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## Archbishop ordains former Episcopalian minister Father Kimel joins Church through Pastoral Provision

BY JAMES GOODNESS  
Director of Communications

Archbishop John J. Myers, on Dec. 3, ordained Alvin Kimel Jr.—an Episcopalian clergyman for 25 years—as a Catholic priest in service to the Archdiocese of Newark at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange.

Among those witnessing the ordination were Father Kimel's wife, Christine, his mother, Ninon, and several other members of his family. Father Kimel's family includes three sons and a daughter—all adults.

Father Kimel's ordination was possible because of a special Pastoral Provision instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1980 in response to requests from priests and laity of the Episcopal (Anglican) Church who are seeking full communion with the Catholic Church.

This was Archbishop Myers'

first ordination of a former Episcopalian. Last year, William Cardinal Levada, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, with the approval of Pope Benedict XVI, named the archbishop to the post of Ecclesiastical Delegate for the Pastoral Provision (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 19, 2005). In this position, Archbishop Myers works with all other Catholic bishops in the country to oversee the process in the United States.

Father Kimel, 54, said his decision to leave the Episcopal Church, which he entered as an adult and served for more than two decades, was not an easy one. "I went through two years of painful struggle," he confessed, "but ultimately I felt that, because of the direction that the church had taken, I could not in conscience represent it to the world, nor could I summon sinners into its fellowship."

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Following Church tradition, Father Alvin Kimel Jr. (left and top) bestowed his first priestly blessing to Archbishop John J. Myers. Archbishop Myers was the main celebrant at the Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood for Father Kimel, which was held Dec. 3 at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange.



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### The Living Church

## 'We came to believe'; healing the wounds caused by addiction

BY FATHER DON HUMMEL  
Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

Those in despair and desperately in need of a life-changing conversion experience, please consider the following statement:

"(We) came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

Sound familiar? No, it has nothing to do with a doctrine of the Church, or the teachings in the

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. This is the second step of the 12 suggested steps of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA).

You may know someone, a family member or friend, who has a substance-abuse problem. Maybe it's early in their decline. Maybe they have already lost job, family, home, self-respect and any contact with God. Maybe you have bailed them out of jail, heard all the promises that they're going to stop,

wondered when—or if—they're going to embarrass you at the next family function, if they're going to arrive home safely this time or worse.

Maybe someone you know, respect and rely on in your parish has a problem with alcohol or drug abuse. It could be the person you always see sitting in the same pew every Sunday morning; the person who usually handles one of the collection baskets; or it could be the person giving the homily.

What do you do? How can you help? Why do otherwise intelligent, caring, loving people continue to behave in such a way. Why can't they just stop? Why are they so weak? Don't they have any will power?

It may sound like a cop-out, but first there must be an understanding that those who have an addiction are not bad, weak or sinful people. They're God's children and they're sick; for many that's a hard pill to swallow. The truth is that they have a terminal disease called alcoholism, which is fatal if left untreated. The American Medical Society (AMA) defined alcoholism as a primary disease over 50 years ago. Another truth and tragedy is that the disease also injures the alcoholic's friends and loved ones.

There are many treatments for this disease; some more effective than others. Abstinence is the goal, but alcoholism is a disease of denial. It tells you that you're really not sick, you're not the problem—it's other people! It says: "just take another drink and you'll feel better."

In a social setting, you feel shy and lack confidence? Take a drink you'll feel better. Had a hard day at work? The boss doesn't appreciate you? Take a drink you'll feel better. Want to forget your pain? Take a drink you'll feel better.

And so it goes, until the old Chinese proverb once again comes true: "First the man takes the drink, then the drink takes the man, then the drink takes the man."

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The process and the disease continue in a downward spiral, and there are tragic milestones along the way. What used to be “social” drinking becomes an everyday habit. A sense of entitlement, of progressive isolation and disengagement, of obsession with “supply” gradually, pervasively takes over. The consumer of the alcohol becomes consumed by it. There is physical sickness, emotional distance, and spiritual bankruptcy. There are blackouts and “dry heaves” in the morning. There is an insatiable need for a “couple of belts” of the “hair of the dog” just to function.

How long can this go on? The answer is simple, but not pleasant. Usually the person with the disease of alcoholism, whether they know it or admit it (and they really know it long before they admit it) will end up in jail, in a mental institution or dead. Perhaps along the way they may come to what is called the “jumping-off point” in The Big Book of AA: when they can’t imagine life with or without alcohol.

