

Pantries distribute food, but dignity provides nourishment

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE

NEWARK—Thanksgiving is a time for Catholics to celebrate with their families and enjoy food. It is also a time for Catholics to think about helping families in need—those who have very little food to enjoy.

Feeding those in need, as described in the Gospel of Matthew, is a ministry and outreach effort that takes place throughout the year by the Emergency Food and Nutrition Network (EFNN), a unit of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark. EFNN supports a network of 75 emergency food pantries in the four counties of the archdiocese. (Many individual parishes in the archdiocese sponsor similar, separate programs.)

The food pantry at Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo Parish, located here at 15 Van Ness Place, is one of the emergency food pantries on front line in the battle against hunger. Helen Brooks and Mary Fussell, food pantry coordinators at the parish, lead a staff of eight volunteers. The pantry, established in 1980, is open four days each month and also provides hot meals to Newark residents.

Brooks said treating people with dignity is at the heart of her ministry. Father Anselm I. Nwaorgu, Ph.D., the pastor of Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo, agreed, explaining that the hospitality of a food pantry is Continued on page 14



LAW ENFORCEMENT SALUTED—Archbishop John J. Myers (center), Father Michael Andreano, vice chancellor/assistant to the vicar general (left), and Rev. Msgr. Richard F. Groncki (right), rector of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, leave the Cathedral amidst the sound of bagpipe bands on Nov. 9 following the 14th annual Blue Mass for Law Enforcement. Gov. John Corzine and Newark Mayor Cory Booker were among the dignitaries who attended the Mass. In his homily Archbishop Myers cited the fact that police officers and law enforcement officials "risk their lives to protect ours." He termed their calling "noble" and their service "indispensable."



Helen Brooks, a food pantry coordinator at Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Newark, distributes food to the needy, but is always mindful that her true ministry is to treat people with respect and dignity. Those looking to contribute to EFNN's food pantry outreach can contact Sharon Reilly-Tobin at (973) 266-7941.

Forum weighs marriage verdict, conduct, 'mindset' of NJ court

BY WARD MIELE Managing Editor

NEWARK—Legal ramifications in the courtroom and Trenton over the controversial New Jersey Supreme Court decision on samesex marriage were explored Nov. 6 at a special Seton Hall Law School forum.

The state's high court held Oct. 25 in Lewis v. Harris by a 4-3 vote that same-sex couples are entitled to the same legal rights and privileges under the state Constitution as married heterosexual couples. The ruling, however, did not declare same-sex marriage as

"legal" but rather called for the state legislature to recast appropriate laws within 180 days.

In a statement issued in the wake of the decision, Archbishop John J. Myers said he was "saddened" by the court's action "which seeks to force the state to treat as marriages or the equivalent of marriages forms of sexual association that are inherently non-marital" (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Nov. 8).

Hosted by the law school and New Jersey Lawyers chapters of The Federalist Society, discussion centered on same-sex marriage, civil unions, the separation of powers and semantics. The Federalist Society is, according to its literature, "a group of conservatives and libertarians interested in the current state of the legal order."

Moderated by John B. Weffing, law school professor, the panelists included Assemblyman Richard A. Merkt, parliamentarian to the State Assembly, District 25; Lawrence S. Lustberg, council to the plaintiffs; Professor Dale Carpenter of the University of Minnesota Law School and Matthew Spaulding, Ph.D., of The Heritage Foundation.

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Our Archdiocese

Observer in Kenya views daily grind for survival

Poverty engulfs people, attracts agents of terror

BY MELISSA MCNALLY Staff Writer

(This is part two of the feature on Catherine Furlani—the director of the Office of Human Concerns for the Archdiocese of Newark—on her recent journey to the east African nation of the Republic of Kenya. She was one of 10 people who traveled with Catholic Relief Services (CRS; www.crs.org) to tour Kenya in order to observe the quality of life in Africa. Part one, which appeared in the Nov. 8 edition of The Catholic Advocate, recounted her experience in Nairobi, the capital city of Kenya, Bamba Parish in Mombasa, and the Coastal Interfaith Clergy Coalition. Her visit to an orphanage that housed children whose parents had died from AIDS was among her most vivid observations.)

The issue of terrorism continues to loom as a serious threat to poor communities in Kenya, such as Mombasa. The Costal Interfaith Clergy Coalition, which is composed of Catholic, Christian and Muslim leaders, is trying to remedy this situation.

Furlani recalled meeting the coalition's Muslim leader who said that he sees young men recruited by Saudis to be trained by Islam fundamentalists on a regular basis. "The men then come back to Mombasa and preach this 'terrorist' Islam that is a seed of violence in the community," she said, recalling her conversation with this member of the coalition.

"One of the most important ways to fight terrorism is to reduce poverty around the world. Young men turn to these ideals because they get to support themselves and their families and they feel that they have some purpose and meaning in their lives. Reducing poverty is of permanent importance," Furlani stressed.

One of the high points of the journey to Kenya, Furlani said, was visiting the Child Survival Project in the Diocese of Embu. In 1984 Congress established a \$25-million Child Survival Fund for the purpose of reducing the infant mortality rate in poor countries. Furlani, along with thousands of others across the country, petitioned to have the fund established.

"I was an activist for Bread for the World and that organization fought for the Child Survival Fund to be established. I saw the program in Kenya and it continues to be funded over the years. I met with 10 to 12 volunteers in the rural area and they shared with us how they monitor the babies, how they encouraged mothers to breastfeed their babies and to nourish themselves. In America, we learn simple things through osmosis and we take some of this information for granted."

The Child Survival program provides medicine, even something as simple as a product available in U.S. supermarkets known as Pedialyte (an oral electrolyte maintenance solution that prevents dehydration) for babies with diarrhea, which could be fatal for undernourished infants. The health workers do follow-up visits on the babies and monitor their growth. "I saw how healthy and happy the children looked. It felt great to know that in my little corner of the world, I helped to see this program established."

Furlani also advocated, signed petitions, and met with legislatures in 1981 to increase the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID; Web site: www.usaid.gov) developmental assistance to people living in poverty. Her part in fighting for this assistance helped form the agriculture and water project at Makima Nduguni Dam in Embu.

"Through USAID, CRS was able to establish a program to build a reservoir in the drought prone area. This is a good program that you can see makes a difference in people's lives. Prior to the reservoir, women would have to leave their homes at 6 a.m. to get water from a well and would not return home until 2 p.m. The water is now at a shorter distance and it makes the people's lives easier. An elder in the community said that they don't get as sick as often or as severely and their health has improved dramatically because they now have clean sanitary water."

The agriculture program also encouraged farmers to grow less corn, which is their staple, and grow more drought-resistant crops such as beans and legumes. Maize has been a staple for generations and to make such a shift requires time and patience, Furlani said. However, the funding for the agricultural program, launched three years ago, is only for five years.

"That is not enough time," she declared. "The program needs more time to be self-sustaining and for one generation to pass their lessons on to another generation."

To help with programs in Kenya, CRS uses money from its annual collections. "Dollars in countries like Kenya go pretty far. The U.S. government funds a lot of programs. American Catholics need to know that it is important to advocate with elected officials to keep these programs going. I heard people in Kenya say that they are concerned about their sense of security. How they can be more secure is through reducing poverty which is very destabilizing," Furlani said.

Going to Kenya and seeing the work of CRS enriched Furlani's spiritual life and broadened her view of the world. "I came into the world with certain gifts and always had a more global vision. Those gifts were nurtured and expanded by Catholic school education and by being a One of the most important ways to fight terrorism is to reduce poverty around the world. Young men turn to these ideals because they get to support themselves and their families and they feel that they have some purpose and meaning in their lives.'

