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## The Living Church

### Visualizing the next 2,000 years: the Catholic-Jewish conversation

BY FR. LAWRENCE E. FRIZZELL  
Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

**F**ifty or 60 years ago many religious and ethnic communities in New Jersey tried to function as enclosed enclaves to preserve their historic traditions. Among other benefits, this tended to promote marriage within the group.

Unfortunately, members of these isolated units failed to notice prejudice and bigotry except when it was against their own. However, unlike many of the European cultures from

which they came, the various communities of Christians and Jews sensed that values promoted by the larger society allowed for an atmosphere wherein people could work together on many levels while preserving their own identity.

As the National Conference of Christians and Jews and other organizations advocated "Brotherhood Week," some Protestants and Reform Jews felt safe to discuss topics that related to faith and practice. A few Catholics became involved in these exchanges.

Father John M. Oesterreicher,

who founded the Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University in 1953, began to lecture on the Jewish roots of Christian faith to appreciative audiences nationwide. They came, he insisted, not because of the speaker, but because many were thirsting for the insights offered by a fresh look at the biblical heritage shared by Jews and Christians.

The Second Vatican Council, convoked by Pope John XXIII, examined the pastoral needs of the universal Church in four sessions from 1962-1965. For the first time an ecumenical council explored "The Church's Relationship to Non-Christian Religions" (the Declaration *Nostra Aetate* "In Our Time" of Oct. 28, 1965). The key section (#4) might be called "The Church's Bond with the Jewish People," to quote Msgr. Oesterreicher.

First, the core text reviewed the fact that to know herself, the Church must appreciate the roots of her self-understanding in the history of Israel, since she was founded by Jesus of Nazareth, who lived and died as a Jew from Galilee.

The Church is nourished by the Word of God, preserved by the Jewish people in the TeNaK, the Bible of Torah, prophets and writings. The Church's members from the nations of the world are seen to be Abraham's children by adoption, grafted onto the venerable olive tree cultivated by God himself.

Then the council repudiated the misinterpretations of the New Testament writings and declared that the death of Jesus must not be charged against all Jews of that time, much less the Jews in later centuries. The secular press

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Pope John Paul II made a historic visit to Cuba in January 1998. Cuban President Fidel Castro underwent intestinal surgery in July, which has spurred intense speculation over the dictator's health, the near-term future of Cuba, and the role the Catholic Church would play during a religious/political/cultural transition for the Caribbean island—one of the last strongholds of Cold War era communism.

### Faithful in Union City try to imagine Cuba without Fidel Castro

BY MELISSA MCNALLY  
Staff Writer

UNION CITY—As Cuban President Fidel Castro temporarily transferred governmental duties to his brother Raul last month, Catholic Cubans here at St. Augustine Parish prayed—not for the health of the infamous dictator, but for the promise of a brighter future for their homeland.

Maria de los Angeles Garcia, a CCD (Confraternity of Christian Doctrine) teacher at St. Augustine and an award-winning columnist for *N.J. Catolico* (the Spanish-language sister publication of *The*

*Catholic Advocate*) was visiting her family in Cuba when the government there announced—in late July—that Fidel Castro would undergo intestinal surgery.

Since then, details regarding the 80-year-old dictator's health have been murky while many political leaders in the United States have speculated on the fate of a post-Castro Cuba. Castro has held power in Cuba for more than four decades.

"There is only one channel in Cuba and it is controlled by the government. At 8:30 one night, during a soap opera, a man

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## Interfaith prayers illuminate tower as a beacon of peace, hope and love

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE  
*Editor*

BAYONNE—Catholics stood shoulder to shoulder with people of other faiths during an ecumenical candlelight prayer service in the gloaming on Sept. 11 to remember those who perished and survived the terrorist attacks five years ago in New York City, Washington and Shanksville, PA, as well as those who died in the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center.

The interfaith service, which included bagpipes, songs, Scripture readings, heartfelt reflections from many religious leaders and a solemn procession of flags, was held at the outer point of The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor, which offers a stunning vista of New York harbor—a stark reminder of 9/11.

The event featured the illumination of a monument

titled, “To The Struggle Against World Terrorism.” The monument (pictured at top left) is a gift from the people of Russia to the City of Bayonne. Designed by Russian artist Zurab Tsereteli, the brushed bronze sculpture stands nearly 100-feet high and weighs 175 tons. It holds a 40-foot polished stainless steel teardrop within the center of its jagged crevice—a “tear of grief”—to reflect the sorrow of 9/11. In addition, there is an 11-sided granite base etched with the names of the terror victims.

Father Robert A. Pachana, a parochial vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church (pictured at the bottom left with Most Reverend Thomas A. Donato, auxiliary bishop of Newark), served as the master of ceremonies for the candlelight service.

Earlier in the day, a special Mass was held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel to mark the fifth anniversary of 9/11.



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# Summer heat fades into autumn days, but joy inspired by Bible camp lingers

BY CHRISTY GUERRA  
*Special to The Catholic Advocate*

For children at Saint Joseph's Parish, Bogota, the summer months carried not only the promise of vacation time, but also a weeklong adventure of fun and learning about their faith.

The summer days have faded, camp is over, but the warm memories remain.

Vacation Bible camps, which have become increasingly popular in recent years, are focusing their message of God's love to children with just one aim: fun, and lots of it.

"Next year's theme is already set," said Danielle Yannotti, a Bible camp volunteer who has worked with the camp since its inception at St. Joseph's five years ago. "We start thinking early. Planning happens in April, May, and June when we know summer is coming; so is Vacation Bible Camp."

The theme at St. Joseph's this year was "Fiesta!" and the decorations around the church conveyed the southwestern flavor. There were handmade piñatas hung from the ceiling, large posters of cacti and desert sands were stretched out over the cafeteria walls. In addition, there were laminated cutouts of colorful sombreros, while chili peppers guided the campers' small feet as they made their way through the different themed workshops.

In addition to the gaming area located in the school gym was the "Cactus Crafts" station where the children assembled, painted and drew pictures and crafts to take home in brown paper bags they decorated themselves with crayons, glue and markers; at "Maraca Munchies" they had a chance to giggle and share jokes over snacks; and during "Hot Bible adventures," they were witnesses to the loving message of the Gospels through skits that are put on for them by senior camp staff members—comprised of teenagers that attended camp years ago, when they were very young themselves. The skits, typically, are the most popular activity among the campers, who are always enthusiastic to watch a Bible story come to life before their eyes.

"The acting is my favorite part," said Devin Rodgers, who attended camp for the second year in a row. "We see both friends from school and from church here. I was here last year, so I came back again because I liked it."

"There are already fourth graders that come up to ask me how old they have to be to be a staff member," Patty Rodriguez, head of Faith Formation at St. Joseph's and the organizer of the weeklong camp, said. "There are so many young people involved and that sends a message to the parish. There are 55 members of our volunteer staff, which is just incredible."

The fact that the Vacation Bible Camp is staffed by parishioners of all ages is also Rodriguez's favorite point: volunteers range from teenagers to working parents to retired parishioners who find time to lend a hand in any way they can, whether it's organizing a skit, helping in the kitchen, or working with crafts.



Sheldon Chambers and Connor Foulke (left to right) enjoy activities at St. Anastasia's Vacation Bible Camp. This was the first time the Teaneck parish had run a summer program. Mary Sause, pastoral associate and coordinator of the bible camp, explained that youth members from St. Anastasia's visited the St. Joseph camp to gather ideas. The two parishes shared decorations, ideas and stories to inspire and entertain the happy campers.

"Vacation Bible Camp is so intergenerational," Rodriguez said. "It's a major event in the parish. Everyone knows about it. It draws in all types of people from different ministries, and really calls upon our parishioners' gifts and talents."

"The parishioners enjoy seeing their children getting involved," Father Richard Supple, the pastor of Saint Joseph, observed. "There are a lot of multigenerational things going on, which keeps parishioners happy. The teenagers are very busy, and most of them come back year after year. One couple from our parish had to stop volunteering due to health issues—they were almost 80—but they wanted to stay involved."

St. Joseph's Vacation Bible Camp also includes reaching a hand out to other children all over the world, not just for those in the parish. Operation Kid-to-Kid, an organization focused on service projects by children to help other children, was incorporated two years ago as an altruistic tie-in as a way to help the campers realize that they could do things to help others.

In past years, Spanish Bible booklets were sent to children from Latin America by the campers, who decorated them; and this year, one teenager decided to expand the project by combining that idea with including the Bible booklets in with blankets the children could help make themselves to keep other children in Latin America warm.

High school senior Kathryn O'Donnell worked on the Operation Kid-to-Kid blanket project and manned one of the stations that instructed the campers how to make the blankets. "The campers each have two layers of blankets that will keep the children warm," she

explained. "Then they tie the edges of the blanket together in order to close it."

As the campers tied their blankets, she stood before large colorful posters that outlined South American countries, which showed faces of smiling children that will benefit from their efforts. The campers laughed as they each repeated words she taught them: "amigo" for friend and "buenos dias" for good morning.

Teenagers like O'Donnell say they have benefited in their own way from the camp experience. Many teens admit they initially volunteered strictly out of a need to provide service hours to fulfill their Confirmation requirements. However, they eventually found that once they started working at the camp, they became enthusiastically involved in the program.

"I've been a part of the Vacation Bible Camp for five years, ever since it started," 17-year-old staffer Michael Hull explained. "I needed service hours, so I helped out at first because of that, but I stayed because I had a lot of fun. Every year was better than the last."

"When it comes to the Church, some things do go over kids' heads, but the skits, the games, the videos help to get the message through to them," Hull continued. "It feels great when you know you've made it through to one kid. If you make it fun for one of them, more might want to come participate."

"One thing I like the most about VBC is that I learned a lot of life skills," Volunteer Danielle Yannotti said. "I got a chance to develop my leadership and public speaking skills. I used to be very shy, but now I can speak into a microphone in front of dozens of campers and not think of it being scary."

Advocate photo - Christy Guerra

# The next 2,000 years

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declared that “the church absolved the Jews;” no, rather the Church proclaimed that the Jewish people, as such, are innocent. They had been falsely charged of deicide, of knowingly killing the Son of God. That vicious canard should never be repeated.

The council text deplored the hatred, persecutions, or displays of anti-Semitism directed against Jews at any time and by any source. This means that legislation of earlier councils that discriminated against Jews was rejected; that no form of anti-Jewish bigotry should ever be expressed again by Catholics. As Pope John Paul II declared in 1990: “anti-Semitism is a sin against God and humanity.”

The text challenged priests and all teachers of religion, whether in preaching, in the classroom or other settings. We must learn, live and instruct in “the truth of the Gospel and the spirit of Christ.” The task has been taken up by many people of good will. May they flourish and multiply.

The first reason for this text which, like all 16 council documents, is addressed to Catholics, is for the Church to develop an inte-

gral vision of the divine plan for humanity, initiated when God called Abram and Sarah to become a blessing for the nations (Genesis 12:1-3; 17:1-8). As St. Paul taught, all baptized into Christ become children of God and of Abraham (Galatians 3:26-29).

The second reason is to grapple with various forms of Christian anti-Jewish teaching that has led to bigotry and persecution of Jews in many lands. Although the worst contents of such preaching and catechesis were not the result of official doctrines, they were widespread and wreaked havoc on many Jewish communities. Three subsequent texts of the Holy See (in 1974, 1985 and 1998) have presented detailed guidelines for those writing catechetical texts and for teachers of faith in every part of the world.

Because correct teaching must be a universal concern, this work is primarily a matter for the Church’s integrity; only secondarily does it touch interfaith relations. Important as these relations are, the correct appreciation of Judaism is more profound than good will between neighbors.

As Catholics, whether theologians or those in the congregation

wishing to deepen our understanding of the Bible and liturgy, we can learn much from those Jews who know their traditions well. The riches of each spiritual heritage can be enhanced by exploration of the Jewish Scriptures (the Old Testament) together, searching for “the mutual understanding and respect, which is the fruit of above all biblical and theological studies, and of brotherly dialogue” (*Nostra Aetate* #4).

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In the Archdiocese of Newark, such exchanges have taken place on a regular basis from the late 1960s. The theological dialogue—begun with rabbis Joachim Prinz, David Panitz, Eli Pilchik, Barry Friedman and Gerald Meister—became a regular feature of Seton Hall University’s curriculum when Rabbi Asher Finkel joined the faculty in 1975. A few years later, through the efforts of Msgr. John

Gilchrist (*see his related column on page eight*) and the leaders of two Jewish organizations, “living room dialogue” brought Catholics and Jews together to explore a variety of topics.

Progress on the international level, especially the Fundamental Accord between the Holy See and the State of Israel on December 30, 1993, brought joy to all. When diplomatic relations were placed on the highest level with the exchange of ambassadors, a local Jewish leader asked: “What else do we have to dialogue about?” The Catholic reply was that—after several points of tension were removed—we can begin to explore deeper questions, learning together how to grapple with the challenges facing everyone in our world, from local issues to international peace.