*The critical difference between religion and spirituality is defined by an old saying: ‘Religion is for people afraid of going to Hell; spirituality is for people who have been there.’*

They’re desperate, maybe hopeless. The person “hits bottom,” but many times hitting bottom is what it takes to convince someone they need help: an intervention, a conversion, maybe even a Miracle.

Sometimes the addicted person cries out to God in abject desperation and has a “white-light” experience. They find God and salvation; a new life without alcohol. The obsession leaves them immediately and forever. This, however, very rarely happens.

Usually some kind of intervention is necessary. People who love and care about the alcoholic confront them and are prepared to manifest “tough love.” Usually this awkward responsibility falls to family members or close friends. The person who desperately needs help doesn’t want it and doesn’t want to hear about it. This is the hurdle of denial.

Helping an alcoholic often means treatment—institutionalization against their will. First, the poison (alcohol) must be eliminat-

ed from the body (a process known as detoxification). This is a painful and potentially dangerous medical procedure and must be monitored closely. Then the rebuilding of the person begins; slowly with group work, education and a commitment to sobriety and what it takes to maintain it.

AA ([www.alcoholics-anonymous.org](http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org)) is the most effective of these programs, by far. AA, according to information on its Web site, has a presence in more than 180 countries, with an estimated total of 106,230 groups and more than 2 million members worldwide.

Some people may “white knuckle” their way to sobriety, but often they’re no better off as when they were drinking (the so-called “dry drunks”).

With love, support and guidance, the alcoholic moves through a healing program (such as the 12 steps of AA) to a better life without alcohol. The goal is to restore a person to sobriety and “sanity” (translated as “health” or *sanitas*). This is a state of health that involves body, mind and spirit.

Reconnections with others and God occur. Life and relationships become richer and more meaningful. Sobriety leads to serenity, true humility and grace.

Alcoholism is totally non-discriminatory. Although the literature and experience powerfully support a “genetic predisposition” to the disease, alcoholics seem to be “wired” differently. In fact they are, paradoxically, allergic to beverage alcohol and once they ingest it the disease process begins. It often takes a long time for the disease to manifest itself, but if left unchecked it ultimately does.

The sad truth about alcoholism and chemical addiction is that no one—not even a priest—is guaranteed immunity. But there is help available and many priests have been through treatment (at facilities such as Guest House in Rochester, MN) and are “working their programs” while they serve you—God’s people—throughout the Archdiocese of Newark. In fact, they are probably more effective and more compassionate to others

because of their own journey.

The late Father James T. McKenna, a servant of God for 46 years who died at the age of 71 on May 27, is a priest who truly lived this journey (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 4 and Aug. 23). A “wounded healer,” Father McKenna began his Recovery Mass with a simple introduction: “My name is Jim and I’m an alcoholic.” This was his ministry and because of his difficult life experience, Father McKenna was able to touch the lives of literally thousands of people—including mine.

You may know such a priest. If so, you are blessed because that priest truly knows the critical difference between religion and spirituality, as defined by an old saying: “Religion is for people afraid of going to Hell; spirituality is for people who have been there.”

Those who have confronted this disease live their recovery every day—one day at a time. If that person happens to be a priest, he believes in the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus because he has been blessed to share in a piece of it.

As a final thought, especially for someone who may know a friend struggling with an addiction problem, consider the words of “The Serenity Prayer” by Missouri-born Protestant theologian Karl Paul Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971):

“God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardships as the pathway to peace. Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it. Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will, that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen.”

*(Editor’s note: Father Hummel is the archdiocesan director of continuing education and formation. He is a member of the advisory board of Guest House, a treatment center for priests, deacons and religious brothers. Ordained in 1978, Father Hummel is a law enforcement chaplain and a certified addictions counselor. He received a doctorate degree in Ministry and Pastoral Ministry from St. Mary Seminary and University in Baltimore. He is affiliated with the American Psychotherapy Association, the American Counseling Association, the American Christian Counseling Association, the Boy Scouts of America, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the United Way.)*



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Father Don Hummel, the archdiocesan director of continuing education and formation, paid tribute to ministry of the late Father James T. McKenna as a servant of God and wounded healer—a beloved priest who shared his life journey to help hundreds of people suffering from the pain and despair of addiction. Father Hummel also offered the words of inspiration found in “The Serenity Prayer” by theologian Karl Paul Reinhold Niebuhr: “God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.”

## An honest, painful look in the mirror: 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

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# St. Cassian funding lays foundation for Habitat for Humanity in Newark

UPPER MONTCLAIR — After raising more than \$200,000 in just three months, St. Cassian Parish, in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Newark, broke ground last month on one of two new houses for low- to moderate-income families in the Central Ward of Newark.

