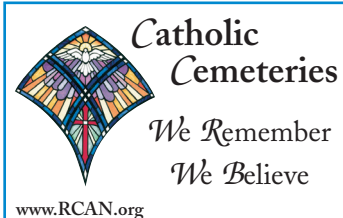




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Study suggests Catholic teens harbor tepid feelings on faith

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

KEARNY—Many Catholic teenagers exhibit an indifferent attitude toward their religion and most are unable to articulate their faith. These are among the key findings of groundbreaking research by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM), Washington D.C.

Mike Theisen, director of membership services for the NFCYM (www.nfcym.org), led a presentation at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center on Aug. 12 that focused on "The National Study of Youth and Religion: Will Our Children Have Faith?"

In an unprecedented four-year study, Christian Smith, Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and his colleagues interviewed 3,400 young people between the ages of 13 and 17; of the total participants in the study, 816 were Catholic.

The key findings of the study are highlighted in Smith's book "Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers." Like most national studies on social and cultural topics, the report offers a statistical snapshot on overall trends; it doesn't claim to document specific conditions in any one area of the country.

Guests at the forum included Catechetical leaders, youth ministers, teachers and those involved in evangelical efforts throughout the archdiocese. Several members of the audience commented that the study results actually confirmed many of their own fears regarding the involvement of teens in the Church.

One of the major points of the study is that the faith and religious beliefs of the young people mirrors the practices and beliefs of their parents. The findings, therefore, imply that many in the Baby Boomer generation did not pass on religious traditions to their children.

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Simmons preserves faith legacy

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

NEWARK—Preserving and protecting the history and heritage of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Newark is the perfect job for Troy Simmons.

A student at Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture and a Fellow of the Samuel H. Kress Foundation (both in New York), Simmons holds a Master of Arts degree in Ecclesiastical History from Seton Hall University (SHU), South Orange, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History at Rutgers University, New Brunswick.

He came to the archdiocese with extensive experience as an art educator, researcher and archivist. Starting next month

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Advocate photo-Ward Miele

Among the striking works at Sacred Heart Parish in Jersey City is this reredos and statue of the Blessed Mother. It was designed in 1924 by architectural icon Ralph Adam Cram.

Co-sponsorships emerge as schools grapple with changes in demographics

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

NEWARK—Enrollment in Catholic Schools throughout the four counties of the archdiocese is slated to decline 5 percent for the 2006-2007 school year compared with the previous year, according to statistics provided by the archdiocesan Schools Office.

Elementary and secondary school enrollment this year is projected at 44,750 students, compared with 47,286 students in the year-earlier period.

Numbers, however, don't tell the whole story for archdiocesan schools. While enrollment levels drop, education officials are implementing new school models to address shifting student demographics and strengthen academic programs. Co-sponsorships have captured the spotlight this year, according to school officials.

Father Kevin M. Hanbury, Ed.D., archdiocesan vicar for education and superintendent of schools, said his office continues to focus

on enhancing academic excellence for and spiritual development of students. For example, he said education officials are studying co-sponsorship, consortium and regional school models as real-world approaches to strengthen schools as well as meet the challenges of changing demographics and rising costs.

"Our hope is that parish families and communities will embrace these new (school) models," Father Hanbury said.

Brother Ralph Darmento, F.S.C., deputy superintendent of schools, pointed out that the enrollment numbers for the new school year are estimates. Actual figures will not be known until at least one month into the school year, he said, adding that enrollment predictions for the secondary schools are expected to be stable or see some small growth.

The declining student headcount is part of a trend that has unfolded here during the last 10 years. The projected enrollment figure for the 2006-2007 school year is nearly 21 percent below the archdiocesan student population

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Msgr. McGuinness; led Respect Life Office

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

LINDEN — A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Aug. 12 at St. John the Apostle Parish for Rev. Msgr. Richard M. McGuinness, a longtime pastor and director of the archdiocesan Respect Life Office.

Msgr. McGuinness, 80, died Aug. 9. He retired from the active priesthood in June. Msgr. McGuinness was instrumental in organizing, administering and training teams to run Rachel's Vineyard Retreats for post-abortion healing in the United States and internationally.

As pastor of St. John the Apostle Parish, for 18 years, he served over 3,000 families from Clark, Westfield and Rahway. He was pastor of over 450-plus students at St. John the Apostle School and insured an affordable Catholic education. While pastor, he introduced 24-hour Perpetual Adoration and refurbished the church with a permanent altar and statues.

Born in Newark on Sept. 12, 1925, Msgr. McGuinness was ordained on May 19, 1951 and was elevated as a Papal

Chamberlain in 1964. He attended Seton Hall University, South Orange, and received a Masters Degree in Special Education from Columbia University in 1960 and a Ph.D. there in 1969.

He was appointed director of the Department for the Visually Handicapped for the Mount Carmel Guild from 1955-1967 and became assistant director for a year following his term. He was president of the American Federation of Catholic Workers for the Blind (1956-1962).

Msgr. McGuinness was appointed director of the Mount Carmel Guild from 1974-1975 and was elected to the Priest Senate in Newark 1967. In 1979, he was Rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD (1979-1987) and became archdiocesan Vicar for Evangelization (1987-1989).

Earlier this year, Msgr. McGuinness received the John Cardinal McCloskey Lifetime Achievement Award for "outstanding and dedicated service" to his pastoral responsibilities as Rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary from the National Alumni Association (see *The Catholic Advocate*, April 26).

Michelle Krystofik, associate director of the Respect Life office for the Archdiocese, worked with Msgr. McGuinness for 12 years and is also a parishioner here at St. Joseph. "I always called him 'my Monsignor.' He was always a visionary," she said. "One of the first things he did when he became director of Respect Life was reach out to the pastors and the parishes. He reinstituted Project Rachel in the archdiocese and was passionate about Rachel's Vineyard and post-abortion healing. Rachel's Vineyard had his heart. In the 35 retreats we have had, he was present at all of them. He believed that the answer to putting an end to abortion was not just saving babies, but was with embracing those post-abortion. He championed this in New Jersey and helped it get started internationally."

Krystofik called Msgr. McGuinness a "champion for life" and had a strong influence on her spiritual life. "He was my mentor, friend, shepherd and pastor. He taught me so much. Even though Wednesdays were supposed to be his day off, he was always busy helping others and reaching out. He was very humble and never put himself out in

front. This was not just a job or a ministry—this was his life."

Msgr. McGuinness' sister, Sister Mary C. McGuinness, O.P., said, "he had so many wonderful sayings. Things such as 'never put anyone down' and 'when in doubt, do it' were some of them. He also said that we should live by three things: 'be kind, be kind, be kind.' He was full of wisdom and never sought honors. If the telephone rang and it was late at night, he always answered it because he felt that it could be important and wanted to listen."

At the wake, there were several people who came up to Msgr. McGuinness' family and had stories to tell about what a kind man he was. "He was loved by so many people. There was a troubled teenager that remembered when Msgr. McGuinness took him in when he fought with his parents and a mother who was grateful that he helped her daughter who contemplated suicide. He loved to hear confession and people came from different parishes to confess to him," Sister Mary said.

Msgr. Steven P. Rohlfs, the rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, who visited the archdiocese in April, remembered how Msgr.



Rev. Msgr. Richard M. McGuinness

McGuinness would care about each individual priest who entered the seminary. "The priests could always count on him for guidance. They were not just numbers to him, he just wanted them to be good priests and he had infallible instincts," he said.

Even at the end of his life, Msgr. Rohlfs said the beloved pastor and mentor had grace and dignity. "Even though he knew he was at the end of his life, he was always a model for Christian hope and faith. He said he was looking forward to eternity. Not only did he teach us how to live as priests, he taught us how to die as priests."

SPECIAL MASS FOR FLORHAM PARK

SHRINE—Our Lady of Divine Vocations Shrine and Retreat Center, 90 Brooklake Road, Florham Park, will hold a Mass on Saturday, Sept. 16, 4:30 p.m., which will be celebrated by Bishop Arthur J.

Serratelli, who leads the Diocese of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli (the former auxiliary bishop of Newark) will give special blessings for the shrine's new altar. The 39-acre site, the headquarters property of the Vocationist Fathers and Sisters, opened to the public last May. It was established as a spiritual refuge, retreat center and place of discernment. Bishop Edgar da Cunha, S.D.V., the auxiliary bishop of Newark, celebrated a Mass at the shrine on May 13, which formally dedicated the site. Bishop da Cunha is a member of the Vocationist Fathers & Sisters community and is closely associated with the shrine. Father Frank Hreno, S.D.V. (left), director, had the vision for the shrine as a tranquil retreat to support seminarians and religious orders from all diocese—a "place for spiritual refreshment," he said. Annelouise Liguori Mulholland (right) serves as shrine manager. The site features various statues as well as nature walks that mark the Stations of the Cross and Rosary prayers. Contact the shrine at 973-966-6262 for more information. The Vocationist Fathers/Society of Divine Vocations (www.vocationist.org) is a non-profit Catholic religious order that works in 14 countries and cares for the underprivileged, performs missionary work and ordains men to the priesthood and religious life.



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Reaching out to aid far-away neighbors, St. Gabriel teens travel to South Dakota

BY WARD MIELE
 Managing Editor

SADDLE RIVER—Fourteen intrepid youth group members from St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish here recently traded northern New Jersey's oppressive heat wave for the scorching sun of the plains of South Dakota in order to help those in need.

The members of Friends of Christ United in Service (FOCUS) gave up part of their summer, Parochial Vicar Father Stephen Fichter explained, "to spread the love of God to some of our needier American brothers and sisters."

Demonstrating its flair for traveling off the beaten path to help others, last year the FOCUS youth group journeyed to Ghana to aid students in that African nation (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Sept. 21, 2005).

The June 26 to July 4 trip to South Dakota started by setting up lodging at Presentation College in Aberdeen. The young people heard from Australia native Sister Lorraine Hale, the college president, who spoke to the New Jersey teens about the local Lakota Native American culture. The Lakotas, they learned, are a very poor but very proud people who are shy and reserved by nature, but actually open up and become friendly once one gains their trust. Another speaker, Mary Blackbird, later briefed the FOCUS group on the Lakotas' traditions and beliefs. That night the young people watched the award-winning movie "Dances with Wolves" which was filmed in the area where they were staying.

The next day it was off to Eagle Butte to help Rose, an elderly community member who recently suffered a stroke, which disabled her right side and has affected her speech.

The FOCUS group was in South Dakota to do what it could for not only the Lakota people but also Caucasian Americans like Rose who live on the reservation, according to Father Fichter.

The young people from St. Gabriel spent the day scrapping and painting the house. While there, the FOCUS members met Rose's son Alan, a local rancher, and Sister Anne O'Sullivan who is in charge of St. Joseph Parish in nearby Cherry Creek. Since their lodgings in Eagle Butte had no shower facilities, it was off to the town pool that opened each day from 5 to 6 p.m. so youth group members could wash off that day's dust and dirt.

At St. Joseph Parish the young people got to work painting the church building—the oldest in the area. When work at the parish was complete, the New



Photos courtesy of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish



Marietta Pellegrini, co-facilitator of the group, and Father Fichter admire a star quilt of the Lakota Community at Cherry Creek given to FOCUS as a thank you for the work they did on the reservation. It now hangs in the choir loft of St. Gabriel.

Rose, in the wheelchair, offers her thanks to the New Jersey young people after they had worked all day on her house. Rose is an elderly community member who recently suffered a stroke.

Jersey young people returned to hold a one-day Bible camp for a dozen local children. They played games and enjoyed Bible-related activities including two skits "The Good Samaritan and "The Woman at the Well."

The skits, explained Father Fichter, were "altered a bit so that they would relate more to the lives of the children." A birthday party was held for two of the young boys at the camp. Father Fichter celebrated evening Mass in the newly painted church.

The next two days were time for some sighting seeing. Stops were made at several local attractions including Mount Rushmore and Badlands National Park. Saying the park scenery was "stunning and like being on another planet," Father Fichter lamented the fact that the badlands are eroding "and in a few hundred years may no longer look the way it does now." Another stop was Pierre, the state capital of South Dakota.

Father Fichter recalled the colorful highlight event for the group on the return trip to the Garden State. Circling over Newark Liberty Airport on July 4,



FOCUS member Michael Fogari, left, is pictured at the end of the one-day Bible camp, which is run by the young people from Saddle River.

the young people were able to see many fireworks shows in the area, including the "most spectacular," the Macy's display over the Hudson River. "It was the perfect end to our trip," he declared.

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Sept. 23 Heritage Tour will review 'treasured churches' of Jersey City

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

NEWARK—The annual archdiocese Heritage Tour will be held Saturday, Sept. 23, featuring a review of seven "treasured churches" in Jersey City.

The tour will visit Sacred Heart Parish; St. Aedan's Parish; St. Aloysius Parish; St. Anthony of Padua; St. John the Baptist; St. Mary's Parish; and St. Michael's Parish.

Registration will begin 8:15 a.m. on Sept. 23 at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave., and buses will depart at 9 a.m. The tour is slated to run until 4 p.m.

The cost of the tour is \$45 per person, which includes bus transportation (climate-controlled with lavatory); a continental breakfast (during the registration session); a guided tour of the seven Jersey City churches with an experienced docent; lunch and beverage; and secure all-day parking at Archdiocesan Center.