Rabbi Jack Bemporad, founder of the Center for Interreligious Understanding, now in Carlstadt, and colleagues nationwide responded to the Holy See’s call for theological dialogue by founding the Rabbinic Committee for Interreligious Dialogue. Their work includes seminars with Christian clergy to explore approaches to marriage and related pastoral issues.

In the past some hesitated to encourage interfaith dialogue

because such socializing might lead to intermarriage. However, the problem lies elsewhere. Young people meeting on secular campuses often fail to bring their faith seriously into the relationship as they choose a partner. Leaders in all religious communities work to strengthen the faith of their own younger generation and hope that a common spiritual heritage will deepen their resolve to marry for a lifetime.

Pope John Paul II exerted an enormous positive influence on Catholic-Jewish relations. A beautiful exhibit of his life is showing at the Museum of Jewish Heritage at 36 Battery Place, Manhattan, until Feb. 6, 2007. “A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People” was created at Xavier University in Cincinnati; it was shown at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C. earlier this year.

May both Catholic and Jews, along with all people of goodwill, learn about the impact that one person can have on our world.

(Father Lawrence E. Frizzell is the director of the Institute of Judaean-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University, South Orange. He also serves as a regular columnist—“Sunday Readings”—for The Catholic Advocate.)

## The Living Church

# ‘A new plateau’ fosters trust for candid dialogue

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE  
Editor

Taking stock of their relationship with the Catholic Church, area Jewish leaders—on the eve of Rosh Hashanah, the New Year of 5767—applauded the efforts of both faiths to cultivate dialogue and goodwill during the last four decades.

Based upon the *Nostra Aetate* platform, the relationship between Jews and Catholics has advanced into concrete actions. One yardstick to measure the progress is that today Jews and Catholics frequently engage on substantive legislative issues such as immigration reform, stem cell research, education, and the Death Penalty.

While the two sides focus on common ground, Jewish leaders indicated that the true gauge for the maturity of this post-*Nostra Aetate* relationship can be found in the ability to candidly and constructively acknowledge differences of opinion on critical issues.

“We’ve reached a new plateau,” Allyson Gall, the New

Jersey area director of the Millburn-based American Jewish Committee (AJC) stated, noting that the trust factor is now stable enough that both sides are willing to “hit the wall” on important issues. “You should be able to disagree with your friends,” she said.

Gall explained that this “wall” can range in its height and placement with different segments of the Jewish faith. For example, she said that while the AJC disagrees with the Church on so-called education “vouchers,” the Orthodox wing of the Jewish faith strongly supports the Church on this issue. As such, there is a greater appreciation for the spectrum of views within each faith, she said.

Considering the cooperation that regularly takes place between Jews and Catholics within the archdiocese, Gall said “dialogue, just for the sake of talking, has become passé.” Substantive action is now the state of the art, she explained, pointing out that the AJC is working with Catholics to establish a new office of immigration affairs.

Scholarly programs and publi-

cations represent a major thrust in the substantive action. For example, the AJC, along with Catholic and Protestant partners, will sponsor a program on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 7:30p.m. at Congregation B’nai Jeshurun, Short Hills, titled “The Baptizing of America” by Rabbi James Rudin, a senior advisor for the AJC who published a name-sake book last year.

On a separate track, Barbara Wind, the director of the Whippany-based Holocaust Council of MetroWest, recalled her close relationship with Sister Rose Thering, O.P., Ph. D, and professor emerita of Seton Hall University (SHU), South Orange. Sister Rose, a noted scholar as a voice of reconciliation among Jews and Christians, died in Racine, WI, on May 6 (see *The Catholic Advocate*, May 10).

Wind is in the final draft of a book, titled “Scaling the Mountain,” based on her experiences at a 1997 Gregorian pontifical conference in Rome, which examined issues of good and evil after Auschwitz (the “mountain”

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Photo courtesy of the Center for Interreligious Understanding

Rabbi Jack Bemporad (right), internationally renowned theologian, met with Pope Benedict XVI on May 25, 2005, while Rabbi Bemporad was in Rome for the International Judaean-Christian Symposium. The Museum of Jewish Heritage (A Living Memorial to the Holocaust) currently is hosting an exhibition titled: “A Blessing to One Another—Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People.” Xavier University, Cincinnati, produced the exhibition, which examines the pope’s lifelong friendship with Jews and how this relationship influenced his ministry and papacy. The display, which runs through Feb. 23, 2007, features the prayer note left by the pope at the Western Wall in Jerusalem during his pilgrimage to Israel in 2000. The Museum of Jewish Heritage is located at 36 Battery Place, New York City, phone: (646) 437-4200; Web site: [www.mjhny.org/index.htm](http://www.mjhny.org/index.htm).



# St. Peter Claver plans diamond jubilee gala Oct. 20

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE  
Editor

MONTCLAIR — St. Peter Claver Parish will mark its 75th anniversary with a gala reception at The Bethwood, 38 Lackawana Ave., Totowa, on Friday, Oct. 20, 8 p.m.

The reception program includes dinner, dancing and a silent auction.

Tickets are \$100 per person. Call the parish rectory at (973) 783-4852 for more information on the diamond jubilee event. Information also is available on the parish's Web site: [www.saint-peterclaverchurch.org](http://www.saint-peterclaverchurch.org).

Father Jose Gamba is the pas-

tor of St. Peter Claver, which is located at 56 Elmwood Ave. In addition to his duties at St. Peter Claver, Father Gamba also serves as the coordinator of the Hispanic Apostolate for the Archdiocese of Newark. Archbishop John J. Myers tapped Father Gamba for the Hispanic Apostolate position last year (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Sept. 7, 2005). He also serves on the Board for Hispanic Ministry, which focuses on the needs of Hispanic parishes throughout the archdiocese.

Born in Columbia, Father Gamba was ordained by Pope John Paul II in Medellin on July 5, 1986.

African Americans founded the landmark, multicultural Montclair

parish 75 years ago in pursuit of free worship during a period of racial prejudice. Masses today are celebrated in English, Spanish, and French to serve the parish's diverse faith community. St. Peter Claver has been home to a Latino Ministry since March 2002, offering weekly Mass in Spanish.

According to information on the parish Web site, a family of eight African-Americans met in the basement of Immaculate

Conception Church in Montclair on Jan. 14, 1931, to begin weekly instruction in the Catholic faith. With the guidance of Rev. Cornelius Ahern, that small group of converts grew and the St. Peter Claver Mission was established. The Mission Center was a house, 51 Elm Street, in Montclair.

The fledgling community continued to expand as it prayed and worked for a miracle: to build a church. That dream was realized on Nov. 5, 1939, when the cornerstone was laid for St. Peter Claver Church.

After 43 years as a mission, St. Peter Claver Church was officially designated as a self-sustaining parish on Dec. 1, 1973,

with Rev. Charles McTague as the first pastor.

Over the years, St. Peter Claver Church has grown in membership and diversity. Since 1972, St. Peter Claver has been the parish home for a Haitian community, which celebrates weekly Mass in Creole.

The Montclair parish offers a wide variety of programs and services to meet the needs and interests of its community. The Parish Life Committee encompasses Black Catholic Concerns, fellowships for men and women, social events and cultural celebrations for the local Haitian and Latino communities. The Social Concerns Committee operates a food pantry and an AIDS ministry.



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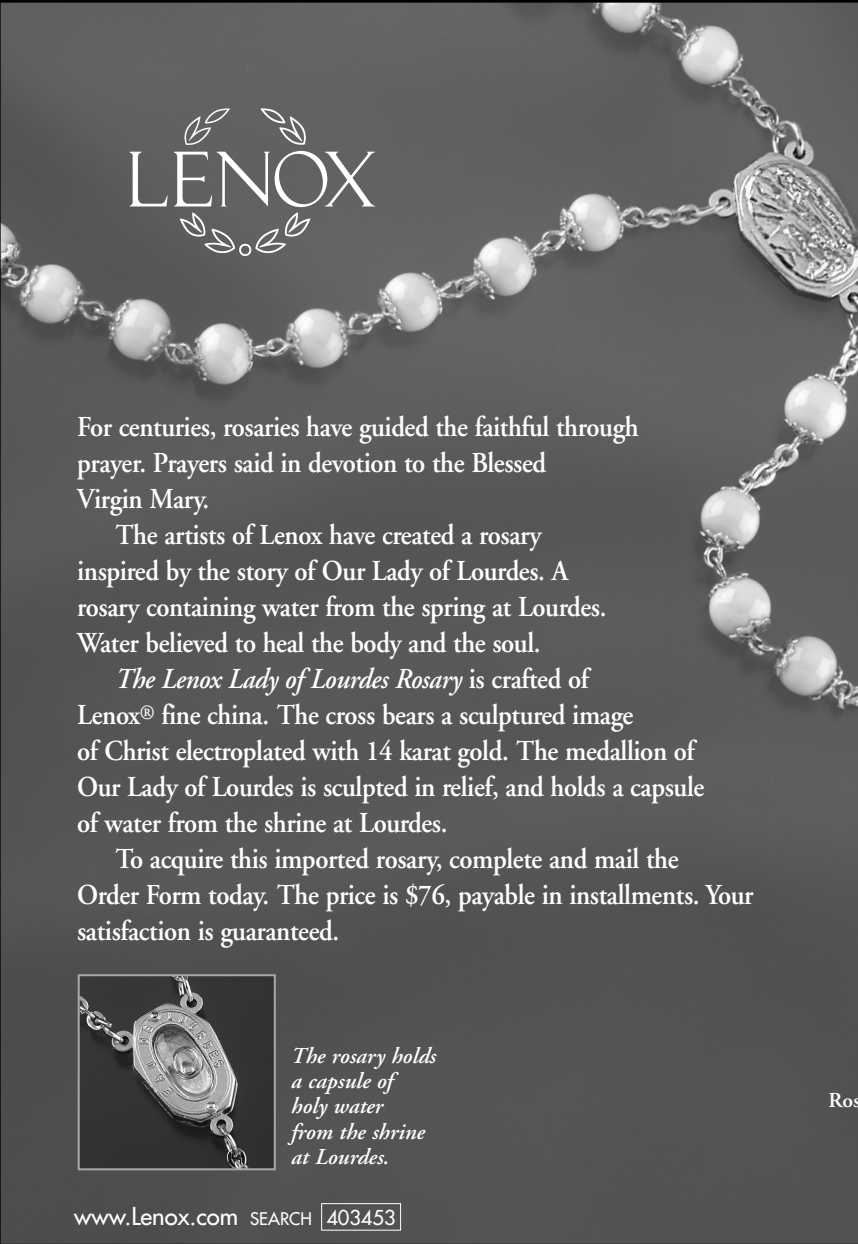
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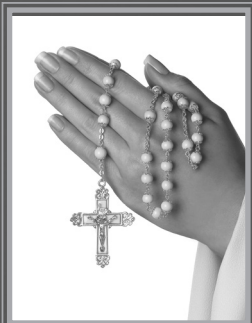
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**Holy Family Parish,** Nutley, International Italian Festival, 7:30 p.m. through Sept. 23, 2 p.m. on Sept. 24, (973) 667-0026.

## September 23

**Our Lady of Mercy Parish,** Jersey City, dinner dance for the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz, 6:30 p.m., cost: \$30, call Presy and Connie at (201) 332-2237 or Vickie at (201) 451-5806.

**Notre Dame Parish,** North Caldwell, support group for fathers whose children have died, 10 a.m., RSVP ASAP, (973) 497-4327.

## September 24

**St. Anne Parish,** Jersey City, tricky tray auction, 2 p.m., cost: \$10, (201) 792-1610 or (201) 653-4009.

**Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish,** Irvington, autumn card party, 1 p.m., cost: \$5, (732) 225-5965.

**Knights of Columbus Council #5427,** Washington Township, Pepsi Punt, Pass and Kick Contest for ages 8-15, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m., call Charlie Devine at (201) 664-3333 or (201) 259-5359.

**St. John the Baptist Parish,** Jersey City, festival, 1- 8 p.m., (201) 963-7976 or (201) 653-8814.

## September 26

**Archdiocesan Center,** Newark, Catholic High School Information Night, 7-9 p.m., call Laura Cristiano at (973) 497-4258.

## September 28

**Church of the Presentation,** Upper Saddle River, "Gathering Rite- God's Plan for Creation," 7:30-9 p.m., (201) 327-1313 ext. 31

## September 30

**St. Peter Parish,** Belleville,

spaghetti dinner, 6:30 p.m., cost: \$7 for adults/ \$3 for children, (973) 751-9045.

**St. Vincent de Paul Parish,** Bayonne, Mass and dinner for Feast of St. Vincent de Paul, 5:30 p.m., cost: \$40, (201) 436-2222.

**St. Thomas the Apostle Parish,** Bloomfield, one-day guided women's retreat, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., cost: \$20, call Anna Graziano at (973) 338-9538.