Led by Father John Judge, pastor of St. Cassian and a Newark native, the parish's pastoral council established a Hearts for Habitat Ministry to sponsor the building of a house. A fund-raising drive was launched in April, and by July parishioners had contributed \$110,000, surpassing the \$90,000 necessary to sponsor a house.

An anonymous St. Cassian parishioner donated \$100,000 to build a second house. Habitat will use the extra funds to support the construction of homes in Third World countries.

"I think a good spirit of outreach to support and encourage our neighbors in need has been engendered through this Habitat ministry," Father Judge said.

St. Cassian is a parish of 1,400 families, 30 percent of whom are actively involved in the Habitat ministry either as donors, volunteer builders or both.

"Habitat is an appropriate partner for St. Cassian," Father Judge, said, recalling 1992 when the church building was in need of a home. It was then that engineers of the Archdiocese of Newark deemed the original structure unsafe and the Township of Montclair condemned the premises. St. Cassian relied on the generosity and hospitality of neighbors from other denominations until December 1995 when the current building on Bellevue Avenue was completed.



Habitat for Humanity broke ground last month on a new house in the Central Ward of Newark thanks to a funds raised by St. Cassian Parish. Pictured at the Montclair parish are (left to right) Lynn DeLuca of the parish's Habitat for Humanity ministry; Father John G. Judge, St. Cassian pastor; and John Scott, president of the board of directors for Newark Habitat for Humanity.

John Scott, a parishioner of St. Cassian and president of the board of directors of Habitat for Humanity Newark ([www.habitatnewark.org](http://www.habitatnewark.org)), said the group tries to build a "faith house" each year. Faith houses are constructed using the combined contributions of churches (such as St. Cassian), synagogues and mosques.

"This outstanding commitment by the parishioners of St. Cassian to alone spon-

sor, not just one, but two faith houses is truly wonderful," Scott said.

"Habitat for Humanity is a Christian organization founded and operated under Christian beliefs and principles; however, we are non-discriminatory with regard to family selection," Scott explained. "Volunteers from all faiths are welcome to participate, and we accept funds from individuals and organizations who share our desire to provide decent, affordable housing for all."

Carlos Rodriquez, a 23-year-old single father of two, was selected by Habitat through an application and screening process to be the owner of one of the St. Cassian Habitat houses. He is fulfilling his obligation to perform at least 400 hours of what Habitat refers to as "sweat equity" on his home. As with all Habitat homeowners, when his home is complete, Rodriquez will take ownership and make interest-free mortgage payments to a revolving fund that is used to build more houses.

Rodriquez lives in Newark with his children, Ricky and Destiny. His dream has been to provide a safe, stable home for them. "Ricky and Destiny are the reasons why I live," he said. "They give me so much inspira-

tion to go out and strive for bigger and better things in life."

Habitat for Humanity Newark celebrated its 20th anniversary earlier this year. Since its founding, the organization has provided homes for 58 families, including more than 120 children. Additional information can be found on the group's Web site or by calling the Habitat for Humanity Newark office at (973) 624-3330.

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# Singers at Queen of Peace preparing for 'musical pilgrimage' to the Vatican

BY WARD MIELE  
*Managing Editor*

NORTH ARLINGTON -- When Pope Benedict XVI gives his first audience of the new year, the Schola Cantorum from Queen of Peace High School will be there to sing the hymn "The Word Was Made Flesh and the Virgin Said Unto Him."

The road to Rome began in April of last year when Father Brian K. Muzas, parish parochial vicar and youth minister, found a "dirt cheap" small pipe organ on the Internet.

Principal Catherine Condon accepted Father Muzas' offer to use the pipe organ during Mass in the high school chapel. Students Matthew Davis, Andrew Tomaszeski and Matthew Haines agreed to be cantors for the remainder of the school year. Davis is a

bass and the other two tenors.

Since that humble beginning, Father Muzas explained enthusiastically, membership in the Schola Cantorum has "quadrupled." The effort was a concentrated approach between Father Muzas and parish music director Anthony Tabish to recruit students to help foster their formation in the musical heritage of the Church.

Rehearsals are held Monday through Friday at 7:30 a.m. The Schola Cantorum has made "tremendous progress" according to Father Muzas.

In addition to performing for the Holy Father, the archdiocesan young people will be the principle choir at the Latin Mass at the Altar of the Chair in St. Peter's Basilica on New Year's Day and sing at a Jan. 2 Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis. Two former stu-

dents, now in college, Kristen Billy and Deanna DeBlasi, will also make the trip.