-Catherine Furlani

Catholic. It was neat to connect with Catholics in Kenya and to hear their hopes, dreams and visions.

"There is a sense of solidarity that the trip provided and I felt a deep human and spiritual connection to my brothers and sisters in Kenya," she continued. "We are one with one another and one in Christ. CRS is a magnificent organization and vehicle to be a part of helping people."

(Editor's note: for those seeking more information on how to support CRS programs in places like Kenya, Furlani suggests the following contact information Candice Harris (Program Assistant for Catholic Relief Services, Northeast Regional Office) 610-293-4669, extension 7522 or charris@crs.org.)



The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) delegation visits the Makima Nduguni Dam located in the Mbreere District in the Diocese of Embu. Since the dam was built two years ago, the people have clean drinking water. During the rainy season, the dam overflows forming a shallow river and pond where the animals can drink.

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Principal Madeline C. O'Sullivan gets familiar with the control panel for the new heating and air conditioning systems. O'Sullivan said the soundproofing project will improve the quality of life (and learning) for students, teachers and administrators at St. Stephen's School.

The sound of silence

Continued from page 4 However, the entire building will not be air-conditioned. According to a government formula for such cases, air conditioning can only be installed in rooms used at least 67 percent of the time for educational purposes, O'Sullivan said.

Looking back on the past dozen years, O'Sullivan is quick to point out that she has been "very fortunate" with the former and present pastors Msgr. Michael Desmond and Father Richard Cabezas, respectively. The current pastor, she stressed, saw the benefits of her quest and has been supportive throughout the entire process. "I am blessed with the people I work for," the principal added. She also was quick to underline the support provided by parents.

Sitting in the library recently amidst the renovation work, O'Sullivan said without hesitation that the years spent on making the soundproofing project a reality were "well worth it." It will, she went on, "improve the quality of life."

Čiting the Port Authority's role in such crucial areas as engineering expertise and decibel testing, Steve Belloise, executive director of the Office of Property Management Administration, said without that agency's involvement the St. Stephen's School renovation "would not have happened." His office, Belloise explained, represents the pastor in such vital areas as procuring bidders and overseeing the work.

Belloise noted that the windows—each one with a price tag of \$2,500—are triple-layer thick and filters the sunlight. Calling the windows "high tech," he noted that there are 20 classrooms on three floors.

"In this day and age of fiscal consciousness," Belloise stressed, "this upgrade of millions of dollars has sent a clear message that the school is here to stay." He also had words of praise for The Bennet Co. in Passaic, which has oversight over the engineering firm of Cardiulio Associates out of New York City for bringing in the massive project "way ahead of schedule."

Troy Simmons, a member of the Property Management Administration, is the project manager at St. Stephen. He called the renovations "unique," adding it is the kind of work "that you only dream about in a Catholic school."

Knights' toy drive begins

GARWOOD—The Knights of Columbus are collecting new, unwrapped toys on behalf of children at St. Joseph's Social Service Center, a coalition for the homeless in Elizabeth.

Donations can be dropped off weekdays after 4 p.m. at the Council Hall, 37 South Ave., located near the Pathmark supermarket.

The Knights ask that no toy guns or toys depicting violence be donated. Monetary donations should be made payable to the "Garwood K of C Toy Drive." Call (908) 789-9809 for information.

Gala to salute Cardinal McCarrick

SOUTH ORANGE—Seton Hall University's John C. Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations will honor His Eminence, Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington, at its Global Leadership Gala on Friday, Dec. 1, at Cipriani, 55 Wall Street, New York.

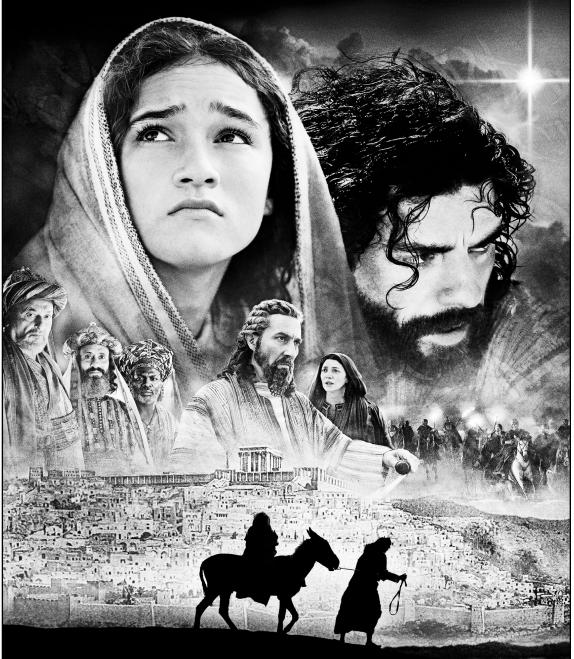
Honorary chairs for the event include Archbishop Celestino Migliore, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations; Newark Archbishop John J. Myers; and Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl of Washington

The Global Leadership Gala honors individuals

who embody the concept of global citizenship. In selecting His Eminence, the Whitehead School has focused on Cardinal McCarrick's support of the pope's efforts on the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant Peoples, and the Pontifical Commission for Latin America.

The school also will honor Cardinal McCarrick's service on the U.S. Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Religious Freedom Abroad and his membership on the United States Commission for International Religious Freedom.

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Around the Archdiocese



Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

ADMINISTRATOR

Reverend Juancho G. De Leon, Parochial Vicar of St. Valentine Parish, Bloomfield, has been appointed administrator effective Nov. 15.

CHAPLAIN

Reverend Beaubrun Ardouin, Pastor of St. Leo Parish, Irvington has been appointed chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Pope John Paul II Council #13991, Irvington, effective Nov. 6.

Reverend Frank Rose, Pastor of St. Bernard and St. Stanislaus Parish, Plainfield, has been appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Watchung Council #552, Plainfield, effective Nov. 8.

RELEASE

Reverend Jaroslaw Zaniewski, Administrator of St. Valentine Parish, Bloomfield, has been released to the Families of Nazareth Movement with residence at Holy Rosary Parish, Jersey City, effective Nov. 15.

November 24 **Missionary Franciscan**

Sisters, Tenafly, Christmas Fair, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., through Nov. 26, (201) 568-0478.

November 26

Holy Trinity/Epiphany Parish, Newark, pre-Advent potato pancake party, after 11:30 a.m. Mass, cost: \$15, (973) 589-2001.

Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington, Holy Hour for the Feast of Christ the King, I-3 p.m., (201) 997-0700.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Orange, 110 anniversary, 11:30 a.m. Mass, luncheon at 1:30-5:30 p.m. at Hanover Manor, East Hanover, cost: \$50 for adults, \$25 for children, call Carmelina Bellofatto at (973) 428-8136.

St. Phillip the Apostle Parish, Saddle Brook, craft show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., (201) 843-1888

St. Henry Parish, Bayonne, Adoration of the Holy Sacrament, 1:30-5 p.m. followed by evening prayer service for the Feast of Christ the King, (201) 436-0857.



November 28

Christian Brothers Academy, Lincroft, "Guys and Dolls" auditions for female high school students, 3:30-5:30 p.m., (732) 758-1118.

November 29

St. John the Apostle Parish, Clark/Linden, charismatic prayer group, 7:45-9:15 p.m., also on Dec. 6, 13, and 20, (908) 486-6363.