**Caldwell College Concert Series,** 8 p.m., The Diane Moser Quintet. Reception to follow with the opportunity to meet the performing artists. Free parking. To purchase tickets by mail, send a ticket order and check, payable to Caldwell College, c/o Laura Greenwald, Music Department, 9 Ryerson Ave., Caldwell, N.J. 07006.

## October 1

**Queen of Peace Parish,** North Arlington, pro-life rosary and Holy Hour, 3-4 p.m., call Bill Mackey at (201) 997-2086.

**Knights of Columbus Council #5427,** Washington Township, flea and craft market, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., call Jerry Rider at (201) 845-8358.

## October 2

Annual **Caldwell College** Golden Eagle Golf Tournament at Essex Fells Country Club to benefit the Caldwell College Scholarship Fund. Rain date is Oct. 10.

## October 4

**Archdiocesan Center,** Newark, "The Code of Canon Law", four-week course, 7:30-9 p.m., (973) 497-4350.

**Holy Spirit Parish,** Union, Holy Hour for Life, 7:30- 8:30 p.m., (908) 964-7635.

## October 5

Fundraiser for **Trinitas Hospital,** Oct. 5-7 hosted by Leonardo Jewelers at its 829 Elizabeth Ave. store in Elizabeth. Call (908) 351-0880 or to make a direct donation to the Trinitas Foundation call (908) 994-8249.



# Official Appointments

**Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:**

### PAROCHIAL VICAR

**Reverend Titus C. Njoku,** Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph the Carpenter Parish, Roselle, was appointed parochial vicar of St. Anne Parish, Jersey City, effective Sept. 11.

### IN RESIDENCE

**Reverend Brendan Quinn,** Chaplain at Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth, has been appointed to residence at Immaculate Conception Rectory, Elizabeth, effective Sept. 20.

**Reverend Alan Guglielmo,** Chaplain at Columbus Hospital, Newark, has been appointed to residence at St. Anthony Rectory, Belleville, effective Oct. 7.

# Candid dialogue

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in the title of the book refers to the Holocaust). She attended the forum in Rome with Sister Rose.

In addition, Wind has just embarked on a new book that will detail her friendship with Sister Rose. Wind recalled that "in our last conversation, just before she died, Sister Rose said to me: 'I'm ready to go to heaven. When are you going to write my biography?'"

Wind also is involved in developing a major document—a review with input from 200 rabbis—that will offer reflections on Jewish interfaith attitudes, traditions and doctrines. The document is slated to be submitted to the Vatican in mid-2007.

A key participant in developing this interfaith document is Rabbi Jack Bemporad, an international theologian, scholar, author and the founder and director of the Center for Interreligious Understanding (CIU) in Carlstadt.

Rabbi Bemporad—who recently met with Pope Benedict XVI, had several audiences with Pope John Paul II, and has addressed various Vatican conferences—said he continues to draw inspiration from *Nostra Aetate*. It resonates in the 21st Century, providing Catholics with a greater appreciation for Jesus as a Jew as well as an understanding that Christianity would be impossible without Judaism, he said.



**Amir Ofek**

Consul for public affairs for the Consulate General of Israel

"What the Catholic Church did 40 years ago was unprecedented. It's something no other religion has ever done," he declared. "Real change (between different religions) can come when people in authority have the will to make it happen." He lauded the ministry of Pope John Paul II and also offered high praise to SHU for its trailblazing efforts in Jewish/Catholic relations.

Rabbi Bemporad currently serves as professor of Interreligious Studies at the University of St. Thomas at the Vatican, the Dominican ecclesiastical University in Rome ("the Angelicum").

"The mission for our generation is to take what was started 40

years ago (*Nostra Aetate*) and bring it a step further," Amir Ofek, consul for public affairs for the Consulate General of Israel, New York. Ofek works with Catholic organizations throughout the tri-state metropolitan region on behalf of the state of Israel.

Ofek stressed the importance of understanding the post-*Nostra Aetate* era as a thoughtful, comprehensive process, rather than a series of random, isolated encounters. He did, however, express a sense of urgency that people of faith and goodwill continually need to seize the moment in order to maintain the momentum of the dialogue.

"This is a long process. We must be honest and direct," he said. "We want all the (past) difficulties to be there in the discussion. We cannot deny that there are sensitive issues. We will disagree on some points, but we don't have to be afraid of that. The goodwill (created from this dialogue) is more important than trying to solve all the problems."

Among his current outreach programs, Ofek said he is working on creating a tour for area Catholic bishops and Christian leaders to visit Israel and walk in the footsteps of Pope John Paul II's 2000 pilgrimage. Closer to home, last year Ofek developed an education forum with the Diocese of Paterson on Jewish/Catholic relations, which was attended by over 150 priests and bishops. He recalled that Bishop Arthur



Advocate photo — M. Gabriele

Allyson Gall, the N.J. area director of the Millburn-based American Jewish Committee, met last year with Archbishop John J. Myers at the Archdiocesan Center to mark the 40th anniversary of *Nostra Aetate*.

J. Serratelli, the leader of the Paterson Diocese, enthusiastically endorsed this forum.

Since the enlightenment of *Nostra Aetate* in 1965 there has been a rigorous learning curve to break down pent-up barriers, Ofek said, noting that, at first, many in Israel found it difficult to approach the Catholic community. As a practical matter, he said this new era of dialogue means distilling the grand vision of the

Vatican document so that it can be part of an everyday, one-on-one conversation.

"Sometimes it's simpler than you think on a personal level," Ofek observed. "You can't 'fake it' on the grass-roots level. Before you can move forward on the big issues you must first know the person. Our (Jewish/Catholic) history is complicated and the present can be difficult, but the future will be better."



# Focus on faith by ignoring empty threats

Editor,

Faith is the unbreakable divine chord linking our incarnated souls to God. Faith is the unshakable, deep-soul awareness that we are children of God.

One who has achieved such enlightenment finds little threat from the media. Much of the reactionary attention strewn upon “The daVinci Code,” “The Gospel of Judas,” “The Gnostic Gospels,” and “Holy Blood, Holy Grail,” is misstated. My faith is cheap, indeed, if any twisted perception of the truth challenges me. Our criticism of these things imbues them with more significance that they merit.

Threats to faith come from within. Think of the seven deadly sins (pride, envy, gluttony, lust, anger, greed and sloth). What makes them deadly is that they arise from doubts within us about our place as children of God.

When my son dons a bullet-proof vest to protect our nation’s Capital, something challenges my faith, whispering: “God’s not out there on the streets with your son; he’s alone. You are in it alone, too.” Dan Brown and some nameless scribe for a Second Century fairy tale about Judas Iscariot cannot fathom such an attack on my faith. Through free will, I alone am the master of what I allow to attack my faith.

How do I become a stronger master of my faith? I must take time daily to tune out everything and place myself in

God’s presence. The strength one may achieve in placing oneself daily in the presence of the Lord must be experienced to be believed. Try it; believe it!

Dennis T. Kearny  
Maplewood

# Loss of faith ‘culprit’ cited

Editor,

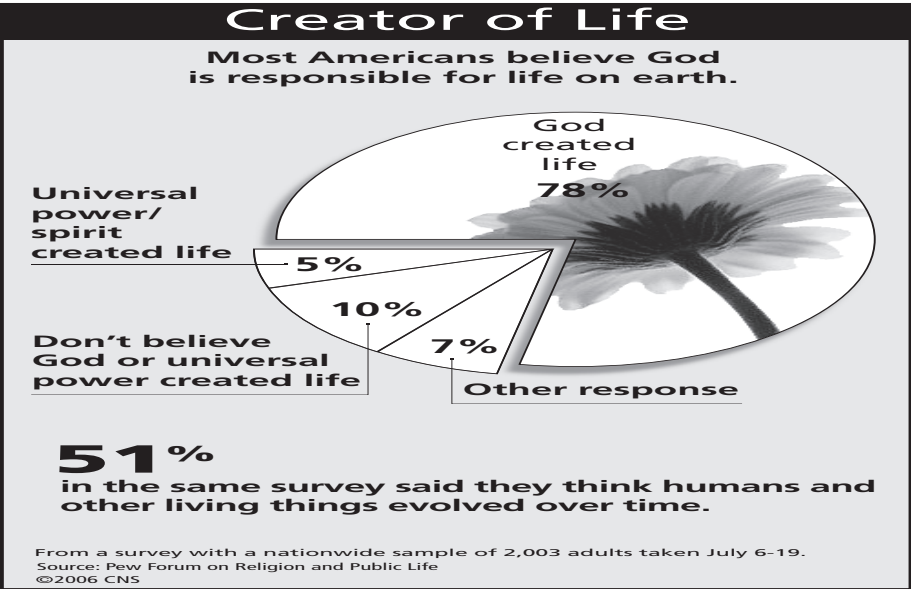
This is in regards to the front-page article on the study of youth and faith in the Aug. 23 issue of *The Catholic Advocate*.

The article did not mention the single biggest culprit for the loss of faith among the youth—the so-called “progressives.”

After Vatican II, many of the school nuns and others involved in teaching the youth went bonkers and ended up as “progressives.” They have not taught the Faith in its fullness, nor do they live it in its fullness, and the result has been two generations of Catholics with inadequate catechetical preparation, so parents who do not know the Faith are raising faithless children.

The “progressives” have watered down the Faith into little more than liberal Protestantism, they have done away with almost all Catholic devotions, and they live as little better than secular humanists. As long as they are allowed to remain in positions where they can influence children, the sad results as given in the article will continue.

Brother Thomas Corey  
Jersey City



Nearly eight of every 10 Americans believe God created life.

# Exploring a rich, shared heritage

To its great credit, the Archdiocese of Newark is in the forefront of preserving and protecting its unique history and architectural treasures.

Leading the way is the Office of Property Management Administration through its on staff architectural historian and patrimony project manager (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Aug. 23).

A focal point of that heritage is the inner-city parishes. Many over a century old and steeped in the tradition and deep faith of their parishioners, these majestic and venerable churches contain breathtaking design, meticulous workmanship and irreplaceable artifacts that are truly awe inspiring.

The faithful will have the unique opportunity to visit several of those churches during the annual Heritage Tour on Sept. 23. This year the tour will feature stops at seven “treasured churches” in Jersey City.

Proceeds from the tour will help preserve the architecture, stained glass, paintings, mosaics, wood and stone carvings, metalwork, pipe organs and marble altars in parishes throughout the Church of Newark.

Those taking the tour will have an informative and moving spiritual experience—good for the heart and soul.

# Archdiocese of Newark clarifies status of North Caldwell ‘church’

NORTH CALDWELL — A new church at 103 Gould Ave., calling itself “St. Anthony of Padua Church,” is not recognized by the Archdiocese of Newark, archdiocesan officials announced Sept. 6.

Citing the sign at the front of the church that reads “St. Anthony of Padua Church, Roman Catholic Traditional Latin Mass,” Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Emery, J.C.L., vicar general and moderator of the Curia, stressed the church “is not connected or affiliated with Saint Anthony of Padua Chapel in West Orange.”

The West Orange chapel, earlier this month, celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation in the archdiocese according to the traditional pre-Vatican II rite (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Sept. 6). As reported, Archbishop John J. Myers two years ago designated the West Orange chapel as a site for the celebration of the Latin Mass and sacraments according pre-Vatican II tradition.

Despite the sign in front of the North Caldwell structure, Msgr. Emery stressed that “this is not a Roman Catholic Church.” It is the result, Msgr. Emery went on, “of a split from Saint Anthony of Padua Chapel by those parishioners who were upset when the chapel reconciled with the Archdiocese of Newark in 2004 following the death of Rev. Paul Wickens, its founder.”

The church in North Caldwell, explained Msgr. Emery, started as “Saint Anthony of Padua Mission” with services in the Fairfield VFW Hall until the recent purchase of a former Lutheran church building in North Caldwell. It is staffed by a priest provided by the Society of Saint Pius X (SSPX), Msgr. Emery said. The Society is not in communion with the Universal Church.

“There is confusion between the SSPX church in North Caldwell and the archdiocesan-recognized chapel in West Orange because of the similarity of names,” Msgr. Emery explained. “The SSPX church was organized not just because of a desire to worship according to the traditional Latin Mass but because what its members believe is the corruption of the ‘Novus Ordo Church.’ Many, if not most of its members, are sede vacantists who deny the validity of Novus Ordo, the revised Rite of Ordination, and the present pope,” Msgr. Emery said.

**PRAYERS FOR THE FALLEN—**

The Seventh Grade Honor Guard at St. Therese of Lisieux School in Cresskill carefully folds the American flag after their class held a prayer service in remembrance of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The entire student body, faculty and many parents attended the ceremony, praying for the victims, their families and the country.





# Priesthood Sunday on Oct. 29 to trumpet ministries in U.S.

AREA—The Archdiocese of Newark will join Catholics in parishes throughout the United States in a show of support for their priests on Oct. 29 through prayer, celebration and dialogue on Priesthood Sunday.