The archdiocesan business offices of Development and Church Patrimony are sponsoring the event to help preserve the architecture, stained glass, paintings, mosaics, wood and stone carvings, metalworking, pipe organs and marble altars of historic parishes. The archdiocese is recognized as a treasure trove of history and architecturally significant structures, with over 40 facilities on the state Historical Registry, as well as more than 20 on the National Historical Registry.

Troy Simmons, architectural historian and patrimony project manager for the archdiocesan Office of Property Management Administration, said the tour is important because it helps raise awareness of the Catholic culture and identify in the Church of Newark. "These are beautiful treasures that belong to the people in the archdiocese," Simmons said.

Contact Theresa Lynch at (973)-497-4042 for details. Those interested in taking part in the tour are advised to fill out a registration form, along with a check for \$45, and mail it to: Heritage Tour, the Archdiocese of Newark; P.O. Box 9500, Newark, N.J., 07104-0500.



A reflective Troy Simmons during one of his many stops at a parish in Jersey City. He is the archdiocesan architectural historian.

Patrimony

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and running through the end of the year, Simmons will have an exhibition, "The American Arts and Crafts Movement in Ecclesiastical Design," at SHU.

Simmons wears two hats. Working in the Office of Property Management Administration, he is its architectural historian and patrimony project manager. Ironically, it was the archdiocesan New Energies Project—an ongoing effort at determining the need to consolidate facilities and streamline operations—that led to his new position.

In conjunction with the New Energies Project, Simmons said, Archbishop John J. Myers expressed concern for preserving the historical and artistic artifacts of the Church of Newark.

Msgr. Robert Wister, a SHU professor who chairs the Committee of Ecclesiastical Patrimony, handpicked Simmons from a number of worthy candidates. The committee was established, Simmons said, "to keep an eye on Church patrimony."

Simmons termed Church patrimony as "our legacy....items that warrant our stewardship." He likened patrimony to a grandfather passing down his watch from one generation to another.

Patrimony, he went on, is "not just loose things such as vestments, chalices and the like; it is everything from the cornerstone to the steeple." All items in a church, he stressed, are "of extraordinary significance."

A significant part of Simmons' job is preparing church buildings for local, state and national historical status. At the national level, he explained, such a designation can result annually from \$750,000 to \$1 million in federal funds for exterior renovations. In such instances, the "integrity" of the original architectural design must be maintained.

His main mission is to work in conjunction with property management in preserving the local history of the Church "from the early 1800s to the present day so that that history will not only be found in dusty books," he explained.

To his knowledge, he is one of the few architectural historians on staff in any diocese nationwide. Simmons believes every diocese in the country should have such a position. With many Catholic churches in the United States closing, he said the situation is at a "major turning point." As he sees it, consolidation is a reality in many major urban areas that are in need of someone with knowledge of historical values.

Historically, Simmons stressed, the Archdiocese of Newark "is on a par" with Philadelphia, Boston, New York and Chicago. Within the four counties of the archdiocese, he said, are fine Algerian Onyx, unique stained glass mosaics and "some of the finest arts and crafts of ecclesiastical Church architecture."

The Archdiocese of Newark, Simmons pointed out, contains the work of some of America's finest architects. One is Charles D. McGuinness, a founding member of the American Institute of Architects. In the 1920s and 1930s McGuinness designed the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, D.C., Holy Name Church in East Orange, Our Lady of Sorrows in South Orange, St. Vincent in Bayonne, and buildings at Yale University and the renovation of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

Architectural icon Ralph Adam Cram designed Sacred Heart Parish in Jersey City, which, Simmons noted, has been called one of the finest examples of Spanish Gothic design in the country. Cram also designed the Los Angeles City Library, the Nebraska State Capital and St. John the Divine in Manhattan.

The Archdiocese of Newark, he added, is "one of the few" dioceses in the country

"where the sons and grandsons of those who built the churches are still in the pews."

When he goes out into the field on assignment from Steve Belloise, director of the archdiocesan Office of Property Management Administration, Simmons is involved in every phase of a parish interior maintenance/renovation project. Simmons is there, said Belloise, for his "expertise" bringing to the job the "attention to detail it deserves." His department, Belloise noted, is attempting to be "pro-active and meticulous" in dealing with parish treasures.

Simmons concentrates on "any item of importance" in preparing a parish audit. Digital records are kept of such items. Each assignment, Simmons says with obvious enthusiasm, is an "amazing" experience. The "architectonics" of the Archdiocese of Newark is comparable to anything in New York or elsewhere in the country, he stressed. Simmons relishes finding items that "are just resting, sleeping" in archdiocesan structures.

Every project, as the department director sees it, is "a work in progress." The initial inventory of items will be sold at a "fraction" of their price at an internal archdiocesan auction scheduled for early next year. Items not sold within the archdiocese will go for market value if taken outside the Church of Newark. As the New Energies project unfolds, the process will become "busier and busier," Belloise added. With Simmons, he stressed, many mistakes will be avoided and "patrimony will be treated with the respect it deserves."

The message Simmons feels it is important to get out to pastors is that "as both curators and custodians, part of their job is to assure they leave a legacy and our department is there to help them, not hinder them." Simmons wants pastors to know that he is also a steward and is a "resource" to whom pastors can turn.

Feasts, festivals abound next month

AREA—Feasts and festivals will soon take place at parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Newark.

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, Garfield, will hold its 10th annual La Festa Italiana Sept. 7-10.

The feast will be held on parish grounds and the surrounding streets of MacArthur and Frederick Street.

The hours are: Thursday and Friday, 6 to 11 p.m.; Saturday 3 to 11 p.m. and Sunday 2 to 10 p.m.

A special attraction this year is a free concert by The Duprees on Sept. 8 at 8 p.m.

Liturgical and spiritual celebrations include Mass and Rosary, Sept. 7, 7 p.m.; Mass followed by

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Sept. 8, 7 p.m. and Sept. 9, 5 p.m. and a Solemn Mass celebrated by Most Rev. Edgar da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, in Italian and English, followed by a solemn procession of a statue of Our Lady of Mount Virgin.

For additional information and directions call the rectory at (973) 772-2295.

In Ridgefield Park, St. Francis of Assisi Parish will celebrate its 33rd annual feast the weekend of Sept. 8-10 on church grounds at 114 Mount Vernon St.

Featured will be outdoor activities, rides, games, a food pavilion,

karaoke and a super 50/50. There will an indoor White Elephant shop.

Special events include Ride Bracelet Day on Saturday from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. and again Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. For \$15 children will have access to every ride on the day the bracelet is purchased.

Hours are Sept. 8, 6:30 to 11 p.m.; Sept. 9, noon to 11 p.m. and Sept. 10, 1:30 to 9 p.m.

For additional information call (201) 641-6464.

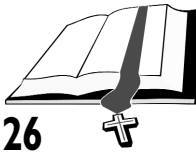
St. Leo Parish, Elmwood Park, has scheduled its annual Family Festival the weekend of Sept. 7-10.

Hours are Sept. 7, 6 to 10 p.m.;

Sept. 8, 6 to 11 p.m.; Sept. 9, 1 to 11 p.m. and Sept. 10, 1 to 10 p.m. The 50/50 drawing will be on Sunday at 8:30 p.m.

In addition to new rides there will be a pay one price wristband available Thursday from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday 1 to 5 p.m. The \$20 purchase is good on the day of purchase only.

Friday and Saturday nights will bring live entertainment. Friday Mark Papianni performs and Saturday Tony Destro and the Bowery Boys will take to the stage for two concerts at 6 and 10 p.m. The first concert features contemporary music while at 10 p.m. there will a tribute to Elvis.



August 26

Lumen Center, Caldwell, “Un Dia Con Jesus” (Spanish retreat), 10 a.m.- noon, Cost: \$15, (973) 403-3331 ext. 25.

August 28

Holy Family Parish, Nutley, Holy Family Rosary Society meeting, 7:45 p.m., (973) 667-0026.

August 31

Lumen Center, Caldwell, “Once Upon a Time; Energy for New Beginnings,” 10 a.m.- noon; cost: \$15, (973) 403-3331 ext. 25.

September 5

Lumen Center, Caldwell, “The Catholic School; Forming the Faith Community,” 9 a.m.- noon, Cost: \$15, (973) 403-3331 ext. 25.

September 6

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

Other

St. Anastasia Parish, Teaneck, Third Order Carmelite meeting, second Saturday of each month, 8:30 a.m., call Helen Pieper at (201) 567-3711.

Christian Foundations of Ministry program begins courses on Sept. 11 at various parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Call (973) 497-4350 or e-mail stantovi@rcan.org.

Catholic teenagers

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“This study is also about adult faith formation. We have to look at families, parents and church communities in order to keep teens connected. Kids are a barometer for culture and institution of our society and the Church needs to pay attention to them,” Theisen said.

However, Theisen stressed that, despite the concerns, there is much potential—and many opportunities—to reach teenagers on faith issue. For example, there are many teens and young adults throughout the archdiocese who are enthusiastic participants at programs and events sponsored by the Youth Retreat Center (see *The Catholic Advocate*, July 19, June 7, Jan. 25 and Jan. 11).

Young people are not unreachable; they are just apathetic and indifferent, the study suggested. “The field is ripe for evangelization,” Theisen said.

Religion is a significant presence in teenagers’ lives, but is not applied to their everyday situations, according to the study. “(Religion) is there, but it is in the background. It does not shape their actions,” Theisen explained.

Teenagers are also “happy to go along and get along” according to the study. They attend religious services but are not actively committed. As opposed to characteristics of Generation X and Baby Boomers, who were actively rebellious to their parent’s ideals, the current “Millennial Generation” is just indifferent.

“Have we passed on a passionless faith? Our children are extensions of ourselves and this is the fault of the adults. It is a tough job to be a parent with teenagers but we can’t raise them alone in faith,” Theisen stressed. A major-

ity of teens identify themselves as Christian but do not know basic religious language or terms.

The outlook of teens today is described as “Moralistic Therapeutic Deism,” a term coined by Smith. Characteristics include the belief that God watches over human life at a distance, wants us to be fair and good to each other and that He is needed especially when resolving problems. This emerging system of thought also includes that good people go to heaven when they die and God wants everyone to be happy and feel good.

In terms of being active in religion, such as participating in retreats, youth rallies, and volunteering, Catholic youth are not faring well. Mormon teenagers are faring best and have the most religious vitality followed by conservative Protestants and African-American Protestants. Catholic teenagers are fifth on that list according to the study’s findings. Theisen suggested Mormons are more spirituality active because “their faith is their culture and their culture is their faith.”

Another reason for such low religious vitality in young Catholics is the lack of youth programs and youth ministers at parishes. According to the study, Catholics invest fewer in youth ministers, while only 21 percent of parishes in the United States have a full-time youth minister, which significantly lowers teens’ attendance at Mass.

Catholic teens who are highly religious tend not to engage in at-risk behaviors, the study showed. Being involved in the Church creates more engaged and healthier adolescents. On a more positive note, 76 percent of Catholic youth plan to remain

Catholic into adulthood and 39 percent attend Mass at least once per week.

Theisen agrees that some of these findings were disheartening. “Some people are going to hear things that they may not like. It will be messy and challenging, but this is a good thing because now it is time for a change. We have to do something and now we can’t deny it because there has been research done,” he said.

Church leadership and parents have to acknowledge that a change is required.

—Mike Theisen

There are different steps the youth ministers, parents and Catholic schools officials should take in order to increase youth activity in the Church. “We need

to start moving to a different paradigm and at things through a different lens. Church leadership and parents have to acknowledge that a change is required and it will be a long and difficult process, usually taking two to five years,” Theisen added.

Working together and collaborating across all levels of ministry is needed so that parents become involved and reinvigorate faith within teens. Understanding that parents are the key to changing the ideas young people have about religion is key.

“We need to be partners with the parents. The parishes could implement family ministry where they work with families during key transition times, for example, if a child leaves middle school and attends high school. The parish could encourage ‘Sabbath time’ where families take time out to be together and encourage deep thinking to enrich themselves,” Theisen suggested.

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY/MINISTRY	Reverend Andrew M. Prachar , Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish (Vailsburg), Newark, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term, effective Sept. 14 and ending Aug. 31, 2009.	Reverend Henryk Wiecek, S.J. , Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Wallington, has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Casimir Parish, Newark, effective Sept. 1.
Reverend Monsignor Paul L. Bochicchio , Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Nutley, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term, effective Sept. 14 and ending Aug. 31, 2009.	Very Reverend Michael G. Ward, V.F. , Pastor of St. Cecilia Parish, Kearny and Dean of the Hudson West Deanery, Deanery 14, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term, effective Sept. 14 and ending Aug. 31, 2009.	Reverend Wilson A. Divina has been appointed Summer Parochial Vicar of St. Luke Parish, HoHoKus, effective through Sept. 30.
Reverend Monsignor James J. Finnerty has been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term, effective Sept. 14 and ending Aug. 31, 2009.	PAROCHIAL VICAR	Reverend Richard Tan has been appointed Summer Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Nutley, effective through Sept. 10.
Reverend Richard J. Kelly , Pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Jersey City, has been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term, effective Sept. 14 and ending Aug. 31, 2009.	Reverend Mirosław Kusibab , Parochial Vicar of St. Casimir Parish, Newark, has been appointed parochial vicar of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Wallington, effective Sept. 1.	TRANSITIONAL DEACON
		Reverend Mr. Charles M. Kelly , transitional deacon has been assigned to Diaconal Ministry at St. Thomas More Parish, Fairfield, effective Sept. 1 to April 26, 2007.

