21.

Reverend Esterminio Chica
has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Elizabeth, effective June 30.

Reverend James H. Cho
has been appointed parochial vicar of Assumption Parish, Emerson, effective June 21.

Reverend James P. Ferry
has been appointed parochial vicar of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, West Orange, effective June 21.

Reverend Giandomenico M. Flora
has been appointed parochial vicar of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, effective June 21.

Reverend Rafael Galvez Pineda
has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Andrew Parish, Westwood, effective June 21.

Reverend Zeljko J. Guberovic
has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Anthony Parish, Union City, effective June 21.

Reverend Joseph Kwiatkowski
has been appointed parochial vicar of the Parish of the Annunciation, Paramus, effective June 21.

Reverend Kyung Paul Lee
has been appointed parochial vicar of the Parish of Madonna, Fort Lee, effective June 21.

Reverend Jacek Napora
has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, Linden, effective June 21.

Reverend Brian X. Needles
has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York, effective July 12.

Reverend Bryan E. Page
has been appointed parochial vicar of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Verona, effective June 21.

Reverend Antonio N. Rocha
has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Agnes Parish, Clark, effective June 21.

Reverend Raul Silva
has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Oradell/New Milford, effective June 21.

Reverend James G. Tucker
has been appointed parochial vicar of Immaculate Conception Parish, Secaucus, effective June 21.

Reverend Rafael Velazquez
has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Mary Parish, Plainfield, effective June 21.

NEWLY ORDAINED TRANSITIONAL DEACONS

Reverend Mr. Renato Jacinto Bautista
has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. Henry Parish, Bayonne, effective May 30 to April 26, 2007.

Reverend Mr. William Francis Benedetto
has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, effective May 30 to April 26, 2007.

Reverend Mr. Mariano Nicolas Dellagiovanna,
has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. Mary Parish, Plainfield, effective May 30 to April 26, 2007.

Reverend Mr. Manuel Duenas
has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at Holy Family Parish, Nutley, effective May 30 to April 26, 2007.

Reverend Mr. Oscar Daniel Fonseca
has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. Francis de Sales Parish, Lodi, effective May 30 to April 26, 2007.

Reverend Mr. Sebastian Jose Garcia
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has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington, effective May 30 to April 26, 2007.

Reverend Mr. Michael Sean Patrick Trainor
has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City, effective May 30 to April 26, 2007.

Reverend Mr. Maciej Jan Zajac
has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, effective July 1.

Reverend Mr. Jaime Hostios,
newly ordained transitional deacon of the Diocese of Camden, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, effective Sept. 9 to April 26, 2007.

Reverend Mr. Yvans Jazon,
newly ordained transitional deacon of the Diocese of Camden, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at Holy Trinity Parish, Westfield, effective Sept. 9 to April 26, 2007.

Reverend Mr. Hong Chol Kim,
newly ordained transitional deacon of the Diocese of Metuchen, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at a parish in his diocese.

Reverend Mr. Richard Narciso,
newly ordained transitional deacon of the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. Peter & Paul Parish, Hoboken, effective Sept. 9 to April 26, 2007.

Reverend Mr. John Olson,
newly ordained transitional deacon of the Diocese of Wilmington, Delaware, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, effective Sept. 9 to April 26, 2007.

Reverend Mr. Anthony Pileggi,
newly ordained transitional deacon of the Diocese of Wilmington, Delaware, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. Joseph Parish, Maplewood, effective Sept. 9 to April 26, 2007.

Reverend Mr. Victor Silva,
newly ordained transitional deacon of the Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island, has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. Cecilia Parish, Kearny, effective Sept. 9 to April 26, 2007.

We would like to thank everyone who made these awards possible

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

NEWARK—*The Catholic Advocate*, along with its Spanish-language sister publication *N.J. Catolico* and the archdiocesan *Directory and Almanac* are most honored to be recipients of multiple Catholic Press Association (CPA) awards for work done in 2005.

The honors—seven in total—were presented last month in Nashville, TN, at the annual convocation of the CPA of the United States and Canada.

The event was a colorful tapestry of more than 400 Catholic editors, reporters, writers, producers, publishers, photographers, and graphic designers from throughout North America.

The CPA, which is based in Ronkonkoma, N.Y., reviewed the work of newspapers, magazines, books, Web sites and TV stations in various categories. The Catholic press represents “advocacy jour-

nalism” at its best—communications with a clear mission, a well-defined audience and passionate point of view.

It’s fun to win awards and it’s a great honor to be recognized by your peers. But the “real story” here is that these awards offer a clear benchmark, indicating we are—to the best of our abilities—fulfilling our mission to communicate with the good people in the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark as well as promote the ministry of Archbishop John J. Myers.

We are most proud of garnering second place in the CPA category of “general excellence” for diocesan newspapers with a circulation over 40,000. “Lots of well-written staff stories, strong commentary and a reflection of community diversity are hallmarks of *The Catholic Advocate*,” the CPA review stated.

Bravo to *The Catholic Spirit* of St. Paul, MN, for capturing first place; *The Catholic Sun of Phoenix*

for taking third place; and *The Clarion Herald* of New Orleans for receiving honorable mention in the general excellence category.

Other awards for *The Catholic Advocate* included first place for “best regular special supplement” (the “Eternal Life” section published on March 23, 2005), which was supported by the Catholic Cemeteries office; third place for “best local retail campaign” (the “Planned Giving” series); and third place for “best single color ad” (the two-page spread for “A Touch of the Old World,” which promoted the Nov. 12, 2005 archdiocesan Heritage Tour).

N.J. Catolico captured honorable mention in the category of “general excellence” (for Spanish newspapers), while Maria de Los Angeles Garcia won third place for “best column, general commentary.” Finally, the Advocate Publishing Corp. took third place for its 2005 *Directory and Almanac* in the “diocesan directory” book category.



There are many people to thank and recognize in the wake of these awards, starting with staff members Marge Pearson-McCue, Ward Miele, Melissa McNally, Father James Worth, Ramona Westbrook, Anita Bethea, Marilyn Smith, Paula Blackman, Carolyn Martins-Reitz, Kelly Gallegos, Mark Chrisco, Marisa Inclan and Brian Fores.

Thanks go to the support of the publication’s group leader, Deacon Joseph A. Dwyer Jr., the vice chancellor of administration, along with Archbishop Myers; Fred Bauer, development consultant; James Goodness, archdiocesan director of communications; and other members of the archdiocesan senior staff.

We’d like to thank Bartash Printing, Philadelphia, the printer of *The Catholic Advocate*. Bartash has proven to be a reliable, strate-

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Finally, we would like to thank you—our readers—for your support and interest in our publications. It is our great pleasure and honor to serve you. Without our readers, none of our accomplishments would be possible. We are very proud to bring home the seven CPA awards to the Archdiocese of Newark.

