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## Spreading the message: mission begins to advance stem cell plan

BY MELISSA MCNALLY  
Staff Writer

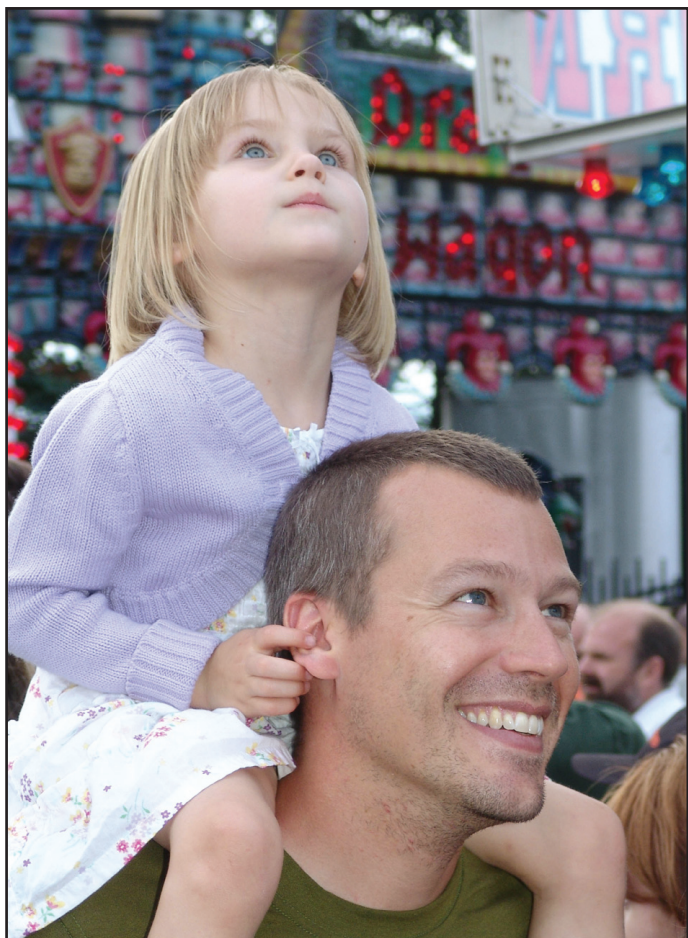
AREA — After publicly announcing his support for adult stem cell research in a May 23 press conference in Trenton,

Father Joseph W. Kukura, president of the Catholic HealthCare Partnership of New Jersey (CHCPNJ), hopes there is a clearer understanding of the Church's view on the controversial medical issue.

"My role in Catholic HealthCare is to be an advocate for Catholics. When I meet legislators, they view me as someone who can create common ground between legislators and Catholic people," Father Kukura explained during an exclusive interview in Newark last week.

Father Kukura realizes there is  
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## Things are looking up as summer fun begins



Advocate photo — M. Gabriele

**A FREE RIDE AT ST. CATHERINE'S CARNIVAL**—Cedar Grove resident Franz Yeich was more than happy to shoulder the responsibility of providing his daughter, Ilisa, with a birds-eye view of the colorful festivities at St. Catherine of Siena. The parish dodged raindrops and held its annual carnival the first weekend of this month. Msgr. Charles W. Gusmer, the "boss of everything" at the Cedar Grove parish—according to the ID badge he brandished at the carnival—described the event as a gathering of family and friends enjoying rides, games and gourmet food. St. Catherine is one of many parishes in the archdiocese holding carnivals this month, a clear signal the summer fun season is in full swing.

## Lady of Lake turns idea by Archbishop into gold

BY WARD MIELE  
Managing Editor

VERONA—Acting on a suggestion from Archbishop John J. Myers during a visit to their parish in November, fifth grade students at Our Lady of the Lake School raised \$4,000 to help some of society's most vulnerable victims.

The money was divided evenly to combat domestic abuse and human trafficking. The funds went to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, a unit of Catholic Health and Human Services. The effort, which encompassed parishioners and the entire student body, was part of the class' annual Lenten project.

The class visited the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark last month to formally present the money to the archbishop. Archbishop Myers expressed gratitude and appreciation for what the young people had accomplished. As a memento of their visit, he presented each student with rosary beads.

Speaking to the archbishop on behalf of his classmates, Justin  
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Photo provided by the Shrine of St. Anne de Beupré

Thousands flock to the shrine of St. Anne de Beupré, 30 miles east of Quebec City. Among those that visit the basilica are The First Saturday Club, which takes the mentally and physically disabled to Canada every year.

## First Saturday Club lacing up its boots for trek to Canada

BY MELISSA MCNALLY  
Staff Writer

AREA—"I was born in to it," said Maryanne Adriance of her role as co-director of the Our Lady of Fatima First Saturday Club.

Her grandmother, Mary Varick, began the club after a miracle cure of bone cancer 55 years ago. Although she had contracted polio at the age two and was confined to a wheelchair, Varick believed prayer to St. Anne de Beupre saved her from cancer.

Inspired by this experience, she founded the First Saturday Club, now based in Morris Plains,

as a way to reach out to those with disabilities, or as Varick called them, "Gods inner circle."

Adriance and her cousin Joan Murray took the reigns of the organization five years ago, keeping the club in the family with the enduring spirit of their late relative, who died at the age of 78.

Along with meetings on the first Saturday each month at a different parish in the archdiocese, the group of 70 to 75 people makes a pilgrimage to shrines in Canada, including the St. Anne de Beupré shrine, which is located 30 miles east of Quebec City  
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# SFIC lauds students, supporters at annual scholarship dinner



Smiling faces enjoying the SFIC scholarship dinner included (left to right) Debbie McCaffery, SFIC donor and the daughter of Executive Director Lorraine Cunningham, Michelle Valdez and Mauricio Helena, two students at St. Michael's Elementary School.

WEST ORANGE—The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) of the Archdiocese of Newark held its 22nd Annual Scholarship Dinner on May 4 at Mayfair Farms. The event raised over \$300,000, which will help the SFIC support inner-city children of low-income families who wish to attend Catholic schools in the archdiocese.

"By providing scholarships to assist with tuition, the SFIC helps parents realize the dreams they have for their children," Lorraine Cunningham, the executive director of the SFIC, said.

Prudential Financial Inc., Newark, was honored at the affair. The company was recognized for its commitment to improving the quality of education in the archdio-

cese as well as enhancing the quality of life in its community. Ron Golden, executive vice president, corporate operations and systems, accepted the award on behalf of Prudential.

"We are privileged to have honored Prudential and salute all that they continue to do in support of the city and children of Newark," Ron Mount, president of SFIC's board of trustees, said.

Two Newark residents—a student and a teacher—were featured speakers at the event. Yuri Alexandre-Santos, a senior at Mother Seton High School in Clark and a SFIC scholarship recipient, spoke of the many opportunities she received by attending Mother Seton. She also said her mother, a single parent, would not have been



Bishop Edgar da Cunha, regional bishop for Essex County (far left) and SFIC Board President Ron Mount (far right) pose with SFIC high school scholarship recipients (left to right) Karl John Coston of Queen of Peace; Yuri-Alexandre-Santos of Mother Seton; and Edgar Sarmiento of Paramus Catholic.

able to afford Catholic school without an SFIC scholarship. She will attend Rutgers University this fall with a full scholarship to study biomedical engineering.

The second speaker was Russell Marsh, the music director at St. Benedict's Prep (SBP), Newark. Upon graduating from Montclair State University with a degree in music, Marsh returned to SBP to begin a music program. He spoke of his personal conviction to help his students reach their full potential.

Bishop Edgar da Cunha, regional bishop for Essex County, spoke in support of the SFIC mission. "In my experience as pastor of St. Michael's Elementary School in Newark, I witnessed firsthand how SFIC was a

great help to so many families."

NewsChannel 4 reporter Aimee Nuzzo served as the master of ceremonies for the event. Other dignitaries attending the scholarship dinner included Archbishop Emeritus of Newark Peter Leo Gerety, the founder of the SFIC, and Sister Dominica Rocchio, archdiocesan secretary for education and superintendent of schools.

The SFIC currently is processing over 2,000 scholarship applications for the Fall 2006 school year and demand exceeds the fund's resources. Individuals or organizations looking to contribute to the scholarship fund should contact Cunningham at (973) 497-4579. The SFIC office is located at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave., Newark.

## Tears of joy cascade as Edgar gets a green light from Cornell

NEWARK—One busy afternoon in March, Lorraine Cunningham, the executive director of the Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) answered her phone. On the other end, she heard a woman crying.

Cunningham braced herself, having had many heartbreaking conversations with mothers struggling to overcome the obstacles they faced while raising their children in a tough inner-city environment.