The last Sunday of October is designated as Priesthood Sunday, a one-day celebration of the priesthood organized by parish lay leaders and coordinated by the USA Council of Serra International.

Priesthood Sunday was established three years ago to provide a way for Catholic communities to express appreciation for the devoted priests who faithfully serve them. "The purpose of Priesthood Sunday is to engage every level of the Church in the United States in a national conversation about the priesthood," said Rev. Robert J. Silva, past president of the National Federation of Priests' Councils (NFPC) that represents more than 26,000 priests nationwide.

The celebration is increasingly relevant in light of the declining number of priests in the country. Only about 4,000 of the 19,000 parishes in this country have more than one priest. Many serve two or more parishes by themselves.

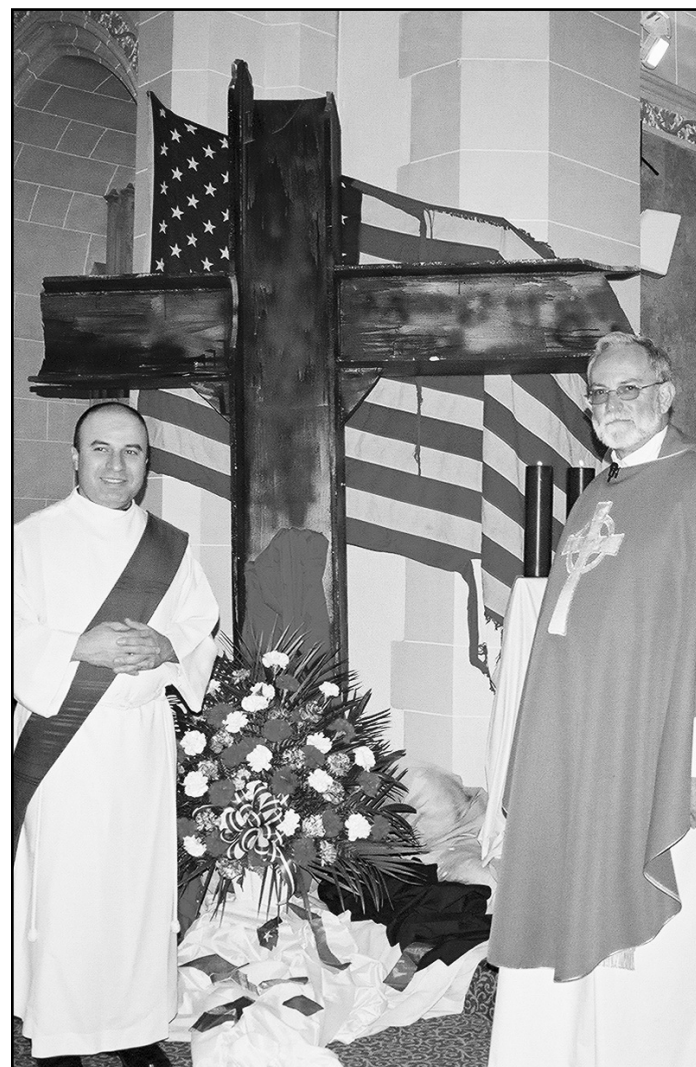
Earlier this year, the Archdiocese of Newark held the distinction of having the largest ordination class in the nation, with 17 men ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on May 27 (see *The Catholic Advocate*, May 24 and 10).

The lay faithful of each parish, school or other ministry are asked to develop their own special way of marking the day and honoring both priesthood and their own priests. Special liturgies, celebrations and the opening of a dialogue between priests and parishioners are encouraged.

Liliana Soto, the archdiocesan coordinator of evangelization, is providing information to support Priesthood Sunday events. She can be reached at (973) 497-4353. In addition, parish lay leaders can visit [www.priestsunday.org](http://www.priestsunday.org) for suggested liturgies, social celebrations, reflections, and downloadable graphics, guides and posters. Requests for printed material may be directed to (888) 777-6681.

"For 70 years, Serra has been committed to supporting and affirming the Catholic priesthood," said Don DeDecker, past president of the USA Council of Serra International. "We are honored to handle this event and I see it as a way of sharing our mission with the nation in a celebratory way," DeDecker said.

The USA Council of Serra International and the Serra International Foundation serve as the sponsors Priesthood Sunday. Serra International is a worldwide Catholic organization of lay men and women dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. More than 12,000 members in over 300 clubs are active in the United States. Information on the USA Council, based in Chicago, is available online at [www.serraus.org](http://www.serraus.org).



**9-11 MEMORIAL**—Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, held a 9-11 memorial to pray for the victims of the terrorist attacks. Participants included Transitional Deacon Jaime Hostios (left) and Msgr. Richard Arnholts, pastor.

# Annual Red Mass on Sept. 24 at Cathedral to honor Nolan

NEWARK — J. Michael Nolan, Jr., Esq., president and founder of Kids Corporation II, which provides educational and health benefits to the young people of Newark, will be honored at the 22nd annual Red Mass celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart at noon on Sunday, Sept. 24.

Seton Hall University School of Law and the Saint Thomas More Association of Seton Hall University School of Law will present Nolan with the Saint Thomas More Medal.

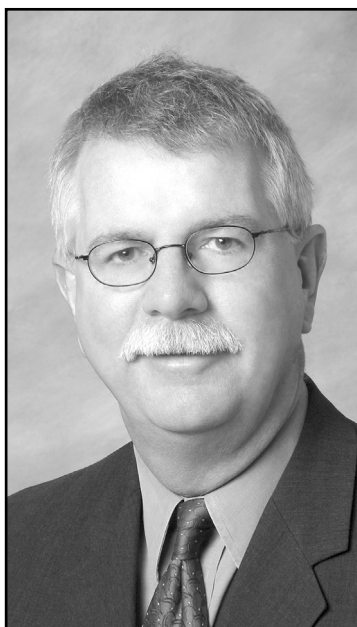
Nolan founded Kids Corporation II in 1971 with his wife, Kathleen Murray-Nolan. It provides both summer and after-school academic programs designed to keep children academically motivated and challenged.

Since founding Kids Corporation II, Nolan has become an

advocate for the children of Newark and a leader in educational reform. In 2000-01, he co-chaired Governor Jim McGreevey's Department of Education Transition Team.

Kids Corporation II operates Kids Camp on 125 acres in Warren County, enrolling students in one of its 43 summer schools. During the school year, Kids Corporation II operates Mountain Classroom at the camp. Children in the fifth grade in Newark schools come to Kids Camp for two days of learning about environmental science. They also receive a free health exam with follow-up care available when they return home to Newark.

Nolan recently retired from Lowenstein Sandler, New Jersey's second-largest law firm, where he was a trial attorney serving in the litigation department. Over the course of his distinguished career, he



**J. Michael Nolan, Jr.**

served as assistant prosecutor in Essex County and as special counsel designated by the New Jersey Supreme Court to seek the removal of a judge.

In more than 20 years in private practice, Nolan was involved in numerous corporate, criminal, civil, consumer class action and lender liability cases. During his legal career, Nolan served as a fellow of the American Bar Foundation of the American Bar Association, and as a member of the board of directors of the Legal Services Foundation of Essex County. He also was a member of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Membership, serving as state chairman from 1987-1990; the New Jersey State Bar Association, serving as the chairman of the Casino Law Section from 1987-88; and the Essex County Bar Association.

Nolan has been honored several times for his philanthropic work, including the Prudential Prize for Non-Profit Leadership 1993; City News' 100 Most Influential Award 1998; the Villanova University School of Law Community Leadership Award 1999; the University of Notre Dame Exemplar Award 1999; St. Benedict's Academy Community Service Award

2000; the Newark YMCA Community Service Award 2004; the Local Heroes Award from Bank of America 2004; and, most recently, the Quest Ink, Inc. Child Advocate Award 2005.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree, with honors, from Saint Vincent College in 1971 and his Juris Doctorate from Villanova University in 1975. He has served as a member of the board of trustees at Saint Vincent College since 1997, and as president of the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick the past 13 years.

The first Red Mass in the United States took place in New York in 1928. Since that time groups of Catholic attorneys have contributed to celebrate the Red Mass. The Red Mass is traditionally a solemn Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated at the beginning of the judicial year to invoke God's blessing and guidance in the administration of justice. It gets its name from the red vestments used in celebrating Mass and from the red robes traditionally worn by judges in the Middle Ages.



# Polishing and painting to mark 150 years of faith

BY MELISSA MCNALLY  
Staff Writer

Immaculate Conception Parish was established in 1856 as mission of St. Peter Parish, Belleville, to serve the growing Catholic community in what was then West Bloomfield.

The original structure, a frame building erected at Washington and Elm streets, was blessed in 1857. Immaculate Conception was incorporated as an independent parish in 1864. In 1892, the present site on North Fullerton Avenue in Montclair was purchased and work began on a new church building. Its impressive exterior was completed in 1907. The 150th anniversary coincides with the centenary of the church.

The parish has grown and expects further change as it confronts the pastoral challenges that lie ahead. Many fundamental responsibilities are shared with the parishioners of 1856, faithful to their constant mission: "to worship God, to proclaim the teachings of Jesus Christ, to strengthen the bonds of love and respect among our members and to respond in charity to the needs of the community around them, from their immediate neighborhood to the global family."

Today, Immaculate Conception numbers approximately 1,100 registered households. Its parishioners represent a wide diversity of ages, ethnic backgrounds and length of membership. The age breakdown is evenly divided between young, middle-aged and older parishioners.

There are some families whose roots go back to the founding of the parish in the 1850s and 1860s, and many who have been here for 30 years or more. There is also a large segment of registrants from the last five to 15 years.



Immaculate Conception Parish, originally established as a mission of St. Peter's Parish, Belleville in 1856, is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. Oct. 1 will be the semi-official kick off of the Montclair parish's anniversary activities.

Due to Montclair's close proximity to New York, there are about 100 new registrations this year. However, the parish's overall net membership has remained steady over the last 15 years.

The church is also being refurbished to celebrate its anniversary next year. Archbishop John J. Myers will preside and bless a new altar fashioned from two of the original side altars. This event will complete a process of interior refurbishment that began in 1993.

The basement of the church, known as Madonna Hall, also is undergoing extensive renovation and structural work to provide improved restrooms, handicapped access and more flexible meeting space for parish groups and activities.

"I think every pastor thinks his parish is special and I am no exception," Msgr. Timothy Shugrue, pastor for 16 years, said. "I felt it when I arrived as pastor in 1991, and I hope I have added to it or encouraged it, though I know it did not originate with me. There is an openness among our people that communicates itself as a ready welcome, and there is an expectation, I think, that at Immaculate, we do things right, which is reflected in the consistency with which people engage in various parish ministries and services."

Msgr. Shugrue believes that the faith and commitment of parishioners can be seen in every facet of the parish, including the structure itself. "To some extent, our beautiful church breathes an aura that reminds us of our distinguished history and imparts a sense of responsibility for upholding a long tradition of living our Catholicism faithfully. The very building, to which the term 'elegant' applies with genuine accuracy, says, forthrightly but not ostentatiously: 'We're Catholic; grateful for the privileges that are ours, and serious about the responsibilities that go with them.' Our people are unfailingly responsive to those in need, and prove it by personal involvement as well as with financial support."

Devotion to Mary binds the parishioners together and

several Marian feasts are celebrated throughout the year. There is a weekly public praying of the Rosary, a weekly Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, and celebration of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and the Annunciation and the Assumption.

Ministries encourage unifying the community and helping those in need. The "We Care" ministry, founded in 1992, prepares home-cooked meals at an AIDS shelter in Newark. "About 70 parishioners regularly take part in this outreach, whether as cooks or as drivers to deliver the food to the shelter. Among those involved are our parish secretary, Bette Kuczek, and parishioners Ethel O'Mara and Grace Reynolds, who coordinate a host of volunteers," Msgr. Shugrue explained.

Groups such as the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Theology on Tap are emphasized to help parishioners, especially young people, grow in faith. "Those who have joined the Church have become more active members as a result of RCIA contribute enormously to the life of the parish," Msgr. Shugrue said.

Although the parish elementary school closed in 1997 due to declining enrollment, the parish sponsors Tegakwita Academy, a Pre-K program for 3- and 4-year-olds. "The parents and children have formed a wonderful small community that has benefited the parish in many ways. The Pre-K provides a well-rounded program of activities in early childhood education in a setting of Catholic teaching and values. The head teacher, Mrs. Rosemary Fedor, previously taught in our elementary school," Msgr. Shugrue said.

Through his years as pastor, Msgr. Shugrue has seen the parish through many changes and looks forward to more years of serving the community. "As we look back on our 150 years of life and witness as a Catholic faith community, we are grateful for the blessings Immaculate Conception Parish has known, and for the great men and women of faith—clergy, religious and lay faithful—who have written our history with their lives. We look forward to the future with hope, in the conviction that God's grace will lead us on, under the maternal care of Mary Immaculate, our patroness."