Archdiocesan Center, Newark, The Compendium of the Catechism and the Catechism for Adults: "What Difference Do They Make In My Ministry?," 9 a.m.-noon, cost: \$5, call Rocio Pozzo at (973) 497-4285.



Caldwell College, Christmas Spectacular, 8 p.m., cost: \$15, \$12 for students, (973) 618-3520 or (973) 698-6927.

Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Teresa, Jersey City, Mass and meeting, 3:15 p.m., call Katherine Crossan (201) 689-1471



St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, day retreat, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., call Anna at (973) 338-9538.

Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, craft fair, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., (732) 382-1952.

St. John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale, Chanticleer performance benefiting Don Bosco Preparatory School, 8 p.m., cost: \$45-\$12, (201) 327-8003 ext. 188.

Archdiocesan Center, Newark, Christian Foundation for Ministry graduates, Advent prayer and reflection, 9 a.m.noon, cost: \$10, (973) 497-4350.

December 3

Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Teresa, Jersey City, pre-Christmas luncheon at the Casino in the Park, I p.m., call Katherine Crossan (201) 689-1471.

St. Mary of the Assumption, Elizabeth, potluck dinner, 3 p.m., call June at (862) 432-8124.

Holy Rosary Parish, Jersey City, Schola Cantorum on the Hudson performance, 4 p.m., cost: \$20, \$15 for seniors and students, (201) 918-3011.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, career recourses workshop, noon, call Carol Shea at (201) 447-4215.

Holy Redeemer slates novena

WEST NEW YORK-Holv Redeemer Parish will hold a novena in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Dec. 3 with vespers at 5 p.m. Novena prayer will take place every evening at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 11 p.m. A mariachi group will perform at masses on Sunday Dec. 10.

Holy Redeemer, which serves Our Lady Help of Christians here and St. John in Guttenberg, is also offering classes in the music, history and formation of Gregorian chant. Classes are free of charge and will be held in the Padre Pio Parish Center Saturdays at 1 p.m. Call (201) 868-9444 for more information.

The parish will hold an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during Advent, with vespers and Eucharistic benediction every Sunday at 5 p.m.

St. Therese School. Creskill. Christmas shoppers' bazaar, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.. Vendors will include national companies such as Pampered Chef and Avon. Proceeds benefit the Class of 2007. (201) 384-6824

December 4

St. Joseph Regional High School, Montvale, Christmas craft show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., cost: \$2, (201) 391-2099.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, Rosary/Novena, 7 p.m., (908) 232-1162.

December 6

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City, annulment information meeting, 7:30 p.m., (973) 497-4327.

December 7

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, "Advent Women: Mary and Elizabeth Waiting in Hope, Remembering the Promise," 7:30 p.m., call Anna at (973) 338-9538.

St.Vincent Nursing Home

Auxiliary, Cedar Grove, luncheon and fashion show, 12:15 p.m. cost: \$45, call Patricia Braun at (973) 744-4619.

December 8

Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Teresa, Jersey City, Mass and rededication of the Christmas Creche, 3:15 p.m., call Katherine Crossan (201) 689-1471.



St. Andrew Parish, Westwood, fresh Christmas wreaths sold at \$18 each. Small grave blankets are available for \$16 and large grave blankets for \$26. Available for pickup on Dec. 2 and 3 after all masses. Call (201) 358-6895.

Benedictine Center, Elizabeth, Advent Retreat Weekend for Women, \$100, Dec. 1-3 p.m.; Advent Day Retreat, Dec. 2. \$25, (908) 353-3028.

Ad correction

The full-page Newark Teachers Union ad on page 34 of the Aug. 23 labor issue of The Catholic Advocate contained erroneous listings of union officers. The correct names are Joseph DelGrosso, president; Christine "Roz" Samuels, secretary treasurer and Pietro M. Petino, executive director.

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Commentary/Editorials

Elizabeth schools reflect core values, essential thrust of Catholic education

BY LAURA CRISTIANO

Special to The Catholic Advocate

One of the biggest challenges facing a new chief executive officer in corporate America or a newly appointed vicar of education in a Catholic archdiocese is getting to know the people who are at the heart of the institution. How do these dedicated religious and lay men and women effectively run a school in a society that values the sound bite and the quick fix?

The answer is surprisingly simple: by running a school that is truly Catholic, a school whose mission is wide reaching and all embracing.

As the newly appointed director of marketing and public relations for the Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Newark, I recently had the privilege of accompanying Father Kevin Hanbury, Ed.D.-the archdiocesan vicar for education and superintendent of schoolson a one-day tour of Elizabeth, which has five Catholic elementary schools and three Catholic high schools.

Father Hanbury and I found the ideals of a Catholic education vividly evident in the Elizabeth. Catholic education has always been at the bedrock of education and commu-

nity life in Elizabeth. Ironically, two new public schools—Father Charles J. Hudson School 25; and Monsignor João Antão School 31—are named after influential Catholic priests who dedicated their lives to the welfare of the people of Elizabeth.

Fortunately for our Catholic schools, the story of Catholic influence in Elizabeth does not end with these devoted men. Such dedication lives on today in the city's Catholic schools, with faith-based values intertwined into the curriculum.

During our tour we found that the Catholic schools in Elizabeth are as diverse as the city itself, while not compromising the ideals of Catholic education. Whether the schools are located in the urban downtown area or on a pastoral campus, the results are the same. High schools such as St. Patrick's, St. Mary's, and Benedictine Academy keep up with the latest in technology with renovated science labs and equipment such as smart boards. Their recent graduates, some of whom have earned as much as a semester's worth of credit via Advanced Placement courses, are attending prestigious universities such as Columbia and Villanova.

Beyond these laudable accomplishments, however, is something that is even more greatly esteemed. Catholic values are put into practice daily as a result of this faith-based education experience. The students not only respect their teachers but each other. From there they reach out into the community volunteering in day care facilities, soup kitchens and congressional programs.

It should come as little surprise that the vibrant spirit in the high schools is just as apparent in elementary schools. Students don't just learn their "ABC's" and multiplication tables. They find themselves challenged to do more than they thought possible.

For example, at St. Mary of the Assumption, which is located on South Broad Street, students and faculty alike are taking

part in the "100 book" challenge, striving to get away from the TV and video games. By the end of the year each participant hopes to read 100 books.

Students are instilled with the notion that they are active players in the world around them. Learning about historical peacemakers such as Gandhi or Martin Luther King, Jr. is not just left to a chapter in a social studies book. Students at the elementary schools take an active part in events such as International Peace Day. For example, at Št. Mary of the Assumption, St. Genevieve, Blessed Sacrament. St.

Patrick Academy and St. Anthony students created peace flags, wrote essays about peacemakers, constructed mosaics and produced pinwheels for the event.

What does all of this bode for the future? Founded in 1665, Elizabeth (www.elizabethnj.org) is just one city within the Newark Archdiocese. With a diverse population of 125,000, it is the fourth-largest city in New Jersey and functions as a major port and transportation hub. Fortunately, the spirit and education found in Elizabeth is not unique to that city alone; it can be found throughout all Catholic schools in the archdiocese.

Technology may be advancing but Catholic education keeps up with the times while sticking the core values of its roots. Students are prepared for the rapidly advancing world around them while remaining grounded in their faith. They are instilled with a strong sense of self worth and full knowledge that they have a responsibility to their community and to the world beyond.

(Editor's note: Laura Cristiano is the director of marketing and public relations for the archdiocesan Schools Office. Earlier this year Archbishop John J. Myers appointed Father Hanbury as the archdiocesan vicar for education and superintendent of schools—see The Catholic Advocate, Feb. 22.)