But on the other end of the line, Edith Galvis—the mother of SFIC scholarship recipient Edgar Sarmiento—was not crying from frustration or sorrow. She was crying tears of joy because her son had just been accepted at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

Edith, a single mother, came to the United States from Colombia in 1992—leaving her son behind with her parents until she could afford to move him here. She worked two jobs cleaning offices, determined to give her only child a safe, quality and values-based education in a country where endless possibilities would lay before him.

Edgar finally came to the United States in 1995 at the age of seven. Over the years he often accompanied his mother to her evening jobs, doing his homework from Blessed Sacrament Elementary School while she worked.

Eventually, Edith got a data entry office job at a retail company and, determined to keep her son away from the daily violence and gangs in their

inner-city neighborhood, enrolled him at Paramus Catholic High School.

She realized that the tuition at Paramus Catholic was more than she could afford, but felt it was important for Edgar to remain in an academically structured and motivating environment, especially during his critical high school years. That's when she turned to SFIC. This year Edgar was awarded the Provident Bank Scholarship—a special honor administered by the SFIC.

Relieved to be at Paramus Catholic and away from his increasingly dangerous neighborhood, Edgar played varsity soccer and joined the Spanish Club. He even performed community service at a nursing home, playing cards with the senior citizens who reminded him of his grandparents in Columbia.

During his junior year, Edgar met Benny Lorenzo, a successful businessman who was reaching out to the Hispanic community to mentor students who he felt had the potential to attend an Ivy League college. For the next two years, Edgar made school his top priority and the hard work was rewarded with the letter from Cornell, which prompted his mother's tearful but joyful call to Cunningham.

Edith said she is certain that without the Provident Bank Scholarship she would not have been able to keep Edgar at Paramus Catholic. Both mother and son have often expressed their gratitude to SFIC, visiting the offices here at the Archdiocesan Center to thank the staff.



SFIC scholarship recipient Edgar Sarmiento is all smiles as he poses with Lorraine Cunningham, the executive director of the Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC). Edgar, a student at Paramus Catholic, recently was accepted at Cornell University.



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# Long-distance connection: friends support Father Azzarto via the Internet

BY TRISH FITZPATRICK  
*Special to The Catholic Advocate*

WESTFIELD — Father Tony Azzarto, S.J., is well known and loved by families here at Holy Trinity Interparochial School and throughout the Archdiocese of Newark. These days, that link with Father Azzarto is extended as part of the "global Catholic village" and maintained through the Internet.

For years, Holy Trinity has sent boys from each graduating class to St. Peter's Preparatory School in Jersey City, where Father Azzarto taught religion and served as the chaplain.

Lagos, Nigeria, currently is home to Father Azzarto as he serves there as the pastor of Christ the King Parish. Some 12,000 people comprise the parish and Father Azzarto has immersed himself in the life and culture of the people. Benediction and other forms of contemplative prayer are extremely important to the people of Christ the King, he said.

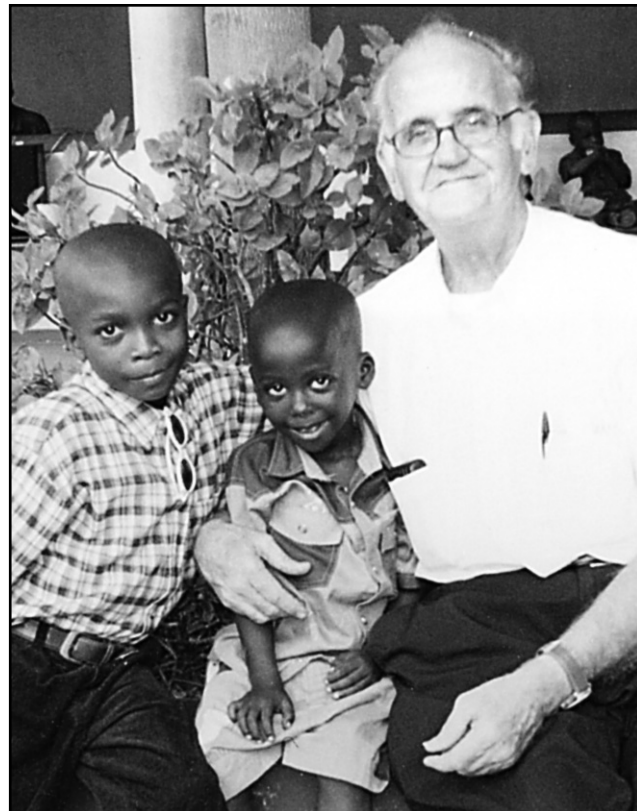
He began a two-year assignment in Africa in September 2005. This is his second stint in Nigeria, having been there in the 1980s, serving at St. Joseph Parish in Benin City. Thanks to the Internet, he is able to keep in touch with his St. Peter's Prep family.

That online connection with the archdiocese has proven to be useful. Father Azzarto recently mentioned to the archdiocesan Schools Office in Newark that he could use some vestments and other items. Various sources around the archdiocese quickly responded. Father Joe Ferraro, pastor of St. Anthony of Belleville, for example, donated not one but two new humeral veils and copes and did so "out of gratitude for the many blessings in his parish." Father Donald Cialone, parochial vicar from Holy Trinity Parish here, gave a large supply of incense.

At the same time, students at Holy Trinity Interparochial School decided to help Father Azzarto and the children of Nigeria. They raised money by staging a talent show at Mother Seton Regional High School with the assistance of Sister Regina Martin, S.C., and Maureen Connell of Mother Seton.

Dorothy Szot, the principal of Holy Trinity, said that "not only have many of our students gone on to St. Peter's Prep over the years, but our faculty members have attended their summer college. We are delighted to help Father Azzarto with his important work in Nigeria."

(Editor's note: Father Azzarto's email address is: [ckcilasa@yahoo.com](mailto:ckcilasa@yahoo.com)).



Father Azzarto serves as pastor of Christ the King Parish in Lagos, Nigeria. Using the Internet, he maintains his connection with his many friends in the Archdiocese of Newark. The Church there is "very devotional and filled with faith," he wrote in a recent e-mail.

## Windy City luminaries visit Newark



Advocate photo — M. Gabriele

**A TIME FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL** — Plainfield-based RENEW International held its seventh annual dinner and gala on June 1 at The Mezzanine in Newark. Over 300 people turned out for the event. The affair honored Father John Cusick (far left), director of young adult ministries in the Archdiocese of Chicago, and Kate DeVries (second from left), the associate director. The Windy City archdiocese is the birthplace of "Theology on Tap," an evangelization outreach program geared for young adults and administered by RENEW. Sister Theresa Rickard, O.P. (second from right), the director of RENEW, cited Father Cusick and DeVries as the "guiding lights" of Theology on Tap. Earlier this year numerous drinks were poured and faith-based conversations were shared at various Theology on Tap sites throughout the Archdiocese of Newark, part of a slate of activities for "Young Adult Month," coordinated by the archdiocesan office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries and the Youth Retreat Center in Kearny (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Jan. 11). Also pictured is Msgr. Thomas Kleissler (far right), the president and co-founder of RENEW. In addition to Theology on Tap, RENEW has developed the "Why Catholic?" faith enrichment and education series. Contact the organization at 908-769-5400 or visit the Web site (<http://www.renewintl.org>) for more information on its outreach programs and religious education services. RENEW was established in the Archdiocese of Newark in 1976 and has since grown into an international organization, with programs in over 50 diocese and 2,000 parishes.



# Our Lady of the Lake

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Reynoso, said “we specifically want to raise awareness of the terrible issues of domestic abuse and human trafficking. We also know these two issues are important to you.”

Father Michael Hanly, pastor, recalled that students thought the archbishop’s suggestion to have them raise money to help those in need was “a great idea.” As a result, students kicked off the fund raising the Sunday before Lent speaking at all the masses.

Part of the effort was to sell “nails” that made up a cross. Justin, one of the speakers, recalled that some parishioners gave \$50 a nail, others gave \$10 and didn’t take a nail. He also noted a single \$200 donation.

In a letter to the fifth graders, Allan J. Daul, executive director of Newark-based Catholic Charities, said “your successful efforts on behalf of those caught in the violence of human trafficking, abuse and poverty shows that you truly understand what God’s word teaches...everyone at Catholic Charities appreciates your thoughtfulness and friendship.”

Last year \$10,000 was donated to provide shelter for youngsters in Ethiopia caring for younger siblings. The class received one of Pope John Paul II’s last blessings for their generosity. The first year of what has become a fifth grade tradition was a donation of \$3,000 to a Catholic school in Jersey City.

Class member Mary Del Plato said she felt the Lenten project was important to foster the realization that such abuse is “actually happening in the world.” Too many people, she lamented, are “turning their backs” on the problem. From fifth grader Elise Kaslander came the feeling that the victims of domestic abuse and human trafficking “need the money more than we do.” Morgan Plessner expressed sentiments similar to her classmates.

