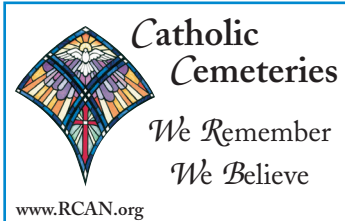




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African Catholics build community in archdiocese Igbo masses help connect U.S., Nigerian experience

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

NEWARK—From a continent with thousands of languages, different cultures and religions, African Catholics, in particular those from Nigeria, come together at Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo Parish, united in faith.

The community has enjoyed steady growth during the last five years. In 2001, then-Archbishop Theodore McCarrick established the Igbo (pronounced “E-bow”) Catholic Committee for African Catholics, mainly from Nigeria. Father Eustace Edomobi, S. Min., staff chaplain at University Hospital, and Father Anselm

Nwaorgu, pastor at Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo Parish, were instrumental in forming the committee and continue to celebrate masses in Igbo, one of the main languages in Nigeria.

“Many Catholics who come to America from Nigeria do not attend Mass here because they do not feel at home. They become lackadaisical at church,” Father Nwaorgu said, adding that this is especially true for first-generation Americans who have their parents immigrate here. “Some do not go to American masses because of the language barrier. We wanted to have a Mass in Igbo and attend

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Nigerian Catholics celebrate their faith and traditions at Igbo masses. Pictured here (left to right) are Emmanuel Oguh, Esther Ebere, Father Anselm Nwaorgu, Father Eustace Edomobi and Dr. Chukwuemeka Ibeku—all members of Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo Parish.

Advocate photo – Melissa McNally

Catholic Charities opens its arms to Tibetan detainees

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

NEW YORK—In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus offers compassionate wisdom about welcoming “the stranger” and comforting those who are poor and imprisoned.

Such is the work of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark in its efforts to aid “detainees” from Tibet; people who have risked their lives to escape from that remote, troubled corner of the world.

While Catholic Charities helps people from many countries (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Aug. 24, 2005), the organization has devoted special attention to the plight of Tibetan citizens and religious leaders during the last four years—an effort spearheaded by staff attorney Thomas Mungovern.

Several Tibetan monks assisted by Catholic Charities, interviewed here last month, told harrowing tales of family members and friends who fought against and were persecuted by the occupying Chinese forces, which invaded Tibet in 1949. Confronting severe political, religious and cultural oppression, these monks, like many of other Tibetans, made the treacherous journey through the Himalayan Mountains to flee their homeland and seek asylum in the United States.

Katmandu, the capital city of Nepal, was the initial goal of their trek, they said. Once in Nepal, they remained in danger, but somehow were

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Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark has worked to resettle Tibetan detainees in recent months, including (left to right) Sonam Sangpo, Tsritum Gyaltsso and Thupten Chozom. The three men, who were Buddhist monks in Khams—the eastern region of Tibet—said they were forced to flee their homeland due to religious persecution. Thomas Mungovern, staff attorney with Catholic Charities and a passionate advocate for the plight of Tibetans, first connected with the trio at the Department of Homeland Security’s detention center in Elizabeth. They now live in New York.

Advocate photo – M. Gabriele

Brannigan, new executive director of NJCC, recalls strong ties to Archdiocese of Newark

TRENTON—Patrick R. Brannigan is the new executive director of the New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC), succeeding William F. Bolan Jr., who recently announced his retirement after 22 years of service to the organization (see *The Catholic Advocate*, July 19).

Archbishop John J. Myers, who also serves as the president of the NJCC, announced the appointment of Brannigan on July 25.

As executive director of the NJCC, Brannigan will provide advice to N.J. bishops on state legislation as well as serve as chief spokesperson for the organization on significant issues of public policy such as respect for the dignity of human life, affordable housing, immigra-

tion and education. In addition, he also will be responsible for the overall management, supervision and administration of the NJCC's office and staff.

A resident of Pennington, Brannigan has strong ties to the Archdiocese of Newark. Born in St. Michael's Hospital in 1943, Brannigan grew up in the Vailsburg section of Newark. During a recent phone interview, he recalled that his fond childhood memories of Newark include selling copies of *The Catholic Advocate* each week after Sunday Mass. He and his family were members of Sacred Heart Church in Vailsburg during those years. Sweet jellyrolls were his reward for reaching his weekly sales goal for the newspaper, he confessed.

He received a Master's degree in American Studies from Seton Hall University (SHU) in 1972. He also earned an undergraduate degree in Humanities at SHU and attended Seton Hall Prep School.

Brannigan brings 40 years of experience in higher education and state government administration to this position, serving in legislative development and analysis, administrative, and policy analysis posts at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, the state departments of Civil Service and Community Affairs, Public Advocate, Division of Motor Vehicles, and Public Service Institute.

Most recently, he served as deputy chief of management and operations for the governor's office. In this position, he served as liaison for the governor to the NJCC.

Brannigan is active in community affairs, and has served on the boards of Hopewell Valley Regional School District, Pennington Recreation Commission, Leadership New Jersey, the Hispanic Leadership Opportunity Advisory Board, and Newark Fighting Back. He also has served as an adjunct faculty member at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Rutgers University, Fairleigh Dickinson University and Kean University.

He is a member of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), and has chaired ASPA's national committees on professional standards and ethics and policy Issues. He co-authored a book with Thomas J. Davy titled: "Ethics in Public Service: A Learning Workbook."

"Pat Brannigan has a wide range of experience and expertise in dealing with the reins of government and in shaping legislation," Archbishop Myers declared last month while announcing Brannigan's



Patrick R. Brannigan

appointment. "We believe he will serve the Conference and the New Jersey bishops well as we seek to maintain a strong, solid voice in the shaping of laws and policies that deal ethically, fairly and justly with everyone in our society."

Regarding Bolan's announcement of retirement from the NJCC leadership position, Archbishop Myers stated that "not only during my five years as Archbishop of Newark and head of the Catholic Conference, but for the more than two decades that Bill has guided and supported the bishops of the New Jersey in our efforts to add a moral perspective to the task of creating legislation, the Church has benefited greatly from his energies and talents."

Brannigan and his wife, Mary Ann, have three daughters and three grandchildren. A former seminarian, he serves as an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist at St. James Parish in Pennington.

Archbishop slates collection for national hurricane relief

AREA—Archbishop John J. Myers has authorized a voluntary collection to be taken up in all parishes the weekend of Aug. 26-27 as part of a national collection for hurricane relief.

While the original national collection raised more \$130 million, largely for humanitarian relief, the relief needs in the Archdiocese of New Orleans and Diocese of Biloxi remain significant.

In the Diocese of Biloxi, with only 70,000 Catholics, 428 or 433 Church-owned structures were destroyed or severely damaged with over \$70 million in storm destruction. The diocese

is insured for only half that amount.

In the Archdiocese of New Orleans, estimates are that there is \$52 million in uninsured flood damage to buildings that are attempting to reopen and another \$70 million uninsured flood damage to buildings that have to delay reopening.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at its June meeting unanimously approved a second national collection. The Archdiocese of New Orleans will receive 60 percent of the funds and the Diocese of Biloxi the remaining 40 percent.

Campus Ministry applauds Honsberger and Prumos



CAMPUS MINISTRY HONOR STUDENTS—The executive committee of the Catholic Campus Ministry's advisory board selected Brian Honsberger of Rutgers University-Newark and Christina Prumos of Ramapo College as the 2006 "Outstanding Campus Ministry Students of the Year." Both were Dean's List students at their respective schools and both were active in numerous volunteer programs. Honsberger (left photo, standing at left)—pictured with Travis Lawmaster, the campus minister for Newman Center at University Heights—was an All-American volleyball player and hopes to pursue a career in the pharmaceutical industry. Prumos (right photo, standing at right)—pictured with Ramapo College President Dr. Peter Mercer—plans to be a math teacher at Mahwah High School. She served as the senior advisor for "Catholics at Ramapo United." Father John B. Baron, Ph.D., the Catholic chaplain at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Metropolitan Campus in Teaneck, is the archdiocesan director of Catholic Campus Ministry. This is the third year the organization has honored outstanding students for leadership and academic excellence. Visit www.catholiccampusministry.org online for more information on Catholic Campus Ministry.



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NJ's oldest Catholic hospital shifts to municipal ownership

St. Mary marks end of an era

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

HOBOKEN—Ownership of St. Mary Hospital, the oldest Catholic hospital in the state, was expected to pass into the hands of a Municipal Hospital Authority with an Aug. 9

vote of the City Council here, bringing to an end a 140-year history as a Catholic community healthcare institution.

The City Council action became necessary when Maryland-based Bon Secours Health System Inc., which reportedly lost \$118 million since it took over the hospital in 2000, announced seven months ago it would close St. Mary Hospital if a buyer could not be found.

Joan Quigley, vice president of external affairs at the hospital, said that, with the

expected approval of the Municipal Hospital Authority, the changeover of ownership and operations could be completed "probably sometime in November." In the interim, she explained, the procedural process for establishing a not-for-profit entity will take place. As a non-profit treating charity care patients, the 328-bed hospital will be eligible for state and federal funding.

Asked if the name "St. Mary" would survive, Quigley said "probably not." However, on that point, Sister Rose Marie Jasinski, president of Bon Secours New Jersey, commented "of course we would like to see it remain a Catholic hospital, but in situations such as this when we can no longer fund it and there is no other Catholic system to transfer it to then we

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POOL PARTY—Archbishop John J. Myers (standing, second from left) visited the CYO Summer Day Camp at the Kearny Youth Retreat Center on July 13 and was given a spirited greeting by many happy campers at poolside. Joining the archbishop for a tour of the center were (standing, left to right) Gary LoBue, Thomas J. Manning, and August LoBue. The three men have been tapped as the Kearny center's 2007 Business and Labor honorees. Manning is the business manager for Steamfitters Local Union No. 475, based in Warren, while the LoBue brothers are the top executives of FAPS Inc., Port Newark, one of the largest automobile port processors in the United States. Manning and the LoBue brothers will be honored at the 14th annual Archbishop's Business and Labor Recognition (BLR) reception, which will be held at Mayfair Farms, West Orange, on March 6, 2007. Funds collected through the BLR program over the last 13 years have totaled over \$1.7 million. Msgr. John Gilchrist, the pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Harrison, a long-time columnist for *The Catholic Advocate* and the business/labor liaison for the Kearny center, also attended the pool party and tour.