At the Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, Father Muzas explained, the students will sing the Kyrie Eleison (Lord Have Mercy), Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) and Agnus Dei (Lamb of God). All are taken from the chant Mass setting known as the Mass of Angels. For the Basilica of St. Francis the Queen of Peace visitors will sing the processional (The Word was Made Flesh...), offertory (Hail, Mother of Mercy), Communion (Of the Father's Love Begotten) and recessional (Sing, O Sing this Blessed Morn. Father Muzas, a published liturgical composer, wrote the recessional.

The Dec. 28 to Jan. 4 pilgrimage will also include visits to a variety of sites in the Eternal City such as the Roman Forum and Sistine Chapel.



## Pastoral Provision involves petition, a sponsor, training

After becoming a Catholic, an Episcopalian clergyman who wishes to be ordained as a Roman Catholic priest must petition the Vatican for permission under the Pastoral Provision.

Archbishop John J. Myers, as delegate for the Pastoral Provision in the United States, administers the program in the United States. The petitioner must be sponsored by a Catholic bishop who is willing to ordain him for service to his diocese.

The candidate, even though he has attended training in an Episcopalian seminary, must also undertake a process of intense theological, spiritual and pastoral preparation for ministry in the Catholic Church. A team of experts oversees this process and guides the candidate through this period. The process entails extensive reading and review of materials, as well as monthly consultations with the members of the team in their areas of expertise.

Upon successful completion of this period, which can last up to two years, and recommendations from the members of the formation team, as well as acceptance of the petition by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome, the candidate will be considered for ordination.

Since Archbishop Myers became the delegate for the Pastoral Provision in the United States, a team from the theological faculty of Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University (SHU), South Orange, has been responsible for the formation of former Episcopalian ministers whose petitions have been granted.

The SHU faculty members and their areas of expertise are: Msgr. Robert F. Coleman, J.C.D., rector and dean of Immaculate Conception Seminary (Canon Law); Father Joseph R. Chapel, S.T.D. (Moral Theology); Msgr. Gerald McCarren, S.T.D. (Liturgical and Sacramental Theology); Father Lawrence Porter, Ph.D. (Dogmatic Theology); Father John F. Russell, O. Carm., S.T.D. (Ascetical Theology); Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Wister, Hist. Eccle. D. (Church History); and Rev. C. Anthony Ziccardi, S.S.L., S.T.L. (Sacred Scripture).

Father William H. Stetson of the Catholic Information Center in Washington, D.C. manages the Office of the Pastoral Provision. More information on the Pastoral Provision may be found on the Web at [www.pastoralprovision.org](http://www.pastoralprovision.org)

—James Goodness



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Father Alvin Kimel Jr. (second from the left) shared a joyful moment with his family last Sunday during the reception at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange, just after his ordination to the priesthood for the service of the Archdiocese of Newark. Picture with Father Kimel are (left to right) his mother, Ninon; his wife, Christine; and his son Aaron. Father Kimel also has two other sons and a daughter: Alvin, Bredon and Taryn.

## Father Alvin Kimel

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The time for this soul searching was late 2003, while he was serving as pastor of an Episcopal parish in Johnstown, PA. Father Kimel sought assistance from several friends who were Catholic clergy; one in particular—Father Augustine DiNoia, O.P., who has served on the staffs of both the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome.

Together they prayed and DiNoia counseled Father Kimel on the possible courses he could take.

Ultimately, Father Kimel wrote to Bernard Cardinal Law, the former Ecclesiastical Delegate for the Pastoral Provision and after some

time, Father Kimel began the formal application under the provision (see sidebar). He was received into the faith in June 2005 by another long-time friend and Catholic priest, Father Scott Newman, in Greenville, SC.

Because sponsorship by a Catholic bishop is essential to the process of being ordained under the Pastoral Provision, Archbishop Myers was happy to agree to serve as sponsor. "I spoke at length with Al Kimel and found him to be deeply spiritual and learned, and very anxious not only to come into full communion with the Church, but also to lend his talents and experience in ministry," Archbishop Myers said.

In September 2005, Al and Christine Kimel moved to New Jersey and he began serving in the archdiocese as a campus minister at Kean University in Union. Father Kimel will continue to serve in this post at the university.

"I am truly grateful to Archbishop Myers for his support and encouragement through this time," Father Kimel said. "To be accepted into the faith and to be able to serve the Church in a way for which I have been trained virtually all my life is a blessing."