Celebrating and providing honors to an important, youthful ministry

A n unwavering commitment to the Catholic faith and the limitless potential of youthful energy is an awesome combination that bodes well for the Church and its future.

That heartening scenario was on impressive display late last month at the annual Youth Ministry Recognition Sunday Mass.

The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark was filled with young people, clergy, Religious, family and adult mentors as the Church in Newark saluted its next generation. It was a well-deserved recognition.

This newspaper strongly supports the need for that ongoing recognition. As part of this spirit, *The Catholic Advocate*, during the last 18 months, has invested significant amounts of editorial space and resources to report on the many activities and issues of interest to young adults and teenagers in the four counties of the archdiocese. In an article that appeared in our Oct. 25 edition, a representative of Plainfield-based RENEW International, offered this insight: "Young adults are not the future of the Church; they are the present." We agree.

Too often teenagers and young adults are portrayed as lost amidst a silly and indulgent world of fluff, a dizzying array of modern life conveniences and electronic distractions, and a seemingly deep chasm between themselves and their parents. However, Youth Ministry Recognition Sunday smashes that myth to bits.

The best evidence of that are the accomplishments of a young person from each of the archdiocese's four counties honored with the Eagle of the Cross award. It is the highest honor conferred on high school youth by the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry and the Archdiocese of Newark. These honorees find time in their busy lives for such worthwhile pursuits as altar servers, involvement in religious education programs, Sunday school, retreats, youth camps, prayer meetings and service beyond parish boundaries as evidenced by trips to New Orleans to help victims of Hurricane Katrina.

In that always-challenging world between being children and adults, the young people of the Archdiocese of Newark are making the transition quite well, thank you.

A time and way to say thank you for lives devoted to faith, service

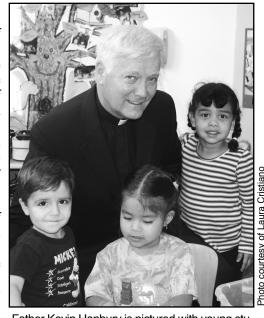
One of the best ways to show appreciation to those men and women who have given a lifetime of service ministering to generations of Catholics is to vigorously support the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Established almost two decades ago by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the fund is a vitally essential service that becomes more so each year.

For many Americans—and Religious are no exception—retirement years can be a challenge. Priests, Brothers, and Sisters are not immune from the rising cost of healthcare and simply paying for the expenses of everyday living.

Consider these disturbing statistics from the National Religious Retirement Office in Washington, D.C. More than 32,000 women and 5,200 men Religious are past the age of 70 with their total costs of living exceeding \$925 million annually. In addition, one out of every five religious institutions has less than 20 percent of the amount needed to care for elderly members. And what will surprise many of the faithful, Religious receive approximately one-third the Social Security benefit of the average U.S. beneficiary.

Here in the Archdiocese of Newark, the weekend of Dec. 9-10 has been designated for collections in support of the Religious Fund for Religious. Please be as generous as possible with your dollars. These funds support the wonderful and holy Religious women and men who were so generous with their time, talent and commitment to lives of service to God and His people.



Father Kevin Hanbury is pictured with young students at the Benedictine Preschool, located on North Broad Street. Father Hanbury, the archdiocesan vicar for education and superintendent of schools, organized a one-day tour of Catholic learning institutions in Elizabeth last month.

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Commentary

Grandfatherly wisdom echoes truth of the Gospels

n the past few weeks two stories have come to me. Both of them are important as personal reminders of the validity of our faith.

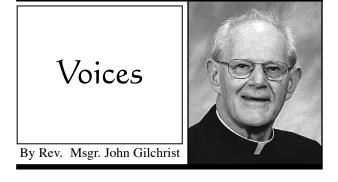
A friend sent me a picture of Henry G.J. Beck. He passed away recently. Who was he? Well, Father Beck as I remember him in the seminary was one of the most brilliant men I have ever known. A plodding, heavy man of German descent, he was a historian's historian. He spent much time reading the "galleys" (as they called them then) of books to be published by other professors.

Henry was the one who made the final examination to see all that was written in the books was accurate. He was, in his own way, a unique character who gave seminarians a different view of history. His classes were a pleasure.

In 1954, Father Beck, in order to show us the validity of human memory, told us a detailed story that his grandfather had told him. The time was 1834. The place was a rural farm during the winter season. Henry's greatgrandfather was ill and he told us about the family getting out a sled to drive miles through the snow to carry the patient to the doctor. Henry knew every facet of a story that had occurred 120 years before.

The second story came to me a couple of weeks ago from an Irish historian named Ken Tierney. In 1940, when Ken turned 12 years old, his grandfather told him that he would never forget his own 12th birthday. They lived in a place called Lavallyroe, County Mayo, Ireland, and the year was 1866.

The grandfather remembered it well because his father took him on that day to a neighboring town named Cloonfad, to Saint Patrick's Church, to a funer-



al of a bishop. The Bishop was Anthony O'Reagan who had come home to die. He had been a bishop in Chicago, Illinois.

It was not only a great church event, but all had a

wonderful repast after the funeral with all sorts of good food, cake and candy. It was the best birthday that Ken Tierney's grandfather ever had.

Now, there is a postscript to this. Ken Tierney many

years later wrote a letter to Cardinal Cody in Chicago. The good Cardinal wrote back. He was delighted to hear from Ken because the Archdiocese of Chicago had lost track of the bishop. He had disappeared from history and they never knew where he had gone. In fact, the Bishop was ill and had gone to England for a cure. Then he went home to Ireland where he passed away. The Cardinal was so happy that later he took a group to visit the Bishop's grave in Ireland. Chicago had found its lost prelate.

Now what's the point of the stories? There have been great scholars in the 20th century who have doubted not only the miracles of Jesus, but some have even doubted that Jesus actually lived.

They may be bright, but many of them have no common sense. Our Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, were all written less than 75 years after Jesus died and rose. Jesus died in the thirties. John, the last to write, wrote in the nineties of our era.

Now that Christmas approaches I read Saint Matthew and Saint Luke with renewed confidence. In my own life I can give witness. It's the year of Our Lord 2006. If I can remember many things about 1934

as if it were yesterday, why should I ever doubt that Matthew, Mark, Luke and John didn't write the truth about Jesus and His life. A writer does not forget or misrepresent a person like Jesus, especially if he is

willing to die for what he wrote.

How much do you remember of your own family history? The Gospel writers are chroniclers of our Catholic family history. They are to be trusted.

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

A meal for those long denied a place at the table

BY CHRISTY GUERRA

Special to The Catholic Advocate

B efore I left for the Hunger Banquet, an event held last month at the Church of the Presentation in Upper Saddle River, I confess I had a small bowl of Miso soup to "hedge my bets."

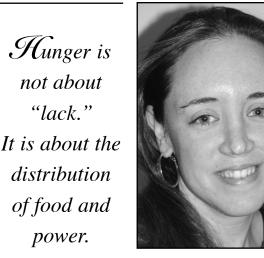
I had never been to a Hunger Banquet before—a night designated to raise awareness about the seriousness of world poverty. As I drank the hot soup, guilt immediately rose like so much steam. "There are millions of people starving in the world, but you can't even wait an hour to eat something," I thought to myself.

Upon entering the large room where the banquet was held, each participant took turns reaching into a box and withdrawing a small card on which their "identity" for the night was printed, as well as the participant's status of income, which ranged from upper-income to lowincome. I ceased to be Christy for the night and suddenly became "Clarita," a Peruvian member of the Machiguena people who have hunted and fished around the Urubamba River for thousands of years. This was about as low-income as a person can get.