Building community

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priest is not afraid to tell us what is on his mind,” Oguh said.

A support system that can identify with the trials of moving to a different country was important for Oguh, as he faced discrimination for the first time in America. “People from the Peace Corps would teach us in Nigeria. We welcomed them as equals and thought of them as members of our family. We welcomed people like it says to do in the Bible. I thought that everyone in the United States would be like that. When I came here in 1974, I realized what discrimination was.”

At Rutgers, Oguh became “radical” and founded the first black student organization. “We were meant to feel separate, as Africans, from even the black student organization. So we started an African organization where we invited people from the United Nations to come and visit the school. It was a way to show our identity.”

Father Nwaorgu also faced prejudice within the Church. “What pains me the most is discrimination within the Church. When I was at the seminary in 1990, the racism was not covert and it was definitely overt and in the open. If I was first to sit at a table in the lunchroom, I could guarantee that I would be sitting alone that day. It is hard for me to recognize discrimination now because I pay attention to the task I am to do; I do not pay attention to what goes on in the background.”

For Esther Ebere, president of the Igbo Catholic Women’s Council, adjusting to Nigerian and American culture had to happen quickly. She came to New Brunswick in 1974 with her fiancé and the two were married in St. Mary Parish when they arrived. Although her husband’s family was Catholic, she was not and converted. Only here to study and attend Kean University, she graduated with a bachelors degree in psychology and decided to stay in America and moved to Plainfield.

Nigeria is a patriarchal society, while in America, the sexes are more equal, which proved to be an

adjustment for Ebere. The Women’s Council advocates unity amongst the women and provides support for new members. “When my husband and I arrived to America, our faith is the only thing we leaned on and we managed. At the Igbo masses, we try to bring our culture from back home here and we help send things to people in Nigeria.”

Ebere has four children and has them attend the Igbo masses as a way to connect to their culture. Even though Nigeria is patriarchal, the women have power in the home and play a large part in to raising the children with strong Catholic faith. Today, the Igbo Catholic Mass has over 50 percent children, therefore ensuring the preservation of tradition and Catholic teaching.

Dr. Chukwuemeka Ibeku believes that raising children in the Catholic faith is going to increase the number of Igbo Catholics. “The spirit is rising here. I don’t know of any other parish that has such a high percentage of

children attending Mass.”

Ibeku was raised Catholic in Nigeria where he was an altar server and reader. He came to America as a physician to work and became less involved in is faith. “I went to church but church didn’t go to me. I did not get the same spirit as I do at the Igbo Catholic Mass.”

Ibeku is the chairman of the harvest committee that raises funds for Blessed Sacrament Parish in a 10-week long offering which culminates with the harvest. This year, the harvest is on Oct. 22 and the event will be a celebration of Igbo culture. “There are different ministries for parishioners to choose from and serve. Some join the choir or teach the children, but I love running around and putting the harvest together.”

An increase in diversity and embracing other cultures and traditions is essential to Catholicism, Ibeku believes. “I think the new wave (of Catholicism) is with the immigrants and an emphasis on family. These issues need to be encouraged in order to make (the Church) grow.”

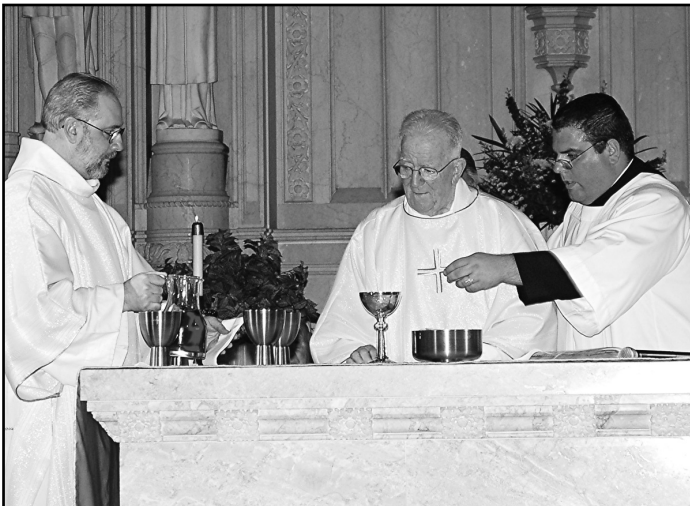


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ANNIVERSARY MASS—Msgr. Edwin Sullivan (center) celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination with Mass at St. Stephen’s Parish in Kearny on June 17. Born in Maine, Msgr. Sullivan and family moved to Kearny just before he entered high school. He celebrated his first Mass at St. Stephen in 1946. Pictured with Msgr. Sullivan are Deacon Herb Gimgel (left) and Father Joseph A. Mancini, the parochial vicar of St. Stephen. Msgr. Sullivan’s first cousin, Bishop Thomas Daly, retired bishop of Brooklyn, N.Y., attended the Mass in Kearny.



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August 12

Catholics Who Happen to Be Single, Hackensack, dancing and social, Waterloo Sue's, 9 p.m., RSVP, call Leonora at (973) 743-6100.

St. Phil's Singles, Livingston, ice cream at Gelotti's, Paterson, golf at Willowbrook Golf Center, Wayne, 7 p.m., RSVP by Aug. 11, (973) 248-9245.

August 13

St. Phil's Singles, Livingston, softball game followed by dinner, 2 p.m., bring lawn chairs, (732) 382-5242 after 6 p.m.

Holy Rosary Parish, Jersey City, Italian festival, 4-11 p.m., (201) 795-0120 ext. 111.



St. Mary

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look to continue services as a not-for-profit facility. It would have been very sad to me if the oldest Catholic hospital in the state were forced to close. This transfer keeps the oldest (Catholic) hospital open with ample opportunity for future growth."

Harvey Holzberg, who became consulting director of St. Mary in early June, explained the facility no longer can operate as a Catholic hospital due to "public rules and regulations and constitutional requirements." On that point, Quigley—when asked if abortions would now be performed at the facility—declined to respond directly, saying only that there has not been a "demand" for the procedure and "we are not anticipating making that change."

Quigley did say, however, that the hospital's chapel will be changed into a non-denominational site. The Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, who had operated St. Mary, have asked for the return of religious artifacts. That will be done Quigley said, adding that other items will become part of a "history and tradition area." Still other religious items will be distributed to area parishes and schools.

Citing the "tremendous history" of St. Mary Hospital, Father Joseph Kukura, president of Princeton-based Catholic HealthCare Partnership of New Jersey, said "happily, the City of Hoboken has found a way to continue that heritage." A crucial element of which, he stressed, is "concern for the poor and vulnerable."

St. Mary Hospital, which is not

August 15

Immaculate Conception Parish, Montclair, "Catholic Classics in Honor of the Feast of the Assumption," 12:45 p.m., cost: \$5, (973) 509-1111.



St. Michael Parish, Cranford, week to honor Mary, through Aug. 22, 7 p.m., (908) 276-0360.

August 16

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

August 19

St. Phil's Singles, Livingston, outdoor volleyball followed by dinner, 4:30 p.m., bring lawn chairs, (973) 340-4001.

August 20

Queen of Peace Knights of Columbus #3428, North Arlington, picnic, 1-6 p.m., cost: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, (201) 997-9606.

August 22

Immaculate Conception Parish, Montclair, "Harper's Jewel" concert, 12:45 p.m., cost: \$5, (973) 509-1111.

St. John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, Mass for archdiocesan Filipino priests, 11 a.m., (201) 384-0101.

Other

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



Today's St. Mary Hospital is a Hoboken landmark.

affiliated with Cathedral Healthcare System of the Archdiocese of Newark, serves more than a quarter-million residents of Hoboken, Union City, West New York, Weehawken and North Bergen.

Henry J. Amoroso, president of Cathedral Healthcare System and president and the chief executive officer of Catholic Health and Human Services, said the conversion of St. Mary, from a private, Catholic community hospital to a publicly operated facility, is a sign of the times.

"Traditionally community hospitals throughout New Jersey's cities, particularly faith-based hospitals, have been critical to the health of our urban residents many of whom are members of underserved, low-income populations," Amoroso explained. "However, today's funding mechanisms do not favor private, not-for-profit hospitals."

Holzberg, the former president of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, said "everyone reluctantly" decided on the changeover. Calling the decision of Mayor David Roberts "courageous," Holzberg stressed that, as a public

entity, the hospital will be eligible for higher reimbursements. He credited Quigley, who is also a state assemblywoman, with being "singularly responsible" for the legislation allowing Hoboken to take over the hospital.

Soon after the future of the hospital became assured, the financial bleeding began to stop and doctors and patients returned, he said. Explaining that turnaround, Holzberg cited the difference between a situation where finances functioned in a tenuous atmosphere as opposed to establishing the fact the hospital would keep its doors open. Quigley echoed that sentiment, saying once the transition was established, "enthusiasm" within the hospital community became palpable. Doctors who had "drifted away" began to return, as did patients.

With the expected infusion of cash through its changed status, a top priority for the "new" hospital will be an upgraded and expanded emergency room (ER), Quigley said. Right now, she explained, the ER—originally designed to handle 15,000 patients yearly—is serving some 37,000 patients.

Official Appointments



Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Reverend Luis Orlando Gonzalez has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. John the Baptist Parish, Fairview, effective Aug. 11.

Reverend Edwardo T. Veluz, Parochial Vicar of St. Mary Parish, Dumont, has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Anne Parish, Jersey City, effective July 27.

Reverend Amadeo Alvero has been appointed summer parochial vicar at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Giovanni Argarin has been appointed summer parochial vicar of the St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Jersey City, through Aug. 30.