Currently, some 80 former Episcopalians have been ordained under the Pastoral Provision. Five others, including Father Kimel, were approved for ordination this year.



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# CHHS asks legislators to restore cuts aimed at mental healthcare

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE  
Editor

NEWARK—Thom Carter, director of government affairs for Catholic Health and Human Services (CHHS) Corp., said Assemblyman Joseph Cryan (D, District 20), and senators Joseph V. Doria Jr. (D, District 31) and Joseph F. Vitale (D, District 19) are among those who have committed to a prompt legislative review of the state's planned budget cuts, which would significantly impact the services of Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health System.

Mount Carmel Guild, a unit of CHHS, is one of New Jersey's largest providers of critical mental healthcare and social services. The organization, which has more than 6,000 patients, faces a 40 percent cut in its operating budget due to recent moves in Trenton.

"Assemblyman Cryan immediately acknowledged that there's a big problem that needs fixing," Carter said. "Senator Doria and Senator Vitale, as well as some others, have agreed to help him (Cryan) get it fixed."



Anita C. Holland

"We are grateful for their responsiveness and look forward to decisive action on the part of the Legislature," Carter continued. "Meanwhile, we are encouraging everyone who cares about this issue to contact their legislators, Gov. Corzine, and the Department of Human Services to demand adequate funding for partial-hospitalization programs."

Anita C. Holland, the executive director of Mount Carmel Guild, addressed politicians in October at

the Legislative Dialogue forum held at Mother Seton Regional High School (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 25). Holland directs the agency's operations at 16 sites throughout Essex, Hudson, and Union counties. She petitioned legislators to restore drastic state funding cuts for "partial-hospitalization" services for people suffering from mental illness and drug addiction (see Holland's letter to the editor on page 6 of this edition).

"Sadly, we were misled," Holland said during her presentation at the forum in Clark, recalling promises made by political leaders in Trenton regarding proposed funding levels for mental-health programs.

"The process was flawed," Cryan declared at the Oct. 18 forum, which was sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark. "I'm accountable. I'm a member of that committee. We were told that the funding would be there, but it wasn't. This is a moral issue—helping those who need help the most—and we'll fix it," he pledged.

"The clients in our partial-hospitalization programs require continuous, structured care from mental-health professionals, and the planned 40-percent reduction would force us to cut programs and services," Holland explained. "When I spoke at last month's Legislative Dialogue, the legislators listened and I am greatly encouraged by their response."



Advocate photo—Ward Miele

**EUCCHARISTIC WORKSHOP**—Over 150 new extraordinary ministers of holy Communion raised their voices in song last month during a weekend training workshop at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark, organized by the Worship Office. Conducted in English and Spanish, expert speakers explained the spirituality of ministry, how to visit the sick and the role of an extraordinary minister of Communion at Mass. The workshop, explained Father Thomas A. Dente, director of the Worship Office, "helped the new extraordinary ministers to see their role at Mass as a ministry of service to the liturgical assembly and to those who cannot attend Sunday Mass due to illness or disability."

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# Mount Carmel director warns state cuts threaten healthcare

To the Editor,

At the recent Legislative Dialogue forum sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 25), I spoke to some of our state’s elected representatives about Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health System and the plight now facing the agency and our clients.

Many of our almost 6,000 clients suffer from severe and persistent mental illness; others struggle with addiction; and some battle both.

In the recent state budget process, we worked with legislators as they sought \$7.5 million in savings through reductions in funding for “partial-hospitalization” programs. Although we left the budget table believing they would implement the cuts fairly and responsibly, the N.J. Department of Human Services subsequently has proposed massive cuts that threaten our very survival.

Our partial-hospitalization programs—serving persistently mentally ill clients

who require continuous, structured care from mental health professionals—now face a 40 percent cut to their operating budgets.

Legislators participating in the Legislative Dialogue listened and I am encouraged by their responses. But we need public support to ensure that government follows through.

Please contact the Department of Human Services, Gov. Jon Corzine, and our state legislators. Tell them you want responsible state funding for partial-hospitalization programs and please pray that Mount Carmel Guild can continue to deliver the care so vital to our clients.

Anita C. Holland  
executive director  
Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health System  
(*Editor’s note: Mount Carmel Guild is a unit of Catholic Health and Human Services Corp., Newark.*)

# Reader sets the record straight on beloved West Orange parade

To the Editor,

I read your newspaper’s Aug. 23 Parish Profile, which featured Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, and was astonished to see a glaring error regarding the West Orange St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

The West Orange St. Patrick’s Day Parade is not and never has been connected to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. The parade is a separate entity and was incorporated as the West Orange St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee Inc. in 1977.