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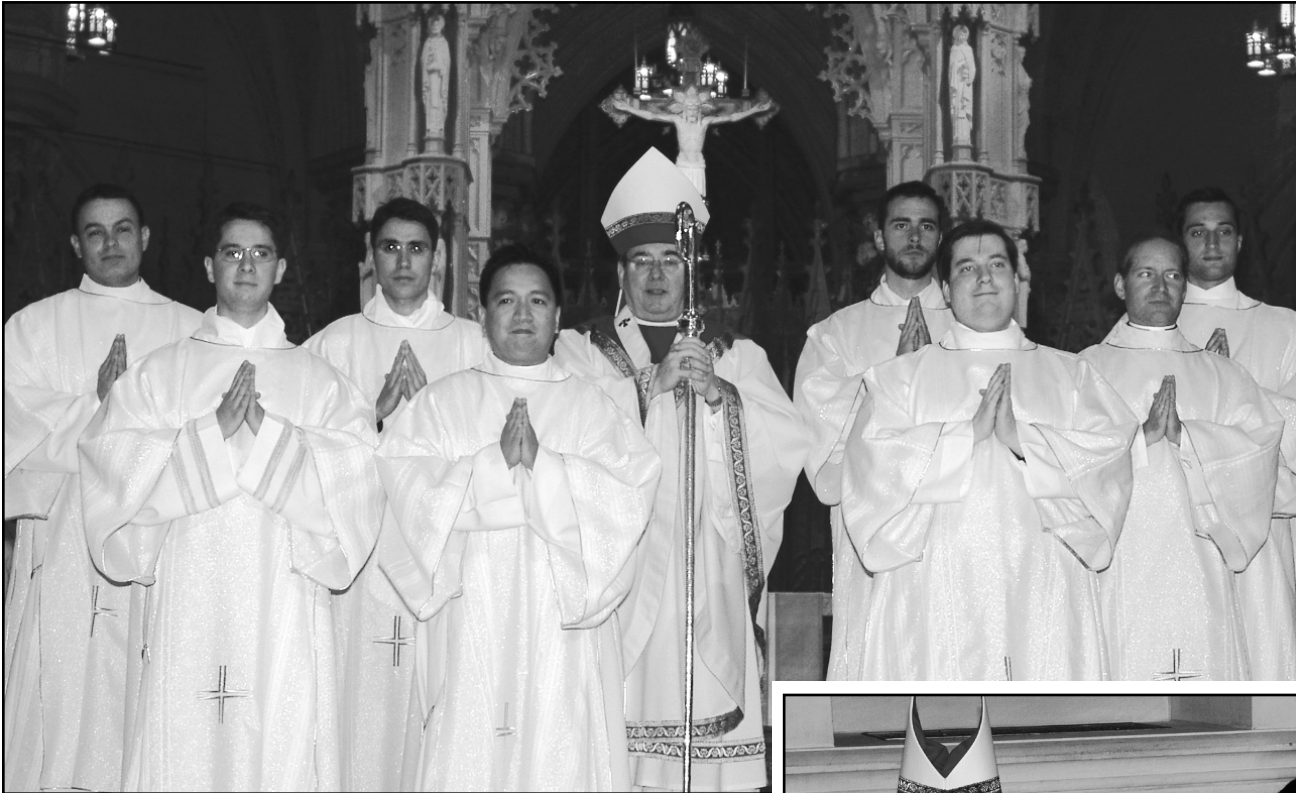
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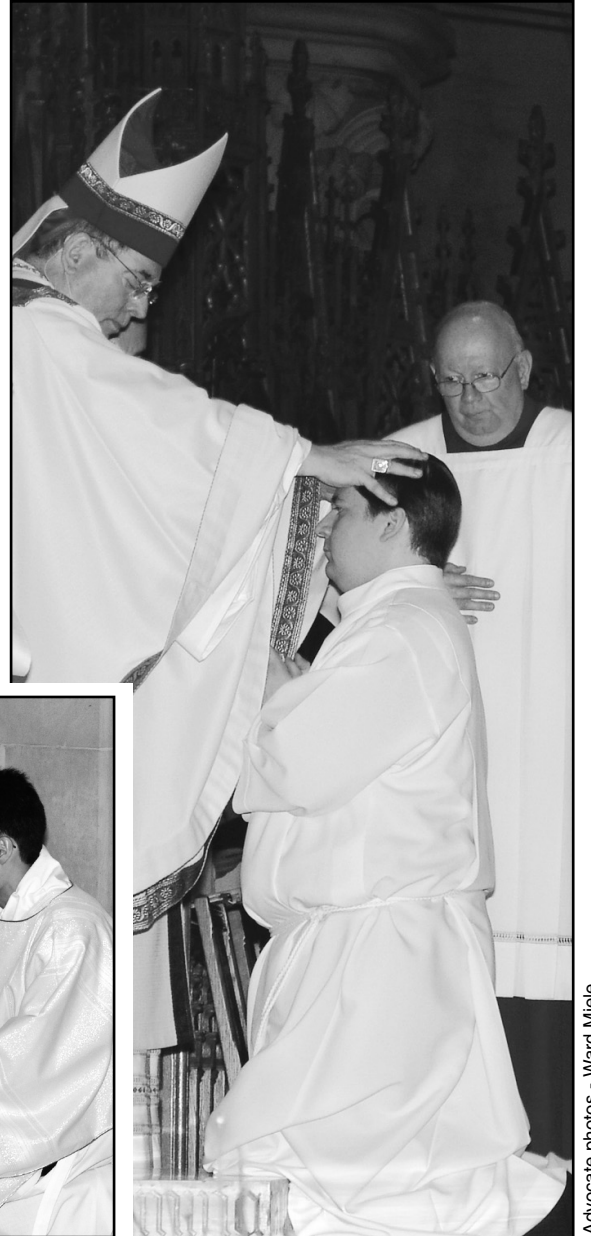
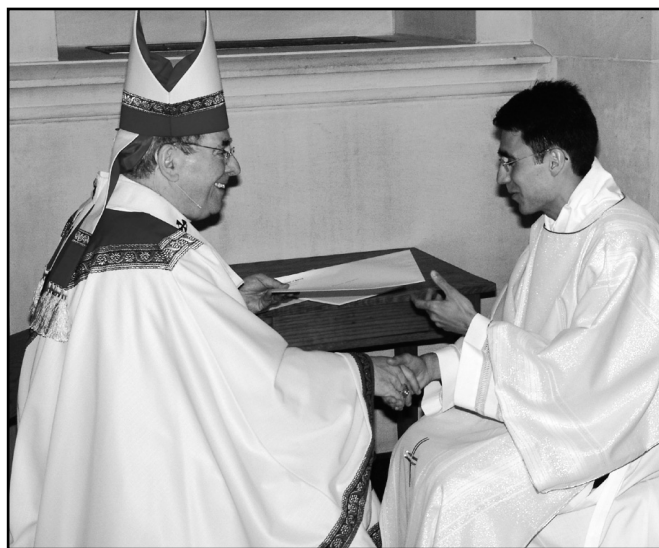
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Eight new deacons to serve the archdiocese



FOR THE SERVICE OF THE CHURCH OF NEWARK—Archbishop John J. Myers ordained eight transitional deacons last month at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. At the end of Mass, top photo, Archbishop Myers joined the new deacons on the steps of the altar. Receiving the applause of family and friends are, left to right, front row, Rev. Mr. Mariano Dellagiovanna, Rev. Mr. Renato Bautista and Rev. Mr. William F. Benedetto. In the back row are Rev. Mr. Oscar Fonseca, Rev. Mr. Manuel Duenas, Rev. Mr. Sebastian Garcia, Rev. Mr. Michael S.P. Trainor and Rev. Mr. John Sillup. In the photo at the right, Rev. Mr. Benedetto receives the laying on of hands from Archbishop Myers, which was followed by the prayer of ordination. To the archbishop's left is Msgr. Richard Groncki, rector of the Cathedral Basilica. In the middle photo, after Mass, Rev. Mr. Duenas received his assignment and handshake from a beaming Archbishop Myers.



Advocate photos - Ward Miele

Sacrifice, perfect love found in marriage, priesthood

Archbishop John J. Myers ordained 17 men to the priesthood on May 27, as reported in *The Catholic Advocate*. It is a yearly event, these ordinations. And in my mind I always think of our seminary as the heart of the Church.

It beats once a year and sends the new lifeblood of priestly vocations into the life stream of the Church to reinvigorate and strengthen our Catholic community.

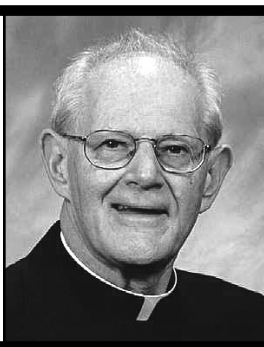
If I had the opportunity to speak to these young men of God, I would utilize an exhortation from years ago. These are words that come from the rite of marriage that we priests used commonly before Vatican II. The advice applies to married life, but somehow I have always felt that it spoke to the life of a priest. The words read, in part, as adapted as follows.

"My dear friends, because God Himself is its author, priestly life requires of those who enter into it a complete and unreserved giving of self. The life you enter with its hopes and disappointments, its successes and its failures, its pleasures and its pains is now hidden from your eyes. You know that those elements are mingled in every life and so are to be expected in your own.

"Therefore, it is a beautiful tribute to your faith

Voices

By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist



that you are so willing and so ready to enter the priesthood. And because your consecration entails such solemn obligations, it is most fitting that you rest your life on the great principle of self-sacrifice.

"And so you begin your consecrated life by the voluntary and complete surrender of your individual life in the interest of the deeper and wider life that is the service of God and His people.

"And whatever sacrifices you may be required to make in the interest of God's people, always make them generously. Sacrifice is difficult and

irksome. Only love can make it easy. Perfect love can make it a joy. We are willing to give in proportion as we love. When love is perfect, our sacrifice will be complete.

"If love of God and His people and the unselfish spirit of perfect sacrifice guides your every action, you can expect the greatest measure of earthly happiness that may be allotted to man in this vale of tears. Nor will God be wanting to your needs. He will pledge you the lifelong support of His grace in the Holy Sacrament which you are about to receive."

It may seem strange that words utilized for marriage may apply so well to the priesthood. But they do. As a priest in his 50th year, I have watched the lifelong gift that my companions, the priests, have conferred upon the Church. I have watched them spend and be spent in the service of this Holy Catholic Church. Almost all have given their lives to God and to the faithful totally and without self-interest.

May these newly ordained men follow the same road as their predecessors. I can promise them, it will not be an easy road. But it will be a path filled with rewards beyond imagination.

God bless and protect them all in the years to come.

(Rev. Msgr. Gilchrist is pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison.)

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follow the same road
as their predecessors.*

Young adults find many reasons to 'Rejoice' at center in Kearny

BY CHRISTY GUERRA

Special to The Catholic Advocate

KEARNY—The gym at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center exploded with praise and song in late April during "Rejoice 2006," a Eucharist-centered weekend retreat that focused on youth and young adults.

The Rejoice retreats, which were introduced to the archdiocese in 1998, provide a chance for teenagers and young adults to avoid the distractions of daily life in order to find spiritual refreshment through songs, rosary prayers and discussion groups.

Over 200 teenagers and young adults attended the recent retreat. Expectations and excitement were high before the event began, with many participants returning to the annual retreat—some for the fourth time.

"There was so much we learned last year. We wanted to keep seeing things in a broader perspective," said Louisa Amoakoh, who attended from Saint Mary's Church in Newark.

"We've heard a lot about it," said Elizabeth Castriani, a new youth minister from Epiphany Church in Cliffside Park, who gathered with a group of high school students before the retreat began. "We thought it would be a good bonding experience for everyone to attend."

Mike Manhardt, a charismatic speaker who has emceed the event since 2001, began the retreat with an introduction and an explanation of the events. Following Manhardt's remarks, the gym was transformed into "the throne room of God" as the Eucharist was placed in a monstrance and set on a high altar that stood in the center of the gym.

Eucharistic Adoration, always the focus of the Rejoice retreats, lasted throughout the entire weekend, with adults taking overnight shifts—volunteering throughout the late night and early morning hours.

Sister Marilyn Minter, C.S.F., one of the many speakers at the event, emphasized the importance of the Eucharist in the lives of young people. "The Eucharist (helps us) to get life right," she declared. "This is where our relationship with Jesus starts. Let's share the Good News and bring others to Him."

As the crowd listened attentively, she also mentioned the importance of those who she called "the original Men in Black," meaning priests who serve all over the world, bringing the joy of Christ to others.

"If we didn't have our brother priests, we wouldn't have the Eucharistic power of Jesus Christ," she said. "Thank God for them."