Reverend Jacob S. Biswas has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Holy Family Parish, Nutley, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Arlou T. Buslon has been appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Aedan Parish, Jersey City, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Devis Chenginiyadan has been appointed summer parochial vicar of the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Nemer Chua has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, Garfield, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Franco Coronel has been appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Elizabeth, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Jose Aricatt Kunjuvaheed has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Garfield, through Aug. 15.

Reverend Cayetano Moncada has been appointed summer parochial vicar of St. John the Baptist Parish, Fairview, through Aug. 11.

Reverend Ferdinan Wagner N. Nalitan has been appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Raphael Parish, Livingston, through September.

Reverend Randy J.C. Odchigie has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, through August.

Reverend George Pereira has been appointed summer parochial vicar St. John the Baptist Parish, Jersey City, through August.

Reverend Andrzej Proniewski has been appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Jersey City, through Aug. 30.

Reverend Antonio L. Ricarte has been appointed summer parochial vicar St. Joseph Parish, New Milford, though Sept. 30.

Reverend Rodelio San Juan has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Most Holy Name Parish, Garfield, through Aug. 30.

Reverend William Santiago has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Celso Singson has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Rochelle Park, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Venusto Suarez has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Guardian Angel Parish, Allendale, through September.

Reverend Kazimierz Torla has been appointed summer parochial vicar St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, Linden, through August.

CHAPLAIN

Reverend Leo J. Butler, Chaplain of Paramus Catholic High School, has been appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Sacred Heart Council #2842, Rochelle Park.

Reverend William P. Sheridan, Parochial Vicar of Immaculate Conception Parish, Montclair, has been appointed Chaplain for the Montclair Police Department.

Reverend Monsignor Michael J. Desmond, Pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Caldwell, has been appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Caldwell Council #2561.

IN RESIDENCE

Reverend Calin Cionca has been appointed to residence at St. Joseph Rectory, Demarest.

Reverend Robert Tooman has been appointed to residence at St. Michael Rectory, Union.

In addition, regarding ongoing business strategies, Quigley said that, along with care for the poor, the hospital will look to provide services to attract "upscale" patients—young professionals living along the "Gold Coast" of Hudson County.

According to Sister Rose Margaret Delaney, S.F.P., originally, Sister Rose Margaret explained, the hospital functioned more like today's hospices. As always, Sister

Rose Margaret stressed, their mission was to work primarily with the "impoverished."

The first hospital was a three-story brick building at 134 Meadow St. Ground was broken for the new hospital, at the corner of Willow and Fourth Streets, in 1865. It was dedicated on May 5, 1866. In 1918 St. Mary's became an embarkation hospital during World War I. A year later the Sisters resumed its administration.

Weigel column draws response

Moderation and civility

Editor,

There are times when it probably is better not to reply to articles that unfairly or even irresponsibly distort one’s own teaching on issues, lest one gives more importance to the misinformation than it deserves.

Sometimes, however, it truly is important to set the record straight in the face of half-truths or innuendos, lest the old axiom that silence presumes consent gives the impression that one has no reply, and the field is left to those who manipulate words into fanciful concepts with little relevance to the facts.

A recent column by George Weigel that ran in this newspaper (July 19) is a case in point. The column incorrectly equates my repeated calls for civility in public life and in the Church with a lack of uncompromising commitment to the doctrine of our faith. Nothing could be further from the truth, as anyone who has taken the time to read my many talks and columns would know.

Not only that, the column goes on to describe the positions of three Catholics from other nations—people I don’t know—as if their erroneous views were my own. That is, at the minimum, deceptive journalism, if not worse. It is an old trick of debaters to create a “straw man” and then demolish it, giving the false impression that one is thereby proving a point.

Therefore, let me be clear once again. I will continue to call for moderation and civility, and to reach out and talk with everyone, regardless of what side of the aisle they are on. That doesn’t mean compromising our faith and our teachings, but it does mean that we treat each other with respect as befits the dignity of our brothers and sisters, avoid name calling and personal attacks and be careful that what we say is always true both in its expression and its implication.

I have no desire to enter into a long controversy on this question, but I do believe this newspaper’s readers at least deserve the facts. Let us pray for each other that soon it may be said again of us what was said in days of old: “See these Christians, how they love one another!”

Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, former Archbishop of Washington

What he wrote is what he meant

Editor,

I fear that Cardinal McCarrick has misread the plain meaning of my column, “Truth at the 50-Yard Line?” My point—which seemed clear enough to the many people, from all states of life in the Church, who have thanked me for what I wrote—was that a pastoral strategy that encourages priests and bishops to stand “in the center of the aisle” may serve certain purposes, but cannot be effective when core doctrinal issues are at stake. That is what I wrote and that is what I meant—period. A fair-minded reading, or perhaps rereading, of the column will, I hope, demonstrate that.

The cardinal and I are agreed that there is no 50-yard line to be sought on matters of settled Church doctrine, and I am gratified that that point, which suggests the limits of the “center of the aisle” image of pastoral strategy, has been well clarified. Now Cardinal McCarrick and I can, I trust, return to the business of advancing Catholic truth, each exercising his distinct vocation.

George Weigel

Quite comfortable ‘in the middle’

Editor,

Unlike George Weigel, (“The Catholic Difference,” *The Catholic Advocate*, July 19), I can be comfortable with Cardinal McCarrick’s “in-the-middle” position.

I have always felt that this is where Jesus is on the cross—in the middle, stretching out His arms to include all of us.

I am not afraid that Cardinal McCarrick is one of those described in Rev. 3:16. Rather I see him as taking a courageous lead in an effort to unite us.

Jeanne B. Dillon, Summit

Dislikes ‘divisive, disturbing’ column

Editor,

George Weigel’s column regarding “truth at the 50-yard line” (*The Catholic Advocate*, July 19) is divisive and disturbing.

Having just attended a wonderful four-day workshop called “The Neighbor God Has Given Me,” I prefer to take a different, less dogmatic stand.

First, I am a Catholic Christian to the core and no one (not even other less “Catholic” Catholics) could change that. Yet I feel it is important to acknowledge the holiness of the other; the fact that God is at work in the other person, too.

If Mr. Weigel and other dogmatic individuals could plumb the depths of what makes them a Christian, they might find more in common with other Christians and even non-Christians. And that in no way makes one less a Catholic—just more of a child of God!

Pat Bennet, Summit

Aug. 12 forum to ponder youths’ faith

“Will Our Children Have Faith?” is a disconcerting question that cannot be ignored.

It is also the title of a vital and not-to-be-missed seminar on Saturday, Aug. 12 at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, which is located at 499 Belgrove Drive in Kearny. The 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. forum for pastors, clergy, Catechetical leaders, Catechists, youth ministers, pastoral staff, teachers, young adults and interested adults will focus on The National Study of Youth and Religion.

The groundbreaking, ongoing six-year study by educators at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will be analyzed for its findings of the practices and beliefs of teens, young adults and their parents. It will take a hard look at that often-complex relationship as the basis for current and future faith formation at all levels.

In the words of Sister Loretta DeDomenicis, who serves as the director of parish outreach/training and young adult ministry, the seminar will be “revealing, informative, challenging and motivating.” How can you pass that up?

The religious life of America’s youth from adolescence to youth to young adulthood is the heart and soul of a vibrant Catholic Church. How to nurture that vibrancy is very much a work in progress. For those interested in participating in this important discussion, call the Youth Retreat Center at (201) 998-0088 (ext. 4147) for more information.

Hearts, minds and souls: back to school

Although it has been a brutal summer with punishing heat and humidity, as soon the leaves will start to change color and that means the beginning of new academic year. As always, the Archdiocese of Newark is ready.

In this issue and again on Aug. 23, *The Catholic Advocate* will highlight what awaits students when the school bell rings. Take a good look.

Nourishing the mind and soul through a quality education is the hallmark of classrooms throughout the Church of Newark. Still, each new school year presents its unique challenges and rewards in providing the quality and caliber of the Catholic learning experience.

As the 2006-2007 school year approaches, archdiocesan educators are working hard to maintain and enhance the top notch curriculum and staff available to students from kindergarten right through to the big day when that essential college degree is awarded.

Change, of course, is inevitable. Along with the usual new teachers and principals, this year will be marked by change at the top. Archbishop John J. Myers has appointed veteran educator Father Kevin M. Hanbury, Ed.D. as vicar for education and superintendent of schools. He succeeds Sister Dominica Rocchio. To Father Hanbury, welcome aboard and to Sister Dominica thank you for a job well done.

It is no coincidence that a Catholic education lasts a lifetime.



MASS FOR POPE JOHN PAUL II—Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha was the main celebrant at a Mass held earlier this year at Saint Joseph Parish, Hackensack, which honored the memory of Pope John Paul II. Father Marian Spanier, the pastor of Saint Joseph, said parishioners were deeply moved by Bishop da Cunha’s homily on the late pope, as the parish takes great pride in its Polish/American culture and heritage.

The 'call' to priests, police officers amid din of life

I had the privilege of attending the Graduation Ceremony of the New York City Police Academy at the end of June. Madison Square Garden was filled with 1,213 young men and women recruits, ready to take their oath of office.

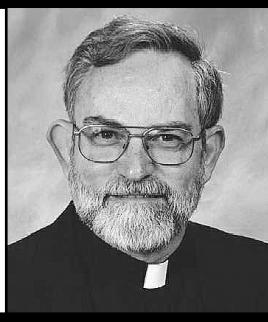
Although I was invited by the Bolin family on behalf of their son, Shane, it was clear from reading the pages of names in the program that these new police officers are no longer predominantly of Irish heritage, but truly represent the multiethnic character of the population they are committed to serve.

Looking at the virtual sea of blue and white on the arena floor, almost 100 of which had already served in the military, I wondered what made this group so ready to risk their lives for the safety of others, and why it seemed so dramatically greater than the ratio of priests to people in Newark's 17-man ordination class, the largest in the country.