The parade was not founded by Archbishop Boland, but rather was dedicated to him in the 1970s, as he was a native of West Orange and because of his faithful attendance, interest and support of this event.

More than 50 years ago, two organizations—the Irish American Society of the Oranges and the Frank O’Hara Association—joined together and marched from the foot of Eagle Rock Avenue to the parking lot that is now the CVS pharmacy

on Main Street. In 1974, a group of local men, spearheaded by the late Patrick J. Melvin, decided not to have this local contingent connect with the parade in Newark, but instead have a parade in West Orange. From that point, the parade has grown into what is today: a celebration of faith in God, country; pride in the Irish heritage; and love of family and friends.

My family has been involved in the West Orange parade since its inception. My father and brother have served proudly as grand marshals—1980 and 1995, respectively.

I have provided this information to you in order to set the record straight for your readers. The history of the West Orange St. Patrick’s Day Parade has unfolded during the last 55 years due to the faithful dedication and hard work of many men and women.

Mary Pat Bogart  
Glen Ridge

# A system of balancing values

To the Editor,

The article “Balancing Church and State: notes on Catholic citizenship” (*The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 25) encourages Catholics to “buy into the system” by voting based on the balancing of our values.

The extent of undecided voters this year is not surprising. Many voters are pulled to the left by their dissatisfaction with incumbents and to the right by their unfamiliarity with challengers.

Stephen M.R. Covey’s recently published book *The SPEED of Trust* speaks volumes about the causes of current low approval ratings among politicians.

If voters are undecided and feel they do

not know enough about the candidates and/or positions on the issues relevant to the voter’s values, they may want to use trust as an election issue.

Does the competence and character—Covey’s ingredients of trust—exhibited in Washington over the last two years warrant the trust or distrust exhibited for or against the Bush Administration?

For Catholics, whether the term is trust or faith, we should not want either unjustified distrust or blind faith by our elected officials toward the current administration.

Hugh J. Campbell  
Union

# Memo to Trenton: reconsider cruel cuts affecting healthcare

If the state budget ax falls as planned, Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health Systems will be dealt a crippling blow that simply cannot be tolerated.

New Jersey, unfortunately, has the dubious distinction as one of the most heavily taxed states in the nation. But attempting to lessen that burden at the expense of some of the most vulnerable citizens is just plain wrong.

Unless some political courage emerges down in Trenton, Mount Camel Guild—a unit of Catholic Health and Human Services (CHHS)—faces a withering 40 percent cut in its operating budget.

To be specific, major cuts have been proposed for “partial-hospitalization” programs—a line item in the budget of the state’s Department of Human Services. These are programs that treat people suffering from mental illness and drug addition. Mount Carmel Guild provides these critical services to 6,000 patients.

The cuts would affect many N.J. healthcare organizations. With all the waste and pork barrel in the state budget, taking aim at groups such as Mount Carmel Guild is blatantly expedient. We expect better of our elected officials.

Anita C. Holland, Mount Carmel Guild executive director, recently addressed politicians at the Legislative Dialogue forum at Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 25). It was at this meeting that she called upon lawmakers to restore drastic state cuts for partial-hospitalization services.

Holland also was blunt by saying “we were misled” by the state’s political leaders about funding levels for mental-health programs. (Note: Please see Holland’s letter to the editor on this page and a related story concerning the Mount Carmel Guild situation on page 5.)

To their credit, representatives Assemblyman Joseph Cryan and senators Joseph V. Doria, Jr. and Joseph F. Vitale are among those committed to a prompt legislative review of the planned cuts that would affect Mount Carmel Guild patients.

Now is the time for a full-court press on the political front. We urge readers to contact Gov. Jon Corzine, local representatives and the state Department of Human Services and demand adequate funding of partial-hospitalization programs.

There is no time to lose. Lives are at stake.

# A salute to our jubilarians: celebrating years of service

The jubilarians featured in this issue illustrate in dramatic fashion a commitment to God’s call in the Archdiocese of Newark second to none.

Representing literally hundreds of years of unselfish service, these special men and women who have worked tirelessly in every facet of spiritual life in the Church in Newark are truly servants of Our Lord. Among them, of course, is Archbishop John J. Myers who has lovingly embraced the Archdiocese of Newark.

Each priest, Sister and Brother marking milestones in their lives this year literally have given decades of ministerial service. The depth of both their talents and training are impressive.