Other enthusiastic speakers, many from different dioceses, attended the event. Mike and Faith Rose, married young adults who serve as youth ministers in the Paterson Diocese, shared their testimony of grow-

ing in faith as a couple. Tommy Cerami, a member of the Archdiocesan Young Adult Council, explained how Eucharistic Adoration helped him to realize his purpose in life. "The plan God has for you—you cannot top," he said.

Salesian Father Steve Ryan spoke to the crowd about "Service and Social Justice," a topic very close to the hearts of many young people in the Church. Using a video presentation that gave a birds-eye view of poverty around the world, as well as an interactive demonstration that presented how the world's resources are distributed among the wealthiest nations, Father Ryan emphasized how important it is to serve the world and those who are most in need.

"Service can become a habit," he emphasized.

"When we share ourselves, so much can come from it. That is what it means to be a Christian."

The weekend's high point occurred as a meaningful Eucharistic procession took place. After a time of self-reflection led by Father Mike Joly of Sacred Heart Church in Clifton, Father Beaubrun Ardouin, pastor of St. Leo's Church in Irvington, walked among the crowd, pausing in front of each person to give a special blessing with the Eucharist, held high in the monstrance.

Many teens were overcome with emotion as they were blessed, and began to pray together in small groups among themselves. As they prayed, music from the group Grace Notes filled the gym.

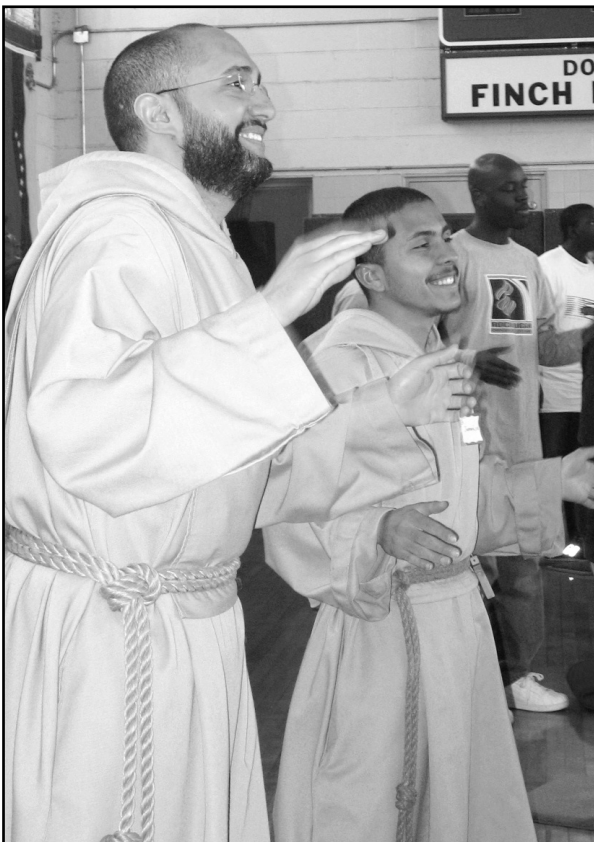
On the last day of the retreat, young people were treated to a Mass celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers, who underlined the importance of what they had experienced at the event.

"It is imperative that the Eucharist becomes a powerful voice in your lives," Archbishop Myers remarked during his homily. "This day starts a new journey for you."

The theme of renewal was clear as the young people were asked to volunteer and share their weekend experience with the crowd. Many of them shared their plans for living their lives for Christ, as well as their excitement over the great experience that they had.

"I found something this weekend I was looking for," said one young man at the closing of the retreat. "And that was compassion. This weekend it hit me all at once. Jesus cures our pain and gives us glory."

Rejoice 2007 is scheduled to take place April 20, 2007. Contact Judy Furka, youth center facility coordinator, by e-mail at furkajud@rcan.org or by phone at (201) 998-0088, ext. 4148, for information. The center is located here at 499 Belgrove Drive. Father Joseph A. Mancini is the executive director of the center and Al Forsythe serves as director.



Advocate photo - Christy Guerra

The Pope Speaks

Pope Benedict XVI



'Stand firm in the faith'

Dear brothers and sisters,

My recent pastoral visit to Poland followed in the footsteps of my predecessor, Pope John Paul II, to the cities of Warsaw and Krakow. I stopped at many places dear to the late pope: the Marian shrine of Jasna Gora, Kalwaria Zebrzydowska and the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Lagiewniki, as well as Wadowice, Karol Wojtyla's birthplace, and Wawel Cathedral, where he celebrated his first Mass. Everywhere I went, I echoed the appeal of Pope John Paul to "stand firm in the faith," to make Christ the foundation of our lives, and to bear witness to the Gospel message of man's dignity as a creature made in the image of God. At the death camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau, a place of horror and godless inhumanity, I paid homage to the victims, including over a million Jews and many Poles. Our only response to Auschwitz can be to contemplate the mystery of the cross, of a love which brings salvation by freely descending into the abyss of evil. Our world must not forget Auschwitz! We need to turn once more to the God of love, who calls us in Christ to build together a world of justice, truth and peace.

Bishops to vote on Mass translation

WASHINGTON (CNS)— The U.S. bishops will be asked to approve a new translation of the Order of Mass when they meet in Los Angeles June 15-17.

If the new translation is adopted as proposed and subsequently approved by the Vatican, Catholics will have to learn a number of changes in their Mass prayers and responses.

Among the more obvious will be:

- Whenever the priest says "The Lord be with you," the people will respond, "And with your spirit." The current response is "And also with you."

- In the first form of the penitential rite, the people will confess that "I have sinned greatly ... through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault." In the current version, that part of the prayer is much shorter: "I have sinned through my own fault."

- The Nicene Creed will begin "I believe" instead of "We believe" — a translation of the Latin text instead of the original Greek text.

- The Sanctus will start, "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God of hosts." The current version says, "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might."

Approving a new text of the Order of Mass is only the first step in a long process of considering and approving a new translation of the entire book of prayers said at Mass. In the United States that book has been called the Sacramentary since 1970, but the Vatican wishes to restore the name Roman Missal, since it is an English translation, with minor adaptations, of the normative Latin "*Missale Romanum*."

Once the bishops adopt new liturgical texts, they must also be confirmed by the Vatican before they can be authorized for use.



Advocate photo - Ward Miele

WELCOME TO THE ARCHDIOCESE—Archbishop John J. Myers (third from left) met with newly recruited seminarians. With the archbishop at his residence in Newark are, left to right, Anthony Marcantone, Robert Saler, Robert McLaughlin and John Lee. With them is Father Brian Plate, (far right) vocations director for the Church of Newark.

Deanery to celebrate Corpus Christi

ELIZABETH—The parishes of Elizabeth Deanery 25 will gather in front of the steps of City Hall at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 18 to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi.

This is the second annual Elizabeth Deanery Corpus Christi procession during which parishioners profess their faith and illustrate the oneness of the Catholic community in the Elizabeth area.

The Solemn Vesper Service will begin at the City Hall stage. Members of the Deanery parishes will participate in Evening Prayer Vespers, join in a procession around Winfield Scott Park and conclude with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Participating parishes include Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary/St. Michael, Immaculate Heart of Mary/St. Patrick, Our

Lady of Fatima, St. Adalbert, St. Anthony, St. Genevieve, St. Hedwig, St. Mary, SS. Peter and Paul, and St. Thomas Aquinas, Newark.

The procession will involve participants from all of these parishes singing hymns both in English and in their native tongues that include Haitian, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, and Spanish.

The concluding prayers will include a blessing on all present. For further information, contact Very Rev. John E. Wassell, Dean of Deanery 25, and pastor of Holy Rosary/St. Michael Parish. He can be reached at (908) 354-2454.

Holy Rosary to host 'Arriba' celebration

JERSEY CITY—Schola Cantorum on Hudson, a 25-voice choral ensemble, will present Arriba, a Mexican celebration of the choral music of Mexico, on Sunday, June 11, 4 p.m. at Holy Rosary Parish, 344 Sixth St., between Monmouth and Brunswick streets.

The concert, spanning five centuries, will feature sacred works of the Renaissance period by Padilla and Franco, into some of which indigenous Aztec elements are woven. Folk music traditions of Mexico appear in songs such as Alevantate, El Butaquito and an exciting arrangement of the popular La Cucaracha. Contemporary sociopolitical themes are represented most prominently in the work of Mexican-born, Albany resident Max Lifchitz.

Schola will present the world premiere of Jorge

Cordoba's work, Celbracion Para El Arcoiris. King "Construction of this concert became particularly thrilling for me through personal contact with two of our composers. Additionally, the inclusion of the prominent Aztec influence in the music of the 16th century has brought a very fresh and exciting approach to the elegance of the cathedral motet style, which is otherwise very much like what would have been heard in Rome at the time," explained artistic director Dr. Deborah Simpkin King.

The concert marks the return of Schola Cantorum on Hudson to its Jersey City roots in its new artistic residence, historic Holy Rosary Parish church.

For ticket information go to www.scholaonhudson.org or call (973) 580-2080.

Msgr. Kelly to mark 40 years

CALDWELL—Msgr. Michael E. Kelly, headmaster of Seton Hall Prep in West Orange, will celebrate the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood at the noon Mass at St. Aloysius Parish on Sunday, June 11.

Msgr. Kelly has been the

weekend assistant at St. Aloysius Parish since his ordination. He has served through six pastors and one administrator.

A half-hour before Mass, Msgr. Kelly will plant a tree on the rectory lawn to mark the occasion. A light reception will follow in the auditorium.



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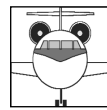
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Parish states mission: to 'Go and Make Disciples'

BY PATRICIA BRAUN

Special to The Catholic Advocate

CEDAR GROVE — St. Catherine of Siena Parish recently participated in its first Parish Reflection Day, part of a new Disciples in Mission program.