It did not escape my attention that those who had been designated as upper-income were seated at tables beautifully decorated in linens and with fine tableware, and those who were middle-income sat at tables as well; and although they were not decorated, still offered a comfortable place to sit.

"One in every six people on our planet lives in poverty," Joe Nuzzi, a pastoral associate for the parish, said at the beginning of the event. "Every two-pointnine seconds, a child dies from hunger or preventable disease." Hunger is not about "lack," he explained; it is about the distribution of food and power.

Nuzzi then introduced two speakers who have participated in parish-run mission trips to share their expe-



Christy Guerra

riences face-to-face with such poverty and extremely difficult living conditions.

First was Diane, a young adult who volunteers with the Haiti Medical Mission, who said Haiti is "poor beyond poor. Toddlers play inches from raw sewage and stray dogs. I must contribute in some way to end this—at the very least, through dialogue; and at the very most, direct service." These journeys rekindled her faith in God, she said.

Second was Tom, a 37-year-old journalist, who described his experiences in Mexico as devastating, yet evident of God's love. His mission focuses on building homes for the impoverished. "The homes that we build there are scarcely bigger than a garage. They house at least five to six people; and yet, you would think they were getting a mansion. The homes are filled with so much love," he said. After the testimonies, those at the upper-income tables were served pasta, wine, salad, dessert, and coffee; at the middle-income tables, meatloaf and carrots were served; and, while sitting on the floor, we low-income participants were dished a cup of white rice and a half-cup of water.

I watched as people at the upper-income tables were throwing out food they didn't want. I became angry that food being wasted could easily have gone to any of us on the floor—or to the ones who really faced hunger every day.

In that microcosm of the world we all sat in that night, a small light of understanding illuminated my mind. I was angry that I wasn't getting enough food. As a human being, I had the right to eat, just like anyone else.

Weeks after the event, the emotion of anger was replaced by sadness that—in this season of Thanksgiving and in this day of global communications and world markets—there has not been a revolution of awareness and compassion to aid the millions who are hungry.

But then I remembered the ever-important ideologies of pride and humility and how important it is to throw pride aside to serve the least, even if that which your pride was based on was thrust upon you by chance and not by work. I knew I would be doing a disservice to the poor if I didn't turn the anger I felt about the issue into action.

At the end of the Hunger Banquet, I was most grateful for the realization and wisdom that I cannot do everything—that there is a limit to my ability to help others just as there is a limit to the days that I am on the Earth itself. However, there is no limit to God's love for us, or His power to work through us. "We can do something," Nuzzi said in his final remarks

"We can do something," Nuzzi said in his final remarks of the evening. "We all come into this world with the same needs. Where we live determines how we live. But we are all connected, and there is hope."

(Note: Guerra is a public relations assistant in the Archdiocese of Newark's Office of Communications.)

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Luke with renewed confidence.

Faith & Spirituality

Bishops' statement spells out guidelines on holy Communion

BALTIMORE (CNS)-Emphasizing that they were addressing all Catholics and not just politicians or any other group, the U.S. bishops on Nov. 14 voted in favor of a document calling on those in a state of serious sin to refrain from receiving Communion.

The vote, held here during the annual fall meeting of U.S. bishops, was 201-24, with two abstentions.

An effort to amend the document to specifically name politicians as among those who need to examine their consciences before receiving the Eucharist failed on a voice vote.

Titled "Happy Are Those Who Are Called to His Supper: On Preparing to Receive Christ Worthily in the Eucharist," the document says that a Catholic who "knowingly and obstinately" rejects "the defined doctrines of the Church" or repudiates "definitive teaching on moral issues" would not be in communion with the Church and therefore should not receive holy Communion.

"All kinds of people don't understand their responsibilities when going to the Eucharist," Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli of Paterson and chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Doctrine, said. His committee prepared the document following a request in November 2004 by Archbishop John J. Myers of Newark for a statement on how Catholics should prepare to receive the Eucharist.

Archbishop Myers' request came after a presidential campaign in which some bishops had criticized the 2004 Democratic presidential candidate, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, and said he and other Catholic politicians who supported abortion should be refused Communion under canon law.

But a footnote to the document says that it is not intended "to provide specific guidelines" to the provision in canon law that says that Catholics "obstinately persevering in manifest grave sin" should not be allowed to receive Communion.

In comments to the bishops before the Nov. 14 debate and vote, Bishop Serratelli said the document was intended as a positive message of encouragement to U.S. Catholics.

To be a Catholic is a challenge and to be a Catholic is to adhere to the church's teachings as handed down by Christ," he said.

The document said all Catholics "should strive to receive holy Communion regularly, gratefully and worthily."

We may find ourselves in situations, however, where an examination of conscience before God reveals to us that we should refrain from partaking of the body and blood of Christ," the bishops said in a statement.

But among the 79 amendments to the document was a warning that everyone "should be cautious when making judgments about whether or not someone else should receive holy Communion.'

"In order to receive holy Communion we must be in communion with God and with the church," the document says. "If we are no longer in a state of grace because of mortal sin, we are seriously obliged to refrain from receiving holy Communion until we are reconciled with God and the Church.'

Among examples of such sin, the document cites "committing murder, including abortion and euthanasia; harboring deliberate hatred of others; (and) sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult, or physical or verbal abuse of others that causes grave physical or psychological harm."

Other "serious violations of the law of love of God and of neighbor" listed in the document included swearing a false oath, missing Mass on Sundays or holy days without a serious reason, "acting in serious disobedience against proper authority," sexual activity "outside the bonds of a valid marriage," stealing, slander or involvement with pornography.

The document also criticized those who "give selective assent to the teachings of the Church." But Catholics who have "honest doubt and confusion" about some Church teachings "are welcome to partake of holy Communion, as long as they are prayerfully and honestly striving to understand the truth of what the Church professes and are taking appropriate steps to resolve their confusion and doubt," the document says.



Archbishop John J. Myers (right) is pictured in prayer during the annual fall meeting of U.S. bishops, which was held last week in Baltimore.





Pope Benedict XVI

'The driving force'

Dear brothers and sisters,

Continuing our reflections on the apostle Paul, we now turn to his teaching on the Holy Spirit. St. Paul not only presents the Holy Spirit as the driving force of the Church's mission, he also speaks of the Spirit's presence and activity in the life of each individual Christian. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of the risen Lord, the Spirit of adoption poured into our hearts (Gal 4:6), by which we become, in Christ, sons and daughters of the Father. True prayer is thus the fruit of the Spirit's presence within us.

As the Spirit of the Father and the Son, he helps us in our weakness and constantly intercedes for us before the Father. The Spirit is also the Spirit of love (Rom 5:5): he gives us a share in God's own life, enables us to love others with Christ's own love and strengthens the bonds of communion within the Church. Finally, Paul teaches us that the Holy Spirit is the pledge and guarantee of the inheritance awaiting us in heaven (2 Cor 1:22; 5:5). May St. Paul's example and insight inspire us to treasure the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives and to follow his promptings with hope-filled joy and generous love.



Advocate photo – M. Gabriel

MASS FOR BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY-A special Mass for funeral directors, cemeterians and bereavement counselors was celebrated Nov. 8 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. The archdiocesan Catholic Cemeteries office, in concert with Archbishop John J. Myers and other clergy leaders, organized the day to honor those involved in the Catholic bereavement ministry, as well as reinforce the faith-based importance of the three principal parts of the Catholic Funeral Liturgy: the Vigil Service; the Church Funeral Mass; and the Committal Service. Daniel R. Simone, Jr., the president-elect of the New Jersey State Funeral Directors Association Inc., Manasquan, (www.njsfda.org); Mary Josephine C. Mc Donough of Mc Donough Funeral Home, Manasquan; Mary Ellen Mc Laughlin and James A. Mc Laughlin, Jr., of Mc Laughlin Funeral Home, Jersey City (left to right) are pictured during the Mass, just prior to the bringing of the Gifts.