When I discussed this with my sister, Marilyn, the math supervisor for the Secaucus school district, she pointed out a whole list of variables, including the all-male character of the priesthood, which would reduce the available recruitment pool significantly. Requirements for each group and reasons for acceptance or rejection would further skew

Seeing & Believing

By Rev. Msgr.
Richard J. Arnhols



the results. Tangible benefits, desire to marry, length of tour of duty, etc., would all have to be considered.

Clearly, the call to priesthood is not a numbers game, but it is a listening one. We believe that God is always inviting. Some hear and dismiss; some postpone; many are so caught up in the ways of the world that the "silent whisper" is overwhelmed by the din of contemporary living.

Smaller family size and lack of parental encouragement (and, in more cases, lack of two active parents) also reduce the likelihood of response to the priestly call. In addition, the multiplicity of ministries created or restored since the Second Vatican Council, more

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than 40 years ago, provide people with outlets of service as real as, but less dramatic than, priesthood.

It is interesting that the more "developed" nations seem to produce fewer priests than the "developing" nations of Africa and other parts of the world. Surely, there is a whole host of reasons for that reality, too. Nevertheless, with modern communication and transportation being what it is, God somehow continues to provide for His Church, as priests and people from all over the globe cross geographical boundaries in a more visible expression of the Catholic ("universal") Church.

Summer is as good a time as any to pray for vocations to the priesthood (and the religious life, too!). It may just be that vacation time will provide the leisure needed for some to hear God's call a little more readily. St. John Vianney, holy Curé of Ars, inspire those whom God is calling, and has called, to respond with a willing heart and a devoted life, as you did.

Of course, a prayer for police officers is always appropriate, too. Anyone involved in public safety will acknowledge the many challenges that daily confront them. St. Michael the Archangel, heavenly patron, watch over and protect them, as they serve all God's people with dedication and courage.

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

The Eucharist: nourishment for the faith journey

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51.

Suitable instruction is essential if the Mystery of the Eucharist is to take deeper root in the minds and lives of the faithful... The catechesis of the Eucharistic Mystery should aim to help the faithful to realize that the celebration of the Eucharist is the true center of the Christian life both for the universal Church and for the local congregation of that Church.

(Sacred Congregation of Rites, Instruction on the Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery, May 25, 1967).

The term "mystery" in the New Testament and Catholic thought refers not only to a truth that must be accepted on faith but, more deeply, to the unveiling of God's plan in the person of Jesus and through his work (see Rom 16:25-26).

This revelation reached its sublime apex in the manifestation of altruistic love whereby Christ "gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God" (Eph 5:2). His death constitutes the means for sinful humanity to find forgiveness and reconciliation with God the Father and with each other. It is also an act of obedient love fulfilling the Father's will that all human beings find the deepest meaning of life in union with the living God.

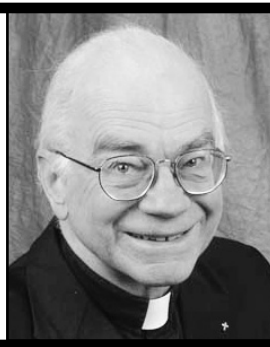
This Mystery is ultimately the Father's work. "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up on the last day" (Jn 6:44). The importance of faith (stressed in the Gospel selection for last Sunday) points to our appreciation of the personal experience of God's presence in each individual's life.

Each person is called to share the gift of eternal life, realized in the Bread of Life, which is the source of strength needed to pursue the pilgrimage of service that leads to the resurrection at the consummation of history. Just as the personal and community dimen-

Sunday Readings

19th Sunday
of Ordinary Time
(August 13, 2006)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



sions of our relationship with the Father are accomplished through Jesus, so the Eucharistic sacrifice and sacrament fosters both in a unique way. Because of his intimacy with the Father, Jesus could say: "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all human beings to myself" (Jn 12:32).

The fourth Gospel does not contain an explicit account of the institution of the Eucharist within the Last Supper narrative (Jn 13-17). However, this is anticipated in the final words of this Sunday's Gospel: "The Bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh" (6:51). The personal gift, to which we respond in faith, is also the sign of God's love for "the world" (see Jn 3:16).

"It is written in the prophets: 'And they shall be taught by God'" (Jn 6:45). Certainly this is an aspect of the new covenant promised by Jeremiah and linked with the forgiveness of sin (31:34). In the poetic portrayal of the return from Babylonian exile, Second

Isaiah proclaimed to Jerusalem: "All your children shall be taught by the Lord and great will be the prosperity of your sons" (54:13).

Already in the early history of the Northern Kingdom, the great prophet Elijah was taught by God when he most needed spiritual replenishment. He was persecuted by Queen Jezebel and became depressed to the point that he uttered a death wish.

Awakened from a sleep of weariness, Elijah found food for the journey to Mount Horeb (Sinai). There he would witness God's presence and experience a renewal of the Covenant so that he would become a prophet like Moses for the remnant still faithful to the God of Israel.

If Christian faith demanded a pilgrimage of each person to a sacred place in a distant land, wouldn't we all strive for the experience? But there is no such demand. Marvelously, our God offers the opportunity of becoming part of the Covenant to all who are drawn

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to Jesus in the Paschal Mystery of his death and resurrection. Thereby we have the sublime opportunity to learn from the Teacher who reveals the Father and the Spirit. Then comes the challenge of putting the lesson into practice. "Be imitators of God, as beloved children and walk in love,

as Christ loved us..." (Eph 5:1).

Nothing could be simpler, because we are assured of the nourishment we need for the task. But have we learned that here is "the true center of the Christian life?" The psalmist challenges us to "taste and see that the Lord is good!" (34:8).

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

State's bishops reiterate stand to put an end to death penalty

TRENTON (CNS)—Speaking for the Catholic bishops of New Jersey at the first New Jersey Death Penalty Study Commission hearing last month, Trenton Bishop John M. Smith called for an end to capital punishment because all human life has dignity and other means are available to punish heinous crimes.

Bishop Smith cited a 2005 statement by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops that said, "The death penalty diminishes all of us. Its use ought to be abandoned not only for what it does to those who are executed, but what it does to us as a society. We cannot teach respect for life by taking life."

According to a December 2004 Zogby International survey of 1,700 American Catholics, only 48 percent support the death penalty, Bishop Smith said.

"When given a choice, the majority of New Jerseyans who regularly attend religious services (54 percent) prefer life without parole over the death penalty for murder," he added. "While I am encouraged by these poll numbers, I believe that the trend against the imposition of the death penalty will grow in our community as people learn and grow in their understanding that the death penalty is inconsistent with standards of decency."

Also testifying against the death penalty was Larry Peterson, who was recently exonerated after spending 18 years in a New Jersey prison for a murder he did not commit.

The U.S. Supreme Court reinstated the death penalty in 1976 after a three-year suspension. It was reinstated in New Jersey in 1982, but no one has been executed by the state since 1963. There are 10 men on death row in New Jersey, which uses lethal injection as the method of execution.

In January, then-Gov. Richard J. Codey signed legislation that ordered a temporary moratorium on executions and created the commission to examine the flaws in the death penalty system. The commission will hold another public hearing Sept. 13, also in Trenton.

The commission must submit its recommendations to

the Legislature and Gov. Jon S. Corzine by Nov. 15.

Also last month, New Jerseyans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty released a report chronicling the stories of 25 New Jersey residents, who, though not on death row, were convicted of crimes they did not commit.

The report, *Innocence Lost in New Jersey*, "shows that mistakes can and do happen in New Jersey and underscores why the state must replace its outdated and fatally flawed death penalty system with the alternative punishment of life in prison without the possibility of parole," said Celeste Fitzgerald, executive director of the anti-death penalty group.

"This is not about letting killers go free," she continued. "The debate has shifted away from whether the death penalty is necessary in principle, right or wrong. You can believe that someone deserves to die. It has shifted to whether it is necessary in (terms of) what we give up to have it."

Other factors that should be considered in banning capital punishment, Fitzgerald said, include: Only 1 percent of murderers are sentenced to death and the state spends an extra \$11 million per year just to have the death penalty.

Since 1982, New Jersey has spent \$253 million on the death penalty over what would have spent on life sentences, according to a study released in 2005 by New Jersey Policy Perspective. According to several studies, capital cases cost more to prosecute than those seeking a life sentence for a defendant.

"The bottom line is what could we have done with the quarter-billion dollars and what can we do with the \$11 million? We can put more police in the street, give them better tools, better processing labs to get better convictions," Fitzgerald said.

"There is also a serious need for victim's services, especially for victims of homicide, such as long-term counseling," she added.

Fitzgerald noted she and her husband, Kelly, who are members of St. Patrick Parish, Chatham, can empathize with those on both sides of the issue because a relative of

The Pope Speaks

Pope Benedict XVI



Altar servers 'Jesus' friend'

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Although billed as his weekly general audience, Pope Benedict XVI's Aug. 2 appointment in St. Peter's Square was mainly an audience for 42,000 European altar servers.

And, in fact, there was a special focus on the 35,000 altar boys and altar girls from Germany.

The pope explained to the altar servers that he was in the midst of a series of audience talks about the Twelve Apostles.

"The apostles were friends of Jesus," he said.

Pope Benedict told the young people that Jesus also calls them his friends and wants to transform them into courageous witnesses of the Gospel.

The pope asked them to listen to Jesus' voice and to be open to His call, particularly if He is calling them to "give yourself without reservation" in the priesthood.

"Dear friends, in reality you already are apostles of Jesus," he said. "When you offer your service at the altar, you give a witness to all. Your attitude of prayer, your devotion that comes from the heart and is expressed in gestures, song and responses, all this is apostolate.")

her husband was the victim of a homicide.

"Those of us who lost family members to murder know uniquely there is no right way to feel when someone is murdered. We have had wonderful and respectful conversations with people who have been in our position."

Natural Family Planning: a tool to support marital sanctification

BY DAMON C. OWENS

Special to The Catholic Advocate

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is an effective, and overlooked, tool in the work of marital and family sanctity.