A three-year pastoral process to renew faith, revitalize Christian identity and build enthusiasm to share faith with others, Disciples in Mission was introduced in January. The focus of Parish Reflection Day 2006 was goal one of "Go and Make Disciples," the national plan for Catholic evangelization set forth by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Goal one is: "To bring about in all Catholics such an enthusiasm for their faith that, in living their faith in Jesus, they freely share it with others."

Through prayer, reflection and faith sharing, Reflection Day participants affirmed the ways in which their parish is living as a community of disciples, and discussed new ways in which they can serve Christ and carry on His saving work in the future.

The insights and information gathered among the faithful will be utilized to develop a Parish Evangelization Profile. That profile will be used to develop a strategic Evangelization Plan.

A Parish Evangelization Profile is a primary objective of Parish Reflection Day. Other objectives include: involving many parish-

ioners in the work of evangelization, ensuring effective lines of communication between leadership and parishioners, and engendering collaboration among parishioners around a common vision.

Dennis Sedaille, St. Catherine's evangelization coordinator, explained "many of us are afraid of, or intimidated by, the word 'evangelization.' We think of zealous missionaries traveling in pairs, knocking on our doors, and fiery preachers on television. As Catholics, we hardly ever use the word evangelization or associate it with Catholicism. But that is changing, especially because of the leadership of our beloved Pope John Paul II, the United States bishops, and our own Archbishop John Joseph Myers." Sedaille is enthusiastic about his parish's presentation of Disciples in Mission as a way of life. Other team members joined him in emphasizing that the new program is not a one-time activity or short-term achievement, but a way to live life as a disciple of Christ. Sedaille added "since 1983, our Holy Father has been calling for a new Catholic ministry of evangelization...new in method, new in content, new in fervor. Why? Because evangelization is a reasonable and powerful response to what we face in the world today."

In introducing the new program to his parishioners, Rev. Msgr. Charles W. Gusmer, pastor, noted "the process will benefit us



Program participants at St. Catherine of Siena in Cedar Grove discuss parameters of the parish evangelization profile.

as individuals, as a parish faith family, and, as Church."

In addition to Parish Reflection Day, Disciples in Mission offers a variety of faith formation opportunities.

At St. Catherine's, everyone has been involved in personal and communal "Disciples" prayer which began in January and will continue through the Easter Season, until Pentecost. Lent was a particularly faith-enriching time. Illuminating homilies and thematic bulletin inserts inspired the entire parish. Over 500 young families were provided a Family Activity Booklet. It contains an age-appropriate opportunity for family faith-sharing. This activity received rave reviews, with one mother enthusing: "My children and I combined quality family time with a focus on the importance of Lent and the

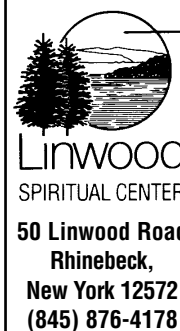
presence of God in our lives. My three-year-old summed it up best by saying 'God helps'."

Also during Lent, 75 parishioners participated in small faith groups. Each gathering was also rated very highly, with reflections such as, "The most valuable part of this experience for me was realizing that each person is on a faith journey and each is at a different stage, which helps when

you have questions and problems to realize you are not alone."

At the conclusion of the Easter Season, Disciples in Mission materials, facilitating a nine-day Pentecost Novena to be prayed at home, will be distributed to all St. Catherine parishioners.

For more information on St. Catherine's experience, contact Sedaille at (973) 857-9665 or drsedaille@aol.com.



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Contact Liliana Soto, arch-diocesan coordinator of Evan-gelization at (973) 497-4353; Father Abraham Orapankal of RENEW International at (908) 769-5400, ext. 22; or Sister Veronica Mendez of RENEW International at (908) 769-5400, ext. 161 for more information.

Earthquake victims need help

AREA—Archbishop John J. Myers has authorized an emer-gency voluntary collection to be taken up at all parishes of the Archdiocese of Newark to assist in relief efforts in the after-math of the massive earthquake that recently struck Indonesia.

Two collections were authorized. The first took place the weekend of June 3-4 and the second will be this weekend, June 10-11. Archbishop Myers also asked that the victims of this dis-aster be remembered in the General Intercessions at Mass.

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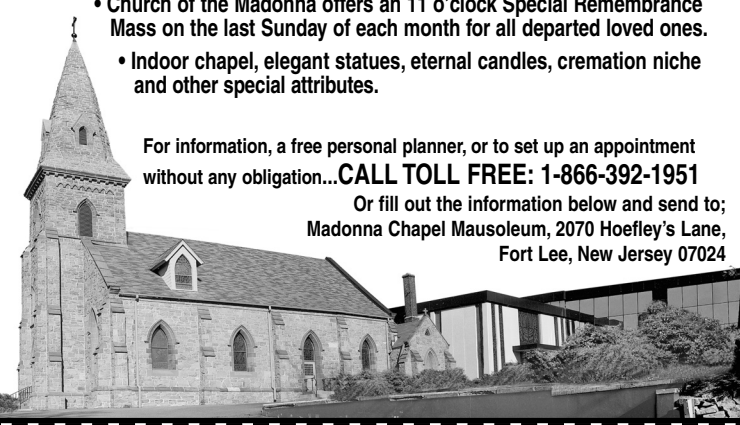
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The family event for funeral directors and their staffs and families has been organized as a

fund-raiser to establish a 9/11 memorial in Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington.

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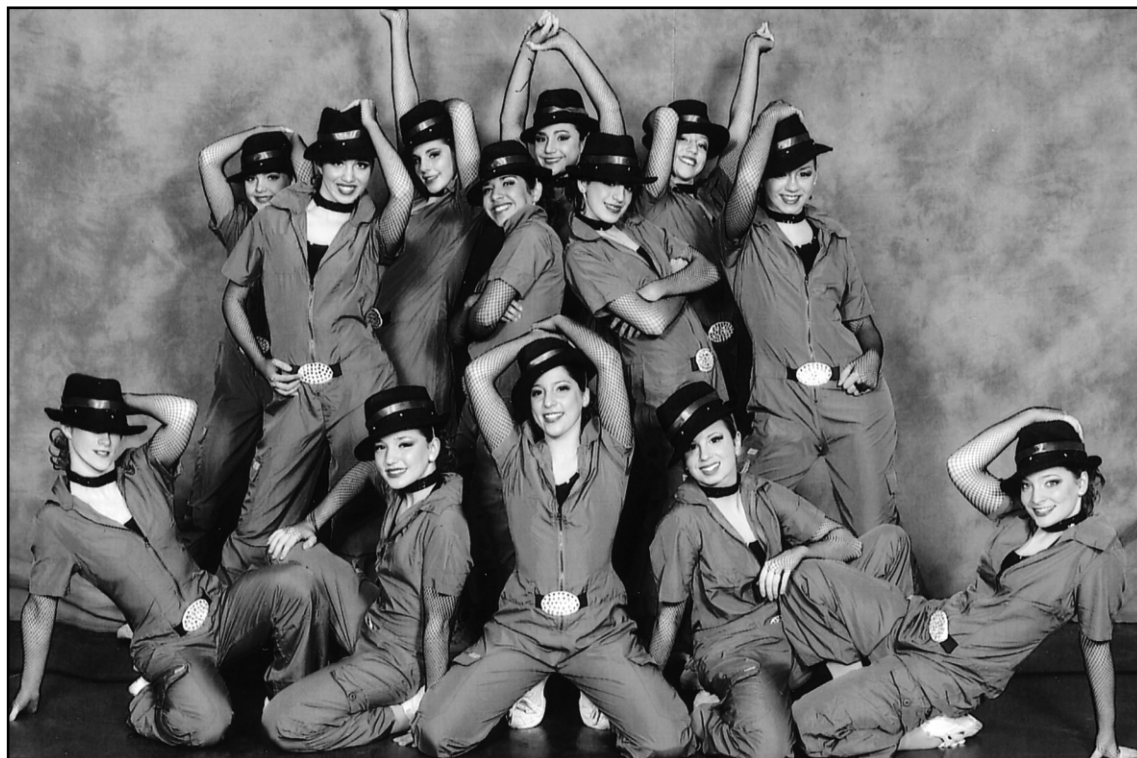
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Dance team adds to its title tally

RAMSEY—The 2005-06 Don Bosco Prep Dance Team, comprised of 13 students from The Academy of the Holy Angels in Demarest, has won the Varsity Pom, Hip Hop and Senior Dance Division of the Battle of the Capitol Atlantic Championship held recently on the Fairfax, VA, campus of George Mason University.

The locals' routine scored a 93.333, the highest score of the day in a field which included 52 varsity, all-star and college routines.

Earlier this year the team placed third in the nation in the Hip Hop Division and fourth in the Pom Division of the National Dance Team

Championships at Disney World in Orlando, FL. Both routines were broadcast on ESPN2.

The team, winners of 14 state championships, has the most titles of any New Jersey State Cheerleading and Dance Coaches' Association member. Rick DeLillo, New Jersey Spirit Coach of the Year, is "very optimistic" about the team's future. "There are only two seniors on this year's team and the underclassmen are very skilled technicians. I have every reason to believe that the Bosco 'dynasty' will continue for many years to come."