(Immaculate Conception Parish is located at 30 North Fullerton Ave., Montclair. Jon Bonesteel and Msgr. Timothy Shugrue contributed to this article.)

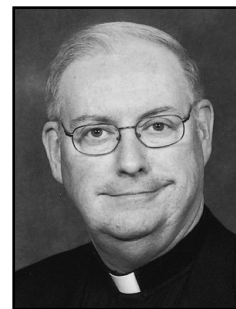


Pictured here is a view of Immaculate Conception's soaring interior as the congregation celebrates at Christmas with a Nativity scene.

Photos courtesy of Immaculate Conception Parish.

## Meet the Pastor

Msgr. Timothy Shugrue



**Birthday:** February 4 (1948)

**Hometown:** Elizabeth, NJ until 1964; Westfield, NJ through to ordination

**High School:** Seton Hall Prep

**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception, Darlington

**Undergraduate:** Seton Hall University, BA in Classical languages

**Graduate:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, MA in Systematic theology

**Ordination:** May 26, 1973 by Archbishop Thomas A. Boland at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newark

**Hero:** My sister, Mary Shugrue Ryan

**Favorite Saint:** St. John Vianney

**Favorite Sport:** Though not personally athletic, I enjoy a good basketball or hockey game

**Favorite Food:** I never met a meal I didn't like!

**Favorite Subject in School:** History

**Last Book Read:** *The Rise of American Democracy*

**Occupation if I Weren't a Priest:** Teacher



# Embryonic stem-cell research claim ‘a sham’

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Highly touted research claiming that human embryonic stem-cell lines can be derived without harming the embryos is a sham, according to a pro-life official of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

“They didn’t do anything like what the headlines are saying they did,” said Richard Doerflinger, deputy director of the bishops’ Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, in an interview late last month with Catholic News Service. “All they showed was that you can kill an embryo at an earlier stage than they did before.”

At the Vatican, Bishop Elio Sgreccia, president of the Pontifical Academy for Life, said the new technique did not remove ethical objections and may increase them.

Advanced Cell Technology Inc., based in Alameda, Calif., and Worcester, Mass., announced Aug. 23 that a team of its scientists had “successfully generated human embryonic stem cells using an approach that does not harm embryos.”

An article on the research was published Aug. 23 in the online edition of the science journal *Nature*.

The technique involves removal of a single cell from an early, eight-cell embryo called a blastomere. The researchers claimed that the method has been successfully used in more than 1,000 cases of preimplantation genetic diagnosis, in which one

cell is removed to test for genetic diseases and the embryo is implanted if no disease is found.

Up to now, stem-cell research involving the destruction of human embryos has taken place when the embryo is made up of about 150 cells.

But no embryo survived the research carried out by the Advanced Cell Technology scientists, Doerflinger said. Sixteen embryos were killed to retrieve 91 blastomeres, from which two

*“They didn’t do anything like what the headlines are saying they did.”*

— Richard Doerflinger

stem-cell lines were derived, the research showed.

The scientists postulated that the single-cell technique used in preimplantation genetic diagnosis would carry over to stem-cell research and that the technique doesn’t harm the embryos, “but we don’t know that either is

true,” Doerflinger said.

It will take many years to determine whether children born following implantation after the single-cell removal technique are truly healthy, he added, noting that it was only after a million live births from in vitro fertilization that scientists felt they had a large enough sample size to test for abnormalities in those children.

Bishop Sgreccia told Vatican Radio that removal of the single cell may damage the embryo. He said experimentation on animals was needed to exclude this possibility.

On a more general level, he said the new technique represents an additional manipulation of the human embryo and is therefore unethical. It adds another layer of artificiality to an already artificial process, he said.

He said it was incomprehensible why scientists were continuing to focus on the production of embryos for stem cells, instead of using stem cells obtained from umbilical cords and other parts of the human body.

“One reason there is a big race to do these experiments on the human embryos is because funds are being made available.

To obtain these funds, experiments are being exempted from ethical considerations, even when the outcome is uncertain and when, in my opinion, the ethical objections are multiplied,” he said.

Research guidelines from the National Institutes of Health allow for only “minimal risk.”

A statement from the White House press office in response to the research announcement urged caution.

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# St. Teresa of Avila youth group assists Big Easy after 'the storm'

BY WARD MIELE  
Managing Editor

SUMMIT—Almost a year to the day that Hurricane Katrina slammed into the Gulf Coast, members of the youth group from St. Teresa of Avila Parish were in New Orleans to lend a hand as part of "Operation Helping Hands."

Traveling to The Big Easy under the auspices of the local Catholic Charities office, the eight students and seven adults paid their own way to New Orleans to participate in the volunteer cleanup effort.

With housing provided by Catholic Charities of New Orleans, the Archdiocese of Newark contingent was assigned to perhaps the most devastated portion of the beleaguered city—the lower Ninth Ward.

A Catholic Charities staff

member visited with the group on the morning of their first full day of cleanup work, to explain how to use the required safety equipment that they would need. Worn during their entire workday were boots, masks, gloves and, at times, goggles.

Their work site was about 15-minute drive from where they were staying. Even in that short amount of travel time, the scope of the devastation became evident as they passed deserted block after block of rubble that had been homes and businesses.

With the exception of one morning in the middle of the week, the local contingent worked at Villa St. Maurice—a senior citizen home that had been under 10 feet of water for three weeks after the hurricane struck.

The St. Teresa workers were split into two teams. One cleared

debris, overgrown grass and took up weeds outside the complex, while the others cleaned out apartments.

"The place smelled terrible and there were random creatures that had decided to inhabit the building over the past year so it was quite a job" recalled Philip Tomasello, the

parish director of youth ministry who coordinated the trip. The workday lasted from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., he said.

Their midweek "break" was at the air-conditioned International Stella Maris Maritime Center, which before Katrina had been a diocesan facility run by nuns for

sailors stopping over in New Orleans. The men of the St. Teresa group emptied the attic while the women cleaned up the kitchen. That afternoon they returned to Villa St. Maurice.

Members of the St. Teresa of Avila youth group said that several encounters were especially memorable during the time in New Orleans. One was with a lone family across the street where the youths were working. Finding out one of the little girls, a six year old, was having a birthday, the St. Teresa young people threw her a

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Among those making the trip to New Orleans were, left to right, front row, Nick Hogan, Samantha Reina, Esther Arrieta, Linda Archiello, Joni Stefans, Ann (an organizer from Christopher Homes), and Steph Rowan. In the back row are John Byers, Rae Colgan, Phil Tomasello, Megan Byers, John Byers, Sister Justin Stymacks, Tony Landi, Dan Keenaghan, and Sgt. Brian Gabriel from the New Orleans Police Department.

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## Youth group

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party. So that her siblings would not feel left out, they bought gifts for them as well. The grandmother, recalled youth group member Esther Arrieta, "was thankful that we were able to bring a smile to her granddaughter's face."

Another lasting impression was Deacon Brian Gabriel, a police sergeant who survived Hurricane Katrina. He joined the group for dinner and returned the next day to pitch in with the work. He also gave them a gift of a patch from his police uniform.

The St. Teresa group said they met many survivors who were appreciative of their efforts. Many had lost everything, in what the locals these days ominously referred to as, simply, "the storm."

The destruction was "more than I expected" remarked Tomasello, calling the area where the youth group was working a virtual "ghost town." He was also struck by "how quickly" the mainstream media had forgotten the state of affairs in the aftermath of

Hurricane Katrina. While some of the locals "bashed" the Bush Administration, he continued, much more were "hopeful" for the future and anxiously awaiting the end of the new hurricane season.

Also calling the area a "ghost town," Arrieta called the trip "a great experience." She expressed "shock" at the extent of the damage. While she and her companions might not have been paid for their services, Arrieta said that seeing Villa St. Maurice after the youth group had cleaned it up was "a pay of its own."

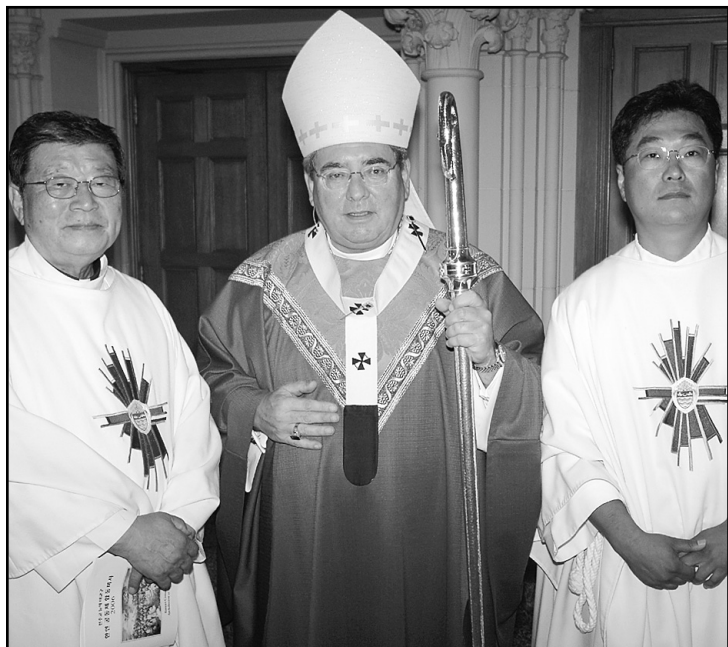
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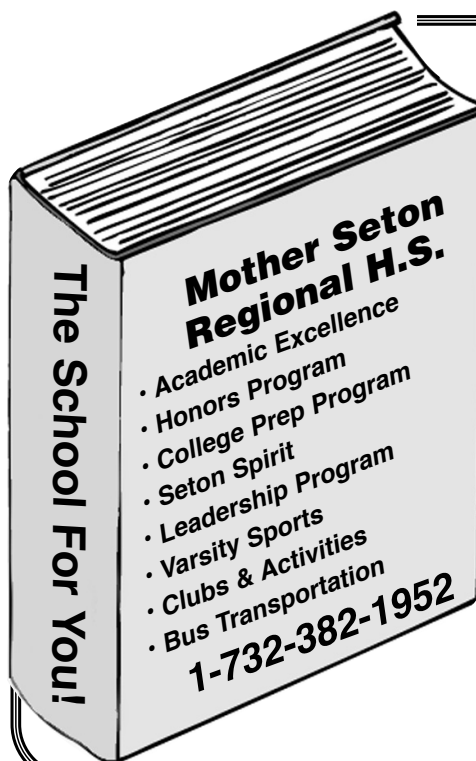
One of the many piles of debris cleaned out of rooms of a senior citizen complex by young people from St. Teresa Parish in Summit. The building had been under 10 feet of water for three weeks after Hurricane Katrina struck.

## Korean parishes celebrate at the Cathedral Basilica



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Archbishop John J. Myers (center) celebrated a Mass on Sept. 10 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark that brought together the Korean parishes of Saint Andrew Kim, Maplewood; Saint Joseph Korean Catholic, Demarest; and the Church of the Korean Martyrs, Saddle Brook. Pictured with Archbishop Myers is (left) Father Don Bosco Park, the parochial vicar of Church of the Korean Martyrs, and Father Minhyun (Joseph) Cho, the pastor of Saint Andrew Kim. In addition to the three parishes, members of the community of St. Madonna Korean Catholic Mission, Fort Lee, also participated in the Mass. Musicians for the Mass included Theresa Jaehee Choi, choir director; Basil Sungpil Kim, organist; Sangkyoon Lawrence Kim, cantor; Sangsoon Peter Kim, psalmist; Bonaventura Ham, violinist; Rosa Choi, cellist; and the Korean Martyrs Choir. John Miller is the director of music ministries for the Cathedral Basilica. Last year *The Catholic Advocate* featured a special profile of the Korean Catholic community within the archdiocese (see Aug. 10, 2005).



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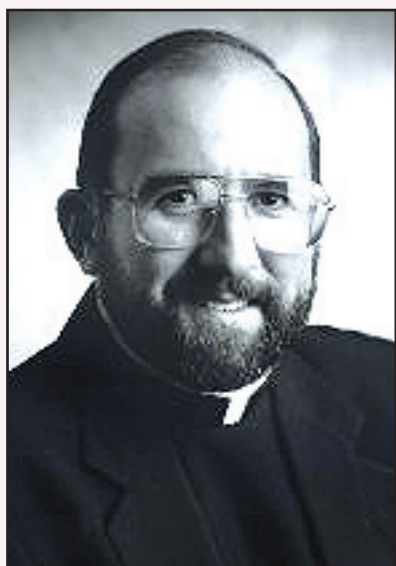
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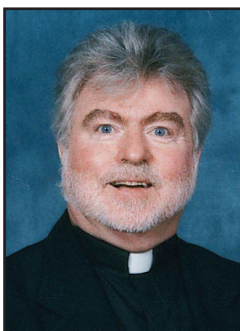
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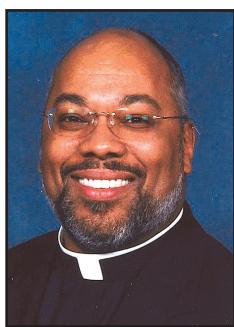


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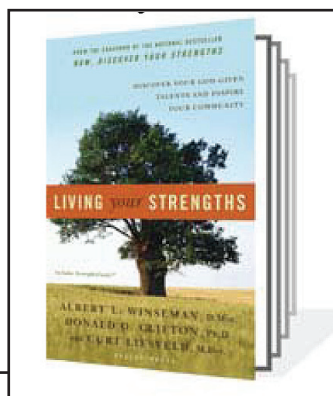


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# Stewardship Day at UCHS

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE  
Editor

NEWARK—The annual archdiocesan Stewardship Day will be held Saturday, Oct. 28, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains.