In learning about the Sacraments, Father Hanly explained, the students became “aware of others” and how to help those within and outside of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Other fundraising venues by students included the school cafeteria where the entire student body donated snack money. In addition, a “Challenge Bowl” was placed at the church altar railing.

Kerri Murphy said she “feels good” about what her classmates accomplished while Alexandra Fotinopoulos cited the “suffering” of those the fifth grade wanted to help.

The pastor sees the young people as “examples” for others and the success of their fund raising as evidence of the generosity of Our Lady of the Lake Parish.

“I am very proud of them” said teacher Beth Anne McNamara. Citing their enthusiasm, she placed equal emphasis on the fact her students gained an invaluable “life experience.”

Father Hanly sees the fifth graders’ efforts as “planting the seeds” of both ministry and leadership in the Church. He hoped, too, that the class “started something” that will be an “inspiration” to other schools.



Advocate photos-Ward Miele



Visiting the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, top photo, the Verona fifth graders presented their \$4,000 check to Archbishop Myers and Allan J. Daul, executive director of Catholic Charities. On hand were, left to right, Briana Marcantonio and Alexis Georgiou; second row, Kerri Murphy, John Paul Palardy, Ali Fotinopoulos and Vicky Queyquep; third row, Brandon Abad, Kenneth Dormiendo, Justin Reynoso, Michael Gallo, Mary Del Plato and Arianne Marquez and, fourth row, Chris Ehrich, Elise Kaslander, Maggie Ruzich, Kimberly Cubero, Morgan Plessner and Danielle Watkins. On the middle of the top step is Father Hanly, pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish. In the photo at the left, in appreciation of their efforts, Archbishop Myers presented each student with rosary beads. Accepting theirs are, left to right, Vicky Queyquep, Danielle Watkins, Arianne Marquez and Mary Del Plato.

# Adult stem cells

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a long road ahead. He is satisfied with the initial outcome of the press conference (see *The Catholic Advocate*, June 7), but is fully aware that the issue of adult stem cell research must continue to be clarified and made distinct from embryonic stem cell research.

The Catholic Church objects to research using stem cells that are sourced from human embryos, but supports research that involves “adult” stem cells collected from placenta blood and umbilical cords. The hope is that adult stem cells can be used to find cures and treatments for serious illnesses.

“At first, when Assemblyman Louis Greenwald asked me about stem cell research, I said there could be no compromise,” he recalled. “Then, I was introduced to Dr. Gary Friedman (co-founder

of the New Jersey Stem Cell Research & Education Foundation) and he enthusiastically told me about adult stem cells. That conversation renewed my interest in trying to clarify the issue and to show that this form of research is in line with Church teaching.”

While at the press conference, Father Kukura tried to steer clear of any divisive political or religious opinions. “We had to remain in control so the right message came across. We didn’t want to talk about embryonic research, that’s not why we were there. It was our (Princeton-based CHCPNJ’s) announcement and it seemed to move smoothly.”

The press conference at the State House made an impact and was broadcast all over the state and even nationally through the Associated Press. “One of my

associates came up to me and said that they just heard me on the radio. The conference was the beginning of an avalanche of reporting. All of the reaction has been very positive,” Father Kukura exclaimed.

Father Kukura’s mission, in large part, hinges on the cooperation of the state’s 15 Catholic hospitals to donate placenta blood and umbilical cords in order to advance the research. Along with getting the word out to media, the adult stem cell initiative includes further education of hospital personnel and has already begun in some area hospitals.

“Hospitals like St. Joseph Medical Center in Paterson and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Camden have a person at the location to collect the umbilical cord blood. Having someone there on site makes a big difference. We will try to provide support to all Catholic hospitals and all of them

have committed to the initiative,” Father Kukura said.

“Bill Bolan (outgoing executive director of the New Jersey Catholic Conference) discussed how there is negativity about adult stem cell research,” he continued. “We want to try and get stories about the miracles of research out to Catholic circles. There is an endless array of stories and I want to change the impression that people have of stem cell research.”

Informing Catholics of stem cell research options so far has yielded positive reaction from the umbilical cord blood banks and the average parishioner. “Parishioners come up to me and are thanking me for helping them understand the Church’s position on stem cell research. St. Peter’s University Hospital in New Brunswick is thrilled because, with 6,000 births per year, they will have more people donate umbilical cord blood.”

Although trying to find common ground is Father Kukura’s goal with the initiative, he acknowledged that some Catholics may not approve of a partnership with some political figures that also approve of embryonic research.

“We can only explain stem cell research to people and explain that as Catholics, there is a limit to what we support. If others want to go beyond those limits, it is up to them,” he said.

Father Kukura noted that, despite a reputation to the contrary, the Catholic Church has been supportive of new medical discoveries throughout history. “Most people don’t realize that the Church has been deeply involved in medicine for centuries and have been on the cutting edge. People revert to the negative and miss the positive. We want to maximize the potential of medicine and we can make tremendous strides with adult stem cell research.”



# St. Lucy School closes the book but its legacy lives on

BY MELISSA MCNALLY  
Staff Writer

NEWARK—After 100 years of serving the community, St. Lucy School celebrated its final year with a Mass on May 13, which marked the official closing of the venerable institution.

Founded by the Sisters of St. John the Baptist in 1906, the school's philosophy supported the demographic changes of the state's largest city.

The school's mission statement declares that "St. Lucy School views and accepts each student as a unique individual and as a special child of God and makes every effort to provide an environment for students to reach their greatest potential spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, socially and physically."

As many gathered to bid their farewells, memories of the founding members of the school resonated with the congregation of students young and old.

Msgr. Joseph J. Granato, pastor of St. Lucy Parish, was the main celebrant at the May 13 Mass. He first worked as an administrator at the parish in 1974 and has been pastor since 1977. Msgr. Granato's wealth of knowledge about the early days of the school made the homily personal and touching.

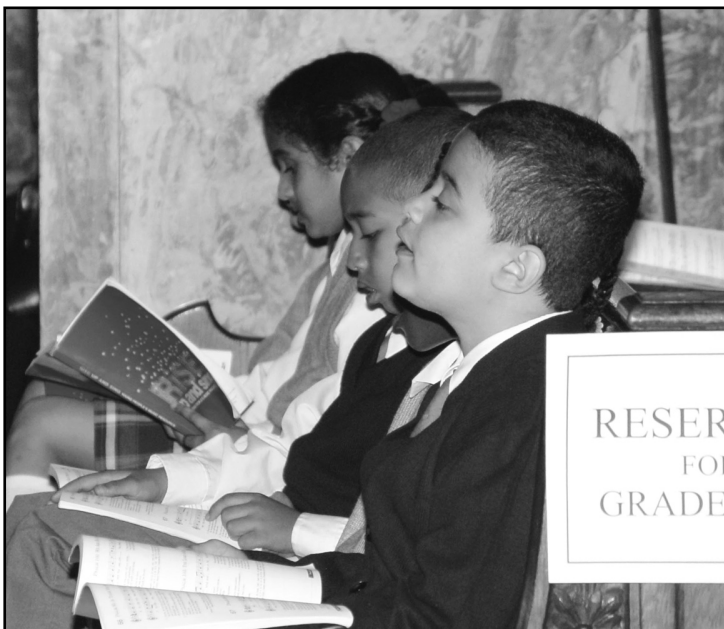
"I want to express my profound gratitude to the Sisters of St. John the Baptist for their spirit of friendship, love, mutual respect and loyalty. You hear horror stories of how the rectory doesn't necessarily get along with the convent. The Sisters have had me over for supper every night, thanks to the nuns' kind invitation. They really care for me," he said.

Msgr. Granato acknowledged the contributions St. Lucy School has made to community. "We are a great school with a great tradition. People sent their children to this school because they knew they would get a good quality education and we also have a tremendous spirit."

Although the school may be closing, it lives on with the students. "We had a wonderful group second to none and 100 years of glorious tradition. The greatest things about St. Lucy School are our students. We may have closed the book on the history of our school, but we cannot close the legacy. St. Lucy School will live on through our memories and it will always be talked about. There may even be, through divine providence, another St. Lucy School rising from this very location."



Msgr. Joseph J. Granato, pastor of St. Lucy Parish, commemorates the closing of St. Lucy School after 100 years of service.



Students of St. Lucy School reflect as they say goodbye to their school in its final year.

## Congratulations



**Jennifer C. Bañarez**  
and the class of 2006  
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## June 23

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## June 24

**St. Phil's Singles**, Livingston, dinner at Godfather Pizzeria East Hanover, 7 p.m. RSVP by June 23, (973) 560-9728 (after 5 p.m.).