It is not just a moral or acceptable way for some couples to postpone or achieve pregnancy. It is not, as some claim, the remnant of a 1960's Church bending or capitulating to a popular sexual "revolution."

It is a tool of marital sanctification for all—devout, nominal, cradle or convert. NFP is by no means a substitute for virtues, faith and Sacraments, but a complement; a means, a daily norm to re-experience the good, the truth and beauty in honest sex and authentic love.

We, the laity and clergy, can be neither intimidated by the overwhelming numbers who suffer and sin with contraception and in vitro fertilization (IVF), nor fearful of their reproach. If we are sincere about building marital and family sanctification, we need to make NFP instruction a priority for parish marriage enrichment and preparation programs.

NFP is Fertility Intelligence (FI) and Faithful Parenting

(FP). FI is the knowledge to recognize the presence of fertility by reading the language of the body. FP is the moral framework for the right use of FI as defined by the true purpose and meaning of sex and marriage.

While effective when used to postpone pregnancy (up to 99 percent), overcome infertility (up to twice the IVF success rate), or monitor health, NFP is, more profoundly, a theology. It is a study of God by learning, reading and living the language of the body as an image of God.

NFP offers an experience (consciousness) of self that progresses from simple knowledge to understanding, realization, gratitude, love, generosity and life. NFP



Damon C. Owens

draws the husband into a deeper knowledge of his wife, since her fertility is not some biological add-on. They struggle and learn to live a shared fertility and to be faithful interpreters of God's Love.

When correctly presented, NFP is attractive on several levels, including effectiveness, health and morality. Properly taught, it gives a vision of the truth about love, sex, marriage and God. Properly lived, it is reparative fostering healing of sexual brokenness and apostolic drawing the couple closer to Christ. This marital sanctification is the foundation of family sanctification.

"Accordingly, every effort must be made to render such knowledge (NFP) accessible to all married people and also to young adults before marriage, through clear, timely and serious instruction and education given by married couples, doctors and experts." (Pope John Paul II *Familiaris Consortio* n.33.)

"With regard to the question of lawful birth regulation, the ecclesial community at the present time must take on the task of instilling conviction and offering practical help to those who wish to live out their parenthood in a truly responsible way... This implies a broader, more decisive and more systematic effort to make the natural methods of regulating fertility known, respected and applied." (Pope John Paul II *Familiaris Consortio* n.35.)

(Damon C. Owens is the NFP coordinator for the Archdiocese of Newark and founder of NJ Natural Family Planning, West Orange; phone: 973-847-0165; Web site: www.njnfp.org. Natural Family Planning Awareness Week was July 24-28.)

Nestled among the trees of Upper Saddle River, Church of Presentation breathes fresh air of faith

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

On July 9, 1961, the founding pastor Father John Costello and the people of the newly formed Church of the Presentation gathered for the very first Mass. The Mass, celebrated in a room at the Edith Bogart School in Upper Saddle River, had overflowing attendance.

It was a sign of good things to come.

Their first vision for the parish involved the construction of a beautiful church building. Excitement, dedication, hard work and enormous generosity empowered the people to raise the funds, approve plans and to dream of space not only for worship, but also for meetings and community celebrations.

In just one year after it was founded, the parish had grown from the original 270 families to over 400, and so the church—to be built on West Saddle River—was sorely needed.

Parishioners continued to worship regularly at the Bogart School while the church was planned and built. Ground was broken in a drenching rain on May 26, 1963. Construction was completed and the church was blessed in September 1964.

The church was formally dedicated on June 12, 1965 when Archbishop Thomas Boland returned after participating in the historic Second Vatican Council in Rome. This was to be a parish that would come to feel strongly the “breath of fresh air” that Pope John XXIII had prayed for when he convened that historic council.

Realizing that a dynamic parish would need many faith-filled and well-formed leaders, Father John McDermott initiated Parish Renewal Weekends—called “Butterfly Weekends”—to help people share the vision of what a parish could be. Early efforts included a youth group, a folk group, retreat weekends for high school students, a parish workday and picnics.

In 1980, the parish formed many small faith-sharing groups and participated in the three-year community building experience of Plainfield-based RENEW International. A parish mission in March 1980, which was preached by Father Leo Mahon of Chicago, helped bring all the dreams of

Church of the Presentation into focus.

Out of all this energy developed strong conversion opportunities such as the Catechumenate and Men’s and Women’s Cornerstone Retreats. A religious education program, known as “Pathways,” enabled the growing numbers of children to share faith in small groups.

Community effort became the way that almost everything was done in the parish.

rooms and the parish library, was added.

In November 1998, Father Thomas P. Ivory was appointed pastor. Ordained in 1964, Father Tom had served over the years as pastor, rector of the American College in Louvain, Belgium; teacher, writer, spiritual director, and archdiocesan director of religious education.

Working with the pastoral staff and the Pastoral Council, Father Ivory offered the

Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River



Advocate photo — M. Gabriele

Officially dedicated in 1965, Church of the Presentation has 5,500 families and continues to grow with members from New York, Connecticut and northern New Jersey towns.

This included the formation of teams for preparing candidates for the Sacraments; providing retreat experiences; the planning and hospitality for each weekend Liturgy; faith development in children and young people; efforts to welcome back inactive Catholics; preparing meals for the homeless; raising issues of peace and justice; and celebrating wedding anniversaries.

Aware that more physical space for meetings and community gatherings was increasingly needed, a building campaign was launched that twice added to the original plan. In 1981, the first wing, with the hexagonal Community Room, was built, and in 1989 the north wing, which houses gathering

process of the Adult Catechumenate as a paradigm for connecting the 55 parish ministries. Energized by each other, the ministries are clustered in five major areas: evangelization, catechesis, spiritual renewal, liturgy and ministerial development.

A recent development is the transition of the parish religious education program to a more family-centered approach. The parish outreach programs have been extended internationally to Mexico and Haiti. There are hopes of extending them to Tanzania in the near future.

Today, Church of the Presentation Parish has 5,500 registered families and continues to grow, averaging five new family registrations per week. Families from 138 different towns and communities come to worship due to the parish’s proximity to New York City, Connecticut and other towns in Northern New Jersey.

Although there is a large congregation, the clergy and staff strive to make each individual feel important to the parish community by encouraging them to participate in ministries.

The retreat ministry is strong, both for adults and young people. “Cornerstone,” an overnight retreat, is offered annually for both men and women. There is also a follow-up retreat, known as “Journey,” which provides a deeper spiritual experience. In addition, there are series of retreats for high-school teenagers well as

Meet the Pastor



Father Thomas P. Ivory

Birthday: August 2, 1938

Hometown: Bloomfield

High School: Seton Hall Preparatory School

Seminary: Immaculate Conception, Darlington (1958-1960)

Immaculate Conception Seminary, The American College, Louvain, Belgium (1960-1964)

Undergraduate: Seton Hall University

Graduate School: Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium

Ordination: May 23, 1964

Heroes: John Henry Newman (deceased); Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety (living)

Favorite Saint: St. Thomas the Apostle

Favorite Sport: Racquetball

Favorite Food: Roasted Lamb

Favorite Subject in School: Literature

Favorite Movie: “Witness”

Last Book Read: “The Lost Art of Walking on Water: Re-imagining the Priesthood” by Rev. Michael Heher

Occupation if I Weren’t a

Priest: Attorney

the “Antioch” retreat, “Emmaus” and the Senior Retreat.

Community outreach is also important at Church of the Presentation. There are 35 teams of people who prepare and serve food in soup kitchens in Newark and Harlem. A group of parishioners assists in tutoring programs in Jersey City and hope to expand to Newark. Twice a year, the parish sponsors a medical mission team in Haiti, serving about 600 people each week. Teenagers and young adults parishioners spend a week each summer in Mexico constructing cinderblock houses for impoverished families.

Father Ivory has been pastor for eight years.

“During this period of service, we have managed to restructure our 55 parish ministries into clusters which reflect the dynamics of the adult catechumenate,” he said. “It is not perfect, but there seems to be a greater sense of mission and a better spirit of collaboration as people see the connection among the various ministries.”

(Church of the Presentation is located at 271 West Saddle River Rd. Contributors to this article include Peggy Lockwood and Father Thomas Ivory.)



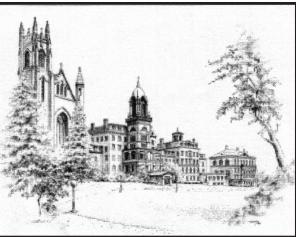
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A group of teenagers and young adults travel to Mexico each summer to build cinderblock houses for the poor.



Advocate photo — Ward Miele

PRINCIPALS WELCOMED—New principals for the 2006-2007 academic year were welcomed by the former and new superintendent of schools at the New Principals Orientation program held recently at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark. Those attending the event included (left to right, front row) Bruce Segall, St. Joseph of the Palisade High School, West New York; Sister Dominica Rocchio, S.C., Ed.D., the former secretary for education/superintendent of archdiocesan schools; Father Kevin M. Hanbury, Ed.D., the new vicar for education/superintendent of archdiocesan schools and Antoinette Telle, St. Michael, Union, (back row, left to right) Margaret Mary McDermott, Visitation, Jersey City; Elizabeth Pinto, St. Leo, Elmwood Park; Sister Jadwiga Chlus, L.S.I.C., Blessed Sacrament, Elizabeth; Sister Theresa Samson, F.M.A., St. Theresa, Kenilworth; and Marilyn Castellano, St. Peter, Belleville.



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Catholic stewardship thrives in Jersey City

NEWARK — As financial resources become tighter in an age of budget restrictions and increasing tuition, Catholic stewardship encourages decisions in light of Gospel values and strategic priorities.

Good stewardship also assumes that Catholic leaders design creative and innovative methods to fund worthy and excellent programs.