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Meeting with Archbishop John J. Myers, second from right, are, left to right, Father Eugene Bernas, Father Sinclair Oubre and Doreen M. Badeaux, secretary general of the Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America.

Chapel meets spiritual needs of its seafaring 'parishioners'

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

NEWARK—Serving the seafarers of the world when they stop at Port Newark or Port Elizabeth, Stella Maris Chapel is a vital spiritual stop for many transient parishioners.

Father Sinclair Oubre, J.C.L., diocesan director of the Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America, recently visited the Church of Newark and Archbishop John J. Myers. Father Oubre used the opportunity to discuss the mission of the apostleship, as well as visit Stella Maris.

Over the past four decades, Stella Maris Chapel—Latin for "Star of the Sea"—has been the spiritual refuge for "merchant sailors, fishermen, brown water, inland and river mariners and their families," according to Father Oubre. In all pastoral care is provided by the chapel on Corbin Street to as many as 1,500 faithful who are often at sea for eight to 11 months.

The "congregation" also includes sea cadets, longshoremen, rig workers and those who Father Oubre said "draw their living from the sea," such as working on cruise ship crews.

The spiritual need for Stella Maris Chapel exists, explained its diocesan director, because it does "not work within the typical parish model." That comes about, noted Father Oubre, because of the "nature" of jobs related to the sea and "crazy hours."

On average both ports handle about 2,500 ships and their crews. There are also 4,000 longshoremen and 6,000

office and support personnel.

The mission of the Apostleship of the Sea, as Father Oubre sees it, is to provide the Catholic Church to the people of the sea." Key elements in achieving that, he said, are corporal works of mercy, communicating with the families, providing transportation and internet capabilities as well as ensuring there is a "safe place" to go when leaving their ships. "Mariners live and work in the same environment," he noted.

Calling those who work at sea members of a "valuable and great profession," Father Oubre said the average seafarer is 45 years old, "family men" whose career is between 25 and 30 years. The Apostleship of the Sea exists, he stressed, "to bring the Church" to them.

Port operations have a distinct international flavor servicing more and more ships from predominately Catholic regions such as Latin America and the Philippines.

Built on land donated by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Stella Maris Chapel was built largely with donations of both money and labor from workers from FAPS Inc., a Port Newark-based company that preps thousands of new cars that come through the ports from overseas and from other port-area organizations and individuals.

John LoBue, the late owner of FAPS, promised a new chapel before he died. His family has kept that promise.

What Father Oubre enthusiastically calls the "high point" of the ministry is celebrating Mass on the ships. Father Eugene Bernas, director of Stella Maris Chapel, shares that feeling.

Writer reflects on faith, hope to ‘stay put,’ support Church

Editor,

Greg Tobin is right (*The Catholic Advocate*, commentary piece, “Observations on an unshakeable faith,” June 21): living our faith is about “staying put.”

Throughout the ages, humans have erred. Their errors have stained our mother Church, caused scandals, oppression and disruptions. But these errors are part of our human condition. Is it not our place to stay within the institution of our Catholic Church and attempt to right our wrongs, to live out the truths of our faith?

Many leave the Church in their discomfort or outrage, and our Church, the body of Christ, always suffers from their loss. Each and every one of us forms the body of Christ, with all our God-given talents, with our losses, despairs and hopes.

Many choose to leave all institutional churches and are content to have a rela-

tionship with Jesus, alone. How sad for us, for the Church is community. The Church is grace. Where is the hope?

Indeed, being an active Catholic today is about staying put. Books and films will come and go; sensationalisms will rise and subside. Let us use our reason. Let us live out the Gospel. Let us live in hope. Let us be the people we were created to be. We each need to “stay put.”

Maryann P. Hobbie
South Orange

(Note: the letter writer is a graduate of Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University (SHU) South Orange, and is currently working on a Ph.D. at Drew University, Madison. Greg Tobin is a former editor of The Catholic Advocate and currently serves as senior advisor for communications at SHU.)

Shallow phrase, selfish ‘things’ and empty lives

Editor,

In the 1960’s a phrase was coined that has reaped its effect to today’s society. The phrase was: ‘Do your own thing.’

Simply put, ‘do your own thing’ was pure selfishness of actions to benefit the one who wanted to do what he or she wanted without giving thought to others. It was subtle at first, but with eyes to see truth it did not at all bear good “good fruit.”

The necessary ingredient to a good life comes down to acting in faith on God’s Word, not necessarily what another mortal human tries to persuade to do.

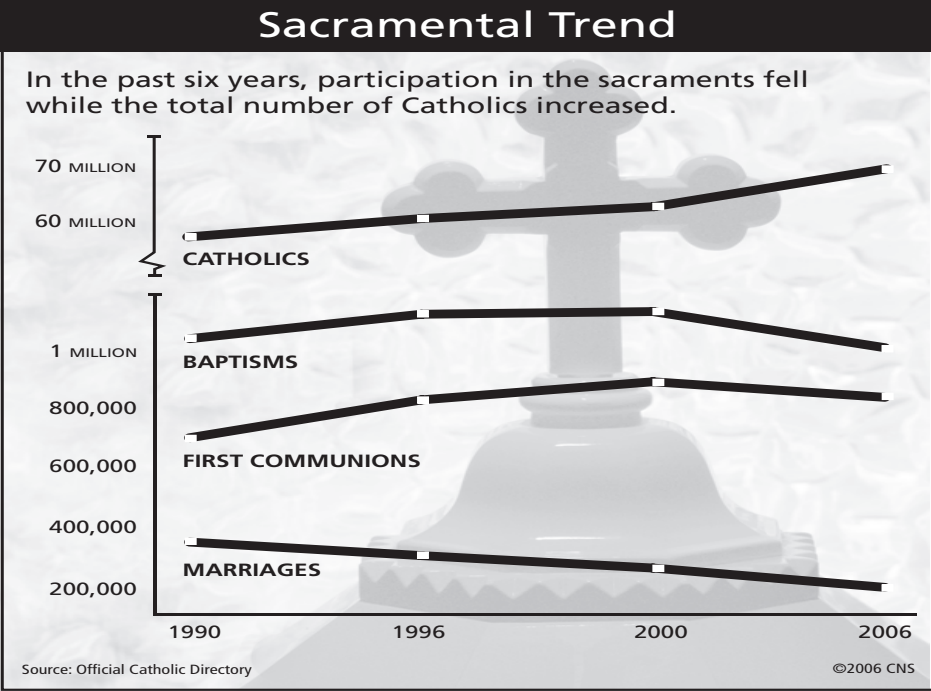
Any person who sincerely wishes to call themselves followers of Christ, would have to seriously ask themselves: would God living and acting in me condone aborting the unborn that the Creator of life sends? Would God condone the mortal human idea that an embryo—the beginnings of human life—is to be experimented with and cloned for man’s own purpose? Would Christ, acting in us, euthanize a suffering servant of God?

Those who have faith in God do not try to change the ways of God for self-purposes. Doing ‘one’s own thing’ moves one away from the Spirit of Truth to selfish living. And that is really “tellin’ it like it is.” “All you need is God’s love.”

B. Ambielli
Union



AN ARCDIOCESAN WELCOME—Five newly recruited seminarians met recently at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark with Archbishop John J. Myers, center, left, accompanied by Father Brian Plate, center, right, director of vocations. The group included, left to right, John Carlos DeSousa, Edinson Ramirez, Jose Helber Victoria, Lukasz Rokita and Tomasz Kulicki.



Participation in the sacraments is falling despite an ever increasing Catholic population in the United States.

Seton Hall University preserves the unique legacy of Sister Rose

The long and remarkable life of a truly holy woman, Sister Rose Thering, O.P., Ph.D., will be commemorated next month by Seton Hall University where she was a professor emerita.

A diminutive, quiet person, her powerful legacy will live on in the Sister Rose Thering Endowment for Jewish-Christian Studies.

Upon her death in May, The American Jewish Committee said it best: “her pioneering efforts in the mid-20th Century contributed in large measure to changing the course of Catholic-Jewish relations.” By any measure that is no small feat during an inspiring lifetime of doing God’s work.

Sister Rose came to Seton Hall in 1968 to establish an outreach program known then as Menorah Studies for the University’s Judaeo-Christian Studies. The endowment bearing her name was established in 1992 with the goal of building the interfaith work of Sister Rose through scholarship assistance.

The service will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

Sister Rose touched innumerable lives of both faiths a good number of whom will fill the pews to mourn her loss and commit themselves to carry on with the important work of her endowment.

CCHD dollars help support mission of N.J. interfaith group

It will be money well spent where needed throughout the Archdiocese of Newark.

At its recent annual meeting, the U.S. Bishops’ Conference Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) earmarked \$20,000 for the work of the Jubilee Interfaith Organization in northern New Jersey.

Established 35 years ago, CCHD endeavors to break the cycle of poverty. Its mandate from the country’s bishops is two-fold: fund low-income controlled projects and educate Catholics about the causes of poverty within the context of Catholic social tradition. CCHD programs are funded through annual collections nationwide.

Locally, the Jubilee Interfaith Organization consists of some 50 religious, community and labor groups concerned about the economic, social and human of the growing disparities in this unique melting pot section of the Garden State.

Among the vital areas earmarked for the CCHD dollars are promotion of fair housing, access to affordable healthcare and work equality for immigrants both regionally and statewide.

The bishops’ concern is appreciated.

Greatest sports movie ever? A slam dunk for Hoosiers

It's summer, which means sports and movies, which prompts the question: What's the greatest sports movie ever?

In 2001, Sports Illustrated (SI) issued a Top-20 list led by Bull Durham. Now, to be sure, Kevin Costner preaches the true gospel of baseball to Tim Robbins, down there along Tobacco Road. But Robbins' pitiful efforts to look like even a minor league pitcher suggest that Bull Durham is more about sex-as-sport than about baseball. So Bull Durham, good though it is, can't be Number One.

Six of the films on the SI list are boxing movies: Raging Bull, Rocky, Requiem for a Heavyweight, and so forth. But when we think "sports movies," we're usually thinking of team sports. So that eliminates the boxing flicks, as well as The Hustler and Chariots of Fire.

Baseball elicits wonderful prose, but great baseball movies are very hard to make, in part because few actors know how to swing a bat, field a ball, or pitch; baseball's intricate weave of personal and corporate accomplishment is also hard to capture dramatically (although Major League, for all its vulgarity, comes close). Thus William Bendix as the Bambino in The Babe Ruth Story is a sad business, best forgotten quickly; William Bendix as a Marine who dies happy in Guadalcanal Diary because he's just heard the Dodgers have won is pure Americana - but not a great sports movie.

The Natural might qualify, but it's so campy at points, and it veers so far from the dark side of Bernard Malamud's novel, that I can't put it at the top of the list--although I confess that Robert Redford looks like he swung a bat a few times before filming started. Field of Dreams is too cloyingly sentimental to qualify for the pennant; it ignores the baseball truth once articul-

The Catholic Difference

by George Weigel



ed by the late Bart Giamatti, who wrote of the game he loved, "It breaks your heart. It is designed to break your heart."

So what's left? Jerry Maguire? Please. Breaking Away? I'd rather watch paint dry than watch bicycle racing.

The envelope, please:

The greatest sports movie ever made is Hoosiers, a sports movie with everything.

It's got the David-and-Goliath story (true, as it happens) of a small-town high school team winning an all-comers state tournament in basketball-obsessed Indiana. It's got redemption: for the once-disbarred coach; for the often obtuse but essentially decent locals; for the town drunk/basketball genius who gets sober and gets his power-forward son back in the process.

It's a story of the triumph of discipline and teamwork over freelancing and selfishness. It's got a credible, middle-

age love story--Gene Hackman and Barbara Hershey: how can you miss? It's got simple, evangelical faith, which the scriptwriter and director don't mock. It's got a terrific musical score by Jerry Goldsmith. And it's got magnificent cinematography: the camera work (far superior to this past year's Glory Road) captures the fierce ballet of serious hoops and the beauty of the male body--all without the slightest hint of homoeroticism.

Hoosiers is also a great sports movie because it's a great evocation of male friendship--friendships among teenagers trying to be men, friendships between men trying to be men again, friendships between generations of men. When Coach Norman Dale says, as his team prepares to take the floor to contest the state championship, "I love you guys," he could be Eisenhower talking to the 101st Airborne on the night before D-Day; or John Paul II talking to priests; or Jim Lovell talking to

Fred Haise and Jack Swigert as crippled Apollo 13 begins its fiery re-entry into Earth's atmosphere. All of which has absolutely nothing to do with--and is in fact the polar opposite

of--the self-indulgence of Brokeback Mountain.

In November 1999, Gene Hackman was coming out of the Pasadena studio of KPCC-FM as I was coming in; we were both flogging books. I couldn't resist, and in my best Sheb Wooley-imitation voice, said "Norman Dale." He smiled, we shook hands, and I told him that he'd made the greatest sports movie ever. I still think that's the case.

(George Weigel is a senior fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.)

Education observations: lessons learned on the rewards of giving

BY LORRAINE CUNNINGHAM

Special to The Catholic Advocate

NEWARK—While planning The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children's (SFIC) annual scholarship dinner, Susan Campbell, a member of our staff, and I visited St. Michael's Elementary School in Newark. We were there to listen to the first and second graders rehearse a song that they planned to perform at our dinner several weeks later.