**Bayonne Catholic War Veterans OLA Post 1612**, Bayonne, blood drive, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., appointments encouraged. Call Mary Buska at (201) 882-3748.

## June 25

**St. Phil's Singles**, Livingston, softball game, 2 p.m., (732) 382-5242 (after 6 p.m.).

**St. Stephen Parish**, Kearny breakfast supporting hospitalized veterans, 9 a.m. Mass, 9:45 a.m. breakfast. Cost: \$7 for adults, \$4 for children, (201) 955-2244.

**St. John the Evangelist Parish**, Bergenfield, benefit concert for Leyte mudslide victims, 3 p.m. Cost: \$10, call Alex Soriano at (201) 791-3542.

**St. Michael Parish**, Jersey City, "Music of Hope and Inspiration," 4 p.m., (201) 653-7328.

## June 26

**Holy Name Health Care Foundation**, Teaneck, Holy Name Classic Golf Tournament, Hackensack Golf Club, Oradell, 8 a.m.- 1 p.m. (201) 833-7143.

## July 1

**St. Rose of Lima Parish**, Newark, flea market, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Cost: \$13, \$16 at door; call Helen at (973) 482-0682.

## July 5

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

## July 6

**The Upper Room Spiritual Center**, Neptune, summer directed retreat by the ocean, through July 9. Cost: \$195, call Anna Graziano at (973) 338-9538.



## July 7

**Catholics Who Happen to Be Single Club**, Bloomfield, meeting at Brookdale Park, 6:30 p.m. RSVP, call Leonora at (973) 743-6100.

**Our Lay of the Blessed Sacrament Parish**, Roseland, food drive, during masses, (973) 226-7288.

## July 8

**Lumen Center**, Caldwell, "What Can the Mystics Teach Me? - Come and See," 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Cost: \$25, (973) 403-3331 ext. 25.

## July 15

**Lumen Center**, Caldwell, "Eucharist: Celebration of Presence and Transformation," 9:15 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$20, (973) 403-3331 ext. 25.

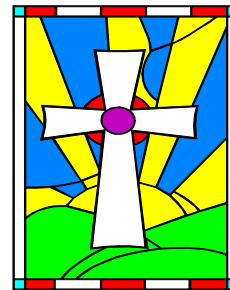
**Knights of Columbus Council # 1146**, Rahway, 100th Anniversary, Mass at 11 a.m., refreshments at noon- 3 p.m., dinner at 6- 11 p.m., (732) 388-3990.

## Next issue July 19

The next edition of *The Catholic Advocate* will be published July 19. Only one edition will be published next month.

## Other

**Assumption Parish**, Wood-Ridge, Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday from 8:30- 9:30 a.m. There is also Overnight Adoration beginning the second Saturday from 6:30 p.m.- Sunday at 8 a.m.



**St. Rocco/ St. Brigid**, Union City, monthly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every first Saturday every month, 1-4 p.m.

Alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the former **St. Mary Seminary** are invited to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the Redemptorist Fathers' preparatory college and high school during a reunion weekend Aug. 4-6, hosted by the school's current owners, Mercyhurst North East. For more information, log on to [www.northeast125.com](http://www.northeast125.com) for a schedule of events and for registration forms. Contact reunion coordinator Jack Breslin at [jbreslin@iona.edu](mailto:jbreslin@iona.edu) or (914) 632-9805.

# Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:



### ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY/MINISTRY

**Reverend Kevin M. Hanbury** has been appointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term, effective Sept. 14 and ending Aug. 31, 2009.

**Reverend Monsignor James S. Choma**, Pastor of St. Agnes Parish, Clark, has been reappointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term, effective Sept. 14 and ending Aug. 31, 2009.

**Reverend Monsignor Frank G. Del Prete**, Pastor of the Church of Ss. Peter & Paul, Hoboken, has been reappointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term, effective Sept. 14 and ending Aug. 31, 2009.

**Reverend Marc A. Vicari**, director of both Emmaus House and Campus Minister at Rutgers Newman Center, has been reappointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term, effective Sept. 14 and ending Aug. 31, 2009.

### PASTOR

**Reverend Jose Amante M. Abalon**, Parochial Vicar of Holy Cross Parish, Grand Turk, Turks & Caicos Islands, has been appointed pastor of Holy Cross Mission Parish, Grand Turk, Turks & Caicos Islands, effective June 21.

**Reverend Monsignor William C. Hatcher**, Pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, has been appointed pastor of St. James Parish, Springfield, effective July 1.

**Reverend Robert G. McBride**, Pastor of St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Saddle Brook, has been appointed pastor of St. John the Apostle Parish, Linden, effective July 1.

**Very Reverend Charles J. Miller, V.F.**, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Lyndhurst, has been appointed pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, effective July 1.

**Reverend Theesmas Pankiraj**, Parochial Vicar of the Church of Madonna, Fort Lee, has been appointed pastor of St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Saddle Brook, effective July 1.

**Reverend James E. Starasinich**, Rector of Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Yona, Guam, has been appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Lyndhurst, effective July 1.

### PAROCHIAL VICAR

**Reverend Peter M. Idler** has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Anne Parish, Garwood, for one year, effective June 21.

**Reverend Martin Mondol** has been appointed parochial vicar of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Scotch Plains for one year, effective June 8.

**Reverend Reynaldo M. Pardillada** has been appointed parochial vicar of Epiphany Parish, Cliffside Park, for one year, effective June 8.

**Reverend Joseph Noren Baidya** has been appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Michael Parish, Union, effective June 8 through August 2006.

**Reverend Wilson A. Divina** has been appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Saddle Brook, effective June 8 through Sept. 30, 2006.

**Reverend Julio O. Gaddi, Jr.** has been appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Henry Parish, Bayonne, effective June 8, 2006 through Sept. 30, 2006.

**Reverend Eugene Newman Joseph** has been appointed Summer Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Peace, New Providence, effective June 8 through August 2006.

**Reverend Joseph Pamplaniyil** has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison, effective June 8 through June 30, 2006.

### RELEASE

**Reverend Mirosław K. Krol**, Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish and Coordinator of the Polish Apostolate, has been released for ministry to Ss. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lakes, MI, to serve as Dean of Students and teach Liturgy for a period of three years, effective June 30.

### RETIREMENT

**Reverend Stephen M. Kilcarr**, faculty member at Seton Hall Prep, West Orange, has been granted retirement, effective July 1.

**Reverend Henry M. Naddeo**, Parochial Vicar of St. Aedan Parish, Jersey City, has been granted retirement, effective July 1.

# Sept. 11 project seeks input from parishioners

AREA—Archdiocese of Newark parishioners are being sought to participate in a voluntary study that will gather critical information on the evacuation of the World Trade Center towers during the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

The project, known as HEED (High-rise Evacuation Evaluation Database), was launched two years ago. The next round of survivor interviews will be conducted in September. The UK Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)—the equivalent of the U.S. National Science Foundation—is funding the three-year study with a budget of nearly \$3 million.

The HEED data will help steer new building codes, high-rise designs and building management procedures, as well as educate those who work in the public safety sector. The study is a collaboration between three British universities (Greenwich, Ulster and Liverpool), endorsed by the New York City Department of Buildings, the Fire Department of New York, and supported by John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Pace University and Polytechnic University (all located in New York).

In the coming weeks, each parish in the archdiocese will receive information on the HEED project from the archdiocesan Office of Communications and Public Relations. Parishes are urged to publish the information in their weekly church bulletins to alert parishioners about the study. Contact Christy Guerra in the communications office at (973) 497-4187 for more information.

Those willing to enlist in the program can register online at the WTC Evacuation Study Web site: [www.wtc-evacuation.com](http://www.wtc-evacuation.com) and click on the link "Participant Registration." Participants must have been in the World Trade Center Towers on Sept. 11 and must be able to speak English.

The Archdiocese of Newark was a firsthand witness to the Sept. 11 tragedy. Overall, more than 700 New Jersey citizens perished in the terrorist attack; many resided in the four counties of the archdiocese.

Archbishop John J. Myers, recalling the tragedy occurred only a few weeks after he was installed as archbishop, said he would "continue to be grateful for and proud of the many ways that the parishes, hospitals, social services, schools and institutions of the Archdiocese of Newark have offered help and support. In faith, we commended the dead to the Lord, and in faith we committed ourselves to care for one another and for all who need us during these most difficult times."