Father Daniel Mahan, the executive director of the Marian College Center for Catholic Stewardship, Marian College, Indianapolis, will serve as the keynote speaker for the event. Father Mahan became executive director of the Marian College Center for Catholic Stewardship last July. He teaches the concept of stewardship throughout the world.

He currently serves full-time in stewardship ministry, making presentations to dio-

cese and parishes throughout the United States, Canada, and most recently in Australia and the Philippines.

Other speakers include Father Jack Cryan and Father Larry Evans, the pastor and parochial vicar, respectively, at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City. Father Cryan will address the subject of “Collaborative Ministry,” while Father Evans will discuss “Year-Round Parish Stewardship.”

Contact Ken Di Paola, associate director of the archdiocesan Office of Planned Giving, at (973) 497-4332 or Monica Bernardes, assistant for the Office of Development and Donor Relations Planned Giving, at (973) 497-4104 for more information. Registration for the event also can be done online at: [www.rcan.org/stewardship](http://www.rcan.org/stewardship).



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- Our Lady of America expressed Her thanksgiving and encouragement to the U.S. Catholic bishops for the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at Washington, D.C.;
- She stated Her desires that Her children honor Her by the purity of their lives, and She wishes that America be the country dedicated to Her purity;
- She often emphasized Her desire that the National Shrine of The Immaculate Conception be made a place of special pilgrimage where She wishes to be honored as Our Lady of America, The Immaculate Virgin, with a statue of this likeness placed in this Shrine at Washington, D.C.;
- Our Lady of America stated Her desires to make the whole of America Her shrine by making every heart accessible to the love of Her Son, Jesus;
- She asked Her children to reform their lives, for sanctification from within, so that when God looks at the heart of each, it resembles the Heart of His Divine Son, Jesus;
- Our Lady of America asked for acts of penance and self-denial, and for family prayer of The Rosary so that Her children will recognize The Indwelling Most Holy Trinity;
- Our Lady of America stated that peace is from within, not from without; peace will come when Her children are purified and cleansed from defilement, when Her children can recognize, adore and love The Divine Indwelling Trinity more.



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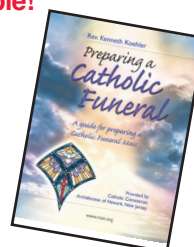
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Davis and 35 other students had their travel plans put on hold as the now-infamous terrorist plot to blow up planes bound from England to the United States (using

homemade liquid explosives from personal items such as shampoo) was foiled by British authorities.

The student group had just ended a three-week stay in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. Davis, at the time, was preparing to return home from participation in the People-to-People Student Ambassadors program. The goal of the program, ironically, is to bring people together from different countries in an effort to promote world peace through face-to-face encounters. President Dwight Eisenhower founded the program five decades ago.

While at Heathrow Airport, Davis and his companions learned their flight had been canceled. The group, he recalled, was "calmly" ushered from the airport. Before flying to Germany for the trip home, the students were treated to

ways of dispelling the tension by such things as a trip to an amusement park.

Although some of the students were upset by the developments,

the chaperones remained "calm and reassuring," Davis recalled. However, his mother, Wanda Marie, understandably was concerned when she received a tele-

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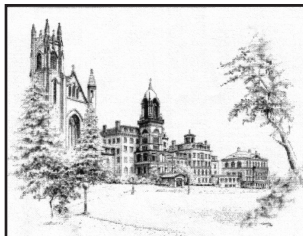
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## End of an era at Bergen Catholic

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"One of the most respected faculty members in school history, he served in a variety of roles for 46 of the first 51 years of the school's existence. He has left an indelible impression on not only the thousands of students that he instructed or coached, but also on the administrators and faculty members that he worked side-by-side with for almost one-half of a century," explained a spokesman.

"It is said that a teacher touches eternity," Bergen Catholic Principal Dr. Joseph S. Fusco noted. "In 46 years,



**Christopher J. Donfield**

Chris has touched the eternity of countless students. I have always admired his ability to stay forever young in his profession."

Donfield grew up in Teaneck and earned a full academic scholarship to Fordham Prep in The Bronx, a few years before Bergen Catholic opened its doors in Paramus. The school moved to its current campus in Oradell a year later. Donfield moved on to Fordham University, where he majored in English and Accounting.

It was at Fordham Prep, however, that he received the inspiration from a teacher to pursue a career in teaching.

After spending a year working for an insurance company after his graduation from college, Donfield became aware of a job opening at Bergen Catholic. His interview with the school's founding principal, Brother Eugene D. McKenna, C.F.C.

Donfield joined the faculty in September, 1960 as a Latin and English instructor. Two months later, he took the court for the first time as the head freshman basketball coach, kicking off a specu-

lar 40-year coaching career that is virtually unmatched in Bergen County basketball history.

The Fordham University graduate guided the freshman squad for four seasons and the J.V. team for two others over his first six years, compiling an overall record of 90-33. He served as a varsity assistant for two of those seasons, and found the time to coach the freshman baseball team three seasons.

Donfield received his big break in 1966, when legendary varsity head coach John Mazziotta stepped down.

Things did not start out as smoothly as Donfield would have liked that season as his team lost its first three games. But the Crusaders rebounded to finish 13-10. Donfield endured the only losing season of his 40-year career the following year (4-17), but he would start a streak of 31 straight winning seasons in 1968-69.

His "winning seasons" were more than the "just-over-.500" type. Coach Donfield's teams produced a staggering total of 18 seasons of 20-or-more wins, including a run of eight consecutive years from 1988 to 1995 and 16 such accomplishments in a 21-year period from 1975 to 1995. His teams won at least 15 games in 29 of his 34 seasons, and recorded 12-or-more victories in all but his lone losing season. All told, he compiled a Bergen County boys-record 648 wins in his 878-game career.

Starting in 1971, Coach Donfield would lead his teams to 30 straight Bergen County Jamboree appearances, an unprecedented feat. He coached in the most games in Jamboree history (81), and produced the most wins (57), Championship-Game appearances (13), and championships won (6). He did not win his first Jamboree title until 1977, but won five others in a nine-year period from 1986 to 1994.

Donfield's record was just as impressive in the state tournament, which his teams qualified for a total of 33 times in 34 seasons. His squads won a total of 45 state tournament games and reached the Parochial "A" North Championship Game 15 times (including 11 appearances in 14 seasons from 1983 to 1996), winning the Sectional crown a total of seven times. His teams would also win two State Parochial "A" titles (1978 and 1994).

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**SCHOOL DAYS**—It was a sea of bright smiles at Blessed Pope John XXIII Academy, West Orange, as it opened the new school year with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sept. 6 to mark its launch as a co-sponsored school. Principal Lynda Wright, inset, welcomed students, parents, teachers and honored guests—a list of dignitaries that included N.J. Sen. Richard Codey; Father Kevin Hanbury, archdiocesan vicar for education and superintendent of schools; Sister Patricia Butler, associate superintendent of schools and elementary school administration; Father Joseph A. Petrillo, the pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish; and Father Richard G. Francesco, the pastor of St. Joseph Parish. The academy is a co-sponsorship alliance between the two West Orange parishes, representing one of the featured new school models being developed in the archdiocese to address shifting demographic trends and financial challenges (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Aug. 23).



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# Schools set open house dates

AREA—High schools throughout the Archdiocese of Newark have scheduled fall open house programs.

**Marist High School** in Bayonne will hold its open house Oct. 1 at 1 p.m. for parents and students in grades five through eight.

The open house will provide the opportunity to see the school's college preparatory curriculum in action. On display will be such programs as science experiments, computer labs, advanced placement courses, independent study and on-line learning. Visitors will also be able to see the state-of-the-art library media center now under construction.

**Paramus Catholic High School** has scheduled its open house for sixth through eighth graders and

their parents on Sept. 24 from 1 to 4 p.m. Mass and a brunch at 10 a.m. will precede the formal program.

For additional information call the admissions office at (201) 446-4466, ext. 104.

Oradell's **Bergen Catholic High School** has an open house planned for Sept. 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. There will be continuous presentations and student guided tours. Future open houses are slated for Oct. 26 and Jan. 24 both from 7 to 9 p.m. Students interested in becoming a Crusader for a Day are welcome to visit classes daily. Call the admissions office at (201) 634-4151 to schedule an appointment.

**St. Peter's Preparatory School** in Jersey City will hold its fall open house Oct. 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. Call (201) 547-6389 or visit [www.spprep.org](http://www.spprep.org).

# New principal at Visitation School

JERSEY CITY—Margaret Mary McDermott, a veteran school administrator and educator, is the new principal at Visitation School.

McDermott served in various administrative positions in the Jersey City School District. She was responsible for implementing and supervising various programs to improve academic achievement.

She was educated at Academy of St. Aloysius, College of Saint Elizabeth and Seton Hall University.

Saying she "values" her Catholic education and is "proud" to be principal, McDermott said she is "looking forward to working with the fac-

ulty, staff, parents and students in continuing to implement the high educational program existing at Visitation."

Also new to the staff is Joanne Ferrara who previously taught at Holy Rosary Academy. She will instruct first graders.

On Sept. 20 staff, parents and the student body will attend a Mass of the Holy Spirit concelebrated by Msgr. Charles Stengel and Father Michael Santora, pastors of St. John the Baptist and Our Lady of Mount Carmel parishes respectively, the schools that comprise Visitation School.

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# Nearly 600 students return to classroom at CSE

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Nearly 200 first-year Women's College students turned out for orientation.

First-year students were kept

busy with a variety of activities during the three-day orientation. Activities included helping assemble 250 "Back to School" kits for K-8 grade students attending St. Rose of Lima School in Newark as part of a community service project. Kits included basic school supplies and a letter from CSE students

encouraging the youngsters to stay in school.

"The first few weeks of college can be an awfully frightening experience," said Sharon McNulty, director of Counseling Services at CSE. "Students find themselves away from home for the first time, with new people and new communities that can leave them feeling either anxious or lonely.

These activities help students get to know their community as well as one another," she said. "It is a way to let students know that there are plenty of ways to get involved, here at CSE."

According to Katherine Buck, dean of students at CSE, the theme of orientation, "Dreams Under Construction," was selected to reflect both the college experience that incoming students are about to



Photo by Courtney Smolen

First-year Women's College student of Millburn receives a warm welcome from "Lizzy" the Eagle at the College of Saint Elizabeth.

embark on, as well as construction of a new Fine and Performing Arts Center, the Annunciation Center.

Meanwhile, the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies

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**9/11 PRAYERS**—Julia Scheuring and Kaeli McGowan, students at Holy Family School in Norwood, were among the students who gathered on Sept. 11 at a prayer service for the victims of the terrorist attacks. Father Charles Urnick of Immaculate Conception Parish, read the Gospel and delivered the homily reminding the students that many people worldwide bonded together following the attacks. He encouraged the young people to foster such loving attitudes in their everyday lives. A moment of silence was observed at 8:46 a.m. and 9:03 a.m.—the times each tower of the World Trade Center was struck by the hijacked airliners.

## Call out to prospective freshmen

AREA—Open houses have been scheduled at Saint Joseph Regional High School in Montvale, Elizabeth's St. Mary of the Assumption High School and Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark.

The open house at St. Joseph High School is on Oct. 1 from noon until 3 p.m. for prospective seventh and eighth grade boys and their parents. Students will provide tours and there will be the opportunity to speak with faculty, administrators and parents.

For additional information and/or directions call (201) 391-3300.

Sept. 24 starting at 2 p.m. is the open house at St. Mary's. Accessible by public transportation, the school features small class size with some 90 percent of

its graduates going beyond the secondary level. The open house will provide the opportunity to meet student and faculty along with a look at the recently remodeled school building.

Mother Seton will have an informal open house Sept. 27 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. for sixth through eighth grade girls and their parents. There will be tours, a chance

to examine the curricular and co-curricular programs, learn about transportation and meet with the administration, guidance members and staff.

The school will hold a Freshman for a Day program Nov. 1 from 9:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. To register or request another day call the Guidance Department. The main number is (732) 382-1952.