When I entered the brightly decorated, lively building, I noticed a flurry of activity taking place in the auditorium. Teenagers, dressed in jeans and sweatshirts, were carrying in boxes of toys, stuffed animals and games. The young St. Michael's students, walking through the halls in perfectly formed lines were craning their necks to see into the room, giggling and pointing at all the toys.

Curious about all this activity, I asked Principal Linda Cerino what was taking place. She informed me that the students and their parents were from St. Gabriel The Archangel Parish in Saddle River. As a Confirmation service project, the youngsters collected toys and brought them to St. Michael's.

For the weeks prior to this visit, Ms. Cerino distributed "coupons" to her youngsters who do good deeds, behave exceptionally well or just perform acts of kindness. The students accumulate these coupons, which they then redeem for the toys donated by the St. Gabriel parishioners.

Susan and I looked at each other, sharing the same thought: what a wonderful opportunity St. Gabriel is

giving to their young parishioners. By helping the St. Michael's students choose a favorite toy, game or book, these teens are not only learning the importance of helping others who are less fortunate but are

also experiencing the rewards of giving.

It was Saint Francis of Assisi who taught us: "For it is in giving that we receive." It was inspirational to see the teens organizing all the toys, getting excited to see the reactions from the St. Michael's students.

At the end of the day, I'm sure all of the youngsters went home with smiles on their faces. I know we did.

(Note: Lorraine Cunningham is the executive director of The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children.)



Parishioners from St. Gabriel The Archangel Parish in Saddle River organize toys for St. Michael's Elementary School students in Newark.

Pope yearns for 'time of peace'

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—In a lengthy TV and radio interview, Pope Benedict XVI called for an end to fighting in the Middle East and said he hopes to travel to the Holy Land "in a time of peace."

The pope also explained some of the priorities of his papacy, saying he was convinced the Church needs to frame its moral teachings in a positive way and shed the image of an institution that always says "no."

The interview with German media was broadcast Aug. 13, eight days after it was recorded at the pope's summer villa in Castel Gandolfo, Italy. It was aired in advance of the pope's scheduled visit to his native Bavaria region of Germany Sept. 9-14.

The pope addressed a wide range of topics, including ecumenical cooperation, the role of women in the church, and the unifying function of the papacy. He also offered some personal insights into the burdens of being pope.

"It really is tiring," he said of his schedule. But the 79-year-old pontiff said he enjoyed the continual encounters with bishops, politicians and other personalities "who want to talk to me personally."

Despite having to live behind the Vatican walls, he said, "to tell the truth, I'm not that lonely."

Asked about the situation in Lebanon, the pope said everyone has to realize that "war is the worst solution for all sides." He expressed concern about the Christian community in Lebanon and warned of the danger of the emigration of Christians from the entire region.

"I'd like to visit the Holy Land, and I hope to visit it in a time of peace," he said.

The pope said the church's basic challenge in modern society is to try to bridge the gap between technological progress and morality.

"I believe that the real problem of our historical moment lies in the imbalance between the incredibly fast growth of our technical power and that of our moral

capacity, which has not grown in proportion," he said.

"That's why the formation of the human person is the true recipe, the key to it all, I would say, and this is what the Church proposes," he said.

He said teaching "know-how" is never enough.

"If we only teach how to build and to use machines and how to use contraceptives, then we shouldn't be surprised when we find ourselves facing wars and AIDS epidemics. Because we need two dimensions: simultaneously we need the formation of the heart," he said.

In the battle against AIDS and other social ills, the pope suggested that the Church's role is misrepresented or misunderstood as a negative one.

On internal Church matters, the pope said he planned to hold consistories regularly, convening cardinals to "discuss current problems together and look for solutions." He said his frequent one-on-one talks with bishops also favor a mutual exchange.

Everyone knows the pope is "not an absolute monarch," he said, but there's a strong awareness that the church needs a unifying figure that can "guarantee independence from political powers" and make sure Christians don't identify too much with nationalism.

The pope addressed several other topics:

- He said women have always had an important role in the church, but said the faith does not allow women's ordination as priests. While noting that women today carry out important functions at the Vatican, he noted a juridical problem: Church law says the power to make legally binding decisions is limited to sacred orders.

- On the number of saints in the Church, the pope said he had deliberately "decentralized" the beatification process, leaving such ceremonies to local Church leaders so that local figures could inspire Catholics of that specific country or region. Those canonized, or declared saints, should be examples for the whole Church, he said.

The Pope Speaks

Pope Benedict XVI



Eternal life awaits

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS)—Life is full of struggles and difficulties, but believers survive and even thrive by always keeping in mind the fact that life on earth is simply a prelude to eternal life, Pope Benedict XVI said.

With only 4,000 people requesting free tickets to the Aug. 16 audience, Pope Benedict was able to hold the gathering in the courtyard of his summer villa at Castel Gandolfo, rather than return to the Vatican for the morning.

The pope told his guests he wanted to continue focusing on the assumption of Mary, celebrated the previous day.

"The assumption evokes a mystery that interests each one of us," he said, because the fact that Mary lives with God in heaven is a reminder that God created each person for eternal life with Him.

Unfortunately, he said, people often are so overwhelmed by the daily events of their lives that they forget "this consoling spiritual reality, which constitutes an important truth of faith."

Contemplating Mary's assumption and knowing that we, too, are destined for eternity fills believers with peace and serenity even when life becomes difficult, he said.

Worldwide Catholic identity explored

SOUTH ORANGE—Seton Hall recently hosted the annual conference for the Association for Student Affairs at Catholic Colleges and Universities (ASACCU).

"Thinking Globally and Acting Locally: Living Our Catholic Identity on Campus and in the World" was the conference theme Seton Hall's partnership with the



Sandra Estanek, ASACCU executive director, left, with left to right, Archbishop John J. Myers, Sister Paula Buley, executive vice president for administration, Laura Wankel, vice president for student affairs and enrollment services, and Msgr. Robert Sheeran, university president.

United Nations allowed conference attendees from 40 Catholic colleges and universities to experience the theme by attending a portion of the conference at the U.N. headquarters in New York City.

Participants toured the U.N., attended lectures and presentations from the Millennium Campaign, an eight-goal initiative focusing on reducing world poverty.

ASACCU aims to guide student affairs professionals at Catholic institutions across the country and help them inspire students to care about their local and global community. The balance of this important dichotomy from the Catholic perspective, based on the Church's social teaching, was the focus of the conference.

Father Robert Meyer, associate vice president for student affairs at Seton Hall and legal attaché for the Permanent Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations, presented the keynote address on life in the Church since the Second Vatican Council as a continuing journey. He discussed "The People of God, Liturgy and Sacraments, Human Rights, Science and Technology, Ecumenism and Evangelization and the influence of John Paul II."

"For too long the Church had been reduced to the rules, and as a friend of mine likes to note, since the Vatican Council, the Church is no longer simply about the 'Thou Shalt Nots,'" he said. "The dialogue is no longer just about talk, it is about action, it is about building up the Kingdom of God. It is about seeking truth and acting in a way to both expose and enable that truth and in finding our personal freedom because of it."

In addition to the Second Vatican Council presentation, the conference included interactive workshops. Attendees addressed timely issues such as, how to be authentically Catholic, dealing with times of crisis, the role of Catholic social teaching, issues of sexuality on campuses, exploring vocations versus finding a job and building small Christian communities.

West Orange parish looks to engage young adults

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

The thriving faith community at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, the first Catholic church in West Orange, began with a groundbreaking ceremony on Nov. 1, 1914.

One week later, the first Mass celebrated by Father Nicholas A. Marnell and was held at the home of Patrick and Bridget Byrne. The new parish had a strong Irish and Italian presence with both communities working together to celebrate their faith.

Land at what today is the busy corner of Harrison and Eagle Rock avenues was purchased in 1922. The school welcomed its first 295 students under the tutelage of the Sisters of Charity. The Sisters lived in a convent on Valley Road.

Groundbreaking for the present church building took place in 1963 and a year later, Archbishop Thomas A. Boland dedicated the new structure at a Solemn Pontifical Mass. Father Boland celebrated his first Mass in this country at the parish in 1923.

Today, Our Lady of Lourdes has 1,000 families in its congregation. Father Joseph A. Petrillo, the pastor since 2001, said the parish is "like a rainbow."

Along with the Irish and Italian-American families, there are also Filipino and Nigerian members. The parish still celebrates its Irish heritage with the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Founded by Archbishop Boland, the town of West Orange joins in the festivities. Our Lady of Lourdes is the last stop on the parade route.

Although the parade encompasses the entire town, Father Petrillo would like to see more parishioners involved in the ministry and other parish activities, especially young people.

"There seems to be some graying at our

parish, but it is like that in many places. Our senior members are the greatest stewards and some take on various jobs. Newer people are less likely to be deeply involved. Although weekend attendance is up, we need to address volunteerism head-on," Father Petrillo said.

Last year, the parish hosted a ministry fair to encourage people to participate in different organizations and missions. "We wanted to convince people to take a look," he said. "We need to market the idea of ministering to others a little better."

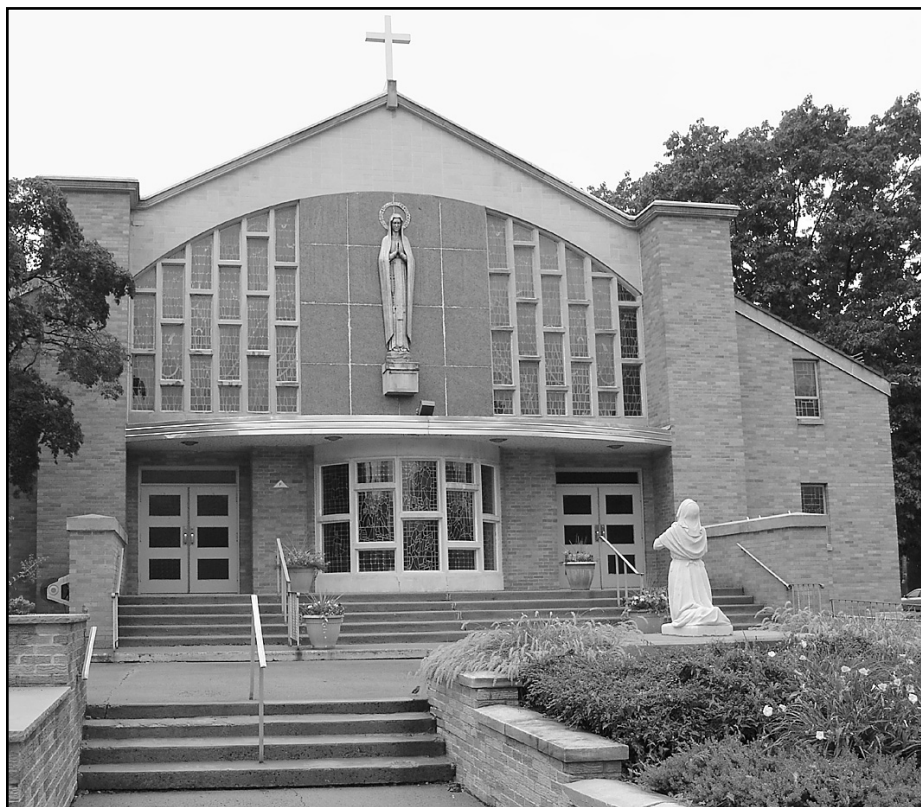
Bringing the community together, is the Mass of Remembrance and Hope for 9/11. The annual event is attended by township officials, firefighters and police officers. A bereavement Mass is celebrated in November and also draws a large crowd to the parish. There is also World Marriage Sunday in February and several other "ad hoc" celebrations when the congregation comes together for Mass and socializing.

Since becoming pastor, Father Petrillo has been an undeniable force for building a community of faith. However, the vibrant and enthusiastic leader was shaken with a near-fatal health scare. "I was diagnosed with breast cancer three years ago. I had to undergo infused chemotherapy and had a mastectomy. I never thought men could get breast cancer," he said.

During that trying time, Father Petrillo saw the generosity and the best qualities in members of his parish. "When I told the parishioners about my diagnosis, they

responded with such love and concern. There was this circle of love and everyone benefited from this love. Today, I think that's what makes us stand out; we are known for our concern for others. The parish's greatest asset is the people. This parish is the people."

Father Petrillo only took one week off during the time he had surgery and con-



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, founded in 1914, highlights its diverse history with a heritage room filled with archival material and artifacts.

tinued to be shepherd of the parish. "I stayed in the rectory and everyone offered to help. Archbishop Myers asked me what I wanted him to do. All I wanted him to do was listen. He responded in such a caring way." He has since recovered and continues to serve as a confidant to other parishioners.

Father Petrillo continues to build relationships with his parishioners by participating in a parish pilgrimage. Parishioners have traveled to Lourdes, France, and western Vermont. In its fifth year, the pilgrimage will travel to Alaska. Along with touring, masses and time for prayer and reflection, binds the group.