## Observations on an unshakeable faith

BY GREG TOBIN

*Special to The Catholic Advocate*

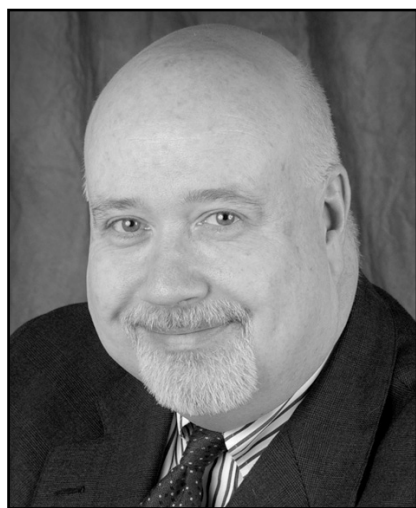
While it is not easy being a practicing, believing Catholic these days, one certainly has a lot of company and a lot of back-handed encouragement by negative example or from anti-Catholic sources. In effect, there's a whole lot of shaking going on, but little falling out of the trees of our faith.

Pick up the newspaper and you will read the good news and the bad news about our Church. I, frankly, see much more of the former than the latter.

By now (and it didn't take very long) the hype and furor surrounding the theatrical release of *The Da Vinci Code* has subsided somewhat. The reviews were almost uniformly awful, and this after celestial levels of book sales (some 40 million copies worldwide).

As an addict of the History Channel and public television, I could not turn on the TV over the past few weeks without being breathlessly exposed to "secrets" and "codes" and "the ultimate truth" as seen through the eyes of exponents and expositors of the supposed agenda that lies beneath the mega best-seller. Amid such hoopla, little has been said, even less has been learned about the nature of revelation and faith. Oh well.

It was amusing and very gratifying that, at the Catholic Press Association convention two years ago, *The Catholic Advocate* and our metropolitan ordinary Archbishop John J. Myers received a press award for the headline of one of his columns: "You Can't Judge A Book By Its Cover-Up."



Greg Tobin

Further, *The New York Times* reported on May 18 that "Study Sees Church Rebounding From Scandal." The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., released a study that confirms what I have seen with my own eyes: that church attendance and weekly parish collections are the same or even up over the past couple of years.

A close friend, not a Catholic, once chastised me (rightly) when I emphasized the public relations damage done to the Church by the sexual abuse scandal and the hierarchy's response to it. In the end (and in the beginning) it is a moral crisis that causes all of us—clerical and lay—to look inside ourselves to find the root causes of evil and denial and, yes, cover-up.

But it is also true that the bishops have, over the past few years, put in place stronger measures to "protect God's children" from predators, be they within or without the Church. And we must—all of us, clerical and lay, parents and non-parents—keep the safety of our precious children a paramount issue, now and forever.

The faithful have responded by staying put, by not deserting the Church. The faithful have listened to the bishops, albeit with more skepticism than ever before. Victims of abuse have come forward, as they should, to tell their stories. We are obligated to listen and to pray and to do everything we can to heal the wounded, to heal our Church.

We are obligated, if we truly believe, to stay put. Scandal and blasphemy and heresy have been with the Church always. Read the New Testament for the earliest reports. See the movie, or don't see the movie. Read the book, or not. But be sure to show up for Sunday Mass and listen to the Gospel and the homily. That's the true story, the greatest story, compellingly told, always and everywhere.

(Greg Tobin, a former editor of *The Catholic Advocate*, is the senior adviser for communications at Seton Hall University, South Orange, and the author of many books about the Catholic Church.)

## The season of commitment, the season of commencement

Perhaps at no other time of the year does the joy of accomplishment and excitement about the future abound as much as now.

Over the Memorial Day weekend, Archbishop John J. Myers ordained 17 new priests for service to the Church of Newark.

The caliber and commitment of the new priests, coupled with the emotion and pride of their family and friends, were palpable in a Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart filled to capacity.

With 17 new priests, the Archdiocese of Newark led the nation. That, too, is an accomplishment in which everyone involved in the process can take justifiable pride.

In addition to the ordination of priests and deacons, the days on the cusp of summer are filled with school graduations.

Be it at that elementary level, high school or the awesome moment when one has that valuable college degree in hand, it is a milestone in a student's life and for his or her family. Schools of the Church of Newark provide a quality, faith-based education that will last a lifetime.

It is truly a time of celebration. Enjoy!

## 'A visible presence of the love of Jesus Christ'

*Editor's note: The following letter was sent to the fifth grade class at Our Lady of the Lake School in Verona. A story appears on page one of today's issue that features the school.*

Dear Boys and Girls:

Thank you so much for thinking of Catholic Charities when making your extraordinary gift of \$4,000 from your Lenten program of sacrificial giving.

Through your efforts, the parishioners of Our Lady of the Lake Parish were inspired to support the causes you know in your hearts are very important: human trafficking and domestic violence.

During Lent we think about ways we can live our lives better and grow in God's grace. We ask for the strength to do what is right as we prepare for the joy of Christ's Resurrection and His triumph over death. In the 12th Chapter of the Gospel of St. Mark we are told that the greatest commandment

is to love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. We are also told that there is a second great commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Your successful efforts on behalf of those caught in violence of human trafficking, abuse, and poverty shows that you truly understand what God's word teaches.

At Catholic Charities we help many children every day: children with health problems, children who do not have families to care for them, and children who do not have homes. It is my pleasure to use your generous gift as you intended in our trafficking program and at our Hope House Shelter for women and children.

Everyone at Catholic Charities appreciates your thoughtfulness and friendship. You help us remain a visible presence of the love of Jesus Christ for all.

Allan J. Daul, Executive Director,  
Catholic Charities

*See the movie, or  
don't see the movie.  
Read the book, or not.  
But be sure to show  
up for Mass and listen  
to the Gospel. That's  
the true story.*

In one clever line, that sums up the oxymoronic effect of the novel that purports (albeit in fictional guise) to expose a millennia-old "cover-up" of the "truth" about Jesus and Mary Magdalene.

It is an old story. The manuscripts rediscovered within the past 60 years or so in the Middle East were, in fact, the novels of the first few centuries of the Christian era. The Gnostic gospels and other popular writings embellished the oral traditions handed down by eyewitnesses and Apostles. But the early Church carefully culled the revealed Word from the fictional word through those centuries. A very old story, indeed.

## Respect Life

### The 'depressing' statistics of abortion

BY REV. MSGR. RICHARD MCGUINNESS

*Director of the Respect Life Office*

Anti-life people tend to promote abortion as a way out of unexpected pregnancies, thus eliminating embarrassment, financial, or other family problems.

However, a major new study conducted by Dr. David Fergusson of Christchurch School of Medicine and Health Sciences in New Zealand ([www.chmeds.ac.nz](http://www.chmeds.ac.nz)) indicates that abortion, indeed, causes various mental health problems.

The study by Dr. Fergusson found that 15- to 18-year-old girls who had not gotten pregnant had a 31.2-percent chance of experiencing major depression. Those who became pregnant and carried their baby to birth had a 35.7-percent chance of major depression, but those who had an abortion had a 78.6-percent chance of major depression.

The same statistics were similar with regard to anxiety: a total of 37 percent for those non-pregnant; for those who carried their pregnancy to term 35.7 percent. But for those who had an abortion it was 64.3 percent.

Regarding ideas of suicide: no pregnancy, 23 percent; pregnancy to birth, 25 percent; and those having an abortion, 50 percent.

How can anyone knowing these facts encourage a young woman to have an abortion?

Older women who had abortions had considerably increased risks for mental illness, though not as dramatic as young women.

Contact the Population Research Institute (PRI), 1190 Progress Drive, Suite 2D, P.O. Box 1559, Front Royal, VA 22630 (phone: 540-622-5240; Web site: <http://www.pop.org>) for more information. Founded in 1989, PRI is a non-profit research and educational organization dedicated to objectively presenting the truth about population-related issues.



# US bishops approve new Order of Mass

LOS ANGELES (CNS)—Although approval of a new Order of Mass with U.S. adoptions made most of the national headlines during last week's meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, action was also taken on the key national issue of immigration reform while the yearly national Religious Retirement Fund collection was extended until 2017.

Newark Archbishop John J. Myers, along with Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha and Bishop John W. Flesey, attended the gathering here.

The new translation of the main constant parts of the Mass—penitential rite, Gloria, Creed, Eucharistic prayers, Eucharistic acclamations, the "Our Father" and other prayers and responses used daily—will likely be introduced in the United States within the next two years if it is approved by the Vatican.

The text that the bishops approved included only the main parts of the Order of Mass, the daily prayers with which people are most familiar.

The bishops still have to receive and approve other parts of the Order of Mass, such as the prefaces, and the major portion of



Archbishop John J. Myers

the Roman Missal comprising the proper prayers for each Sunday or feast throughout the year. These are still in the early stages of translation and consultation among English-speaking bishops around the world.