Advocate photo-Ward Miele

Youth Ministry Mass celebrates open hearts, eyes

BY WARD MIELE Managing Editor

NEWARK—Highlighted by the first Pope John Paul II Award, which went to Al Forsythe, director of the Kearny-based Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, the Archdiocese of Newark recognized its young people as well as the adults who work with them at a special Mass celebrated Oct. 29 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Saying he was "honored to be associated with an award named after our late Holy Father," Forsythe told *The Catholic Advocate* Pope John Paul II "was a leader with great charisma and love for the young Catholic Church of today. He drew many young

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people to a life centered on Jesus and His Church. My ministry with young people at St. Michael Parish in Cranford and with the archdiocesan youth ministry office has been life affirming."

Father Joseph A. Mancini, parochial vicar at St. Stephen Parish in Kearny and executive director of Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, cited in his homily the story of the blind man in the Gospel who had his sight restored by Jesus. When he received his sight, Father Mancini stressed, the man followed Jesus. "We can ask Jesus to let us see," in order to appreciate how valuable everyone is in God's sight and loved despite human weaknesses, Father Mancini explained.

"When I see teens and young adults whose lives have been transformed by an encounter with Jesus taking on a servant attitude, I then realize that our Church is in good hands," Forsythe noted, reflecting on his experiences. "Even now, when some of the earlier teens who are grown with families of their own stop by, I see the fruits of the seeds of faith that make it all worthwhile. I look forward to what God has in store for me and our ministry."

Those being honored at the Youth Ministry Recognition Sunday Mass, Father Mancini



Father Joseph A. Mancini, executive director of the Youth and Young Adult Ministry (left), presents the Pope John Paul II Award to Al Forsythe, director of the ministry. The Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center is based in Kearny.

said, have had their "eyes and hearts open" to what Jesus Christ wants them to be. "You see the need to be people committed to Jesus Christ," he declared.

In addition to the Pope John Paul II award, there were three recipients of the Monsignor John J. Kiley Award given to clergy or Religious by the Youth and Young Adult Ministry "in gratitude for exceptional service and dedication to youth." Years ago, Msgr. Kiley, who died on Nov. 22, 1985, founded the archdiocese's Catholic Youth Organization—the "CYO" as it was known then. He also is the founder of *The Catholic Advocate*. The Msgr. Kiley award this year went to Rev. Msgr. Peter J. Zaccardo, pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Maywood, and Father William P. Sheridan, parochial vicar at Immaculate Conception Parish in Montclair. Sister Rosanna Quinn, O.P., of the Dominican Sisters of Hope and Continued on page 12

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pastoral associate at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Jersey City, received the award posthumously.

Separate recognition awards went to youths and adults. "Eagle of the Cross" and "For God and for Youth" are the highest awards conferred on high school youth and adults, respectively. The National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry and the Church in Newark sponsor these two awards.

The Eagle of the Cross awards went to a representative of each county in the archdiocese. The recipients were Alicia and Jose Bonshoms, St. Cecilia Parish, Englewood; Angela Jung, St. Andrew Kim Parish, Maplewood; Carlo De LaRama, Our Lady of



This year's recipients of the Monsignor John J. Kiley Award, left and right, Father William P. Sheridan and Rev. Msgr. Peter J. Zaccardo with Sister Catherine Donnell, O.P., from the Mother House in Ossining, N.Y., who accepted the award for the late Sister Rosanna Quinn, O.P.

Mercy Parish, Jersey City; and Nicholas Hogan, St. Bernard of Clairvaux and St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Plainfield.

Receiving For God and Youth

honors were Colleen Taylor, St. Luke Parish, Ho-Ho-Kus; Ann Volpe, Holy Family Parish, Nutley; and Al and Tiki Long, St. Henry Parish, Bayonne.

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'Nativity Story' film explores life of Mary

MATERA, Italy (CNS)-"The Nativity Story," a film by New Line Cinema debuting in theaters worldwide on Dec. 1, will focus on the lives and faith of Mary and Joseph.

Scriptwriter Mike Rich said he wanted the story to flesh out who Mary and Joseph were and what emotions they must have felt as they faced the immense responsibilities God entrusted to them.

The story of the Nativity always had been presented as an "eventbased" account: what happened and when, with little information about how the protagonists lived their faith, Rich said. After months of research and input from religious scholars, Rich started writing what he called "a character-based story." Rich said he was inspired to write the screenplay after seeing Time and Newsweek magazines put the Nativity of Christ on the cover of their 2004 Christmas issues.

A nondenominational Christian from Beaverton, OR, Rich said that even though his story is speculative, he still sought to keep it faithful to the spirit of the biblical account. The result is that the young Mary, played by 16-year-old Oscar nominee Keisha Castle-Hughes ("Whale Rider"), and Joseph, played by a 26-year-old graduate of The Julliard School in New York, Oscar Issac, leap to life on the script's pages and hopefully, Rich said, also on the screen.

"The Nativity Story" is trying to make Mary real, explained co-producer Marty Bowen, adding that he hoped that the movie would help people see "Mary was a girl before she became a woman and a woman before she became the mother of God." Growing up, Bowen added, he always put Mary "up on a pedestal."

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"This can be an inroad to their hearts," Father Nwaorgu said. "We provide the food and hopefully God will do the rest." Father Nwaorgu said volunteers must treat people with respect, otherwise "you lose the grace" of the ministry behind the food pantry.

The community outreach efforts of Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo were profiled earlier this year (see The Catholic Advocate, Aug. 9).

Brooks said her pantry's donor group includes three parishes: Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Roseland; St. Luke, Hohokus; and Most Blessed Sacrament, Franklin Lakes. The Filipino charismatic community known as BLD (Bukas Loob sa Diyous-"Open in Spirit to God"), based in Millburn, sponsors hot-meal programs at the parish every month. Supermarket chains, such as ShopRite and Pathmark,

also support the cause.

Sharon Reilly-Tobin is the EFNN program manager and reports to Catherine L'Insalata, director of the Pastoral and Social Ministry division of Catholic Community Services (CCS). CCS and Catholic Charities are part of Catholic Health and Human Services Corp.

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LESSON IN PATRIOTISM-In observance of Veteran's Day at Holy Family School in Norwood, Petty Officer James Cava spoke to the students on Nov. 13 about the importance of patriotism. The students wore red, white and blue to mark the occasion. Petty Officer Cava is a combat-decorated veteran who served with the Marines in Vietnam. Retired from the U.S. Navy, he is now a motivational and inspirational speaker who visits the school on Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. Patricia Bliss is the principal of Holy Family School.

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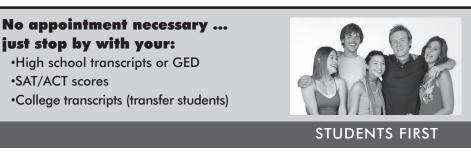
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A grandmother of two, Sharon Pfaff of Plainfield took home the Family Award. She has a son serving in Iraq. The People's Choice award went to Arlene Harvey of Linden, a grandmother of four who sang the soulful ballad "Summertime." Accolades for her charm went to Jersey City resident Lilya Shapiro, a grandmother of two and a former engineer. The Style Award was brought home by Maplewood's Svitlana Mozgova, a grandmother who danced at pageant.