One such example of this strategy involves an archdiocesan partnership with the William E. Simon Foundation to fund programs advancing the teaching and learning assessment process in the elementary and secondary schools of Jersey City (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 5, 2005). Initiated through a dialogue with the foundation principals in 2002, De La Salle Christian Brother Ralph Darmento, deputy superintendent of schools, reached out to the Simon Foundation and proposed several priorities offered by school principals.

The intent and purposes of the foundation are delineated in the following paragraph taken from its Web site:

“Named after its principal benefactor, the William E. Simon Foundation supports programs that are intended to strengthen the free enterprise system and the spiritual values on which it rests: individual freedom, initiative, thrift, self-discipline and faith in God. The main charitable purpose of the foundation is to assist those in need by providing

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Educators developing World Language program for Catholic elementary schools throughout NJ

BY SR. LOUISE CABABE, O.P.
Special to The Catholic Advocate

NEWARK—Appreciating the rich cultural diversity throughout the four counties of the archdiocese and recognizing the global challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for today's students, a committee of educators is developing a new comprehensive

"World Languages Curriculum" for Catholic elementary schools throughout the state.

Over 40 committee members are collaborating with educators and language teachers from the Archdiocese of Newark and the dioceses of Paterson, Trenton, Metuchen and Camden to develop and implement the curriculum, which will encompass the skills

necessary for students to effectively read, write, understand and speak another language, in addition to English.

The plan is to implement the World Language program throughout New Jersey's Catholic schools in the 2007-2008 school year. Archdiocesan high schools already have a World Language curriculum in place.

Various committees are developing the elementary school curriculum and related standards and work will continue throughout the new school year. For example, archdiocesan committee members will meet with their counterparts from the Diocese in Trenton on Oct. 13 at Mater Day High School in New Monmouth. That meeting will involve teaching strategies, assessments, as well as writing objective performance standards for curriculum.

World Language committee members for the archdiocese include Maria Barreiros, the principal of Holy Cross School in Harrison; Kathleen Macdonnell, a teacher at St. Paul Interparochial School in Ramsey; Barbara Lerner, a teacher at Trinity Academy, Caldwell; Clara Dominguez, a teacher at Transfiguration Academy, New Milford; and Sister Louise Cababe.

When completed, the curriculum guidelines will be generic, providing guidance and uniformity for a course of study for the acquisition of any language other than English. Once approved by the school superintendents it will be used in all Catholic elementary schools in New Jersey.

The Catholic School curriculum guidelines incorporate the "New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards for World Language." Two standards will be developed.

First, all students will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the interrelationship between language and culture

for at least one language other than English...(and) to communicate at a basic literacy level. The other state standards for subjects such as science, mathematics and social studies, also will be included, since the curriculum will have an interdisciplinary approach.

As stated in the "New Jersey World Languages Curriculum Framework," published by the New Jersey Department of Education, a study of another language "provides a competitive edge in career choices...enables students to become multilingual and multicultural for American and international businesses, offers enrichment opportunities for students whose heritage language is not English, facilitates the acquisition of subsequent languages."

"The added difference with this (language) curriculum is Gospel values and the Catholic social teachings of the Church that will be incorporated into the teaching/learning process," Father Kevin M. Hanbury, the vicar for education and superintendent of archdiocesan schools, observed.

A deeper requirement of the Catholic Faith is 'loving our neighbor' and knowing how to communicate in another language provides a means for students to begin to understand their non-English speaking neighbor," Father Hanbury said.

Secondary schools typically have offered a language and now over 30 Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Newark have been teaching one

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In the Principal's Office:

Sister Ellen inspires girls to 'find their own voice'

BY TRISH FITZPATRICK
Special to The Catholic Advocate

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP — It's all about leadership for young women.

Immaculate Heart Academy (IHA) was founded here in 1960 as the first regional high school for girls in the Archdiocese of Newark. Sister Ellen Cronan, A.S.C.J., a sister of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is at the helm of IHA, maintaining that legacy and expanding the school's outreach and education programs.

The Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus focus on attaining a perfect love for God by living the law of charity. Under her leadership as principal, that spirit is part of IHA's education programs.

The most important mission of IHA is to "educate young Catholic women to be better people," she declared. Liturgies, retreats and devotional activities

are all offered to emphasize the concept of "loving people, and you can't love people when you don't understand them." Also integral to the success of the school is the strong emphasis on service; last year, the students completed some 15,000 hours of service and outreach.

Single-sex Catholic secondary schools are helpful in aiding young women to find "their own voice" and that opportunities for leadership in high school will help form an informed and dedicated laity, according to Sister Ellen. She said this will be the "next generation of Catholic leaders." She cites studies indicating that many leaders of Fortune 500 firms are products of such schools.

As she enters her 16th year as the principal of IHA, she said the school this year will focus on upgrading technology for students, as the library will be transformed to an "information com-

mons" in order to keep the school on the cutting edge.

Sister Ellen brings a deep sense of community and spirituality to her role as the shepherd of over 800 girls. She is a native of Connecticut who attended Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden, CT. It was there that she discerned both a love of History and Political Science, and a calling to serve in religious life.

She describes the sisters who taught her as "great role models" and she speaks in glowing terms of her education at St. Louis University both in an undergraduate program and as a Ford Foundation Fellow in the Master's program.

IHA draws girls from over 90 towns in New Jersey and New York. Last year's graduating class earned \$13 million in scholarships and attended schools such as Princeton, Notre Dame, Cornell, NYU, and Colgate.



Sister Ellen Cronan, A.S.C.J.

The school offers a full array of sports, clubs, drama, orchestra and forensics. This year, IHA's Mock Trial Team made school history by completing their first undefeated season and the only girls' school to win at that level.

IHA faculty members are "people who want to make the school better," Sister Ellen said. There are several long-term faculty members and it is their deep understanding of the mission that helps to create a strong sense of community.

Many of the faculty earned Master's degrees and three have doctorates. Sister Ellen is also pleased that several alumnae hold positions as teachers and administrators. She also cites the many daughters of alumnae and sisters who come to IHA as part of a legacy of Catholic education that makes the school strong.

In addition to her responsibilities as principal, Sister Ellen enjoys swimming, reading, and traveling. She is looking forward to this year's retreat in Connecticut as well, which will afford her some contemplative time to "recharge the batteries" as well as the opportunity to visit with family.

She said she is grateful for the many girls who have passed through the school, saying that they "refresh her spirit and regenerate her." To her, the four-year process of meeting incoming freshmen to saying goodbye to graduating seniors is the most satisfying part of the work.

"Sister Ellen is a one-in-a-million principal," Pat Malloy, associate principal, declared. "Working closely with her for more than 15 years has been a joy. She is endlessly supportive, dedicated to maintaining the excellence of IHA and willing to take on new and exciting programs. We are blessed to have her as part of our IHA family."

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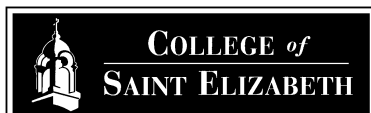
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Funding critical for providing inner-city scholarships

BY SUSAN CAMPBELL
Special to The Catholic Advocate

AREA—As the new school year approaches, The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) is inundated with calls from inner-city parents reaching out for help to send their children to a Catholic school.

They are desperate to provide them with not only a quality education, but also a safe environment for them to learn and grow.



Over 97 percent of scholarship recipients, like Cathiana Vital, go on to college.

Almost 1,500 students must be wait-listed or turned away for lack of sufficient funds.

To date, SFIC has committed to assist approximately 2,000 students with elementary and high school scholarships.

Unfortunately, almost 1,500 students must be wait-listed or turned away for lack of sufficient funds. As more and more families are observing the benefits realized by inner-city children who attend Catholic schools, there has been a dramatic increase in applications of at least 60 percent.

Sadly, principals are informing SFIC that families are withdrawing their children from the schools due to financial hardships. These are the most difficult phone calls to receive because SFIC and the schools have seen, firsthand, what students can achieve when given both financial support and a strong educational path.

Over 97 percent of SFIC high school scholarship recipients go on to college, more than double their inner-city



Established in 1983, SFIC has strongly impacted the lives of thousands of inner-city children by enabling them to attend private and parochial schools in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, and Union Counties.

public school counterparts

Newark resident Cathiana Vital, 2006 class valedictorian of Marylawn of the Oranges High School in South Orange, is one of these students. Cathiana is studying to be an architect with a goal of returning to Newark to revitalize it's building and improve the community in which she grew up. As Cathiana gratefully states, "If The Scholarship Fund had not been there for me, there is no way I

would be at Syracuse University."

The scholarships provided by SFIC and their generous donors help steer many disadvantaged children in a positive direction, opening the door to a bright and successful future.

It is the hope of SFIC that more funds will become available so that these youngsters can receive the safe, values based education they deserve. Anyone who would like to contribute to SFIC can contact Susan Campbell at (973) 497-4289.

(Susan Campbell is director of development for the Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children.)

Archdiocese to share grant

NEWARK—At its annual meeting in June, the US Bishops' Conference Campaign for Human Development (CHD) awarded \$20,000 to the Jubilee Interfaith Organization, a nonprofit grassroots organization of some 50 area religious, community and labor groups concerned about the economic, social and human costs of the growing disparities in the northern New Jersey region.

The Archdiocese of Newark and the Diocese of Paterson participate in Jubilee Interfaith, which will use the CHD to help fund activities to promote fair housing, access to affordable healthcare, work equality for immigrants both regionally and statewide.

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the means through which they may help themselves."

The charitable philosophy guiding the foundation draws heavily on the thoughts expressed a century ago by Andrew Carnegie in "The Gospel of Wealth," where he wrote: "In bestowing charity, the main consideration should be to help those who will help themselves; to provide part of the means by which those who desire to improve may do so; to give those who desire to rise the aids by which they may rise; to assist, but rarely or never to do all."

In implementing this philosophy, the foundation seeks to fund programs that are effective in promoting independence and personal responsibility among those in need.