When the new translation of the texts the bishops adopted in Los Angeles takes effect, with possible Vatican modifications, U.S. Catholics will find that many of the familiar prayers and responses they have been using at Mass for the past 35 years or so will be changed.

After approving more than 60

amendments to the universal English translation of the Latin Order of Mass proposed by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, the bishops approved the revised version by a vote of 173-29. They then approved a set of American adaptations—alternate prayers or ritual instructions not contained in the original Latin version—by a vote of 184 to 8.

Although only about 80 percent of the 254 Latin-rite bishops in the country were at the Los Angeles meeting, the votes of members in attendance were more than enough to meet the two-thirds majority (170) of all the nation's Latin bishops that was required to pass liturgical decisions.

According to published news reports from the conference here, Archbishop Myers stated he "felt no urge to make the change in the greeting." While acknowledging he was "not entirely satisfied" with the translation of the last 40 years, the archbishop noted that he could "live with (the response to the greeting). My whole ordained priesthood I've lived with it."

Some of the changes people will see when the new version eventually takes effect will include:

- 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.

At a press conference the day before the June 15 to 17 national meeting opened, the U.S. bishops continued to press Congress to legislate comprehensive and humane immigration reform. It was the consensus that congressional conferees need to resolve differences between a Senate bill passed in May that includes many comprehensive reform provisions and a House bill passed in December that focuses only on the enforcement of immigration laws and criminalizes undocumented immigrants and those who assist them.

The bishops acknowledged that not all Catholics agree with them and that they had received letters in opposition to their public stand on behalf of humane immigration reform.

By a vote of 143 to 10 on the first day of their meeting, the bishops approved a 10-year extension of the national collection for retired Religious, which would have expired next year. Under conference rules, only bishops who head dioceses can vote on matters dealing with collections or other decisions involving financial commitments by dioceses. The national collection began in 1988. Before their vote, the bishops were given a detailed analysis of the growing costs of retirement care for men and women Religious and the struggle hundreds or orders face to meet their unfunded retirement liability.

At the end of 2003, religious orders reporting to the National Religious Retirement office had \$9.1 billion in investments dedicated to funding their retirement costs, but their total retirement liability was nearly \$17.8 billion, leaving them with \$8.7 billion of that liability unfunded.

## Faith and suffering in a fragmented world

**Readings: Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41.**

**H**ow do we define the meaning of life? This central question for each of us should focus on our relationship with God. From ancient times this included the moral struggle between good and evil.

An elderly sage epitomized the common answer in Ps 37. The wicked are alienated from God and will come to a bad end. It was a simple step from this assessment to judge that all those who suffer must be sinners. In a masterly drama, the Book of Job struggles to prove the inadequacy of this thesis. Attacked by his pious friends, who are convinced that he is a secret sinner, Job examines his conscience (Ch. 31) and then challenges God to a court case. Let God vindicate himself for allowing the righteous to suffer!

The divine answer (Ch. 38-41) is a long series of questions that effectively puts Job in his place. How can a creature penetrate into the Creator's mind? What qualifications does any human being have to challenge God?

While in the end Job must stand in awe of the Creator, he is vindicated before his friends and God instructs him to pray for them (42:7-9).

The Gospel responds to human curiosity about suffering and sin by stating that there can be a link (Jn 5:14), yet this must not be assumed lightly by others (Jn 9:2-3). We should not even judge our own case, and that is one of the reasons for the Church to foster the sacrament of penance and spiritual direction.

In this Sunday's liturgy the reading from Job provides a background to St. Mark's narrative about the

### Sunday Readings

12th Sunday  
of Ordinary Time  
(June 25, 2006)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



storm on the Sea of Galilee. After teaching a large crowd, Jesus and his disciples took a boat to cross the lake. Exhausted, the Master fell into a deep sleep, undisturbed even by the storm that began to overwhelm them.

*"Why are you terrified?  
Do you not yet have faith?"*

be calm. Then he questioned them: "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"

The reaction of the disciples changed from apprehension to awe. "Who then is this whom even sea and wind obey?"

While he rested Jesus had given his friends a lesson in trust. "In peace I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety" (Ps 4:8). Then Jesus showed another dimension of his intimacy with the Father.

What a picture of human insecurity as the disciples waken Jesus. "Teacher, do you not care if we perish?" He did not answer them directly, but rebuked the wind and ordered the sea to

Long ago the Psalmist had proclaimed that God alone ruled the sea and calmed the storm (Ps 89:8-9). Slowly the disciples began to recognize that the works of Jesus point to his unique unity with God the Father.

"Do you not yet have faith?" Jesus could not expect his disciples to have full insight into his work, so he was pointing to faith as a relationship with God. St. Paul's letters to the Corinthians emphasized that the specific context of Christian faith in our relationship with God is rooted in the death and resurrection of Jesus. "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation," participating in the life of Jesus that triumphed over death because of his obedient love of the Father. Grounded in this love, those who believe in Christ are urged to express a similar sacrificial love for others.

During his teaching ministry, Jesus was known first "according to the flesh," which refers to his human nature. The disciples came to a partial insight into the mystery of his divinity, but only after the resurrection did they know that all of Jesus' works were accomplished for their sake. Moreover, through baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Church and her members become part of the new creation.

However, the Church must live this experience in faith. Every generation is buffeted by the various storms that afflict humanity. The difference between the faithful and their brothers and sisters throughout the world is the presence of Jesus in the barque of Peter. Christ is Emmanuel ("God with us") and is always present with those who recognize their need and their own limitations.

"Do you not yet have faith?" The question now becomes: "Is your gift of faith being awakened by prayer?"

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



# Community outreach, ministries foster growth, support traditions

BY MELISSA MCNALLY  
Staff Writer

Over 40 years ago, Catholic families in Fairfield, then known as Caldwell Township, petitioned the Newark Archdiocese to establish a parish within their community.

The late Archbishop Thomas A. Boland decreed that St. Thomas More Parish would be established, and on Dec. 3, 1962, he assigned this task to Father Patrick F. Joyce, pastor of nearby St. Aloysius Parish in Caldwell.

St. Thomas More Parish developed slowly. Masses were celebrated in the gymnasium of Churchill School, generally celebrated St. Aloysius curates. The three priests who celebrated Mass were Father Joseph A. Beggans, Father John H. Wightman and Father John C. Bouton.

Father George P. Hresko became the first permanent pastor on June 29, 1963. Catholic families in Fairfield were estimat-

ed at 575. Shortly after his arrival, Father Hresko met with 75 parishioners to discuss the objective and goals of the new faith community.

A private home at 144 Hollywood Ave. was purchased and converted into a rectory with the help of several parishioners. Part of the basement was used as a chapel where weekday masses were celebrated.

During the months that followed, the number of parishioners attending Mass increased. Father James Pindar and Father Robert Grady assisted Father Hresko, and two masses were added to the Sunday schedule.

Ground was broken for the church building in March 1964 on a 13.5-acre tract of land at the corner of Hollywood Avenue and Horseneck Road. Three months later, Father John R. Doherty was appointed the first permanent curate of St. Thomas More.

Since the celebration of the first Mass in the newly dedicated church on Easter Sunday 1965, St. Thomas More Parish has grown in many new directions. The development

of three parish societies, the Rosary Altar Society, the Holy Name Society and the Christian Family Movement, provided willing workers for varied spiritual and social activities that were such an integral part of parish life.

Today, the parish has 1,542 families of mostly second- and third-generation Italian descent. The parish has a solid base of longtime parishioners—some who remember the days dating back to the farm that was on the corner of Hollywood and Horseneck Avenues before the church was built. There are also new families moving in to town because of several new housing developments rising on old farms.

To the parishioners, one thing that makes St. Thomas More Parish great is

the generosity and warmth of the congregation. In fact, a local orchestra nicknamed them

“the friendly parish” after performing a Christmas concert here.

The creative ways in which the Christian ministry is shown throughout the community is also a highlighted by St. Thomas More Student T.V., which includes two television shows: “What’s the Good Word” and “Teen Talk,” that are broadcast weekly on a local cable network.

Reaching out to others through ministry is an important aspect of the parish life. There are almost 60 ministries ranging from Friday evening Bible study to offering a place for the homeless to stay through their involvement with the Essex County Interfaith Hospitality Network. The communications committee publishes the parish newsletter, *The Tower*, named after the place of St. Thomas More’s imprisonment.

Under the direction of Deacon Gregory Quinn, the parish’s Social Action Committee facilitates the food pantry, a monthly

effort with the Our Lady of the Valley soup kitchen in Orange. The committee also organizes parishioners to visit Essex County Prison on Friday evenings and Sunday mornings.

The ministries at St. Thomas More Parish keep evolving and growing. “I have been pastor for seven years. There have been tremendous changes during that time including an increase in parishioners as well as many other ministries. The parish has experienced tremendous growth and change over the last few years,” according to Father John D. Gabriel.