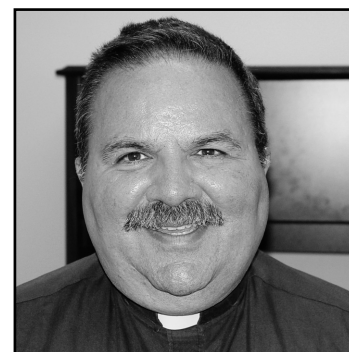
Preserving the history of Our Lady of Lourdes is also an important facet of parish life. A heritage room is run by members of the congregations and is open every weekend. Items in the museum-like room include a framed photograph of the first Mass in West Orange.

"The first year I was here, I noticed that there was a huge collection of archival material. A former deacon made it his project to create a room to hold them all. We are constantly receiving things for the heritage room," Father Petrillo explained. There is also a "Peace and Good Corner," a successful gift shop that sells items such as greeting cards, Bibles and rosary beads.

As of June 16, Our Lady of Lourdes School closed after 80 years of service. Forming a co-sponsorship alliance with St. Joseph's School, the two parishes will open Blessed Pope John XXIII Academy in the fall (*see related article on page one*).

Father Petrillo knows that getting the youth involved is a priority at his parish. "Our parish needs a youth group. There are demographic changes and that is the

Meet the Pastor



Rev. Joseph A. Petrillo

Birthday: May 4, 1948
Hometown: Weehawken
High School: Saint Michael, Union City
Seminary: Immaculate Conception
Undergraduate: New Jersey City University
Graduate School: Boston College
Ordination: May 28, 1977
Hero: Saint John Baptist de La Salle
Favorite Saint: (same as above)
Favorite Sport: Walking
Favorite Food: Pasta
Favorite Subject in School: History
Favorite Movie: *Gone With the Wind*
Last Book Read: *The Lost Art of Walking on Water: Re-imagining the Priesthood*
Occupation if I Weren't a Priest: Teacher

way things are. I would like to continue to see God made present to the people of Our Lady of Lourdes and to continue to support all who come here."

(Our Lady of Lourdes Parish is located at 1 Eagle Rock Ave., West Orange, 07052.)



The baptismal font is located at the entrance of Our Lady of Lourdes. The parish continues to grow and has 1,000 registered families.

Advocate photos - Melissa McNally

SOAR to celebrate two decades of being there for aging religious

NEW YORK—Support Our Aging Religious (SOAR) will celebrate its 20th anniversary Oct. 4 at Tavern on the Green.

SOAR is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to financially supporting elderly members of Catholic religious congregations.

The funds raised from the anniversary celebration will assist SOAR in meeting the daily needs of the 40,000 religious in the United States over the age of 70.

During the past 20 years more than 500 grants have been awarded to religious congregations.

SOAR's honoree this year Joseph Paul Delaney, Director, Deloitte & Touche, USA. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Greater New York Chapter of the March of Dimes, The Christopher Whitehouse Foundation, and the Staten Island Cross Road Foundation.

Delaney, an 18 year volunteer with SOAR, will receive the New York Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award honoree. In his work with SOAR, Delaney has been responsible, since 1996, for annually raising over \$5,000 for the SOAR Benefit each Fall, as well as serving as dinner co-chair for previous celebrations and serving as emcee the past seven years.

A 2004 survey prepared by

the Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) indicates a \$7.4-billion shortfall in funds needed for religious elderly. As a result, many religious institutions have limited resources to care for elderly and infirm members. The average annual social security benefit for religious is \$4,125 compared to \$11,064 for lay recipients.

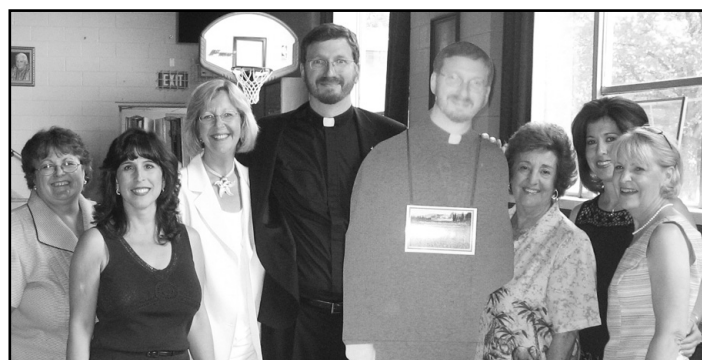
To date, SOAR has distributed 536 grants totaling approximately \$7 million to congregations in 43 states and Puerto Rico.

The median age of religious has risen dramatically. The median age of women religious is now 69 years and men 63 years. In addition, the number of new members who traditionally supported the elderly religious has dropped significantly; the cost of healthcare has escalated enormously; and for years, religious were given a very modest stipend

for their services, prohibiting any significant savings for the future. Compensation for religious is, in most cases, nominal.

The emcee this year will be George Meade of the Morning Show on WOR Radio.

For more information contact Peg Zukowski at bpzuk@aol.com or (201) 993-0845.



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Sister Rose memorial set Sept. 13 at Cathedral

NEWARK — Seton Hall University and many prominent members of the Catholic and Jewish communities will celebrate the legacy of Sister Rose Thering with a Sept. 13 memorial service at 7 p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

"We felt it very important to pay proper homage to Sister Rose, and the Cathedral Basilica is the most appropriate place," explained Luna Kaufman, chairman of the board of the Sister Rose Thering Endowment for Jewish-Christian Studies at Seton Hall.

Speakers offering personal reflections will include Msgr. Robert Sheeran, president of Seton Hall University, Rabbi Irving Greenberg and Mrs. Blu Greenberg, Abraham Foxman, executive director of the Anti-Defamation League, and Paul Winkler, executive director of the New Jersey Commission for Holocaust Education. Theodore Bikel, the noted actor, will send a written message to be read aloud.

The Cathedral Choir will perform several musical selections, and Cantor Daniel Neiden will chant Kaddish. Several of Sister Rose's family members will be in attendance, as will several representatives of her convent in Racine, Wisconsin.

Seton Hall University established the Sister Rose Thering Endowment for Jewish-Christian Studies in 1992. The endowment builds on the inter-faith education work of Sister Rose by providing scholarship assistance for teachers in graduate-level Jewish-Christian and Holocaust Studies, developing curriculum resources and presenting workshops for teachers in public, private and parochial schools.

School teachers are an important audience for the endowment because in addition to New Jersey, only four other states — New York, Illinois, California and Florida — have mandates to teach about the Holocaust. Of the five, New Jersey is the only one requiring Holocaust or genocide education at all grade levels.

Knights install new officers

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP — In a ceremony accompanied by the Joseph Lamb Assembly Color Corps, Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council #5427 officers were installed by State District Deputy Garret Pinke.

Wearing their official ceremonial robes, the slate of officers installed for the 2006-2007 term were James Dugan, grand knight; John Picarella, deputy grand knight; Richard Smith, chancellor; Gerard Rider, recorder; Dick Freyland, treasurer; Donald Murphy, Warden; Ezio Bioletti, John Murphy, and Shawn Cowie as guards; Ken Kaphammer,

financial secretary; Mike Hess, advocate; and Garret Pinke, Charles Devine, and Bob Hibler as trustees.

Also recognized for their newly elected or ongoing status were the organization's Columbian club trustees: President Bob Hibler; Vice President Paul Elterlein; Secretary Ken Kaphammer; Treasurer Ed Pendergast; and trustees Ezio Bioletti, Anthony Carrino, Robert Catherman, James Dugan, Ed Kohnowich, Al Lombardi, Andrew Lukac, John Murphy, John Picarella, Garret Pinke, and Jerry Rider.



William Neumann photo

The awards ceremony included, left to right, Assemblywoman Joan Voss; Ruth Paci of the Bergen County Historic Preservation Advisory Board; Father George J. Ruane, pastor of Holy Rosary Parish; parish trustees Joseph Kerwin and Margaret Gearity; Frank Debari, director of the Bergen County Department of Parks; Assemblywoman and Freeholder Valerie Vainieri Huttie and Carol Messer, director of the Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs, Department of Parks.

Historical status of Holy Rosary church given formal recognition

HACKENSACK — The church building of Holy Rosary Parish, Edgewater, was among 18 sites to receive a Bergen County Historic Preservation Commendation Award during recent ceremonies at the historic Church on the Green.

Bergen County has presented the annual awards since 1982 to recognize individuals and groups for their contributions to preservation, restoration and adaptive use of historic areas throughout the county.

Holy Rosary Parish was included in the "historic preservation and continuing use of a private or public building" category. Father George J. Ruane is pastor of the parish which will celebrate its centennial later this year.

On hand for the awards' pres-

entation was County Executive Dennis McNerney who noted "it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contri-

butions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible assets of the heritage that has shaped us as a people."

St. Sebastian Feast Aug. 25-27

MONTCLAIR — The 80th annual Feast of Saint Sebastian, sponsored by the Society of Saint Sebastian, will take place Aug. 25-27 at Kaveny Field at the corner of Walnut and Grove streets.

Highlighted by a the traditional process of a statue of Our Lady through neighborhood streets, the feast will include food, games, rides and live entertainment. The feast and carnival will be open Friday from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 4 to 10 p.m.

The procession, accompanied by the Tony Neglia Symphonic Feast Band of 30 musicians, will

leave Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 94 Pine St., Sunday at 3:30 p.m. and is scheduled to arrive at the feast grounds two hours later. It will then return to the church at 6:30 p.m.

Other religious activities include Vespers Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and a Solemn Mass Sunday at 10 a.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude the procession. Father Anthony Lionelli, pastor, will lead the religious services.

For additional information call (973) 743-4951 or (973) 482-5845.

St. John taps Gladys Pozza as pastoral associate

HILLSDALE — Gladys Pozza is the new pastoral associate for Family Faith Development at St. John the Baptist Parish.

Her responsibilities include Children's Catechetical Development (CCD) programs, K-8; Sacramental preparation for First Eucharist and First Reconciliation; RCIA as adapted for children and resourcing for Liturgy of the Word for Children. In addition, Pozza will work with Cathy Wollyung, pastoral associate for Faith Formation, in Catechist Training, Teacher Development in St. John's Academy as well as working with parents in developing their faith.

Pozza received a Master's degree in Pastoral Ministry from Caldwell College in June, 2003. Her Master's project focused on empowering lay leadership, which included a three-year plan for implementation at St. Lawrence Parish in Weehawken. She was selected and awarded membership in Kappa Gamma Pi National Catholic College Graduate Honor Society and is a member of the

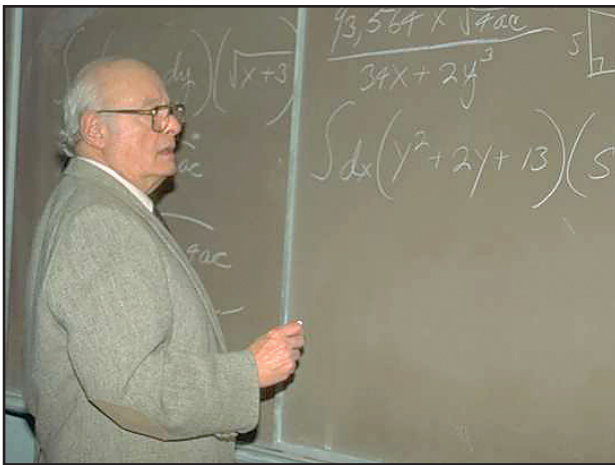
Theta Alpha Kappa National Honor Society for Religious Studies/Theology. She also holds a Bachelor's degree, Magna Cum Laude, from St. John's University in Transportation and Logistics.

For the last six years Pozza was pastoral associate for Catechetics for St. Lawrence Parish. Her responsibilities included direction of the Religious Education Program, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program and the Adult Education Program. She also coordinated a number of additional pastoral programs.

Pozza was a recipient of the 2005-2006 Religious Educational Excellence Award for the Mid-Atlantic Region, sponsored by the National Association of Parish Catechetical Directors (NPCD), (see The Catholic Advocate, April 26). The award was presented at its 14th annual convocation. This organization is a professional association within the Religious Education Department of the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA).



Gladys Pozza



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French teacher Scholz travels to Japan

JERSEY CITY—St. Dominic Academy French teacher Denise Scholz was a participant in the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program in Japan. She traveled to Japan in June to participate in the international program.

The Japanese government sponsors the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund. It was launched in 1997 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the U.S. government Fulbright Program, which has enabled more than 6,000 Japanese citizens to study in the United States on Fulbright fellowships for graduate education and research.

The program allows distinguished secondary school educators in the United States to travel to Japan for three weeks in an effort to promote greater intercultural understanding between the two nations.

Scholz, a resident of Bayonne, was selected from a national pool of nearly 2,300 applicants. She began her visit in Tokyo with a practical ori-

entation on Japanese life and culture, and attended meetings with Japanese government officials and educators.

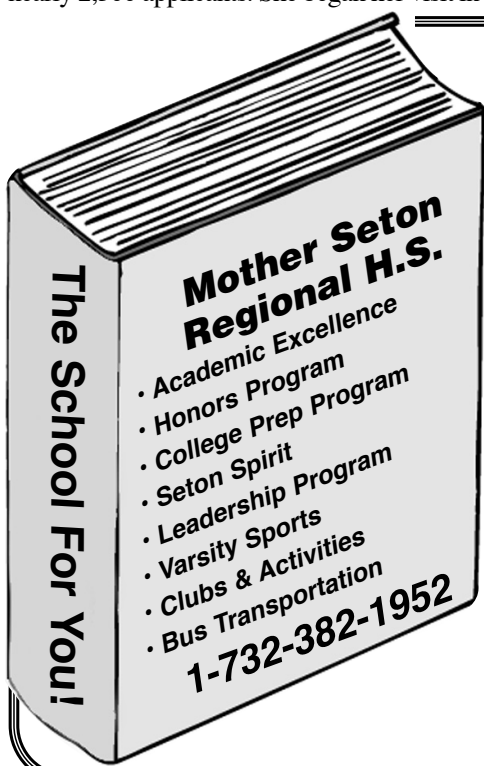
Once acclimated, she traveled to different host cities, including Nagasaki, and toured Japanese primary and secondary schools as well as a teachers college. The archdiocesan educator also visited cultural sites, local industries, and attended a home stay with a Japanese family. Scholz learned origami, attended a workshop on Japanese art, and attended a seminar on the Status of Women.