The foundation, having engaged in the process of strategic planning, advanced the cause of Jersey City schools as being con-

gruent with its mission. The elementary and secondary school principals then engaged a process to develop both individual and group proposals for funding.

Four years later the results of this partnership can be described as mutually beneficial. "Our schools have been blessed by the involvement of the Simon Foundation. They have enabled us to do so much for our children and families, and Sheila Mulcahy, has taken a personal interest in the achievement of our children and the success of our schools," said Sister of Charity Barbara Nesbital of Resurrection School.

Since its inception of the partnership Jersey City schools have been funded for \$75,000 for curricular projects; \$150,000 for a large-scale marketing campaign, \$15,000 for professional development for principals, and \$300,000 over three years to hire a mathematics specialist charged with advancing mathematics instruction and providing onsite professional

development for mathematics teachers. Elementary and secondary history teachers were funded to participate in the summer seminars of the Gilder-Lehrman Institute.

However, the program that has generated most attention and will be used at the discretion of the leadership of each elementary school is the \$2 million challenge grant that served as an incentive to the principals to develop institutional advancement at each school. The idea of the grant is to encourage a larger donor base as well as increased dollars over the financial year. For each new donor and each new dollar raised, the Simon Foundation will match the total up to \$2 million.

While the final results are being audited as this article goes to press, the schools believe that nearly all of the challenge funding will be distributed to them. Some of the school communities will dedicate the funding to increased financial assistance, others will refurbish the school building, still other principals might use the funds to initiate advancement and development programs for the long-term finan-

cial sustainability of the schools.

The Simon Foundation partnership has also helped to fund, in some years, the Middle School Teachers Project, and secondary school grants to develop writing centers, challenge alumni to provide funding for scholarships, and fund professional development grants for teachers.

A native of Paterson, William E. Simon joined Union Securities in 1952 and served as Vice President of Weeden & Company before becoming senior partner at Salomon Brothers, where he served on the firm's seven-member executive committee. Appointed Deputy Secretary of the Treasury in 1973, Simon, later that year, also became the first Administrator of the Federal Energy Office. In 1974, President Nixon appointed him 63rd Secretary of the Treasury, a post to which he was reappointed by President Ford and which he held until 1977. In 1988, he established William E. Simon & Sons, a global merchant bank.

For over 30 years Simon was an active member of the United States Olympic Committee serving

as treasurer and later as president of the U.S. Olympic Committee. He served as the first chairman of the U.S. Olympic Foundation in the interval 1985-1997.

He considered the opportunity to serve those less fortunate than he a God-given privilege and responsibility; truly this philanthropist could be called a "man for others." In the last years of his life, he served as a Eucharistic minister to hospital patients, many of whom were destitute and terminally ill. He called this work "the most important thing that I do or have ever done."

Through his philanthropy, Simon provided hundreds of scholarships for underprivileged students at both the high school and college level. He served on the boards of numerous colleges and universities, and received over 20 honorary degrees.



Marilyn P. Bastardi

Bastardi joins alumna board of Caldwell

CALDWELL—The Caldwell College Board of Trustees has appointed to its board of alumna Marilyn P. Bastardi, director of administrative and marketing services for Construction Technology Corporation in Fairfield.

Caldwell College Board of Trustees Chairman Steven M. Freeman said "Marilyn has had a long relationship with the college, first as a Caldwell College alumna and then as a volunteer for several college activities including the Caldwell College Gala and the Veritas Awards for alumni professional excellence. She has consistently shared her talents with the college. We are delighted that she will now be sharing those talents through her work on our board of trustees."

Bastardi holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Caldwell College and a teaching certificate from the State of New Jersey.

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NJ urban hospital crisis threatens those in need

BY ARCHBISHOP JOHN J. MYERS

NEWARK—After a month of heated public debate, Gov. Corzine and our legislators admittedly made some tough decisions with regard to the state budget. Nonetheless, the budget was signed on July 8 and the state has moved forward.

But, it is important to recognize that the budget crisis did not end there. In fact, it continues today, at least for the hospitals serving New Jersey's urban poor. And the crisis is worsening, forcing many urban hospitals to prepare for difficult choices of their own.

In the past decade, the story has been one of failure. New Jersey's urban hospitals, which all too often serve as the primary care providers for many cities' low-income families, have struggled to keep their doors open. And, while shouldering a disproportionate share of patients insured by underfunded state programs—Medicaid and Charity Care—the struggle has proved too much for many hospitals. Those that have closed include United Hospital in Newark, West Hudson Hospital, Hospital Center of Orange, Passaic

General Hospital, Irvington General Hospital, Virtua Hospital in Camden, and St. Francis Hospital in Hudson County.

Too many of the state's major urban hospitals are now operating in the red, with little hope of improving their financial condition anytime soon without help. Unless and until they receive meaningful assistance, more and more will face the very real prospect of curtailing services—services upon which the urban poor depend.

The teachings and tradition of the Church have long made clear our obligations toward those in need—obligations that extend beyond Catholicism and resonate with all who value human life and human dignity.

In 1963, Blessed John XXIII reminded us: "Man has the right to live. He has the right to bodily integrity and to the means necessary for the proper development of life, particularly food, clothing, shelter, medical care, rest, and, finally, the necessary social services."



Most Rev. John J. Myers

Today, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) promotes a multifaceted approach. They ask all of us to pray for the sick and the vulnerable, to educate ourselves and our communities about healthcare issues and the Church's teachings, and then to become vocal advocates, championing "a new commitment to meeting the healthcare needs of our people, especially

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the poor and vulnerable."



I echo the USCCB's call to action and encourage all New Jersey residents to be a voice for the sick, for the poor, and for all who rely on our urban hospitals for healing and hope. But I also urge the state government and the hospital industry to genuinely support and actively embrace a realignment and improvement of healthcare services in New Jersey.

We need to reduce the duplication of patient care services and conduct a structured rational assessment of the inpatient capacity in these urban areas.

Additionally, we need to reform how we fund Medicaid and Charity Care to reflect accurately the costs of providing needed healthcare to our poor. It is a financial burden on our urban hospitals that we no longer can ignore. And I would look forward to working with the state and others in the community to create a plan that would address these critical components in reshaping our healthcare delivery system.

The news is poor for New Jersey's urban hospitals and for the families they serve. We need to make sure that our representatives in Trenton and Washington hear the news and then insist that they take effective action now.

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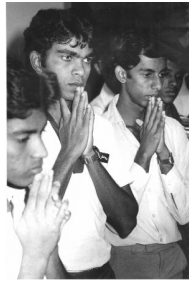
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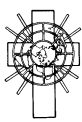
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Obituaries

Henry Beck, 92

WINCHESTER, VA—A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 14 for Henry G.J. Beck, a former priest of the Archdiocese of Newark, 92, who died June 10.

Beck received a B.A. degree in 1934 from Seton Hall University. At Gregorian University in Rome he earned a graduate degree in theology four years later and Summa Cum Laude honors in Church history in 1948. His doctoral dissertation was honored by Pope Pius XII with a gold medal in 1950.

In 1935 Beck was accepted as a lay Tertiary at the tomb of St. Francis in Assisi, Italy. He was ordained in Rome for the Church of Newark in 1938. Forty years later he was released from service to the archdiocese by Archbishop Peter L. Gerety to allow Beck to take up a voluntary ministry to the sick at the Winchester Medical Center and Nursing Home. He married in 1980.

From 1940-79 he taught Church history at Immaculate Conception Seminary then located in Mahwah, Drew University and Princeton Seminary. He also lectured nationwide and at the

University of Toronto.

Beck was a member of the National Roman Catholic Presbyterian/Reformed Dialogue from 1965 to 1980. In 1973 the U.S. Air Force commissioned him to lecture at bases throughout the Mediterranean and Asia Minor. St. Peter's College and Seton Hall awarded Beck honorary doctorates in 1973 and 1978 respectively. He attended the Second Vatican Council in 1964-65 as a peritus.

Pray for them

Florence Iasello, sister of Father Eugene F. Marcone, retired in residence at Church of the Assumption in Roselle Park, died June 26.

Frances "Cookie" Crangle, mother of Father Thomas A. Crangle, O.F.M., pastor of Saint Ann Parish, Hoboken, died June 30.

Timothy F. Hourihan, brother of Rev. Msgr. John P. Hourihan, retired, died July 3.

RENEW taps Sister Theresa

PLAINFIELD—RENEW International, a Catholic not-for-profit organization, has selected Sister Theresa Rickard, O.P., as its new director.

RENEW International has a 26-year record in revitalizing parish life worldwide through its faith-based initiatives focused on faith formation and spiritual renewal.

Sister Rickard, along with Msgr. Thomas A. Kleissler, RENEW president, take the lead in a 45-person organization that serves the needs of people and parishes in many relevant ways. RENEW's newest ministry is an innovative approach to young adult outreach that combines Campus RENEW, focused on college students, with Theology on Tap, for Catholics in their 20s and 30s. These two efforts seek to engage young adults in their faith and draw them more fully into the life of the Church.

Sister Terry, 49, is a Dominican Sister of Blauvelt, New York. She completed an MA in Religion and Religious Education at Fordham University, holds a Masters in Divinity degree and is a candidate for the Doctor of Ministry in Preaching degree at Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis.

Reflecting her early ministry



Sister Theresa Rickard, O.P.

in multicultural parishes in the South Bronx, Sister Rickard has developed a keen appreciation for the blessings and challenges of parish life and a strong commitment to the underprivileged.

Besides parish work she was a member of the Archdiocese of New York Parish Mission Team, and is a former director of vocation and formation ministry for her Dominican congregation.

Sister Terry is a well-known retreat leader and speaker. Her enthusiasm for spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ is contagious. For the past three years, she led the development and

expansion of Why Catholic?, RENEW's diocesan process for strengthening faith among adults based on Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Over 30 dioceses have launched Why Catholic? within the past two years providing catechetical materials and trainings geared towards adult learning.

RENEW International is a canonically recognized Catholic organization operating under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Newark. Archbishop John J. Myers is the chairman of the corporate board of trustees.