## Meet the Pastor



Father John D. Gabriel

**Birthday:** Feb. 4 1959

**High School:** Midland Park High School

**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary

**Undergraduate:** Seton Hall (College Seminary)

**Ordination:** 1987

**Hero:** Pope John Paul II

**Favorite Saint:** Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

**Favorite Sport:** Olympic curling

**Favorite Food:** anything with macaroni

**Favorite Subject in School:** History

**Favorite Movie:** The Wizard of Oz

**Last Book Read:** *The Genius in the Design: Borromini and the Rivalry that Transformed Rome* by Jake Morrissey

**Occupation If I Weren't a Priest:** Physician

Although the parish may be changing, some traditions rooted in the Italian culture will always remain. There is an annual Italian Mass for the feast of St. Anthony of Padua and also for the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. The parish also has the annual Peasant’s Drama for the feast of its patron, St. Thomas More, in which members of the congregation read More’s “A Man For All Seasons.”

Last year, the tradition of the Infiorata began. Father Gabriel decided to bring this tradition to the parish after seeing it while on trip to Italy 30 years ago. On the Feast of Corpus Christi, the center aisle of the church is covered with a mosaic-like picture made with flower petals.

Most Rev. Edgar da Cunha, auxiliary bishop of Newark, visited the church last year during the Infiorata and celebrated Mass. While the Blessed Sacrament is brought down the aisle, the bishop walks on the

flower carpet and parishioners take the blessed petals home. The congregation is encouraged to start their own gardens as a sign of love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

(St. Thomas More Parish is located at 210 Horseneck Rd., Fairfield.)



Advocate photo - M. Gabriele

Jennifer O'Brien was one of several parishioners who assembled the colorful Infiorata flower-petal mosaic in the center aisle of St. Thomas More Parish. O'Brien and other church artisans worked on June 17 to have the display ready for Sunday Mass the next day.



Advocate photo - Melissa McNally

A statue of St. Joseph stands near the entrance at St. Thomas More Parish.

*Saint  
Thomas  
More,  
Fairfield*



# Once a Hawk, always a Hawk

JERSEY CITY—Students at Hudson Catholic Regional High School recently came to the aid of a 2005 graduate, Greg Kropilak, who is suffering from a very rare form of cancer that requires extensive chemotherapy treatments and blood transfusions.

His mother, Del Anderson, has been keeping the school updated as to her son's condition. As a result, the school's annual blood drive was restructured with Kropilak in mind.

According to Dennis Gallagher, director of campus ministry, "We had already scheduled our blood drive with the American Red Cross. When Greg's mom told us of his need for blood, it was a natural match. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students and staff to demonstrate their commitment to others and come together as a community. We were limited to 70 donors by blood drive requirements and we easily filled those spots. As a result, 59 pints of blood were collected."

According to Anderson, "the response from Hudson Catholic, as always, was wonderful. I am happy to report that 35 of the 59 pints were a match for Greg and he has already received two transfusions. The blood that wasn't a match has been sent to the Blood Bank to be used by others. Hudson Catholic has always been there for Greg and continues to be there even after he graduated."

Said Terry Matthews, the school's director of public relations, "Service to others is a cornerstone of a Lasallian education. Our students know that it is their responsibility to give back to the



Hudson Catholic senior Eddie Perez prepares to donate blood.

community and help make the world a better place. The fact that one of our alumni was in need simply brought that responsibility closer to home. Here at Hudson Catholic, the reality is that once you're a Hawk, you're always a Hawk."

## Chapter leaders named

SOUTH RIVER—Father Neil Tiedemann, who was part of the Passionist team in Union City, has been elected to the Congregation of the Passion's three-member leadership board of the St. Paul of the Cross Provincial Chapter.

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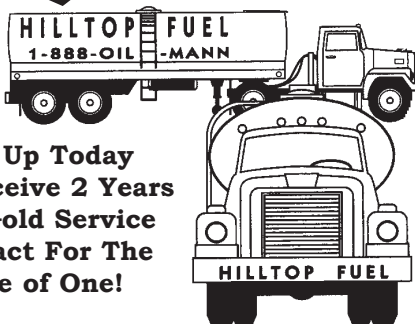
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**POIGNANT MESSAGE**—Juliana Leary, a fifth grade student at Academy of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Franklin Lakes, is pictured with her winning poster for the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect. Juliana and her family went to Trenton to receive the award. Her poster will appear in the 2007 calendar and be on display throughout the state all of next year.

# Ally Walls garners service award

SCOTCH PLAINS—Ally Walls, a recent graduate of Union Catholic High School, is a recipient of a President’s Volunteer Service Award.

The national honor, which recognizes Americans of all ages who have volunteered significant amounts of their time to serve their communities and their country, was presented by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program on behalf of the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation.

Walls participated in the Spirit of Community program this year as a representative of Union Catholic High School. The focus of her application was her work on the Mr. UC Pageant. She was the president of the Student Council. This year marked the second annual pageant is run by the Student Council. A total of \$2,171 was raised and donated to the family of Chris Obara, a sophomore at Union Catholic, suffering from Ewing’s sarcoma, a type of bone cancer common among teenage boys.

“Ally is an asset to Union Catholic and her community. We are very proud of her and her recognition for volunteerism,” said Christine McCoid, assistant principal, student services.


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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.

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# Youth center slates formation retreats

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE  
Editor

NEWARK—The Archdiocesan Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry will host a series of formation retreats in July, August and September at the Youth Retreat Center complex, 499 Belgrove Dr., Kearny.

The first retreat, slated for July 21 to 23 (Friday to Sunday), is titled “J-Walking Against the Flow,” an immersion into the “Justice-Walking” process. Justice Walking is defined as a practical faith-formation encounter, where individuals experience the Gospel message through a social-justice perspective.

Other retreats being planned by the center are “The National Study of Youth and Religion: Will Our Children Have Faith?,” set for Saturday, Aug. 12, and “Jesus Every Day in Every Way,” to be held Saturday, Sept. 16.

Sister Loretta DeDomenicis, the director of parish outreach and training and young adult ministry, said the three retreats are geared for adults, young adults, clergy, youth ministers, catechists, cate-

chetical leaders, adult faith formation directors and teachers.

The Kearny center has been active this year, hosting and sponsoring various events, all designed to help young adults and teenagers grow in faith. Earlier this month, 35 young adults from the archdiocese traveled by bus to Steubenville, OH, to attend the National Young Adult Conference, which was held at Franciscan University. The gathering attracted over 200 attendees from throughout North America.

In addition, more than 50 archdiocesan young adults took part in the third-annual New Jersey Young Adult Conference, held June 10 at St. Vincent De Paul Parish in Stirling (see *The Catholic Advocate*, May 24).

The center also sponsored various meetings and social confabs throughout the four counties of the archdiocese, including the popular “Theology on Tap” program, during January and February—a series of events known collectively as “Young Adult Month.”

Contact Sister Loretta at (201) 998-0088, ext. 4147 at the Kearny center for more information.

# Mt. Carmel to celebrate annual feast July 12-16

NEWARK—The 116th annual Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will take place July 12-16.

The feast, which draws participants from throughout the Archdiocese of Newark, will have both a spiritual and festive focus.

A novena in honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel begins July 7 and continues nine consecutive nights beginning at 7 p.m. On the first day of the feast, a candle light procession will follow the 7 p.m. Mass and novena. On July 15 a healing Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. by Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio of the Brooklyn Diocese. Processions with the image of Our Lady will

take place on July 15-16 following the noon Mass. The feast Mass schedule on July 16 includes 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. (celebrated in Italian) and at noon with Archbishop John J. Myers as the main celebrant.

The festival will be open from 6 to 11 p.m. each day. There will be food, rides and games along with a 50/50 raffle to be drawn July 16 at 11 p.m. Live entertainment will be provided from 7 to 11 p.m. Chailo will perform July 14 and Joey Baione July 15 and July 16.

The parish is located here at 259 Oliver St. For additional information call (973) 589-2090.

## Pray for them...

**Raymond H. McConnell**, brother of Father James McConnell, S.M.A., pastor of Queen of Angels Parish, Newark, died April 30.

**Angelina Ugwuanya**, mother of Father Valentine C. Ugwuanya, chaplain at Fort Bragg, NC, died April 30.

**Marion Ranieri**, mother of Father John J. Ranieri, a professor at Seton Hall University, died June 4.



**A REAL HOME RUN—** Each spring, the Bergen Catholic High School varsity baseball team travels to Florida. For the past two years, players have performed a community service project during the trip. Assisting at the Winter Park Nursery School were, left to right, seniors Mike Glennon, Nick Ianora and Scott Garbet.