Scholz is moderator of the Anime Club at St. Dominic Academy. Members watch Japanese animation and read cartoon-style novels. Scholz will make a presentation about her experience to the Saint Dominic Academy faculty during the coming school year and plans to engage in cross-disciplinary work with the history department.

Scholz is also the moderator of school's Multicultural Club.



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BY TRISH FITZPATRICK

Special to The Catholic Advocate

AREA—"It's good to know that there is a community interested in outreach and in helping schools like ours" Ana Maria Castaneda, principal of Our Lady of Libera in West New York, said.

Castaneda was referring to Project Backpack, a summer campaign undertaken by Holy Trinity Parish in Westfield.

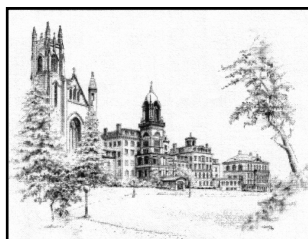
Project Backpack is in its fifth year at Holy Trinity Parish and is directed by Deacon Tom Pluta and parishioner Joan Pulliam. The five-week drive kicks off in early summer and concludes in August just before school starts.

Parishioners are asked to donate a backpack filled with various supplies, such as pencils, crayons, notebooks and pens for students in grades Kindergarten through 8. They may also donate cash, which is used to outfit children in school uniforms and also covers the cost of additional supplies for the selected schools.

In addition to Our Lady of Libera, Project Backpack will benefit St. Aloysius School in Jersey City. The pastor of St. Aloysius, Father Dick Kelly, speaks fondly of the people of Holy Trinity, where he served for seven years.

"I am not surprised at all by this gesture," Father Kelly said. "The people of Holy Trinity are extremely generous in reaching out to those who need help. There is a great sense of social ministry and the mission of the Church. I thank them very much on behalf of the parents and students of our school."

Pluta and Pulliam urge other parishes to consider Project Backpack. In a recent interview, they described the program as "a great example of stewardship at work in the most practical sense."



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Co-sponsorships

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in the 1995-1996 school year. Meanwhile, during that same time frame, annual costs to operate archdiocesan schools have risen more than 30 percent.

Elementary schools that have closed include St Thomas More, Midland Park; Garfield Catholic Academy; St. Lucy; St. Aedan, Jersey City; and Holy Rosary, Union City.

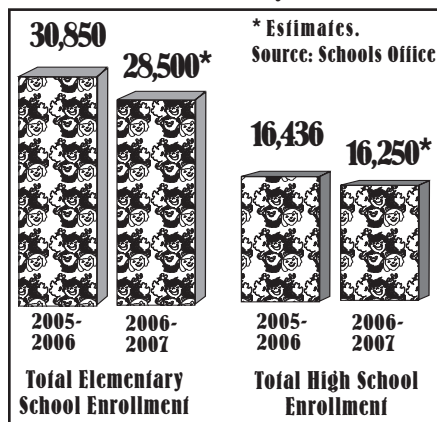
Regarding changes to archdiocesan secondary schools, the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station, have decided to close Sacred Heart Academy in Hoboken and the Academy of St. Aloysius in Jersey City and to form a new high school in Jersey City, at the site presently occupied by the Academy of St. Aloysius, to be called Caritas Academy.

“provide a Catholic school experience for students in West Orange” while working hard to contain tuition costs.

“It’s hard when a school closes. We had two very good schools (in West Orange), and now we’ve made one really great school,” Wright explained. She said that while some parents initially were upset by the decision, most have now come to understand the situation and the need to go to a co-sponsorship arrangement.

Wright said benefits of the co-sponsorship arrangement being launched this year include a stronger emphasis on math, science, computer technology, gifted and talented classes, and language arts. “We’re paying attention to the needs of students,” she said.

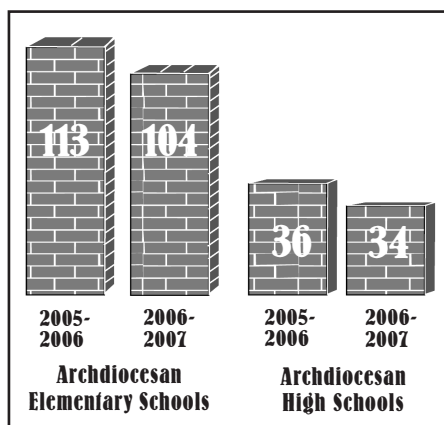
Wright said she anticipates an upbeat school spirit for her 275-plus students this year, which was demonstrated during the recent summer basketball league programs for seventh- and eighth-grade boys and girls. Students from the two co-sponsorship schools—previously archivals in sports—forged a strong bond while competing in the summer league, she observed.



Co-sponsorships include Transfiguration Academy, New Milford, and Bergenfield campuses; Blessed Pope John XXIII Academy, West Orange. Expanded Co-sponsorships include Saints Mary and Elizabeth Academy, Linden. In Hudson County, Jersey City’s St. Aedan Parish will join with the neighboring parishes of St. John the Baptist and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel to co-sponsor Visitation Interparochial School, already located at the St. John’s site.

Father Hanbury cited the co-sponsorship arrangement of Blessed Pope John XXIII Academy, which combines Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Joseph’s School and Academy, as a showcase for this education strategy. “This is an exciting new beginning for students in the town of West Orange,” he said. The co-sponsorship alliance will be housed at Saint Joseph.

Lynda Wright, the principal at Blessed Pope John XXIII Academy (who previously served as principal at Saint Joseph), said the pastors of the respective churches determined that co-sponsorship was the best way to



As reported earlier this year (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Feb. 22) mergers, closures and co-sponsorship arrangements are part of the strategic vision for schools as developed by the archdiocese, in conjunction with the New Energies Task Force Initiatives.

Aside from co-sponsorships, a major near-term development for archdiocesan schools is the plan to launch Christ the King prep school, which will be part of the highly regarded Cristo Rey network that operates throughout the United States see (*The Catholic Advocate*, April 12).

Christ the King, slated to open its doors in September 2007, will be located at the site formerly occupied by Our Lady of Good Counsel Elementary School,

which closed here two years ago. Father Edward Glynn, S.J., a nationally acclaimed educator, administrator, author and the former president of St. Peter’s College, Jersey City, was selected as the president of the new Cristo Rey school.

Last year, the Archdiocese of

Newark was ranked as the tenth-largest diocese in the United States in terms of overall student enrollment, according to figures compiled by the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA), Washington D.C. Newark’s student enrollment trailed (in order) New York, Chicago, Philadelphia,

Los Angeles, Brooklyn, Cleveland, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Boston.

NCEA figures indicated that New Jersey, with 124,373 Catholic School students in the 2005-2006 school year, was the sixth-largest state in terms of enrollment, trailing New York, California, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Ohio.

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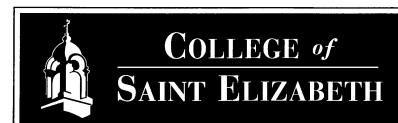
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Hoboken Catholic enlists Dolan to 'unify school'

HOBOKEN—The board of pastors of Hoboken Catholic Academy selected Barbara Dolan—a career Catholic educator with some 24 years of teaching and administration experience—as the principal of the Pre-K to Grade 8 school.

Last month, in announcing the selection, Father Thomas A. Crangle, O.F.M., Cap., president of the board of pastors, stated that “Barbara Dolan is a competent professional leader who will advance Hoboken Catholic Academy, unify the school com-

munity, enrich the academic quality of the curriculum, and collaborate with the faculty, staff, board of pastors, home school association and school board in ‘touching hearts, kindling minds, nurturing souls and inspiring the lives of young people’ entrusted

to the school’s care.”

“I believe I have much to offer to the school community at Hoboken Catholic Academy,” Dolan said. “I believe in Catholic education and the importance of providing quality Catholic education to young people in our communities. My personal faith commitment and Catholic identity direct my efforts to establish the school as a community that reflects God’s love and fosters faith development.”

Dolan’s selection as the individual to lead Hoboken Catholic Academy’s education program marked the conclusion of an extensive search process that included participation by school parents, parishioners, faculty, board of pastors and archdiocesan Schools Office staff.

From 2002 until the end of the 2005-2006 school year, Dolan served as principal of Visitation School (formerly Ss. John and St. Ann Interparochial School), Jersey City. Immediately prior to that assignment, she served on the faculty of Our Lady of the Lake School, Verona, from 1993 until 2002. Between 1983 and 1992, she held a number of positions within the Archdiocese at St.

Aedan School, Jersey City, Academy of the Sacred Heart, Hoboken, and St. Joseph School, Hoboken. Dolan also served on the faculty of St. Catharine School, Spring Lake.

Dolan holds a Master of Arts in Administration and Supervision from St. Peter’s College, and a Master of Arts in Counseling from New Jersey City University. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and Religious Studies from Caldwell College, and has earned graduate credits in Theology from Boston College. She holds State of New Jersey certifications in Elementary Education, Student Personnel Services, and Principal/Supervisor.

Among her professional affiliations are memberships in the National Catholic Education Association and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Hoboken Catholic Academy is operated by the parishes of St. Ann, St. Francis, Our Lady of Grace/St. Joseph and Ss. Peter and Paul in Hoboken and St. Lawrence in Weehawken.

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St. Dominic Academy selects Egan and Dineen to lead school

JERSEY CITY—Benjamin J. Dineen and Deborah Egan have been tapped as the first president and new principal, respectively, at Saint Dominic Academy (SDA).

Dineen, a resident of Secaucus, comes to SDA with a strong background in banking. He most recently served as vice president for not-for-profit and municipal banking at Independence Community Bank in Newark. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business Management and Accounting from Catholic University in Washington D.C.

Among Dineen's many honors are an award from President George H.W. Bush at the first

New Jersey Governor's Volunteer Conference, his participation in a yearlong fellowship through Leadership New Jersey, the 2004 Rotary Club of Jersey City Community Service Award, and the 2003 March of Dimes Northern New Jersey Leadership Award for Volunteerism.

Egan has been with SDA for 17 years as a religion teacher. Three years ago she was appointed assistant principal for academics.

Sister Vivien Jennings, O.P., Ph.D., who has served as SDA's principal since 1999, retired in July. During her tenure she oversaw the expansion of the curriculum, initiated plans for an

expansion of the physical plant and laid the groundwork for the forthcoming capital campaign to support the academy's endowment, scholarships and growth of the facilities.

A resident of Sayreville, Egan holds a Master's degree in Educational Administration from Caldwell College, as well as an M.R.E. in Systematic Theology from St. Joseph's College Seminary, Yonkers, NY, and post-Masters Certification in Spirituality from St. Michael's College, VT. She has just begun studies in the Executive Ed.D. doctoral program in Education Administration at Seton Hall



Deborah Egan and Benjamin J. Dineen have been selected as the new principal and president, respectively, at Saint Dominic Academy.

University. Egan served as a co-chair of SDA's Middle States Coordinating Committee and is also a member of the Dominican Sisters of Hope Associate Program.

"Saint Dominic Academy has a proud history as one of Hudson

County's oldest educational institutions. I believe the appointment of Ben Dineen as the new president and Deborah Egan as the new principal ensures a bright future," Sister Alice Uhl, O.P., the chairwoman of the SDA board of trustees, stated.

St. Elizabeth to host 3 open-houses

MORRISTOWN—The Academy of Saint Elizabeth, the oldest high school for girls in New Jersey, will host open-house events for parents and students on Sept. 26, Oct. 19 and Nov. 30. All three open-house dates will begin at 7 p.m.

The Academy of Saint Elizabeth is an independent college preparatory school for grades 9 to 12. Sister Patricia Costello, O.P., is the principal of the academy. The campus, located here on 2 Convent Road, is accessible by car (just off Route 124), train (New Jersey Transit's Morristown Line) and bus (the Lakeland Bus Line). Contact the school's admissions office at (973) 290-5225 for more information.

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Queen of Peace High School North Arlington www.qphs.org	24 September, 1:30-4 PM 22 October, 11 AM-2 PM 6 November, 7-8:30 PM
Bergen Catholic High School Oradell www.bergencatholic.org	24 September, 1-3 PM 26 October, 7-9 PM
Paramus Catholic Regional High School Paramus www.paramuscatholic.org	24 September, 1-4 PM 18 October, 7-9 PM 24 January, 7-9 PM
Don Bosco Preparatory High School Ramsey www.donboscoprep.com	24 September, 1-3 PM 29 October, 1-3 PM
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Mother Seton Regional High School Clark www.motherseton.org	27 September, 7:30-9:30 PM 6 November, 7:30-9:30 PM
Benedictine Academy Elizabeth www.benedictineacad.org	5 October, 7-9 PM 21 October, 10 AM-12 PM 27 March, 7-9 PM
St. Mary of the Assumption High School Elizabeth www.stmaryassumptionhs.com	24 September, 2-4 PM 28 January, 2-4 PM
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Union Catholic Regional High School Scotch Plains www.unioncatholic.org	3 October, 7-9 PM 24 April, 7-9 PM
Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child Summit www.oakknoll.org	22 October, 1-3 PM 11 November, 9:30-11 AM
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BY FATHER KEVIN M. HANBURY
Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

NEWARK—Life's journey brings us to many new paths. Some individuals run from new challenges; others embrace the call.