Commenting on the appointment, Archbishop Myers said, "I am pleased that RENEW International's important mission will be carried forward by someone with Sister Terry's experience and enthusiasm for serving God's people."

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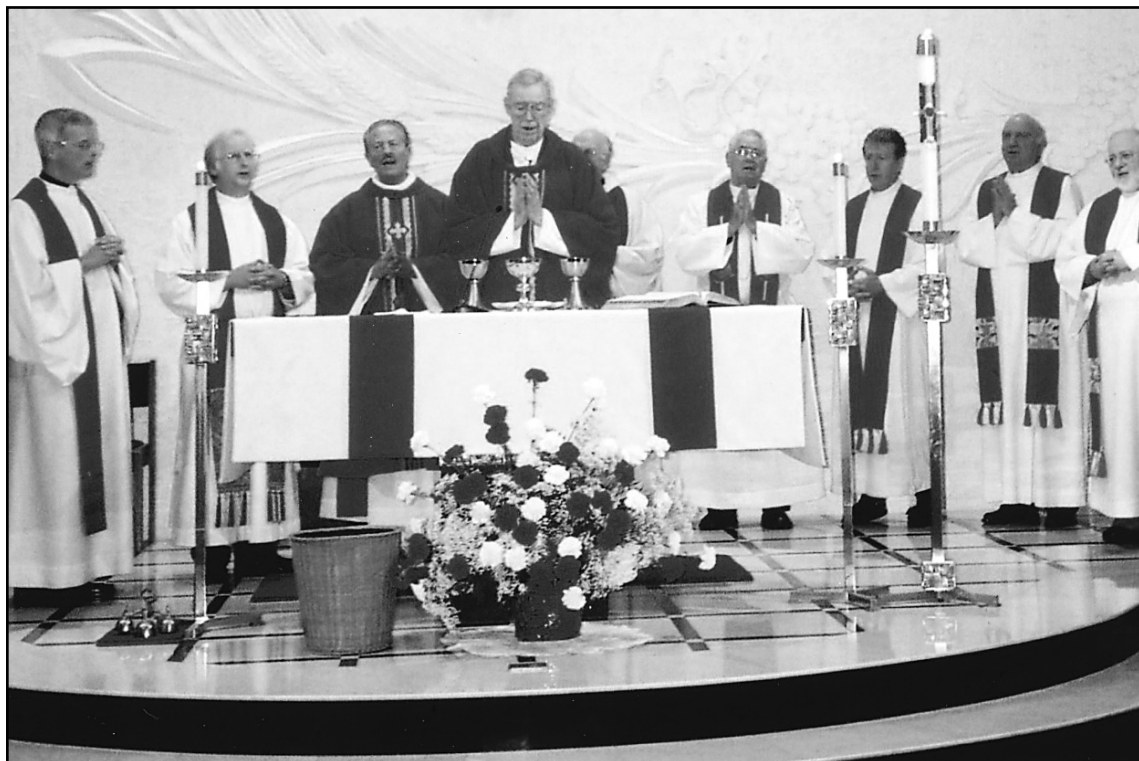
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Carmelites end century of service



Retiring Pastor Father William O'Malley, fourth from left, celebrated his farewell Mass. Concelebrants included, left to right, Father Robert Traudt, O. Carm; Father James Browne; Deacon James Puliatte; Father Hilary Milton, O. Carm; Father Guy McPartland, O. Carm; Father Gerald Hahn; Father Daniel O'Niell, O. Carm and Father Gregory Battafarano, O. Carm.

DEMAREST—It was truly the end of an era at St. Joseph Parish.

Clergy and parishioners past and present filled the church recently for a special Mass that brought to an end close to a century of service by the Carmelite Order and marked the retirement of Father William O'Malley, O. Carm, pastor the past 13 years.

The departure of the Carmelite Order came just a year shy of the lofty century mark.

Born in Jersey City, Father

O'Malley attended Fordham University. He was ordained in Washington, D.C. in June 1965. His parish work locally included St. Joseph Parish and St. Anastasia Parish in Teaneck.

It was in 1907 when Bishop John O'Connor asked the Carmelite Order in Englewood if it would take over the Catholic community established in Demarest. The request was prompted by a lack of available priests in the Archdiocese of

Newark at the time.

The first church building was a former Harrington Township school. The small church was used until Christmas Eve of 1953 when the "new" church building hosted its first Mass celebrated by Father Terrence Fitzgerald O. Carm, pastor.

During that time, the priests lived in Englewood or Tenaflly. The first rectory was purchased in 1948 with Father Walter Poynton as the first resident priest.

Groundbreaking for the new church took place in May of 1953. It was dedicated in January of the next year under the pastorate of Father Fitzgerald.

Foundation fund raiser tees off next month

NEWARK—The Cathedral Foundation, which supports the health-care and social-service ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark, will host its 16th Annual Golf Invitational on Monday, Sept. 25 at Canoe Brook Country Club in Summit — the site of this year's U.S. Open sectional qualifier.

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ARCHBISHOP CONGRATULATES JUSTICE ALITO—U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel A. Alito (center) and his wife, Martha-Ann, recently were dinner guests of Archbishop John J. Myers at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart residence in Newark. It was the first opportunity that the archbishop has had to congratulate Justice Alito. Earlier this year Justice Alito was sworn in as the nation's 110th Supreme Court Justice. He and his family are parishioners at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Roseland. Born in Trenton in April 1950, Justice Alito served as the U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey from 1987 to 1989.

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PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

Oh, Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near Kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition (make request). In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and Glorias. St. Jude, pray for us all who invoke your aid. Amen. This Novena must be said for 9 consecutive days. Thank you for answering my prayer. **C.Q.**

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

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

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Vacation Bible School welcomes parochial vicar

SUMMIT—The activity level at St. Teresa of Avila Parish during Father James Teti's first week as parochial vicar was in high gear.

More than 300 children from grades Pre-K through 8, along with over 60 parent and high school volunteers marked the 22nd year of the parish Vacation Bible School with enthusiasm and excitement. "When a priest arrives in any new assignment, a difficulty always is not knowing people. Vacation Bible School was a great opportunity for me to meet so many of our young people and their parents. I particularly enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate Mass on Friday morning and share in the Eucharistic procession," the new parochial vicar explained.

This year's theme was "Thy Kingdom Come," illustrating the growth, power, and fruit of the Kingdom of God through parables from the Bible, and stories from the lives of saints. Service projects to assist the local poor and schoolchildren as far away as Africa were central to the theme of living out one's role in the Kingdom.

Vocations were emphasized in a video shown to the young men and those in the upper grades. Father Marc Vicari, weekend assistant, shared his journey to the priesthood and explained priestly vestments to the children. The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal visited and gave profound witness of their commitment to Christ and to the poor.

Father Ifeanyi Iwu, originally from Nigeria and now the chaplain at St. Clare's Hospital in Denville, captivated the children with his stories of life in Africa where he walked 10 to 15 miles a day just to get to school. The children donated school supplies Father Iwu will send back to his home village.

According to Msgr. Harahan, "St. Teresa's is blessed in having a vibrant and committed group of parents who minister and witness to our children for this week. It's also a blessing to have our middle school students work with our younger children. St. Teresa's Vacation Bible School is our faith taking root in the hearts of the next generation."

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St. Valentine slates festival

BLOOMFIELD — St. Valentine Parish will hold its annual family festival next month on parish grounds at the corner of East Passaic and Hoover Avenues.

The festival will take place Friday, Sept. 8, 6 to 10:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 9, 4 to 10:30 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 10, 2 to 9 p.m. Parking is available at nearby Franklin School on Curtis Street.

Featured will be rides, games and a variety of ethnic foods.


For additional information call event chairman Cathy King at (973) 429-7567 or the Rectory at (973) 743-0220.



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Golf 'Classic' benefits parish

ROSELLE—Several former Yankees, will be featured at the 12th annual Golf Classic Fall Spectacular to benefit the parish and school of Church of St. Joseph the Carpenter.

The annual fundraiser will take place on Sept. 18 at the Roselle Golf Club. Expected to attend are Bobby Shantz, Yankee pitcher who captured MVP honors in 1952; eight time Gold Glove winner Frank Tepedino, who played left field for the Bronx Bombers from 1967-72; Dale Berra who was an infielder for the Yankees for the '85 and '86 seasons and Steve Balboni, first baseman for the Yankees from 1981-83.

Featured at the Classic will be Hole-In-One prizes on all par three holes.

Entries are limited, the fee deadline is Sept. 1. Early registrants will have their choice of a 7:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. shotgun.

For additional information or help in sponsoring a hole call the Rectory at (908) 241-1250 or Classic chairman Joseph Miller at (908) 245-3279.



Msgr. Robert Emery at St. Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia, left, and Most Rev. Edgar da Cunha, right, at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover bless each cemetery's new garden mausoleums.



Advocate photos Jorge Repollet and Ward Miele

New garden mausoleums receive blessings

AREA—New garden mausoleums at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover and Saint Gertrude Cemetery in Colonia were blessed during the annual Memorial Day masses.

Most Rev. Edgar da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, and Msgr. Robert Emery, Vicar General, Moderator of the Curia and Chancellor, blessed the garden mausoleums at Gate of Heaven and Saint Gertrude cemeteries respectively.

"The new garden mausoleums maintain a close connection with the surrounding cemetery and offer an alternative, and often lesser-priced burial than the comparable earth burial," according

to Joseph Verzi, assistant director of Catholic Cemeteries.

The 1,600 crypt and 400 niche garden mausoleum at Gate of Heaven Cemetery consists of two buildings connected by an open-aided chapel. The chapel has four granite columns and a corner niche bank supporting a beam and deck roof. The building will have four decorative panels of liturgical artwork. St. Gertrude Garden Mausoleum contains 800 crypts and 400 niches. It includes two granite buildings with a tree-lined walk leading to a 24-foot meditation committal gazebo. The two end-wall panels will be adorned with liturgical art.

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