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# ‘Baby, Think It Over’ offers lesson in teenage abstinence

MONTCLAIR — When nurse Mary Ronayne of Immaculate Conception High School told her sophomores that the new “babies” they would care for in the “Baby, Think It Over” portion of their spring health class were more realistic than the dolls used before, they believed her. But many of them could hardly believe how realistic the babies turned out to be. To stress the importance of teenage abstinence, “Baby, Think It Over” teaches teens about the responsibilities newborn babies entail. Students take the artificial




As part of a program called “Baby, Think It Over,” Immaculate Conception High School student Daisy Bravo worked hard for an entire weekend to coax a “contented sigh” from her doll.

infants home on a Friday and return them on Monday. The squalling of the simulated infants has no single apparent solution. They may need to be held and rocked, be given a bottle, or have their diapers changed. When a student returns the doll, “Nurse Mary” gets a read out of the student’s performance by waving a computerized “wand” over the baby. “It gives a wealth of information. For example, if the diapers need changing 22 times and the student changed them 16, I’ll see that,” she said. The readout tells Ronayne how long they cried before they were attended to correctly and whether they were mishandled (that is, held incorrectly or

without proper head support so that the head falls back). Students must keep notes in a diary and their parents must fill out an evaluation form as well. The school purchased the babies through a grant from the Hyde & Watson Foundation of Chatham. Student comments went right to the purpose of the program. “The baby didn’t let me sleep,” said Chris Azcona. “I learned that I am not ready to have a baby,” added Tamia Suggs. “You see, we finally gave this baby back to Nurse Mary, but you can’t give a real baby back.” Maurene Burrell observed, “When I first received the baby, I thought the program would be a

piece of cake. But it’s no joke. When the baby kept waking me up at two and three in the morning, I was becoming very upset.” Jade McClain’s conclusions were decisive: “I had actually been looking forward to having it over the weekend and at first I enjoyed it. But immediately after, I realized that I couldn’t go out, I had little time to myself, and it cried so often. I would never become a teen mother.” “During that weekend,” said Daisy Bravo, “my favorite sound became the baby’s contented sigh.” Sherry Davis echoed many

of her classmates’ newfound respect “for all the mothers and fathers of the world who have to do this on an everyday basis.” But that’s not the final word on how realistic the new test dolls are, Ronayne Mary said. “People are coming up to our students and asking, ‘Is that baby real?’ It was particularly embarrassing to the students at church and shopping—places where they run into people they know.” “People gave me looks like, ‘You’re too young to have a baby,’” said Maurene Burrell. “Well, I agree.”



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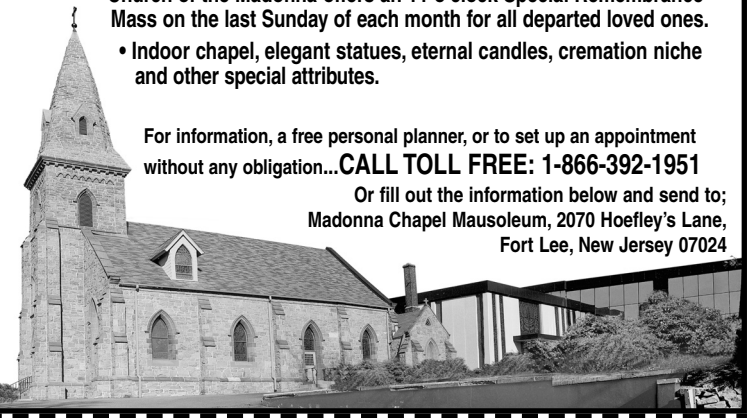
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NEWARK—Cancer survivors and their families celebrated National Cancer Survivors Day on June 3 at the Cathedral Regional Cancer Center on the campus of Saint Michael's Medical Center.

Supported by the nonprofit National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation in an effort to improve the quality of life for cancer survivors, the annual nationwide observance promotes public awareness about issues that affect cancer patients, their treatment and recovery.

The Cathedral Regional Cancer Center celebration featured massages, manicures and makeovers for participants, as well as gifts, raffles and refreshments.

At the Cathedral Regional Cancer Center at Saint Michael's Medical Center, a team of physicians, nurses, technical and support staff uses the latest cancer-care technology available to provide patients with the best in medical, surgical and radiation oncology services.

Featuring a patient-friendly atmosphere, the facility offers ancillary services, including support groups, an on-site pharmacy, a nutrition center, access to social services, a phlebotomy lab and valet parking.

Saint Michael's Medical Center, a 337-bed regional primary-care, teaching and research center, is an affiliate of Cathedral Healthcare System, a nonprofit,



Joining the cancer survivors who participated in this year's observance of National Cancer Survivors Day at the Cathedral Regional Cancer Center were, left to right, Contina Wright, patient care coordinator for the In the Pink program; Terri Pietsch, clinical manager, Outpatient Oncology, Hematology, and Cancer Registry Services; Ann Marie Hill, State Commission on Cancer Research; Lois Greene, administrative director, Cathedral Regional Cancer Center; and Grace Nyatome, oncology social worker, Saint Michael's Medical Center.

multi-hospital system that also comprises Saint James Hospital and Columbus Hospital in Newark. All are affiliated with Catholic Health and Human

Services Corporation and support the mission of the Archdiocese of Newark.

More information is available at [www.cathedralhealth.org](http://www.cathedralhealth.org).

NEWARK—Columbus Hospital celebrated its fifth annual National Cancer Survivors' Day June 3 with a Mardi Gras theme.

Supported by the nonprofit National Cancer Survivors' Day Foundation in an effort to improve the quality of life for cancer survivors, the annual nationwide observance celebrates the courage of survivors, recognizes the strength of their loved ones, and promotes public awareness about issues that affect cancer patients, their treatment, and their recovery.

Andreas A. Savopoulos, M.D., P.A, section chief of Hematology and Oncology, and Carl Porcaro, M.D., cancer committee liaison, each received a plaque from the Columbus Voyagers, a group dedicated to raising funds for the American Cancer Society in support of cancer care at Columbus Hospital. Both physicians earned the recognition for their commitment to oncology services.

"Not even a rainstorm could stop attendees from coming out to enjoy the festivities," said Columbus Hospital Administrator Pat White. "We are very lucky to be able to share this special day with members of our cancer support group, with their friends and family, and with the physicians who work with survivors every day."

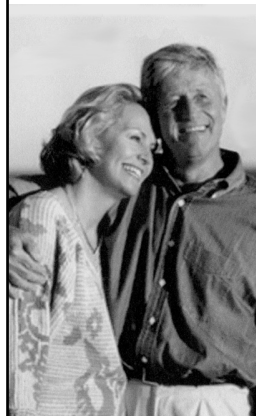
The day included entertainment by bagpipers, complimentary massages and the symbolic release of butterflies, which were donated by the Columbus Foundation.

"We are honored and pleased to have so many people attend Cancer Survivors Day," said Dr. Savopoulos. "Everyone here has shown terrific commitment to raising awareness and recognizing that there is life after cancer."

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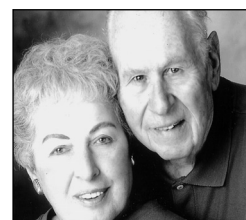
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"This Union satellite office lets us provide more accessible services for the community in Union County and beyond," said Dr. Fred Steinbaum, associate medical director at the Trinitas Comprehensive Cancer Center.

"The opening of this satellite office will help make the many services of our excellent Comprehensive Cancer Center available to an even wider portion of our community," explained Gary S. Horan, FACHE, president and chief executive officer of Trinitas Hospital. "With a higher average cancer rate, residents of Union County require and deserve greater access to quality cancer services," he added.



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**PASTORAL VISIT**—Archbishop John J. Myers recently made a pastoral visit to retired archdiocesan priests residing at The Allendale Community for Mature Living. The residence, founded 35 years ago by Dr. Hector Giancarlo, is home to nine priests. After a tour of the facility, the archbishop had lunch with the priests. With the archbishop, standing, left to right, Father Charles Scanlon, Father Edward Thompson and Dr. Giancarlo. Seated are Father Joseph Frank, Msgr. Michael Komar, Msgr. Edward Bradley and Father Robert Patterson.

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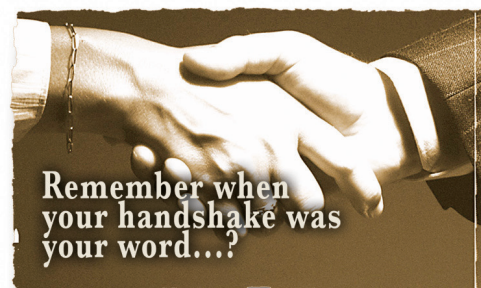
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