These holy men and women are owed a debt of gratitude that can never adequately be repaid. They have trained young minds in the Faith, been there during joyous and not so joyous times in their respective parishes and offered comfort to tortured souls.

Many of the faithful throughout the Church in Newark have had their lives touched by these special people. That surely must give the jubilarians a tremendous sense of satisfaction.

A heartfelt “thank you” to our jubilarians. God bless you.



# Warmly welcoming our seldom-seen family members

On Friday, Dec. 8, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation, which is always observed, as Mary under this title is the patroness of both our archdiocese and our nation.

If you ask the average Catholic what the Immaculate Conception is, invariably you will receive the erroneous answer that it has to do with Mary's miraculous conception of Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. That event is properly called the Annunciation or even the Incarnation, but is not the Immaculate Conception.

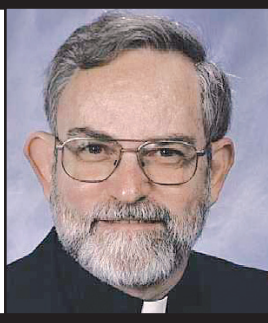
It is easy enough to understand why people would give the wrong answer. After all, the Gospel of the day recounts the story of Mary's encounter with the angel Gabriel. In fact, there is no scriptural account of the Immaculate Conception. Although part of Church tradition since its earliest centuries, it was only officially declared an infallible doctrine of the Church on Dec. 8, 1854 by Pope Pius IX.

By this doctrine, we believe that God granted Mary the special privilege of her being conceived free from original sin in the womb of Mary's mother, Anne, who naturally conceived in union with Mary's father, Joachim.

According to Our Sunday Visitor's Catholic

## Seeing & Believing

By Rev. Msgr.  
Richard J. Arnhols



Encyclopedia, "according to this doctrine, Mary was conceived in the state of perfect justice, free from original sin, and all its consequences and penalties, in virtue of the redemption won by Christ on the cross.

In this sense, the privilege of the Immaculate Conception was the anticipated fruit of Christ's saving passion, death and resurrection. It was fitting that she who was to bear the Savior of the world should herself be preserved by Him from sin and its consequences and thus be the first to benefit from what He would win for the whole human race."

*It's extra important during the Christmas season to help the less-frequent comers to Mass feel that they belong. A simple smile can go a long way to helping someone feel comfortable enough to want to come again.*

Thinking about the traditional settings of family gatherings at Thanksgiving and Christmas, for the most part it involves squeezing extra family members and friends around the dinner table (or tables) for a festal meal.

Rarely does someone complain on these occasions that another "took my seat." If anything, people go out of their way to make sure that everyone feels that they belong there.

Every celebration of the Eucharist is a family meal, too, among the members of God's family, and all belong. Why, then, do some people consider it so difficult to make room in the pew for the stranger, the latecomer, or the family with the overactive child? Could it be that it's because we don't really know the person who approaches, or is it simply because we consider our usual location "ours?"

While we should have a welcoming attitude every time we attend Mass, how extra important it is during the Christmas season to help the less-frequent comers feel that they belong, too. A simple smile and a ready sharing of pew space can go a long way to helping someone feel comfortable enough to want to come again.

There was no room at the inn for Mary, Joseph, and Jesus that first Christmas. May we make sure there is room for Jesus when we worship Him, especially when He shows up in the person who wants to sit next to us to do the same.

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

# Reflections on divine gifts to Jerusalem and Mary

**Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-11; Lk 3:1-6.**

The liturgical year has two "hinges"—the feasts of Christmas and Easter; the celebration of the Incarnation and the Paschal Mystery of Jesus reveal for each generation the wonders of divine love for all creatures. No wonder we prepare at length for these special moments.

Indeed, the penitential aspects of Advent and Lent should dispose us to enter ever more deeply into the reality of God's presence with us. No one can show the way to appreciate our relationship with Christ better than His and our blessed Mother.

In celebrating the annual cycle of the mysteries of Christ, Holy Church honors the Blessed Mary, Mother of God, with a special love. In her the Church admires and exalts the most excellent fruit of redemption, and joyfully contemplates, as in a faultless image, that which she herself wholly desires and hopes to be (Vatican, II, Sacred Liturgy #103).

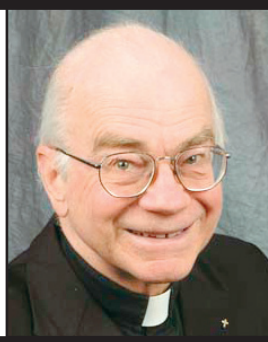
Baruch was the secretary of Jeremiah and he shared the prophet's passionate love for Jerusalem as the place where Israel could commune profoundly with God. It is not surprising, therefore, to find that writings attributed to Baruch focus fondly on the holy city and its Temple. Yes, Nebuchadnezzar had come from Babylon to destroy the city and it would be threatened several times after the second Temple was completed in 515 B.C. However, these tragedies occasioned an ever-deeper love for Jerusalem.