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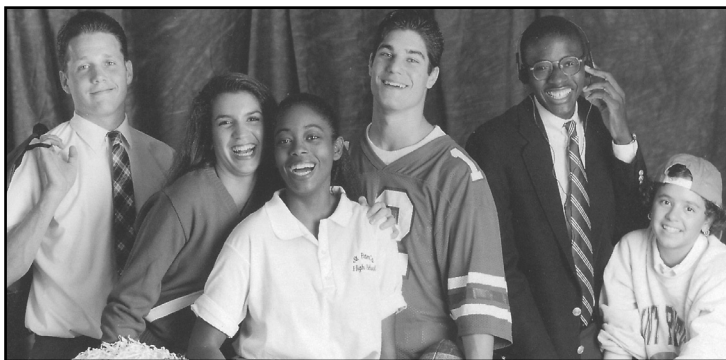
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# Castro and Cuba

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appears on screen and reads a proclamation—a letter from Castro saying he will temporarily pass authority to his brother Raul. It was read calmly and objectively and there were no comments made and no questions asked. Then the soap opera resumed and that was it. We all thought Castro was dead,” Garcia recalled.

Cuba’s two newspapers later printed front-page stories that, according to Garcia, praised Raul Castro. “The articles said he was ‘very brave during the revolution’ and said he was ‘very important to the Communist Party.’ The newspapers were preparing people for Raul’s leadership, but Raul is not a leader,” she said.

Most Cubans say Raul Castro does not have the same charisma as Fidel. “When Castro dies, there will be friction between Raul and the new generation (of leaders),” she said.

Cuba, according to the dictates of Castro, is a “secular” country and practicing any religion is frowned upon. In the past, Castro deemed the country “atheist” and Catholics were actively persecuted. However, since Pope John Paul II’s historic visit to Cuba in January 1998, restrictions on practicing Catholicism have been loosened.

“There is now more freedom to be Catholic now than when I visited three years ago,” Garcia explained. “There are CCD lessons in every parish and the Church is growing so fast. It is not the same kind of repression as in the past and, after John Paul II visited, there is an openness to say you are Catholic.”

Here in this corner of Hudson County, where many Cubans have settled over the years, there was no shortage of opinions from Catholics on Castro and the unfolding situation in their homeland—one of the last vestiges of Cold War communism.

Even though being Catholic does not inflict the same contempt by the Cuban government as in the past, memories of being ostracized still haunt many Cuban expatriates.

Margarita Gutierrez was raised in Cuba and has lived in the United States for 20 years. “Most people don’t know the sad reality of what goes on in Cuba,” Gutierrez said. “Although I went to college, most Catholics were not allowed to go. If you were accepted in, you were not allowed to study medicine or any other field in which you interacted with people.

“When I was younger, the police officers would tell young delinquents to throw stones at



Advocate photo — Melissa McNally

Cuban parishioners at St. Augustine Parish, Union City, stand beside a statue of Our Lady of Charity, the patron saint of Cuba. Pictured, left to right, are Sergio Villegas, Elsy Garcia, Margarita Gutierrez, Fidel Gonzalez and his wife Justa. Many Catholic Cuban expatriates in the close-knit Hudson County community harbor bitter memories of the Castro regime and pray for better days in their homeland.

me because they knew I was Catholic,” she continued. “I was in Mass once and the police came into the church and searched the altar and disrupted everything.”

Gutierrez was skeptical when she first heard the news of Castro’s failing health. “I thought the announcement was a dress rehearsal for when Castro actually dies. I believed the government wanted to see how people in Cuba and people outside of Cuba would react. I think this could be the opportunity for people to be free. It is time for Castro to stand before God and face divine justice.”

Though her memories of Cuba are minimal, Elsy Garcia, who left Cuba at the age of seven, continues to nurture her Cuban heritage and listen to the stories of her family about their journey to America. “My parents talk about their liberties being taken away and their loss of religious expression and

security. Because of what my family has been through, I value my own life and the fact that I can say, believe and think what I want.”

Elsy Garcia’s parents were practicing Catholics in Cuba and she believes her family is nourished by faith. Her reaction to Castro’s transfer of power and failing health is joyous because of what it means to the older generation of Cubans. “I think it is a psychological relief and closure for a generation of Cubans. This person has destroyed so many lives and so many families and will never be the same. The only one that will judge Castro is God. When he comes face to face with Him, he will realize the damage he has done.”

Like a great number of Cubans, Fidel Gonzalez fled to Mexico and moved to Miami in 1967. While studying law in Cuba, he knew Fidel Castro and aided in the revolution. “We were both opposed to

then-President Fulgencio Batista, but I saw that Castro was taking a different angle. He was a leader in college, but I did not like his personality. I became a public defender and fought for those who were sanctioned by the government.”

Castro led the revolution that overthrew Batista and seized power in 1959.

Gonzalez was in Miami when he heard the news of Castro’s operation, where there were celebrations in the streets from the large Cuban population. “I think it’s significant that most of the people celebrating were young people who feel ties to their Cuban heritage. I believe this is the beginning of the end of communism in Cuba. One cannot keep the oppression for so long. I pray for Castro in a different way. I pray that the Lord receives him with the same enthusiasm in which we send him.”

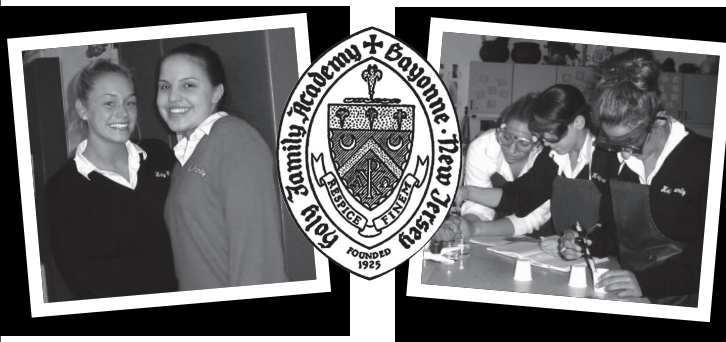
As chair of the archdiocesan New Energies Transition Project at St. Augustine Parish and a Eucharistic minister, Sergio Villegas confessed he was placed in jail in Cuba for 12 days after the failed Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961—an incident that brought considerable embarrassment to the United States.

“I was very outspoken when I was younger and made it known that I was opposed to communism,” Villegas said. “It was a Christian brother at my college that said I should leave Cuba and had connections for me to get visa to Panama. It was my faith that got me through those days.”

Like Gonzalez, Villegas is also praying for Castro in unique way. “I pray for an extension on Castro’s life to have him change his mind and his heart.”

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## Kearny Center workshop to weigh parish, young adult connections

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE  
Editor

KEARNY—The Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center will sponsor a workshop on Monday, Oct. 2, titled: “Preparing a Place; Becoming a Young-Adult Responsive Parish.”

Organized by the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministries and Plainfield-based RENEW International, the workshop will focus on ways to engage young adults in parish activities through leadership roles, greater participation in the liturgy and a deeper commitment to Church service.

Sister Loretta DeDomenicis, F.M.A., director of young adult ministry at the Kearny center,

said the forum is geared for pastors and clergy, parish youth ministers, catechetical leaders, adult faith formation leaders and young adults.

The Oct. 2 workshop will run from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the center, located here at 499 Belgrove Dr. A \$5 per person admission fee will include lunch.

Contact Sister Loretta at (201) 998-0088, ext. 4147 for details.

In addition to plans for the Oct. 2 workshop, the Youth Retreat Center unveiled the appointments of Tracey Vieira (ext. 4153) as associate director of retreats and spirituality, and Rich Donovan (ext. 4155), special events coordinator.

## Parish to host Healing Mass

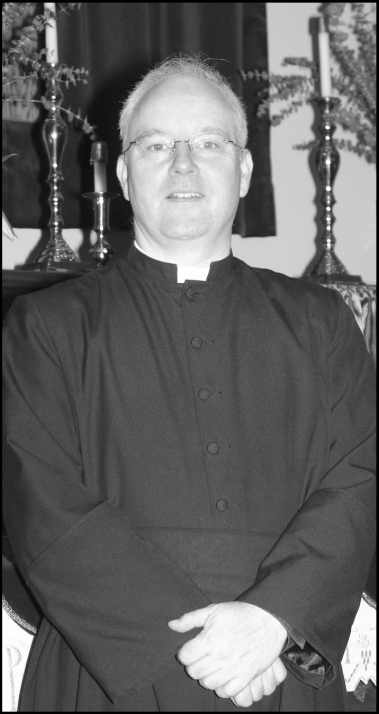
WYCOFF — Father Phil Latronico, the chaplain for the Community of Gods’ Love, will celebrate a Healing Mass Oct. 5 at 8:00 p.m. at the Church of St. Elizabeth located at 700 Wyckoff Ave.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered to all who request it, and prayer teams will be available for individual needs. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Additional information is available by calling the parish office at (201) 891-1122.



**LATIN RITE**—Saint Anthony of Padua Chapel, West Orange, celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation according to the traditional pre-Vatican II Latin rite, on Sept. 16. Father Anthony Forte, pictured at the chapel altar, is the pastor of Saint Anthony. Most Reverend John W. Flesey, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, served as the main celebrant. This marked the first time in 35 years that the sacrament was celebrated in the traditional Latin rite within the archdiocese. Two years ago Archbishop John J. Myers designated the chapel as a site for the celebration of the Mass and the sacraments according to the traditional pre-Vatican II Latin rite.



Advocate photo — M. Gabriele

Grandparents to be honored


JERSEY CITY— Grandparents Day, founded to champion the cause of lonely elderly residing in nursing homes and to encourage children to learn from the wisdom and heritage of their grandparents, will be held Sept. 24 by the Cusack Care Center at St. Joseph’s Home for the Blind. The brunch, beginning at noon, will be held at Liberty House Restaurant in Liberty State Park . Hosted by the Center’s Grateful Families Committee, the brunch will honor Grandparents of the Year, Anthony & Grace Gargiulo who have been married 54 years. For further information or to purchase tickets to the brunch call Susan Sims, Director of Development at (201) 653-8300 x 2161

‘Legislative Dialogue’ forum to gather in Clark Oct. 18

CLARK— Archbishop John J. Myers will host an “Evening of Legislative Dialogue” on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m., at Mother Seton Regional High School, 1 Valley Rd. The event is designed to address legislative issues and concerns for the archdiocesan Catholic community. Presentations will be made in the areas of social concerns, education issues, and respect for life issues. Attending legislators will have the opportunity to give a response to each of the presentations. Audience members will be invited to meet and greet the attending legislators over refreshments immediately following the conclusion of the formal program. Contact Mary McElroy, the director of the N.J. Alliance of Catholic School Families at (973) 596-4046, or Kay Furlani, the archdiocesan director of the office of Human Concerns, at (973) 497-4341 for more information.

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WEDNESDAYS FOR WOMEN: MARY: SAYING YES TO GOD’S WORD, Sr. Judy Mertz, SC

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EXPERIENCE OF PRAYER: USING A JOURNAL  
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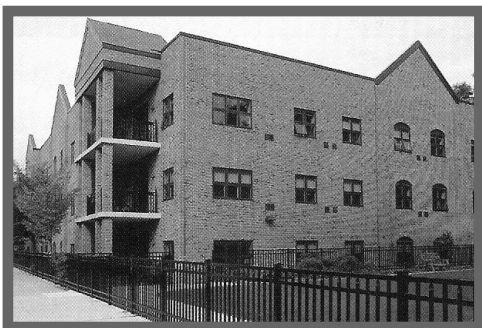
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## Health forum for women slated Oct. 7

NEWARK — Cathedral Healthcare System, in partnership with Mount Sinai School of Medicine, will host Women's Health Advocacy, designed to raise awareness about breast cancer and other women's health issues, Oct. 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Savoy Grill restaurant, 60 Park Pl.

The free event will feature a panel of expert speakers and a question-and-answer session.

M. Michelle Blackwood, M.D., F.A.C.S., medical director of The Connie Dwyer Breast Center at Saint Michael's Medical Center, and Lois Greene, R.N., administrative director of the Cathedral Regional Cancer Center, will join Andrea Forman, MS, C.G.C., a Certified Genetic Counselor at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, and Hayley S. Thompson, Ph.D., of the Program for Cancer Prevention and Control at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, to speak about breast cancer statistics, research and treatment.

Discussion will focus, in part, on clinical trials and the vital role they play in testing the efficacy of potentially life-saving treatments. They will also address gender and racial inequalities in today's healthcare system.

All those interested in learning about women's health issues are encouraged to attend. Seating is limited, and reservations should be made before Oct. 2 by calling (973) 877-5099, or by e-mail, at [loisg@cathedralhealth.org](mailto:loisg@cathedralhealth.org).