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Trinitas Tumor Boards create treatment plans to boost patient care

ELIZABETH—Patients at Trinitas Hospital's Comprehensive Cancer Center can depend on physicians who often consult with their colleagues to determine the best treatment plan for each patient.

One place where these consultations can occur is in multidisciplinary case review sessions called "Tumor Boards," where doctors from the center, Trinitas Hospital and private practice meet each week to present and discuss their toughest cases.

Many patients with cancer present unique treatment challenges due to the type, the complexity or aggressiveness of the cancer, the location or spread of the malignancy, or simply the age or overall health and condition of the patient. The weekly "Tumor Board" meetings provide specialists with a forum for discussion where their patients benefit from the expertise of several physician specialists all working toward an optimal treatment plan.

Among the many disciplines represented in these weekly meetings are physicians with specialties in radiology, pulmonology, medical oncology, radiation oncology, hematology, urologic gynecology, gynecologic-oncology, surgery and pain management.

"Medicine is always evolving. Our weekly Tumor Boards bring the very best care to our patients and enable our physicians from varied disciplines to gain from each other's experiences," Dr.



Fred Steinbaum, associate medical director at the center, said. "This also insures that all our patients as well as our doctors will gain from the sharing of information."

Besides consulting on the progress of individual patients, Tumor Boards create a forum for physicians to share their knowledge concerning the latest surgical procedures, chemotherapy treatments, new clinical trials and radiation therapy.

"With our new Trilogy linear accelerator, we can now provide some of the most advanced radiotherapy techniques available,' explained Dr. Eli Finkelstein, chairman of the Radiation Oncology department at Trinitas. 'Today, we recognize that cancer has almost an infinite number of variations that require custom-tai-lored treatment. Weekly 'Tumor Boards' provide physicians with frequent opportunities to discuss the latest advances in medicine and provide patients with a multidisciplinary approach to care for the best clinical result."



CONTINUING EDUCATION—Saint Michael's Medical Center sponsored the Carotid Artery Stenting Scientific Symposium Nov. 4 at The Hilton Woodbridge in Iselin. Physicians from throughout the region, led by (left to right), Fayez E. Shamoon, M.D., chief of cardiology; Elie Y. Chakhtoura, M.D., associate director of research; Robert W. Hobson II, M.D., chief of vascular surgery, and Jonathan E. Goldstein, M.D., director of medicine, participated in the event. The symposium featured lectures on the future challenges of carotid artery stenting procedures, as well as opportunities to use state-of-the-art training simulators. St. Michael's Medical Center, located at 111 Central Ave. in Newark, is a member of the archdiocesan Cathedral Healthcare System.

Parish prays for AIDS compassion

ORANGE—Our Lady of the Valley Parish will observe AIDS Compassion Sunday at its Dec. 3 noon Mass.

The AIDS Compassion Sunday program, sponsored by the parish's Health and Wellness Ministry, will focus on those who live with HIV and AIDS while "asking Our Lord to be with them and with us as we strive to meet each other's needs," a spokesman said.

In conjunction with AIDS Compassion Sunday, the Names

Project's AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display at the parish Nov. 26 to Dec. 17 in observance of World AIDS Day.

The parish is located at 510 Valley St. Call the rectory at (973) 674-7500 for more information.

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Marist taps Champagnat Scholars

BAYONNE—Seven freshmen are the first Champagnat Scholars at Marist High School. The accelerated four-year program for gifted students is named after Saint Marcellin Champagnat, founder of the Marist Brothers

Over the summer, the Champagnat Scholars took Honors Math I during a five-week intensive program, enabling them to enroll in Honors Math II during their freshman year. The students also will be taking a writing course, health and physical education. The rest of their schedule will consist of religion, Spanish, Latin, honors biology, and the Champagnat Scholars Program Humanities Seminar.

The Humanities Seminar is

U.S. History, American Literature and American Art. If students obtain superior scores in their Advanced Placement U.S. History course, they will accumulate college credit.

Six sophomores will be joining the program for the Humanities Seminar and Latin.

Field trips are an integral part of the curriculum.

SMA Fathers mark 150 years

TENAFLY – Archbishop John J. Myers will be the main celebrant at a Dec. 2 Mass in the Mission Chapel of the SMA Fathers, marking the order's 150th anniversary.

The Mass will begin at 5:30 p.m. and is open to the public. The chapel is located at 23 Bliss Ave.

SMA is a community of missionaries who come from around the world with a commitment to serve the people of Africa.

Following the Mass, a dinner dance will be held beginning at 7 p.m. at Gatsby's restaurant, Cresskill.

Tickets priced at \$75, are available after Sunday masses at the mission, weekdays office, by mail at 23 Bliss Ave., Tenafly, N.J., 07670, or by calling (201) 567-0450 or (201) 585-0769.

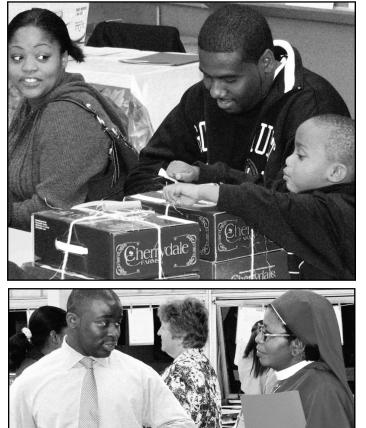
Msgr. Theodore Vincent Bonelli

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 16 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington, for Rev. Msgr. Theodore Vincent Bonelli, 82, who died on Nov. 10.

Ordained on May 27, 1961 by the late Archbishop Thomas A. Boland, Msgr. Bonelli was appointed a papal chamberlain with the title of Very Rev. Msgr. by Pope Paul VI on Oct. 13, 1965.

Msgr. Bonelli served as secretary to Archbishop Boland and Archbishop Peter L. Gerety. His archdiocesan responsibili-

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and grandparents of Sacred Heart School students was an enjoyable, educational affair in September. Students at the school, located on Hazelwood Avenue in the Vailsburg section of Newark, proudly led adults on a tour of their classrooms, while teachers and faculty answered questions. Brother Patrick Byrne is the principal of Sacred Heart School, which has served the Greater Newark community for more than 110 years. The school recently held its first-quarter parent-teacher conferences.

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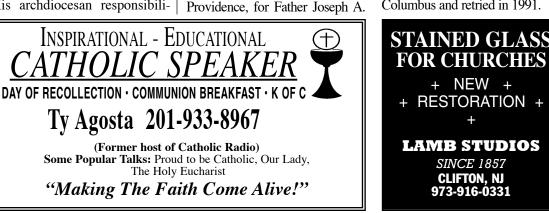
ties included: notary for the Archdiocesan Curia (1963-1975): member of the Liturgical Commission (1964-1975); executive secretary of the Pastoral Council (1971-1974); director of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Men (1973 to 1975); chaplain to the Sisters of St. Dominic (1974-1978); and assistant to the director of Seton Hall University library (1978).