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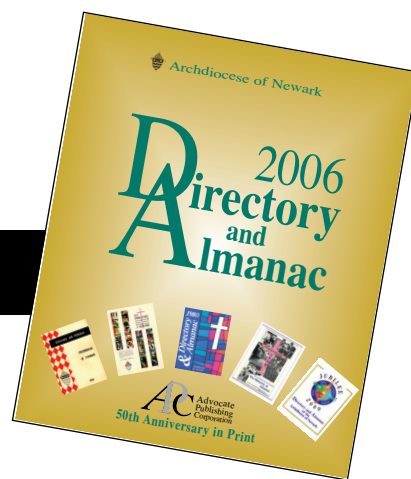
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'Spirit of Achievement' saluted

SOUTH ORANGE—Marylawn of the Orange Academy's 10th annual Spirit of Achievement Dinner, attended by nearly 300 alumnae, faculty, students and friends, netted a record \$59,689 towards scholarship support, academic programs, capital improvements and technology for the all-girls high school.

In commemoration of the school's 70th anniversary, the dinner honored distinguished New Jersey citizens former New Jersey First Lady Mary Jo Codey and St. Benedict's Preparatory School Headmaster Rev. Edward Leahy, O.S.B., as

well as six alumnae and a graduating senior.

Alumnae honorees included Mary Jane Waldron '41, of Orange; Marianne LaFera Grosso '51, of West Orange; Elizabeth Duthie '69, of New York; Deborah Querques Belfatto '71, of Summit; Regina Brazinskas Collins '80, of Chatham and Catherine Davenport '95 Bloomfield.

Mavis Amoakohene '06, a Newark resident and Ghana native, was awarded the prestigious Student of Achievement Award.

The night brought back memories for many as guests

were treated to table displays of memorabilia from each decade between 1940 and 2000, a medley of popular oldies sung by the Marylawn Choir, and musings by four-time Emmy award winning anchor Steve Aduato, Jr. who served as master of ceremonies.

Knowing Jesus is forum topic

NUTLEY — Peter Kreeft, Ph.D., professor of philosophy at Boston College, will address the topic "Knowing Jesus Christ Today" at a special forum June 17 at St. Mary's Parish.

Professor Kreeft is the author of 40 books.

The program in the parish center begins at 4 p.m. with a "covered dish" dinner. An informal question and answer session will take place during dinner. The lecture begins at 7 p.m. and several of the professor's books will be on sale.

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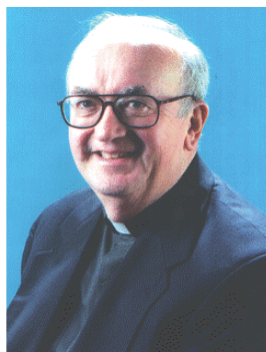
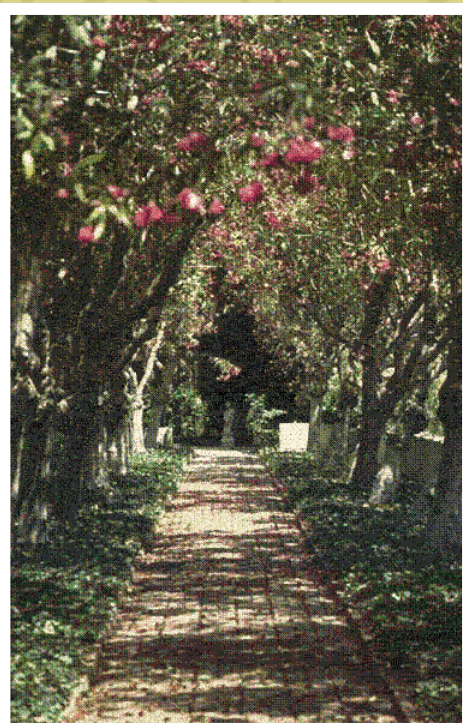
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Class of 2006

'Challenge' issued to SHU graduates

BY LISA HADDOCK

Special to The Catholic Advocate

EAST RUTHERFORD—Noise and black-robed graduates filled the tunnel leading to the floor of Continental Airlines Arena. The degree candidates—some high-spirited, others reflective—shuffled, chatted, and posed for photos.

"It really has been a wonderful experience and I'm proud that I'm a Seton Hall graduate," said Diana Delgado, Class of 2006 and a resident of Wayne.

It was May 8: commencement day for the 149th graduating class of Seton Hall University (SHU). The rite of passage coincides with a landmark year—the 150th since the university's founding.

"This has been great," Avenel resident Jan Murphy said above the din. After a 24-year absence from college, she began working toward a master's degree in healthcare administration through the Seton World Wide online program two years ago. "It's very, very demanding. You meet a lot of people. I think we're closer than we would be if we went to a classroom."

Albert Pike of Calvert County, MD, was on hand to pick up his Master of Arts degree in Asian studies. "I really liked the faculty," Pike said. "The time I spent with them was great."

After the wait, the pageantry began, as dignitaries, faculty, and students streamed on the floor. Despite the age-old ceremony, air horns shrieked, parents cheered, and students waved madly at family. But the day's themes were serious: character, service, faith, patriotism and achievement.

The Most Reverend John J. Myers, J.C.D., D.D., the Archbishop of Newark, stressed the importance of the Catholic faith.

"It has been said that the rightful purpose of education is to know the truth and to live it. The purpose of Catholic education is to learn and to live the truth revealed to us by Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who is the Truth. Today, I challenge you to commit yourselves to that faith as you set out to take your place in the working world, in family life, in further education.

"My prayer for you this morning is that you will do well in whatever your chosen career, profession or vocation; and that you will do well by doing good for others," Archbishop Myers continued. "Our Lord goes with you, and you have the ability to achieve the seemingly impossible.

"Believe in His love," the archbishop said. "Trust that God can reach out to others through you. See the face of Christ in everyone and allow others to see Him in you."

Journalist Brian Williams, the anchor and managing editor of NBC

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The joy of graduation day is abundantly evident on the faces of the Class of 2006 at Seton Hall University as they await their diplomas.

'Challenge'

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Nightly News, delivered the commencement address. His speech had comic moments. After receiving a cheer from the crowd, Williams quipped: "I placed those people in those seats today."

But his overall tone was sobering as Williams spoke of 9/11. He told students that they would face the struggle against global terrorism for years to come. He also stressed the need for loyalty to U.S. soldiers fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"You would be so proud to see them in the field of battle, as I have been so lucky to," he said. "You can hate this war if you wish...but please love these soldiers."

Williams asked military veterans in the audience to stand, and then urged the audience to applaud "loud enough to be heard in Iraq and Afghanistan." A sustained roar rose from the crowd.

Archbishop Myers and Williams were not the day's only speakers. Graduates shared moments from their days at SHU as well as their hopes for the future.

"I gained a knowledge that cannot be measured," John G. Gray, 2006 senior class president, said. "What stands out in my head about these past four years are the laughs, the sad times, the friends, the foes, the loyalty, the disloyalty, the love, the heartache."

Salutatorian Megan Marjorie La Bar commented that "we lived our lives and created many memories as we busied ourselves with classes and the college experience. These Seton Hall memories will now carry us

into the next stages of our lives."

In his charge to the graduating class, University President Msgr. Robert Sheeran '67, S.T.D., told students: "It is one thing to be learned. It is another thing to be virtuous. It is good to be highly educated. It is better to have character. It is best to have both."

After degrees were conferred, Valedictorian Sarah K. Bleiler echoed the archbishop's call to service. "No matter what your future brings, I challenge you to use the principles and ideals that you have learned inside and outside of the classroom to create a world that brings even the smallest bit of happiness and joy to others," Bleiler said. "I give a huge thank you to all our professors, administration, friends, family, mothers, fathers, and most importantly, to God. With all of your love and support, our dreams have become reality."



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Felician lauds 350 graduates

LODI—Diplomas were awarded to the 350 members of the Class of 2006 at Felician College on May 21.

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The former governor delivered the commencement address and handed down some personal advice to the graduates about unexpected opportunities. “As you enter this new world, you control your own destiny,” said Codey. “Be ready when the chance of a lifetime comes your way. What you do with each opportunity is up to you.”

Valedictorian Lisa Selvaggio earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business and urged the Class of 2006 to live their dreams and have fun. “It’s our turn to take the skills and values we



Graduate Michael Krezolek of Clifton gets help with his hood from Professor Jacqueline Bakal.

have learned and put them into motion. We are all capable of achieving our goals and making a difference in society.”

Associate, baccalaureate and graduate degrees were awarded at the ceremony, with special recognition of the Citibank cohort members from the corporate program at Felician College. Gerard P. Dankel, Citibank Vice President for National Training, assisted with the presentation of Bachelor of Arts degrees in business to the Citibank graduates.

At a previous awards ceremony, several students were honored for their academic and personal achievements. Christann Nicole Mongak and Alexander T. Noguera were chosen Student Athletes of the Year.

Kristen Anne Carrotto was selected Student of the Year by the faculty and Committee for Student Affairs at Felician College. Non-traditional students Terri A. Baglieri and Donald Vincent Pieri were elected Woman of the Year and Man of the Year respectively.



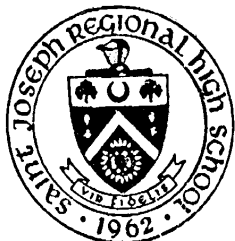
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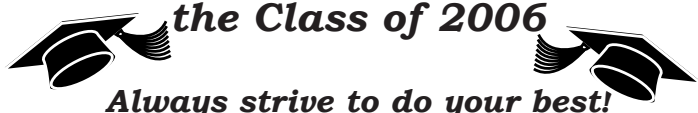
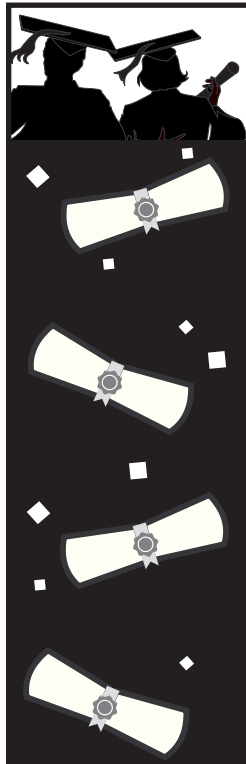
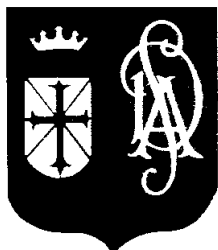
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Caldwell salutes its 'heroes'

CALDWELL — The 333-member Class of 2006 at Caldwell College were awarded degrees last month.