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## Seminar to explore health impact on child's classroom performance

ELIZABETH—Research in children's mental health shows that a variety of factors can make it difficult for children to adapt to the classroom setting as early as pre-school age. Research also shows that through early intervention, childhood disorders can be addressed and the prognosis improved.

Trinitas Hospital, in partnership with Community Coordinated Child Care of Union County, will host a free program Oct. 5, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Grassman Hall at the New Point campus, 655 East Jersey St.

"Early Childhood Issues and Their Impact on School Performance" is designed as an educational program for Early Childhood professionals such as preschool and day care teachers, social workers, nurses and pediatricians.

Other individuals who work with this population are also invited to attend.

"By helping early childhood professionals distinguish between disruptive behaviors such as age-appropriate acting-out behaviors to more severe situations that may need clinical attention, chances are improved for children to experience greater success in school," notes Dinorah Frontera, Psy.D., director of the Therapeutic Nursery.

In addition to Dr. Frontera, other staff members of the Behavioral Health and Psychiatry Department, including Amy Borg-Glickman, MD, Kristin Briggs, EdD, and Fawn McNeil-Haber, PhD, are also scheduled to speak at the seminar.

Topics include: Behavior Management in the Classroom, Treatment Options and the Uses of Psychotropic Medications in the Preschool Population, The Impact Of Sexual Abuse, and Cultural Competency for Early Childhood Professionals. An overview of psychiatric diagnoses that can occur in this age group and how such diagnoses can impact behavior will also be discussed.

Pre-registration is required since space is limited. For further information and to pre-register contact Kelly Baker at (908) 994-7452 by Sept 29.

## Gennesaret Weekend planned

PRINCETON—Applications are being accepted for an Oct. 20-22 Gennesaret Weekend for the seriously ill at the Vincentian Renewal Center.

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This Fall is the 30th Gennesaret Retreat to be held in New Jersey.

Much of the planning centers on the physical well being of retreatants. That planning includes preliminary consultation by the medical staff. The weekend schedule includes time for rest, reflection, daily Mass, availability of the Sacrament of the Sick and talks by retreat spiritual directors.

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## Senior events open to public

ALLENDALE — The Atrium, an independent living residence at the Allendale Community for Mature Living, has several special programs open to the public.

At 3:30 p.m., on Sept. 27 there will be an apple picking festival and raffle.

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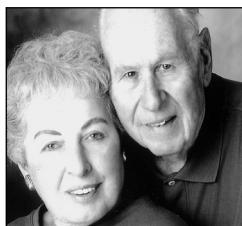
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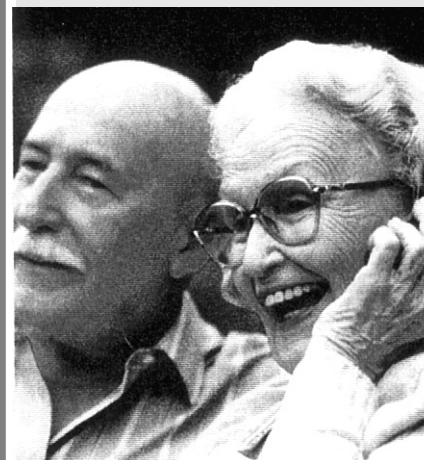
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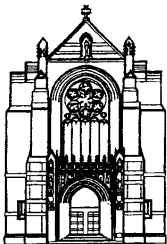
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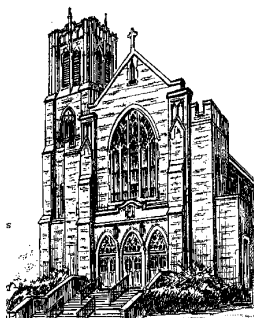
## Francis Fitzgerald

In grateful  
appreciation  
to you and the  
catechists of the  
Religious  
Education Program  
we thank you...



St. Francis  
Hoboken

The parish family of  
St. John the Evangelist  
Bergenfield  
offers its prayers and  
good wishes to  
**Ms. Paula Andrade**  
May His grace guide you  
in your work!



## St. James Church

Newark

wishes to thank

**Paulo Sociedade &  
Sr. Hilaria de Oliveira**

for their  
dedication to the faith.

*The Church of  
St. Francis Xavier  
Newark*

*wishes to thank*

**Sr. Clare Ricciardelli**  
*for her  
dedication to the faith.*



## Anna Rivera

We joyously celebrate your dedication and service



The Parish Community of  
St. Columba  
Newark

## Regina Sammon

May God bless  
you abundantly  
in your  
Catechetical  
ministry



St. Cassian  
Upper Montclair

The parish of St. Bernard of Clairvaux and  
St. Stanislaus Kostka

Plainfield

expresses its humble thanks to  
**Beverly Cirino-Pastoral Associate  
&**

**Patricia Cook-Coordinator of  
Religious Education**

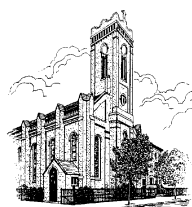


## Sr. Philomena Mc Cartney

your Church of  
**St. Benedict**

Newark

Assures you of our prayerful  
support in your ministry



St. Casimir  
Newark

applauds

**María Murano**

We are grateful for your generous  
service to God's people.

The Church of  
**St. Aloysius, Newark**

is grateful to

**Rev. Paulo Frade**

for all of his dedication  
to the faith.





*In this issue The Catholic Advocate  
continues its salute to the Catechists  
and the work they do for the faithful  
of the Archdiocese of Newark.*

**God bless them.**



The Parish family of **St. Aloysius**, Caldwell  
wishes to congratulate  
**Edward Karpinski**  
on Catechetical Sunday for all of his good work

*We are grateful to God for ...*

**Deacon Orlando Sanchez**



Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary/  
St. Michael  
Elizabeth

**Our Lady of Fatima**

Newark

warmly salutes

**Mary Jo Branco**

May God bless you as you  
shepherd us

Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Newark



Congratulates

**Sr. Maria Luisa Quiles**

on Catechetical Sunday.

*May His Grace guide you!*

**The Church  
of St. Anne**

Garwood

Wishes to  
Thank

**Diane Phillips**



May God  
continue to  
Bless you!

**Regina  
Oliveira**

Your church,  
**Our Lady of  
Mt. Carmel,**

Newark

wishes you the best  
of all things blessed.



**Diana R. Kelly**

*May the Holy Spirit continue  
to guide you in all you do.*

**Immaculate Conception,  
Elizabeth**

*The Church of Sacred Heart,  
Newark-Vailsburg  
expresses its humble thanks to*  
**Delores Thompson**  
*Director of Faith Formation*



*We offer prayers and blessings for*  
**Rose Melillo**  
*this Catechetical Sunday and everyday*

The Parish Family of  
Holy Family  
Linden

The  
**Church of the Epiphany**  
Cliffside Park

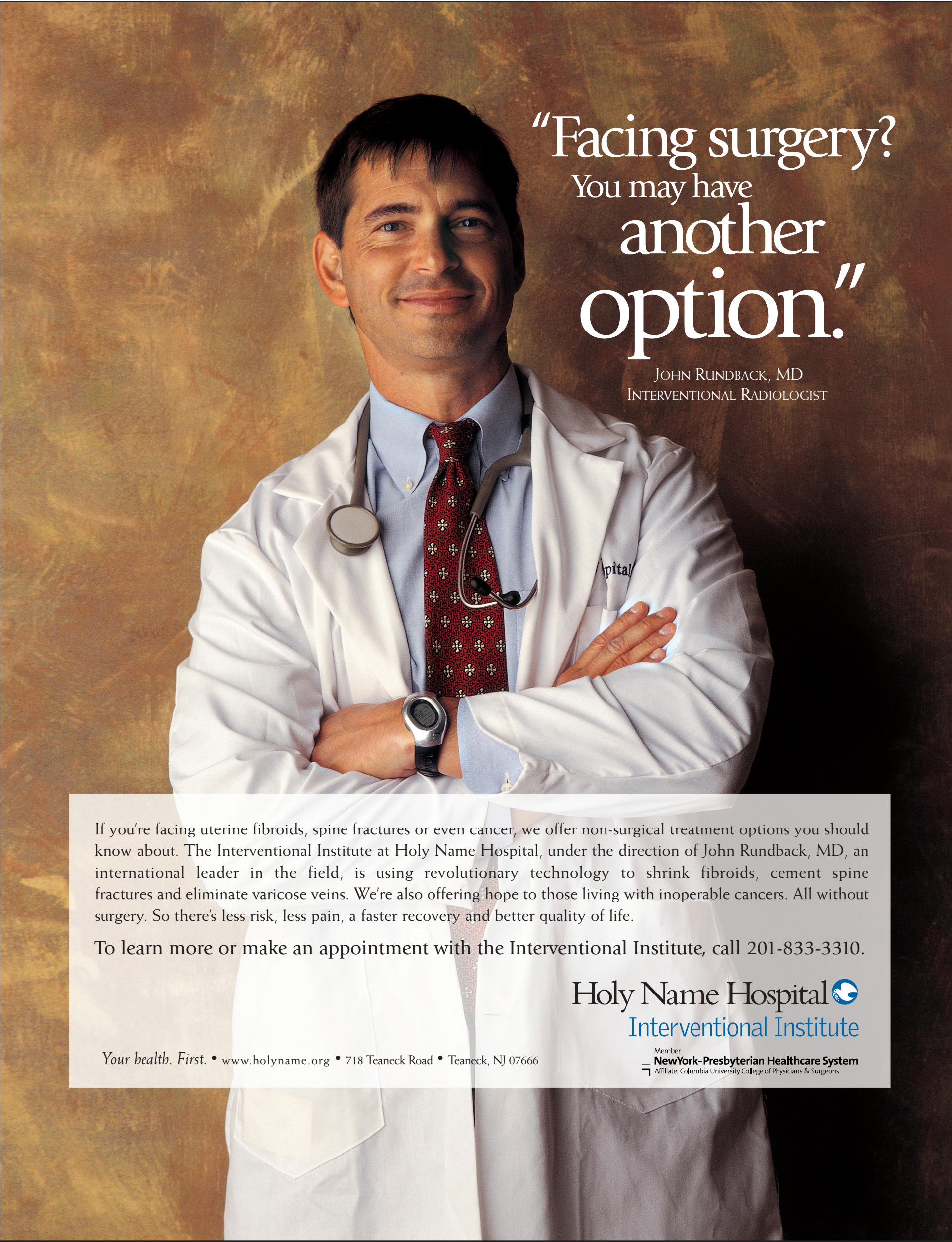
extends happy congratulations to  
**Ms. Donna Murtagh**  
for her years of service to God's people.

The Parish  
family of  
**Christ the King**  
Hillside  
Extends a warm  
Thank You to  
**Gloria J. Ferro**



May your ministry  
be blessed!





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# Venerate The Heart of Saint John Vianney Patron Saint of Parish Priests.

You Are Invited to Take Part in  
This Unique Spiritual Event.

October 7, 10 & 11, 2006

At Curé of Ars Church, Merrick, Long Island

In 1925, Pope Pius XI canonized Jean-Marie Baptiste Vianney as the Patron Saint of Parish Priests, and Pope John XXIII proclaimed him to be a role model for all priests to emulate. Now, for the first time since his canonization into sainthood, the miraculously incorrupt heart of the Saint will leave France for veneration at Curé of Ars Church in Merrick, Long Island.

## *Reflect on the Good Works*

In these difficult times, all Catholics are invited to venerate this sacred relic. Let us reflect on the life of Saint John Vianney, the gift of the priesthood, and the good works priests perform everyday throughout the world. Most importantly, let us remember that the Eucharist, the heart of Catholicism, is received through the sacred hands of the priest.

## *Five Sacred Days of Veneration and Celebration*

From the presentation of the sacred relic on Saturday, October 7, to its departure on the evening of October 11, there will be celebrations of Masses, Vespers, Confessions, and Veneration of the relic. **Special days will be set aside for Curé of Ars parishioners, the clergy, religious, and all the faithful. Read below for dates and times or visit [www.TheCatholicHeart.org](http://www.TheCatholicHeart.org).**



The "Incorrupt" heart of Saint John Vianney.



The Saint's own Chalice will be used in the celebration of all Masses.



The Church of the Curé D' Ars, France, where Saint John Vianney served.



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Curé of Ars Church is located at: 2323 Merrick Avenue, Merrick, NY 11566

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

10:30am - 2:00pm Veneration and confessions  
5:00pm - 6:00pm Holy Mass  
6:00pm - 10:00pm Veneration and confessions

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

10:30am - 12:00pm Veneration and confessions  
12:30pm Holy Mass  
2:00pm - 7:30pm Veneration and confessions  
7:30pm Vespers  
8:30pm - 10:00pm Veneration and confessions

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

10:30am - 1:30pm Veneration and confessions  
1:30pm - 2:30pm Closing Holy Mass  
Sunday, October 8, Curé of Ars Parishioners Only.  
Monday, October 9, Clergy, Religious and Seminarians Only.