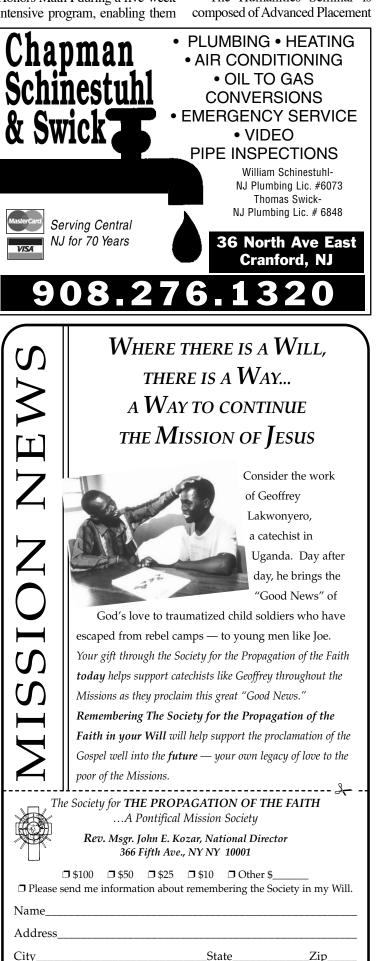
Fr. Frank, chaplain A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Nov. 17 at Our Lady Oueen of Peace Parish. New Frank, 85, who died Nov. 13.

A North Bergen native, Father Frank was ordained on June 11, 1949. He served Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington, for three years before spending 24 years as a Navy chaplain.

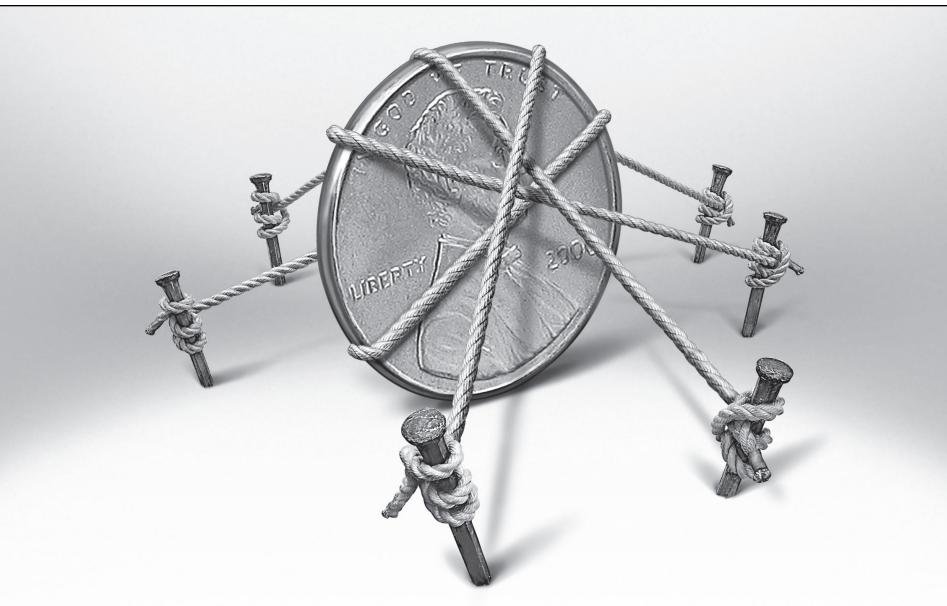
After retiring from military service, Father Frank studied briefly in Rome and served as parochial vicar for five months at Visitation Parish, Paramus, before being named pastor of St. Cecilia Parish, Kearny.

He was named parochial vicar at Our Lady Queen of Peace, New Providence in 1989. While there he was chaplain of the Summit Council 783 of the Knights of Columbus and retried in 1991.





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Marriage verdict

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The New Jersey Supreme Court, Lustberg explained, ruled on the grounds of legal protection. With its ruling, the court directed the legislature to determine whether marriage provisions for same-sex couples should be in the state Constitution, he said. Reflecting on the case, Lustberg called it "one of the most interesting civil rights cases I have tried in years."

The decision, noted Assemblyman Merkt, was "somewhat consistent" with what the high court has done over the past several years. As an example he cited the Mount Laurel decision on providing communities affordable housing. The court, in his opinion, tends to "overstep its bounds," adding he is "not too happy" lawmakers were ordered to act within 180 days.

The issue, as Merkt saw it, is squarely one of separation of powers. The assemblyman called the marriage legality mandate of the court "disingenuous." He charged, too, that the judges had made policy from the bench.

The ruling, noted Professor Carpenter, marked the first time in the history of the nation that a supreme court said that same-sex couples are entitled to the full rights of heterosexual couples. He called the court's decision "political," adding it was "remarkable" that matters had reached this point.

"A confusing and internally conflicting decision" was how Dr. Spaulding saw it. He zeroed in on the "important distinction" between who decides the matter—the court or legislature. The institution of marriage, it was his opinion, does not play a role in the decision that he termed "unstable."

Part of his argument, Lustberg explained, was that "there is something special about marriage." The court, however, said that issue was not before it, he explained, a stance the plaintiffs' attorney termed "disappointing."

Equal protection, Lustberg continued, does not depend on there being a fundamental right. Although the court was not making policy, Lustberg stressed, its decision will have policy ramifications. Essentially, Assemblyman Merkt pointed out, the state Supreme Court amended the state Constitution. The Constitution, he emphasized, is a delegation of power from the people. The court, he alleged, has "a liberal mindset."

Dr. Spaulding said the matter deals not merely with the rights of individuals, but is rather a question of whether the law would be regulating marriage.

Oak Knoll slates open house dates

SUMMIT—Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child will hold open house information sessions on Dec. 6 and Jan. 17 for families interested in kindergarten through sixth grades and on Feb. 7 for families interested in first through sixth grades.

All sessions will begin at 9 a.m. with an overview of the school, curriculum and academic programs. Attendees will have an opportunity to meet faculty, coaches, and students and tour the nine-acre campus.

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child

(http://www.oakknoll.org) is an independent Catholic school enrolling boys and girls grades K-6 and girls (grades 7-12). Established in 1924 by the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, Oak Knoll is part of a network of 25 Holy Child schools throughout the United States, Ireland, England and Africa.

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Parish offers prayers for slain Haitian activist

BY MELISSA MCNALLY Staff Writer

JERSEY CITY—Haitian civil rights activist Bruner Esterne, slain Sept. 21 in Port-Au-Prince, was remembered at a memorial service held recently at St. Patrick and Assumption/All Saints Parish.

The 38-year-old Esterne, the father of six children, was president of the Grand Ravine Community Council for Human Rights. According to a report compiled last month by Amnesty International, Esterne was murdered by "unknown individuals" and was a victim of the Caribbean island's ongoing "gun violence." Reports on other Web sites described Esterne's untimely death as an "assassination."

Sponsored by the Haiti

Solidarity Network of the

Northeast (www.hsnne.org), the

prayer service was led by Father

John B. Martin, parochial vicar

at St. Mary of the Assumption in

Elizabeth.



Wednesday, November 15th thru Monday, January 1st

The ministry of Catholic Cemeteries operates under the auspices of the Catholic Church. It is important to recognize that the burial of the dead is only one of the Corporal Works of Mercy. The Church encourages frequent cemetery visits and prayers for the dead. Visiting the sick, clothing the naked, feeding the hungry are also works of mercy to also be encouraged. Performing them on behalf of our deceased loved ones are Mitzvah *(wonderful gifts that cannot be repaid)* and truly honor the memory of the deceased in a tangible way. in Creole on the theme of jealousy. "There was a plea for all of us to empty our minds and hearts of jealousy and vengeance. We prayed for peace, justice and unity in society," Father Squeo said.



PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY Confirmation candidate Amanda Adsit shows Father Robert McBride, pastor of St. John the Apostle Parish in Linden, a holy card containing a "Prayer for Priests." Each card distributed at the parish during last month's Priesthood Sunday celebration contained the name of a priest ministering in the Archdiocese of Newark. Families were asked to pray for the priest whose name appeared on the holy card.