My name is Father Kevin Hanbury and have chosen to embrace a new calling, a new ministry: the privilege to serve the Archdiocese of Newark as its new vicar for education and superintendent of schools. I look forward to becoming a part of the excellent teams that have been operational in our educational institutions and parish educational programs.

During the last 14 years, the elementary and secondary schools, as well as catechetical

programs of our parishes have been served extremely well with the talents, creativity and spirituality of Sister Dominica Rocchio. It is now my honor to continue and build upon the many accomplishments that have taken place in our catechetical programs and our Catholic schools under Sister Dominica's guidance and direction.

As a brief introduction of myself, allow me to share with you my professional background in education. I earned a Master's degree in Religious Education from Fordham University in 1971. After ordination in 1972, I was assigned to Holy Family Parish in Nutley. While at Holy Family I was assigned as director of

the total parish religious education program.

In 1975, I was assigned to Seton Hall Prep where I taught religious studies and served as spiritual director. After earning a doctorate in administration of higher education, I began a 20 year career serving the campus community of Seton Hall as the associate director of Enrollment Services, the director of Graduate Services and the last nine years as the associate dean for the College of Education and Human Services.

Since Catholic schools have always been a passion in my life, I established two master degree programs for those ministering in our Catholic schools. One program is a master's degree in Education, Administration, Management and Policy concentrating on Catholic School leadership and the other is a master's degree in Education called EPICS (Educational Partners in

Catholic Schools). Throughout my 34 years of priesthood, I have been actively involved in giving presentations for various religious education publishing companies.

Catholic education has been an integral part of the teaching ministry of the Church. It is my vision that we never tire of telling our excellent story of Catholic education loudly and clearly. I look forward to working with school presidents, principals, faculties, staffs, directors of religious education, students and parents. By continually proclaiming our story of excellence, our schools can perhaps increase in enrollments.

It is my hope that all teachers, both in our schools and in our catechetical programs, be witnesses of Christ in the classroom. Our children need to learn to integrate religious truth and values with the rest of life. When this integration



Father Kevin Hanbury

is expressed by the lives and words of our teachers and catechists then children will be able to learn the meaning of faith. I believe that all participating in any way as part of the diocesan education system need to take ownership and

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become partners with those around them.

The Church document entitled "The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium" clearly states that the Catholic school is a place of integral education of the "total" person (intellectual, physical, spiritual and social). The Catholic school brings life to a parish. It has an identity as a church community; it is a community of faith.

With this being said, it is my hope that principals, directors of religious education (DREs) and parish priests will become involved in evangelization programs at our schools. I suggest that at the beginning of each parent-teacher or parent association meeting some catechetical program be presented to continue educating our parents about the Catholic identity and mission of our schools.

In addition these meetings can be opportune teachable moments to educate our parents about the doctrines of the Catholic faith. These gatherings could also become an ideal time for presenting a program on vocations to the religious life.

I believe that the schools and catechetical programs provide service to society. What is learned shouldn't remain within the four walls of a classroom. It is my hope that through our mission we help children discover their unique personalities and talents. We need to give children

the tools and knowledge necessary to become successful and grow to their fullest potential, an important element of which is their spiritual life. Our teachers enthusiastically embrace the challenge to create an ecclesial community.

I have already, through a committee of DREs, asked that catechetical programs

Our parish directors of religious education can provide valuable resources and teaching techniques to our teachers so that religion classes can become even more stimulating to our children.

I am looking forward to visiting all of our schools. At these visits, I would like to meet with the principal, the

This program of school visitation is a lofty one but one that I feel is essential. I need to meet and greet and thank all who tell our educational story. In addition, I am planning a meeting with education reporters from various newspapers so they can learn more of our story and our accomplishments.

As I grow and mature in this new ministry, I am positive that many new challenges, visions and ideas will emerge. The call to serve in this capacity has made me reflect on some very close priest friends who have previously served as superintendents. I fondly remember Msgr. Joseph Tuite and Msgr. William Daly. Men like these certainly played a major part in the development of the school system of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Times, of course, have

changed and now new opportunities and educational delivery systems need to be explored. The very capable people, with whom I am humbled and honored to work and lead, will assist in exploring new trends in education such as possibly establishing a Cristo Rey School and working more closely with foundations that support our educational mission.

As I begin this new path of ministry in this upcoming academic year, I invite you all to join me in prayer that a new flame from the Holy Spirit will ignite new energy so that we can, with great joy and renewed excitement, tell our educational story. It is a wonderful story. Join us on our journey and celebrate with us our continued accomplishments in the celebration.

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provide the children with at least 35 hours of education per year. I will encourage more collaboration between the religious education teachers in our Catholic schools and the ministries of the parish DREs.

pastor and the director of religious education. As the superintendent of schools, I intend to listen first so that I can truly understand the joys and difficulties inherent in our educational ministries.



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Q & A: School Council recaps plans, accomplishments

NEWARK—The Archdiocesan School Council (ASC) provides policy recommendations for matters pertaining to the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Newark and to Archbishop John J. Myers through the office of the superintendent of schools.

During the last week in July, Donna Baboulis, Esq., ASC president, met with Brother Ralph Darmento, F.S.C., deputy superintendent of schools to review the past year and set direction for the coming 2006-2007 school year. The following is a recap of a question-and-answer interview, where Baboulis (DB) and Brother Darmento (BRD) addressed a variety of topics concerning the ASC and archdiocesan schools.

Q: What do you see as the accomplishments of the past year?

DB: Keeping the strategic plan for the archdiocesan schools as a priority and integrating its recommendations throughout our proceedings and committee work. With this in mind, we reviewed the procedures for involving parish and school communities in future school planning; extended the teacher salary scale through 2010 and revised our constitution.

Q: How does one become a member of the ASC?

BRD: Each January the pastors of our parishes are asked to nominate individuals with experience in religious formation, education, finance, marketing, public relations, plant management and planning for membership. Candidates are invited to submit a resume and meet with

the Nominating Committee. Candidates are then selected based upon the number of vacancies created through term expirations and/or resignations. Usually two to four vacancies may occur. The final appointment is made by Archbishop Myers.

Q: How many members sit on the ASC and what are their backgrounds?

DB: There were 17 members during the last two years. These ASC members hail from the four counties and reflect the diversity that describes the Archdiocese of Newark. Currently four members are lawyers, one former college administrator, one college professor, one management consultant, one city government worker, three social service administrators/counselors, two secondary school educators, a nurse-educator, one secondary school administrator, one financial services administrator, and one former elementary school educator.

BRD: The ASC possesses an excellent vision of Catholic education, brings a wealth of experience to

our discussions and deliberations, and demonstrates a solid commitment to Catholic school education. The majority were Catholic school educated and have or had children in our Catholic schools. One of the ASC members served on the task force for schools and also sits on the Elma Rimelspacher Scholarship Fund.

Q: What do you see as key issues or themes for the 2006-2007 school year?

DB: It is important that we continue to explore new governance models for Catholic schools to insure their long-term sustainability. Please know that it takes the entire Catholic community to preserve Catholic schools...parishes, boards, parents, students, former parents, alumni, business and corporate partnerships, philanthropy and the like. We would also like to continue working with Mary McElroy, the director of the New Jersey Network for Catholic School Families, to state the case for tuition tax credits to enable more children

desirous of a Catholic school education to have one.

BRD: We should also plan this year for the implementation of school boards and marketing activities teams for all our Catholic schools; the strategic plan for Catholic Schools advocates these activities.

Q: What challenges do you face this year?

DB: School Planning and regional collaboration may pose a challenge.

BRD: The challenge to encourage school leadership from within our schools, to provide more formation experiences for our principals. Of course, the challenge to create new funding sources for our schools that are an essential part of the Catholic Church in the United States. There will be many opportunities this year to find solutions to these challenges as Catholic schools are true to the standard of "touching hearts, nurturing souls, kindling minds and inspiring the lives of the students entrusted to our care."

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among the various subjects. For example, Advanced Placement United States History and American Literature will be connected through technology research, project-based learning, field trips and Art History.

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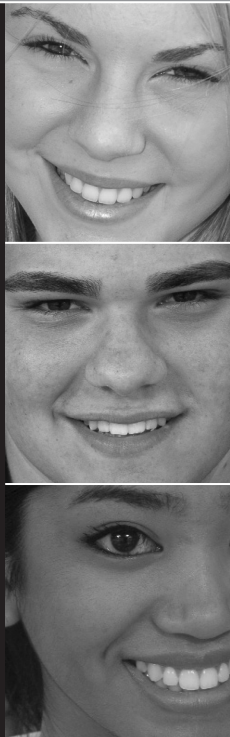
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STATE OFFICERS—The New Jersey State Council Columbiettes recently installed new officers at its annual convention. They are, left to right, Lorraine Batvinskis, president, Butler; Ann Graziano, vice president, Springfield; Barbara Lasek, secretary, Sewaren; Susan Kadar, financial secretary, Newton; Lorraine Noger, treasurer, Middletown; Rose Marie Nafus, advocate, Sayreville and Lisa Roberts, sentinel, Butler. Also at the convention, \$16,000 was distributed to seminaries and, for the needy, toiletries were put in 816 shoeboxes, school supplies in 280 backpacks and 115 lunch boxes were filled with juice and food products.

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Dominicans honor leading opponent of death penalty

CALDWELL—During a prayer ritual celebrating Trenton's recent decision to place a moratorium on capital punishment, Lois Seeligsohn, O.P.A., a mother, grandmother and associate of the Caldwell Dominican Sisters, received the 2006 Dominican Peace Initiative Award for her efforts to eliminate capital punishment in the Garden State.

The award is presented every two years by the Caldwell Dominican Commission on Global Issues to a person who demonstrates "outstanding courage, commitment and leadership in peace and justice work."

Seeligsohn is a founding member of New Jerseyans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (NJADP), and serves on the Executive Board of NJADP and is its media relations and public information officer.

In presenting the award, Sister de Montfort, Caldwell Dominican Justice Promoter and chair of the Caldwell Dominican Commission on Global Issues, thanked Seeligsohn for the "support and expertise" she contributed to the Caldwell Dominican Congregation's corporate stance against the death penalty. That 2002 document states: "The Sisters of Saint Dominic of Caldwell, New Jersey are committed to support the abolition of the death penalty. We join with Pope John Paul II and the U.S. Bishops, and many other religious groups in calling for an end to this kind of



Lois Seeligsohn, left, received the 2006 peace award from Mary Lanni, O.P.A., director of Caldwell Dominican Associates.

punishment for violent crimes. At the same time, we reach out in compassion to victims of violence and their families. We are mindful also of the other members of the community suffering from the offenders' crimes."

Seeligsohn, who lives in Collingswood, has a strong personal commitment to work for peace, justice and human rights on a global and local level, and especially in nearby Camden, the state's poorest city.

In accepting her award, Seeligsohn acknowledged that her networking as a Caldwell Dominican associate made it possible for her to empower many persons to join in successful lobbying to influence passage of the bill in the

New Jersey Legislature. The bill mandated a moratorium on capital punishment and established a blue-ribbon Death Penalty Study Commission to focus on the option of life sentence without parole. She reflected on the fruitless effort "to achieve justice or to avenge the wrong" that has led to the practice of "killing the killers" through capital punishment. She thanked the Sisters and associates who have joined with her in the struggle to get the recent bill passed in the state legislature and encouraged all who were present to continue their efforts to convince the Study Commission to replace New Jersey's death penalty with the sentence of life without parole.



FLAG WAVERS—The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, Watchung Assembly, recently visited schools within the Church of Newark as part of their school flag program. In the photo at the left at Oratory Preparatory School, Summit, Headmaster Timothy M. Lynch, right, and SK Father Paul J. Prevosto, school chaplain who is also a member of the Watchung Assembly and chaplain of Westfield Council 1711, accept a flag from PFN Gerald A. Farley. In the photo at right, at Holy Trinity Interparochial School, Westfield, the flag presentation included, left to right, SK Michael G. Ruzek, grand knight of Westfield Council 1711, SK Patrick F. Harrington, Principal Dorothy Szot, John F. O'Brien, PFN, SK Gerald A. Farley, PFN, SK Herman M. Nitzsche, PFN and Frank Muggeo, PGK of the Westfield Council.

Pastor to celebrate 25 years

EAST ORANGE—Father Michael M. Walters, Pastor of Holy Spirit and Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Sunday, Sept. 24.

The 3 p.m. service will take place at the church on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. A reception will be held at 5 p.m. at the Galloping Hill Inn, 325 Chestnut St., Union. Tickets for the reception are \$45 per person and \$25 for children under the age of 12.

For additional information call the rectory at (973) 673-1077 or committee members Barbara Hampton (973) 674-5046, Grace Gay (973) 676-9686 or Marie Ange (973) 926-4786 who also speaks French. Sept. 1 is the deadline for purchasing tickets.