Elizabeth Christopherson, executive director of New Jersey Network (NJN), presented the commencement address. She encouraged the students to build their future by living out Caldwell College's mission of Veritas, which means truth.

Calling Caldwell College "a New Jersey treasure" and a "trailblazer," Christopherson encouraged the graduates to be aware of the greater world around them and to be civic-minded. "Run for school board, join the First Aid squad, volunteer at the library." She said, "Be a hero in your community and your state."

College President Sister Patrice Werner, O.P., Ph.D., told the students that this is a new beginning for them. "We pray that your experiences at Caldwell have heightened your curiosity and interest and have blessed you with the vision and imagination to discover your own world of possibilities and that, in so doing, you will also use your time and talents to make the world a better place and people better for having known you." Sister Patrice reminded the graduates that they



Sister Patrice Werner, O.P., Ph.D., president of Caldwell College, discusses the graduation program with Msgr. Michael Kelly.

will always have a home at Caldwell College.

Nancy Costello Miller '79, college trustee, presented Christopherson with the Doctor of Humane Letters. Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Steven M. Freeman, presented Msgr. Michael E. Kelly, Headmaster of Seton Hall Preparatory school in West Orange, with a Doctor of Letters.

Of the of 333 graduates, 259 students received undergraduate degrees and 74 graduate degrees.

Certificate program available

CALDWELL—Computer Forensics and Networking Security have been added to the certificate programs at Caldwell College.

Both matriculating and non-matriculating (non-degree) students can study on a part-time basis through the Center for Continuing Education.

Each certificate is 27 credits (nine courses) and classes can be taken in the evenings or during accelerated Saturday sessions.

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Academy of the Sacred Heart

in Hoboken held its last graduation!

Thursday, June 1 at 7pm

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Especially the valedictorian, *Reema Sharma*
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The special guest speaker is Sr. Maureen Shaughnessy,
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Photos courtesy of Sacred Heart School

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART—There's never a dull moment at Sacred Heart School in the Vailsburg section of Newark as enthusiastic students participate in a variety of activities including chess, the school choir, various sports such as basketball and a host of school clubs. The basketball teams (grades 5 and 6; grades 7 and 8) won the Hudson County CYO basketball championship in their respective age groups. In addition, the school held its annual Mother's Day and Father's Day family celebrations. The school, led by Brother Patrick Byrne, principal, and located on Hazelwood Avenue, has been educating students and serving the Greater Newark community for 112 years.

High schools award diplomas

AREA—The following is a partial listing of archdiocesan high school valedictorians and salutatorians, along with the dates of recently held baccalaureate masses and graduation exercises at their respective schools.

Union Catholic High School:

Baccalaureate Mass celebrated, June 2; graduation June 3; Valedictorian Bradley Gelles; Salutatorian Kazimierz Filus.

Bergen Catholic High School:

Baccalaureate Mass celebrated June 3; graduation June 4; Valedictorian (First in Merit) Daniel Kenny; Salutatorian (Second in Merit) a tie between Brian Manalo and Patrick Ng.

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Newark:

Baccalaureate Mass celebrated June 2; graduation June 2; Valedictorian Joyce Chang; Salutatorian Karah Joseph.

St. Mary of the Assumption High School, Elizabeth:

Baccalaureate Mass celebrated June 2; graduation June 2; Valedictorian Pedro Duran; Salutatorian Rita Agliata.

St. Aloysius High School, Jersey City:

Baccalaureate Mass celebrated May 31; graduation June 2; Valedictorian Justin Salandanan; Salutatorian Jordan Balocating.

Immaculate Heart Academy,

Washington Township: Baccalaureate Mass celebrated June 3; graduation June 4; Valedictorian Stephanie Amato; Salutatorian Meghan McNulty.

Immaculate Conception High School, Lodi:

Baccalaureate Mass celebrated June 2; graduation June 3; Valedictorian Rebecca Kalnberg; Salutatorian Kaitlyn Maglione.

Hudson Catholic Regional High School:

Baccalaureate Mass celebrated June 1; graduation June 3; Valedictorian Andrew David Anglin; Salutatorian Giorgio Riolo; Class Salutatorian Raymond A. Dib.

Marist High School, Bayonne:

Baccalaureate Mass celebrated June 1; graduation June 3. Valedictorian Noel Alfonso; Salutatorian Janelle Biamonte.

Saint Vincent Academy, Newark:

graduation June 3. Valedictorian Geraldine Richards; Salutatorian Dametria Wertz.

Saint Joseph Regional High School, Montvale:

Baccalaureate Mass celebrated June 3, graduation June 4; Valedictorian Jerome Balbin; Salutatorian Christian Benante.

Roselle Catholic High School:

Baccalaureate Mass celebrated June 1; graduation June 4; Valedictorian Christina Marie Martins; Salutatorian Eugene John Ioannou.

Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark:

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Archdiocese lists this year's Bloustein Scholars

AREA—The Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Newark has released its list of Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars for the current academic year.



Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars are students who place in the top 10 percent of their class and have a minimum combined SAT score of 1260, or are ranked first, second or third in their class as of the end of junior year.

The 226 distinguished scholars for the 2005-2006 academic year received award offers of \$1,000 annually.

Listed here in alphabetical order, the 2005-2006 Bloustein distinguished scholars of Catholic secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Newark are:

BERGEN COUNTY

Academy of the Holy Angels, Demarest

Meghan Boswell, Cathleen Carris, Malissa Gallini, Mary Montemurro, Princy Pathickal, Stephanie Tang and Julia Tolentino.

Queen of Peace High School, North Arlington

Kristen Billy, Deanna De Blasi, Jennifer DeCotiis, Hadissah Magoncia, Andrew Mauro and David Millar.

Immaculate Conception High School, Lodi

Rebecca Kalnberg, Kaitlyn Maglione and Angela Sommese.

Saint Joseph Regional High School, Montvale

Jerome Balbin, Christian Benate and Clinton Bosca.

Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell

Lawrence Asperilla, Timothy Bishop, Ryan Casey, Paul Girardi, Geoff Hauck, Michael Hobeika, Paul Kasabian, Daniel Kenny, Brian Manalo, Matthew Mirandi, Patrick Ng, David O'Donnell, Robin Palatty, Alexander Panessa, William Pedersen, William Staszewski, Scott Ugras, Anthony Vitiello and Paul Yi.



Paramus Catholic Regional High School, Paramus

Michael Cuttitta, Elizabeth Drozdowski, Nicole Entwistle, Rebecca Gloede, Elisabeth Hughes, Kasia Laskowski, Christopher Perro, Gregory Ranft, Kenneth Rapp, Christine Restrepo, Justin Rosales, Andrew Sloan, Anthony Spinelli, Sarah Stuart and Kathryn Vesperman.

St. Mary's High School, Rutherford

Anastasia Fedick, Mohit Mody, and Katherine Motylinski.

Don Bosco Preparatory High School, Ramsey

Justin Laury, Christopher Minasi, Joseph Montalbano, Brian Stapleton, Gino Tenazas and Jason Wong.

Immaculate Heart Academy, Washington Township

Stephanie Amato, Caroline Castanza, Brianna Cheney, Tara Clerkin, Jennifer Dombrowski, Sonia Kappeler, Tyrssa Korduba, Alexandra Maher, Kim McMenamin, Meghan McNulty, Allison O'Rourke, Michelle Perez, Francesca Perkins, Linda Puntasecca, Jessica Schneider and Colleen Tubridy.

ESSEX COUNTY

Mount Saint Dominic Academy, Caldwell

Alexandra Arndt, Ellen Brescia, Elizabeth Glatzer, Elizabeth Horowitz, Maggie Rose Quinlan and Michele Russomanno.

Marylawn of the Oranges Academy, South Orange

Shade Adu, Theresa Thomas and Cathiana Vital.

Immaculate Conception High School, Montclair

Keiana Daniels, Amanda James and Justin Niemczyk.

Our Lady of Good Counsel High School, Newark

Joyce Chang, Karah Joseph and Kathrine Saboya.

Saint Benedict's Preparatory School, Newark

Christian Hambleton, Cameron Jones and Richard Molina.

Seton Hall Preparatory School, West Orange

Vincent Balzano, Kevin Ciok, Jr., Adam Gomez, Minchan Kim, Kevin Macios, Matthew Mariyampillai, Paul Mutter, Michael Nisvoccia, Jr., Edrian Nuguid, Kyle Ott, Matthew Pincus, Daniel Renz, Ryan Ripp, David Santaniello, Jarrod Schlenker, Kevin Smith, Nicholas Timpano, Timothy Tremba, Johann Minh Trinh and Zachary Truesdell.



Saint Vincent Academy, Newark

Serena Payton, Geraldine Richards and Dametria Wertz.

Lacordaire Academy, Upper Montclair

Nicole Alvernaz, Gabrielle Gornelli and Magda Laszlo.

HUDSON COUNTY

Holy Family Academy, Bayonne

Malorie Meshkati, Kristen Scudder and Rebecca Tomace.

Saint Dominic Academy, Jersey City

Astrid Di Vincent, Gertrude Figueroa, Lauren Lipyanka, Cathryn Rapadas, Natalie Serra and Aurora Vasil.

Marist High School, Bayonne

Noel Alfonso, Janelle Biamonte and Krizia Rae Sabas.

Saint Mary's High School, Jersey City

Priscilla Hammond, Tyana Murray and Santos Rivera.

Academy of the Sacred Heart, Hoboken

Amberley Calvo and Reshma Sharma.

Academy of Saint Aloysius, Jersey City

Karen Lindao, Megha Patel and Krystal Ortiz.

Hudson Catholic Regional High School, Jersey City

Andrew Anglin, Michael DeGuzman and Giorgio Riolo.

Saint Aloysius High School, Jersey City

Jordan Balocating, Me del Rosario and Justin Salandanan.

Saint Peter's Preparatory School, Jersey City

Andrew Anderson, Mark Cavanagh, Brian Dalton, Michael Dmytriw, Kevin Dougherty, Marciano Figueroa, Colin Gallo, Ryan Gelchion, Cory Leadbeater, Daniel Libatique, Neil Majmundar, Stephen McDermott, Ian McTiernan, Valentino Mills, Michael Pisko, Lorenzo Rafer, Jonathan Treble, Neophytos Zambas and Roland Zemla.

Saint Anthony High School, Jersey City

Gabriela Bermudez, Stephanie Nunda and Jannelly Ramirez.

Saint Joseph of the Palisades High School, West New York

Jonathan Morales, Francesca Fredes and Jennifer Magalhaes.

UNION COUNTY

Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark

Natalia Daniel, Michelle Frost, Lindsey Kowalsky, Gina Nanchanatt, Amy Petrocy, Nicole Telleri and Lauren Tower.

Roselle Catholic Regional High School, Roselle

Orlando Cruz, Eugene Ioannou, Christina Martins, Ana Pereira, Amanda Riley, Christopher Taylor and Jessica Tobin.

Benedictine Academy, Elizabeth

Christina Maneiro, Kathy Ramos and Jessica Oliveira.

Union Catholic Regional High School, Scotch Plains

Amy Dooley, Kazimierz Filus, Thomas FitzGibbon, Bradley Gelles, Matthew Kolar, Caitlin Mahler, Katherine McGhee, Ashley Meyn, Michael Mirza, Steven Reis, Olutomi Sodeke, Victoria Spellman and Allyssa Walls.



Saint Mary of the Assumption High School, Elizabeth

Rita Agliata, Pedro Duran and Jorge Mejia.

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, Summit

Wynne Dillon, Julia Jacobson, Ashley Miniet, Natalie Smith and Kaitlin Vinci.

Saint Patrick High School, Elizabeth

Tracey Cardoso, Jasmine Murrell, Carlene Shorey and Johnathan Wellington.

Oratory Preparatory School, Summit

Michael Dalsass, Michael Farrell, Roman Lesko, Anson Purdy and Mark Scirocco.

*Congratulations
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Caldwell College grad bound for Dominican order

CALDWELL—Rose Ahaneke, who grew up in Ahaira, Mbaise, Imo State, Nigeria, and in formation to become a member of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Caldwell, received her B.S. degree in Theology last month from Caldwell College.

The 38-year-old will studying at the collaborative Dominican novitiate program in St. Louis.

Before coming to this country, Ahaneke received a degree in finance and banking from Federal Polytechnic, Nekede Owerri and a

post-graduate diploma in Project Management from Federal University of Technology Owerri.

She worked for Nigerian Agip Oil, Elf Marketing in P.H., the Governor's Office and the Justice and Peace Commission of the Ahiara Diocese. She also worked in the finance department of the Broadcasting Corporation of Oyo States in Ibadan.

Ahaneke received several honors and graduated Summa Cum Laude. She was elected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, 2006 Edition, an

annual award given to outstanding campus leaders for their scholastic ability, participation and leadership in academic, extra curricular activities and community service. Ahaneke was inducted into Kappa Gamma Pi, awarded to those who have done outstanding work for the church and Theta Alpha Kappa, the national honor society for students and professors of Theology and Religious Studies. She received departmental honors in Theology and Caldwell College's Outstanding Achievement Mother Joseph Theology Award for service to the Church.

Ahaneke has volunteered with United Nation's NGO groups including the African Initiative on Aging and the Millennium Development Campaign. She has long been involved with the Dominican Leadership Conference's work for the Committee for Social Development and the Commission for the Status of Women.

Ahaneke said she is "very grateful to God and to her loving parents," Chief and Mrs. L.K. Ahaneke. She has always enjoyed teaching and preaching and would like to work with youth in the future.

The Sisters of St. Dominic are an order of preachers because St. Dominic was a preacher. Ahaneke



Sister Rose poses proudly with her diploma following graduation.

explained: "I want to live my life telling people that God loves us unconditionally. No matter what the circumstance we should never lost hope and faith in his love. Our gracious God is dependable."

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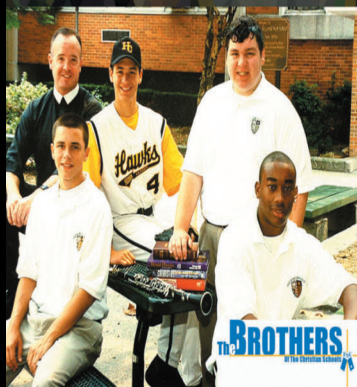
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Mission and museum take to the air



Robert Koenig, director of the African Art Museum of SMA, right, is pictured with WOR radio host Bill Bertenshaw.

TENAFLY — Society of African Missions (SMA) and its African Art Museum will be the subject of a June 11 segment of “Community Concerns,” a Sunday morning program on WOR Radio 710 AM.

Host Bill Bertenshaw will interview Museum Director Robert Koenig about the current exhibitions: “African Mudcloth,” “Ethiopian Neck Crosses” and “Liberia: The First 100 Years” a retrospective of the mission service of SMA in that West Africa country.

SMA Communications Director Linda Telesco will speak about the mission work of SMA past and present and the organization’s 150th anniversary this year. The segment will be broadcast at 5 a.m.

According to WOR Program Director, Kathy Hanley, the listening audience numbers a half million in 46 states and Canada.

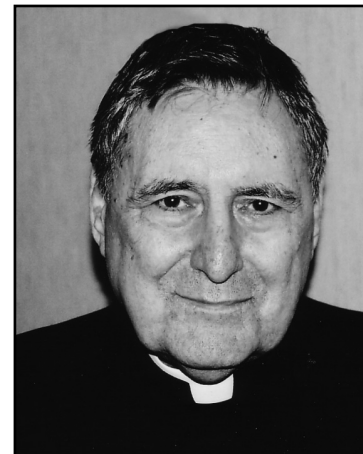
For information about SMA or the African Art Museum contact: www.smafathers.org.

Msgr. Turro receives degree from Holy Apostles College

NEWARK — Msgr. James Turro, a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark and professor emeritus of New Testament Studies at Seton Hall University, South Orange, was awarded the Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa, at Holy Apostles College and Seminary’s 48th commencement exercises, which were held in Cromwell, CT, on May 5.

“I am extremely honored,” Msgr. Turro said. “The student community is very invigorating here at Holy Apostles. The seminarians have a solid affection to serve the Church. I’ll enjoy this (award) as long as there is breath in me.”

Born in Jersey City, Msgr. Turro was raised by two strong Catholic parents. He said he considers himself fortunate to have had two Sisters of Charity aunts in the family who made sure his road to Sacred Orders began in Parochial school.



Monsignor James Turro

Following his years at St. Peter’s Jesuit Prep School in Jersey City, he went on to Seton Hall College and to Darlington Seminary of New Jersey. He was ordained for the Archdiocese of Newark in 1948. He earned his Ph.D. in Sacred Scripture at NYU, his S.T.L. at Catholic University and his S.S.L. from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome.

His relationship with Holy Apostles began with a phone call from then-President-Rector Reverend Ronald Lawler in 1991. One visit to the college resulted in Msgr. Turro driving to the Cromwell campus every week for the past 13 years.

As a professor of Sacred Scripture, Msgr. Turro brings love and knowledge of the spiritual and pastoral sense of scripture to both seminarians and lay students, according to his associates at Holy Apostles. “Since the life and ministry of the priest is rooted in the prayer, study and preaching of the sacred text, we have been most blessed to have this distinguished scholar so deeply involved in the work of forming future priests,” Very Reverend Douglas Mosey, C.S.B., president-rector of Holy Apostles, said.

The author of two books and numerous published articles, Msgr. Turro has led retreats and workshops for various religious communities of men, women and priests of numerous dioceses throughout the country. Msgr. Turro also has served as a visiting professor at Fordham University, Fairfield University, LaSalle University, St. John’s University and St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia and St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers, N.Y. He is a member of the Catholic Biblical Association, the Society for Biblical Literature and the Catholic Theological Society of America.

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The Archdiocese of Newark announced today that low cost, nutritious school meals and/or milk will be available to all children enrolled in the Catholic schools listed below. In addition, meals and/or milk will be provided free or at a greatly reduced price to children from households whose gross income is at or below the amounts listed on the household size and income scale which appears below. Applications for Free and Reduced Price Meals or Free Milk will be sent to the households of all children enrolled in the schools listed.

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For the school officials to determine eligibility, the household must provide the following information listed on the application: names of all household members; household income received by each household member; type of income; frequency of income such as weekly, every two weeks, twice a month, monthly or annually; and the signature and social security number of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct.

The information provided by parents on the application will be kept confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility.

The school will advise parents of their child's eligibility within 10 working days of receipt of the application. Any parent dissatisfied with the eligibility determination may contact the school to request an informal conference or may appeal the decision by requesting a formal hearing. Parents may call the school for further information on the program.

Once determinations are completed, school officials are required to verify a minimum of three percent of the approved free and reduced price applications on file.