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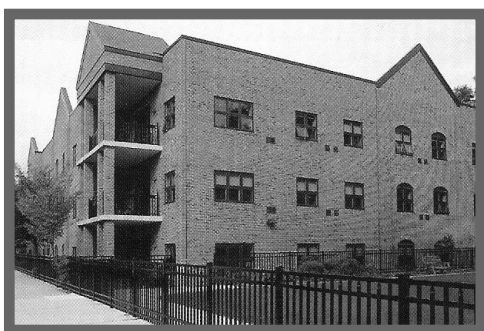
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ty in their homes without having to make monthly payments. Instead, the borrower actually receives a lump sum or monthly payment and the loan does not become due until the borrower moves or sells the property. Homeowners must be at least 62 years of age to take advantage of the product.

The reverse mortgage allows seniors to tap into a cash source previously unrealized, which helps them pay for any type of financial need. "Many seniors don't realize their home could be a wonderful source of income for their retirement years," explained Maria Magurno, Penn Federal's executive vice president of residential lending who oversees the program.

"The value of the home, interest rates and the age of the borrower(s) will determine the amount of money that can be borrowed. Proceeds from the loan can be received in the form of a lump sum, monthly payments, a line of credit or a combination of pay-outs," said Magurno.

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Dianne C. Jones, 2nd vice president CRA officer (seated) and Michael Smith, community development and project manager in residential lending explain Penn Federal's reverse mortgage program to clients.

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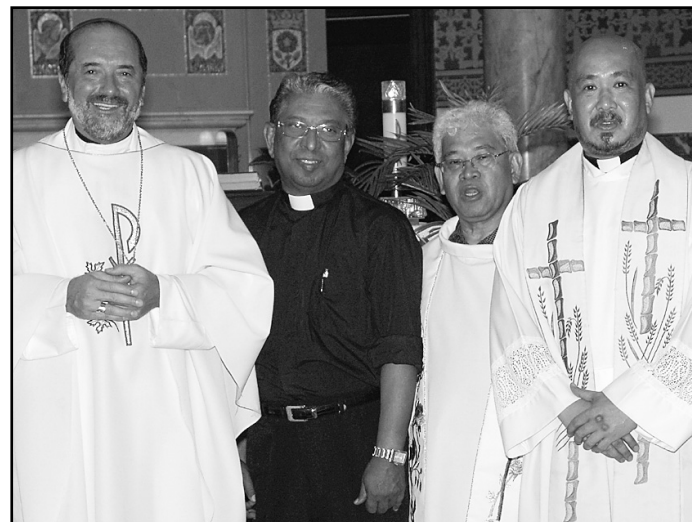
KEARNY—The Parish Outreach and Young Adult Ministry of the Archdiocese of Newark will host a workshop of practical ideas on how to lead teenagers into a Jesus-centered life on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center.

The workshop, presented by Group Magazine Live, is open to clergy, catechetical and youth

leaders, principals, teachers, catechists, adults and young adults.

The cost is \$59 per person, \$45 for groups of three or more and \$45 for student leaders.

There are three ways to register: call 1-800-888-5991, visit www.group.com/gml or mail to Group Magazine Live, P.O. Box 270996, Fort Collins, CO 80527-0996.



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CELEBRATING FILIPINO PRIESTS—A special Mass was held at St. Columba Parish in Newark on Aug. 1 to celebrate Filipino priests and the Filipino Clergy of America (FILCA) organization. Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, the auxiliary bishop of Newark, led the celebration. Newark Mayor Cory A. Booker was a special guest at the event. Pictured with Bishop da Cunha are (left to right) Msgr. Venantius M. Fernando, the pastor of Christ the King Parish in Hillside; Father Jose C. Saltarin, the pastor of St. Anne Parish in Jersey City and the former president of FILCA; and Father Jose Maria M. Parcon, the administrator at St. Columba. The Mass was held in honor of St. John Mary Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests.

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Fun Festival next month

STIRLING—The Shrine of St. Joseph will hold its 14th annual Fun Festival on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Two of the day's major events are the flea market, which begins at 9:30 a.m., and the country auction. Saturday, Sept. 23 is the rain date.

The Shrine will collect items on Sundays July 23, July 30 and Aug. 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at a Quonset hut on the grounds at 1050 Long Hill Rd.

For additional information call (908) 647-0208.

'Welcome Back' picnic Sept. 10

NEWARK—Saint Francis Xavier Parish will hold its fifth annual Welcome Back picnic on Sunday, Sept. 10 from 2 to 7 p.m.

Menu items include hamburgers, hot dogs, Italian sausage, cole slaw, potato salad, chips, watermelon, soft drinks and entertainment.

Advanced ticket prices include adults, ages 13 and older \$10 and children, ages 5 to 12, \$7. There is also a child/adult price of \$15 for tickets sold at the door.

The parish is located at the corner of Bloomfield Avenue and North Eighth Street.

Ard, the Giants' all-time first string guard, is the event's chairman. "The combination of this great organization, RENEW International, and the exceptional Fiddler's Elbow location makes this a golf outing I am proud to champion," Ard said.

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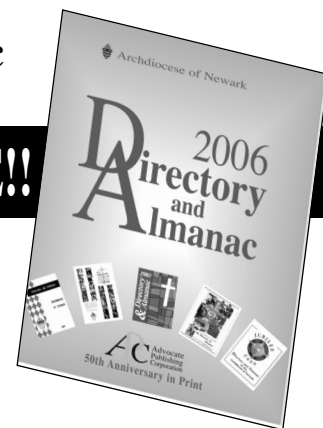
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The service will include music and singing, art exhibits and a presentation on the impact of the labor movement in the area.

Sponsored by the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council, AFL-CIO, the observance begins with a

march at 5:30 p.m. from City Hall. Marchers will proceed along Broad Street to the Pro-Cathedral. Bands will lead a parade of union members and supporters marching behind the banners of their locals.

"Our nation is at a tipping

point," Thomas P. Giblin, president of the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council, AFL-CIO, said. "People are working harder and making less. We're in a health-care crisis that's deeper than any of us ever imagined. We all worry about how we'll retire with dignity. A good, middle-class life is increasingly out of reach. Who ever thought that in America our children might not be better off than we are? We are deeply worried about today's economic outlook for children and the next generation.

"America's unions are committed to bringing workers together—nurses, construction workers, high

tech workers, manufacturers and more—in the fight for good jobs, healthcare, a great education for every child and a secure retirement," Giblin said. "We are working to make sure everyone, not just the chief executive officers, get their fair share in a growing economy."

Grand Marshal, Charles N. Hall, Jr., president of Retail, Warehouse and Department Store Local 108, will lead the Celebration of Labor march.

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Work in progress; the faithful roots of Labor Day

BY REV. MSGR. JOHN GILCHRIST

As we celebrate Labor Day this year of Our Lord, two thousand and six, those of us who are associated with the Labor Movement are watching with apprehension as the great house of labor seems to be breaking apart.

For those of us who are older, it is a throwback to the events of an earlier day.

When we were young in the 1930's and 1940's, and even into the 1950's, everyone in America knew the name of John L. Lewis. That is because all of us heated our homes with coal. John L. was the president of the United Mine Workers. Every time that John L. called a strike, we all suffered.

He was a flamboyant figure; a square, stocky man with huge bushy eyebrows. But he was no hillbilly. He had a big booming voice and a flair for language. He could mix Shakespeare, the Bible and classical allusions with folksy humor, ridicule and barnyard profanity.

At that time John L., with David Dubinsky of the Ladies Garment Workers, Sidney Hillman of the Clothing Workers, and Charles Howard of the Typographical Union were trying to organize the unskilled workers of America. The American Federation of Labor (AFL), led by William Green, consisted largely of skilled workers from the building trades—men who had built their unions on the apprenticeship system. The AFL wanted to maintain the status quo and control.

At the convention held in Atlantic City in 1935, things came to a head. On Oct. 16, Lewis held the floor for half an hour with a speech worthy of any Baptist minister. He poured invective remarks upon the leadership of the AFL.

"The officers of the American Federation of Labor might as well sit down in their easy chairs, twiddle their thumbs and take a nap as to conclude that any results will come from that kind of organization," he thundered. In particular he wanted the iron and steel workers brought into the membership.

On the eighteenth, Lewis lost the vote. On the nineteenth, he and "Big Bill" Hutcheson of the Carpenters got into an argument. Words were spoken and Lewis jumped over some chairs and knocked the carpenter down.

On Oct. 20, 1935 the Congress of Industrial Organizations was born. The AFL was staying in the Chelsea Hotel of Victorian elegance. Lewis and his people set up headquarters in the less expensive President Hotel. It was symbolic.

The two organizations remained separated until the 1950's. In fact, the last rift was finally healed when New Jersey's CIO and AFL were merged at the Sussex Avenue Armory in Newark in September of 1961. The merger won by one vote. My friend, Tom Giblin of the Operating Engineers, was a young man. His father, the great John Giblin, took him down to Newark to witness the historic event.

Now, restless members are impatient with the AFL. Five big unions have left the AFL-CIO organization to go off on their own. The issue is money and recruitment of unskilled minorities into the ranks of labor. Moreover, there is also a rift in the building trades. Four big unions have left the trades to set up shop by themselves. The issue there is organization and proportionate votes between large and small unions.

Now what has this to do with

the Catholic Church?

In the 1930's the Catholic Church had established more than 100 "labor schools" across the country. Great priests like Msgrs. John Ryan, Edward Higgins, Frances Haas and Al Welsh of our archdiocese had a hand in fostering the Union Movement.

It was as if we had taken a young organization and trained its members until one day they no longer needed us. They could stand on their own.

It is important for us Catholics that we never forget our roots. And our roots in America are the ideals and dreams of justice that came directly from our Church and were and are found in the field of social justice. The Catholic Church took the encyclical "Rerum Novarum" of Pope Leo XIII as a mandate. The mandate still exists and if we are to remain true to our mission we, as a Church, must foster and care for those who make their living by the sweat of their brow.

So, if they, the unions, are battling now, it is our responsibility to care and to remind the Labor Movement that if they don't hang together, surely they will all hang separately. Our bishops and priests cannot just walk away

By the Numbers

\$10,712	annual income of minimum-wage worker
12 million	households earning less than \$10,712 a year
\$5.15	since 1997: federal minimum wage
\$2.30	1977 federal minimum wage
\$15.28	hourly wage necessary to afford rent and utilities on a modest apartment

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor and National Low Income Housing Coalition ©2006 CNS

The federal minimum wage is set at \$5.15 an hour. According to a housing advocacy group, \$15.28 an hour is the wage necessary to afford rent and utilities for a modest one-bedroom apartment.

from the movement. They must be the moral compass for labor and the nation. Union people are our people. And, in a sense, Labor Day is a Catholic day. We helped to create it.

Therefore, as long as there are workers who need a voice, the Catholic Church must be that voice. And even though our young people today wear fine

clothes, and have nice clean hands, we must also remind them that their grandparents wore dun-garees and had plenty of dirt under their fingernails and calluses on their hands.

Let us pray on this Labor Day for peace in the world and peace in the house of Labor.

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



May God Grant
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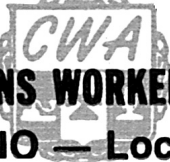
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Education veteran named principal of new Caritas Academy

JERSEY CITY—The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth and the Caritas Academy Corporation have appointed Jane E. Selinske, Ed.D., LCSW, principal of the new Caritas Academy, the Sisters of Charity Academy.

Dr. Selinske, a Newark resident, has over 30 years of combined educational, therapeutic and leadership experience. She was employed by Saint Dominic Academy in Jersey City since 2000. Dr. Selinske has served as principal at St. Joseph School for the Blind in Jersey City and in a variety of capacities at

schools in the Archdiocese of Newark since 1972. She is credentialed as a New Jersey permanent principal/supervisor.

In addition to her educational background, Dr. Selinske is a licensed clinical social worker and a Board Certified Music Therapist. Her career experience includes teacher, principal, family counselor, music therapist, as well as, a multitude of supervisory positions.

Dr. Selinske has an Ed.D. in Education/Research and an Ed.M. in Instructional Practice in Special Education from Columbia Univer-

sity, New York, a Masters in Social Work from Rutgers University, an MA in Music Therapy from Columbia University and a BA in Religious Studies and Music Education from Caldwell College.

As the first principal of Caritas Academy, a Catholic Secondary School for Urban Women, Dr. Selinske will lead the students and faculty of the Caritas community in a commitment to educational rigor and relevance, as well as capacity-building to expand students' options.

Sister Maureen Shaughnessy, general superior of the Sisters of

Charity who envisioned and sponsored Caritas Academy, commented "Jane Selinske is uniquely qualified to develop this exciting new vision of celebrating the diversity within the community, emphasizing attention to the underserved, and preparing students to live thoughtful and meaningful lives as shaped by emerging educational, social, technological and cultural changes in the County. We are most happy to have her join our long tradition of commitment to the mission of education."

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County—is sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station. The academy offers an accredited four-year college preparatory program for young women, grades 9-12. It is located at 2495 Kennedy Blvd.

Correction

CALDWELL—Marilyn P. Bastardi has been appointed to the board of trustees at Caldwell College, not the board of alumna as reported in the Aug. 9 issue.



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