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Blessed Sacrament School	Elizabeth
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Blessed Sacrament	Newark
Ironbound Catholic Academy	Newark
Link Community School	Newark
Queen of Angels	Newark
Sacred Heart School	Newark
St. Mary School	Newark
St. Michael	Newark
St. Rose of Lima	Newark
St. Vincent Academy	Newark
Good Sheperd Academy	Nutley
Visitation Academy	Paramus
St. Augustine's	Union City
Our Lady of the Lake	Verona

Mount Carmel: a ‘good sport’

TENAFLY — The Institute for International Sport, located at the University of Rhode Island, has selected Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, located here, as a 2006 All-American

Sportsmanship School Award winner. Our Lady of Mount Carmel was chosen on the basis of its outstanding sportsmanship program.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

is among eight schools honored in this year's first annual class of All-American Sportsmanship School honorees. Each school had outstanding programs that included strongly worded and successfully enforced codes of conduct, promotional strategies and the dissemination of these strategies, the program's interaction with younger students, the methods of evaluation of effectiveness of the program, as well as other sportsmanship initiatives that the school administrators.

The schools also participate in the Institute for International Sport's National Sportsmanship Day program. The 16th annual National Sportsmanship Day took place March 7. This annual award is open to elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools throughout the United States.

The Institute for International Sport was founded by Dan Doyle in 1986. Located in Kingston, RI, on the campus of the University of Rhode Island, the institute administers more than 10 international programs that reach more than 160 countries on six continents.

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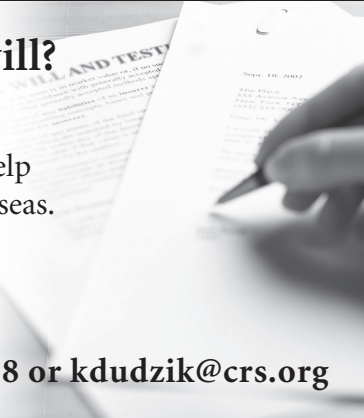
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Students' service praised

Immaculate Conception High School seniors in Montclair have earned recognition from elected officials, including President George W. Bush.

Jennifer Gray received a Volunteer Service Award from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. Accompanying the award was a letter from President Bush praising Gray's efforts as "part of the gathering momentum of millions of acts of kindness and decency that are changing America one heart and soul at a time."

The council cited Gray for her day-care work as part of her school's junior service project and for her tenure as president of the youth ministry program at Bethel Baptist Church in Newark. Principal Jo Ann Degnan presented the award during the school's annual Character Education Day. Gray will attend Delaware State University where she will study nursing.

Amanda James, a resident of the Vailsburg section of Newark, received a commendation from Assemblyman Thomas P. Giblin, D-34th, on behalf of the New Jersey Legislature, for scoring in the top 5 percent of 130,000 black Americans who requested consideration in the 2006 National Merit Qualifying Test.

The legislature praised James for "bringing honor and pride to her family and community."


James has been named a recipient of the Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars grant as part of what is called the Garden State Scholarship Program.

Distinguished Scholars are offered an annual, renewable award of \$1,000 without regard to financial need. James is considering attending Claremont-McKenna College in California. She has not yet decided on a major.

Parish bulletins are needed by The Catholic Advocate. The front cover rendition of church buildings will be used on the Around the Archdiocese page. Send a bulletin to 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark, NJ, 07104.



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Chamber concerts to benefit mission

AREA—The Caritas Chamber Chorale, a group of 18 New Jersey singers, will present a concert of unaccompanied sacred choral music to raise funds for the Adorno Fathers' St. Francis Caracciolo Mission in the Democratic

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Each concert begins at 8 p.m. and is open to the public. A freewill offering will be accepted with all proceeds going to the Adorno Mission.

Founded in 2005 to present charitable concerts of sacred choral music, Caritas Chamber Chorale comprises singers and choir directors from various Christian churches throughout central New Jersey. "These volunteers have come together as friends and 'friends of friends'



Photo courtesy of John Batkowski

The Caritas Chamber Chorale will perform a series of fund-raiser concerts during the month of June.

who love to sing sacred music. They are united in their desire to use their art to serve those in need," said Barbara Sanderman, the choir's conductor.

The concerts' repertoire follows the life of Jesus. The concert includes Early American music, Renaissance motets, contemporary works by English and American composers and spirituals.

Established in 1984, the Adorno Fathers' St. Francis Caracciolo Mission provides

health, educational, and spiritual services to 80,000 people. The order oversees 28 schools, 15 parishes, a hospital, dispensaries, a malnutrition center and a seminary (now temporarily housed in Rwanda due to the 2001 volcano).

For more information about their missions contact Father Michael Marotta, Adorno Fathers, 575 Darlington Ave., Ramsey, (201) 327-7375, or visit www.adornofathers.org.

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In Norwood, the annual Holy Family School Carnival is scheduled for June 13-17. The hours are 6 to 10 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 6 to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday from 5 to 11 p.m.

Discounted advanced sale tickets are available at the school, 200 Summit St., from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. Advanced tickets sold in strips of 18 are \$10 with a face value of \$15. Unlimited rides are \$15.

For advanced tickets call Susan Evanelle at (201) 784-5752; Elia Ferolie at (201) 816-0627 or the school office (201) 768-1605.

Sacred Heart Parish in Bloomfield will hold its carnival June 14-18 on the school grounds, 683 Bloomfield Ave.

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Archbishop to lead century bash at Holy Trinity Parish, Fort Lee

FORT LEE—Archbishop John J. Myers will preside at a special liturgy June 11 to help Holy Trinity Parish celebrate a century.

In April 1905, faithful of the Coytesville section of the community formed a committee to establish a parish. Bishop John J. O'Connor approved and Rambo's Hall, at the corner of Second Street and Myrtle Avenue, was rented for services.

The first Mass was celebrated on Trinity Sunday, June 19, 1905. Attendance was about 200, the hall's capacity. Another Mass was added over the summer. Father R.E. Burke, chaplain of St. Joseph's Home and Father Basil Kohler, both Carmelite Fathers, celebrated the masses.

During that first year it became apparent that a resident pastor was needed. In early 1906, discussions were held with Bishop O'Connor, who suggested a parish be incorporated and that a house be obtained for the pastor. The article of incorporation is dated March 9, 1906. Father Robert E. Freeman was the first pastor.

Realizing Rambo Hall was too small, Father Freeman arranged for the purchase of two lots at the corner of Lemoine and Myrtle avenues and an adjoining lot to the south.

On May 31, 1907, contracts were signed for construction of a church and rectory. The cornerstone was laid on June 30, 1907. On it is the inscription "This stone is placed in this great house of prayer in honor of the Holy Trinity as a more ample temple devoted to the work of God." Both buildings were occupied later that year.

Growth was anticipated due to the proximity of the George Washington Bridge. That growth became evident in the late 1940s. With the influx of new Catholics, it became clear the church had to be enlarged. That was done in 1951. The building was extended as far back as possible on the lot and the building was

raised several feet so a parish hall could be constructed in the basement. In the late 1950s, a vestibule was added. Today's rectory was built in 1957.

Soon the need for a school manifested itself. Construction of a school and convent for the Sisters of Charity was soon under way. Both structures were completed in 1959.

Declining enrollment resulted in a merger with schools in sever-

al nearby areas. The new school, Christ the Teacher Interparochial School, had been Madonna School in Fort Lee. Sister Rosemarie Bartnicki, School Sisters of Saint Francis, former principal of Holy Trinity School, has assumed similar responsibilities at the new school.

During the past four decades, maintenance milestones included installation of air conditioning, renovations to the interior of

the church, the addition of stained glass windows, a new vestibule, new sanctuary, electronic bells and a shrine outdoors dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima. In the near future, the convent and rectory will have new roofs.

Two major events are planned to mark the parish centennial. In addition to the special noontime liturgy set for June 11, on Friday, Sept. 22, a dinner dance will take place in the school gym from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

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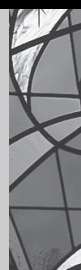
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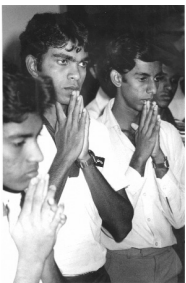
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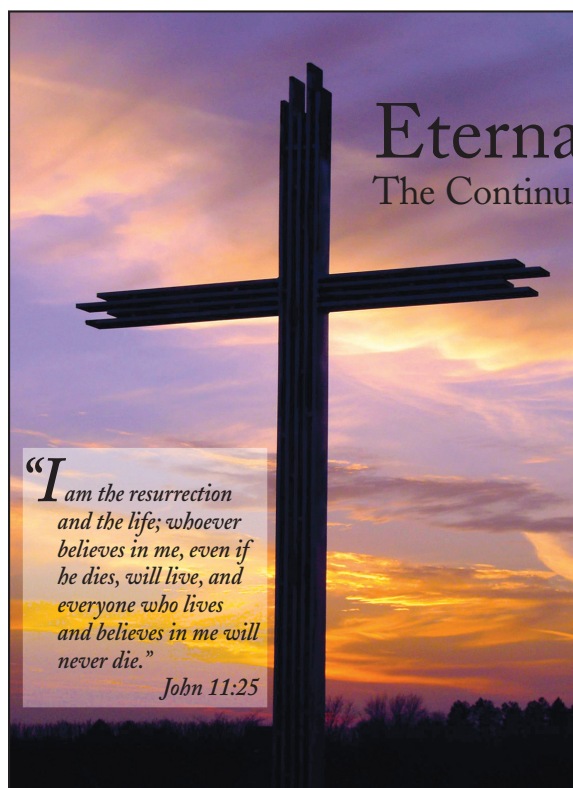
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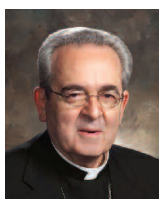
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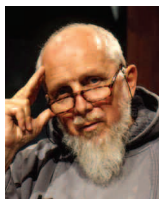


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