Baruch personified Jerusalem in this Sunday's passage, part of a consoling assurance of God that the people would return from exile. Then their mother could remove her robe of mourning to be clothed again in the splendor that is a reflection of divine glory (5:1). In the Hebrew mentality clothing symbolized and manifested the inner qualities and the function of the individual in

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(Dec. 10, 2005)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



society. The cloak of justice (righteousness) replaces the widow's weeds and Jerusalem begins to live up to the name "The Lord is my righteousness" (Jer 33:16).

A priestly mitre with the words "Holy to the Lord"

engraved on a golden plate (Ex 28:26) is described, indicating the author's conviction that the holy city exercises a sacerdotal function (5:2). For the Hebrews a person's name manifests the vocation and destiny to which one is called. God will bestow new names upon Jerusalem "the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship" (5:4), reminding us of the designation "City of Shalom (peace)" under Melchisedek, the king of righteousness (see Gn 14:18). Thus Baruch anticipates the prayer of St. Paul for the Christian community. "It is my wish that you may be found rich in the harvest of justice which Jesus Christ has ripened in you, to the glory and praise of God (the Father)" (Phil 1:11).

The restoration of the tribes of Israel to the

Promised Land was promised frequently by the prophets. In the time of Babylonian exile, disciples of Isaiah's school described the return over a highway prepared for God (40:3-4). Baruch depicts the road building as God's work (5:7) and God himself will ferry the people back on portable thrones (5:6). The former slaves now savor their royalty.

The prophetic witness of John the Baptist prepares the people for the coming of God's reign in a new way. He proclaimed a baptism of repentance, which would lead to the forgiveness of sin (Lk 3:3). As Jesus would explain later, the various human experiences of political enslavement are manifestations of the slavery caused by sin. The crooked can be made straight and the rough can become smooth, provided that people recognize the need of God's gift of forgiveness. As we prepare for Christmas through the sacraments of penance and the Eucharist, we dispose

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ourselves to become vehicles whereby all humankind shall see the salvation of God (Lk 3:6).

In anticipation of the call to be the Mother of Jesus, Mary was enriched from the very first instant of her conception with the splendor of

an entirely unique holiness (see Vatican II, Constitution on the Church #56). Mary is indeed the great beneficiary of Christ's saving work, being exempt from the shadow of estrangement from God. Thus she is linked with Christ in a unique way, from Nazareth to Calvary and beyond. As our Mother she is the Daughter of Zion, wrapped in the divine cloak of justice and pointing to the Prince of Peace.

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



# At a time of loss, a ministry to counsel, support families

BY ROBERT C. MOORE, IV  
Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

Joseph of Arimathea is known to be the patron saint of funeral directors. As the owner of the tomb where Jesus was placed after his crucifixion, Joseph typically is depicted in iconography, along with Nicodemus, removing Jesus from the cross.

The kindness and compassion Joseph showed for our Lord's family at that difficult time, along with the care and concern for Jesus' earthly body, has placed Joseph in a most historically praiseworthy position. Much like Joseph of Arimathea, today's funeral directors offer many of the same qualities in our modern world, as we provide an important faith-based ministry and help the families we serve.

Like the clergy in our parishes, many funeral directors consider what they do as more of a calling than a job. The ability to leave their own families and friends at any time of the day or night to respond to someone's urgent request for help is not something that everyone can do. The ongoing relationship between clergy, funeral directors and griev-

ing families is one that can make an important difference in the way people deal with their bereavement or sense of loss.

Funeral directors are in a unique position to interact with families at these critical, emotional times. The advice and counsel that families seek from us is sensitive, complex and can involve a spectrum of issues. Our advice can be sought before

a death occurs, at the time of death, or even months after the death has occurred. For example, questions about the need for a meaningful liturgy or the value of the funeral could be mixed in with a request to support a surviving spouse long after the funeral is over.

Many times the Catholic families we serve are totally at peace with their loss because their lifelong personal faith journeys have prepared them for the moment. Their belief in the Resurrection of Christ and the communion with the saints is firmly ingrained in their families. Their desire for a visitation with a wake service before a funeral Mass reflects the traditions

that they remember and in which they place value.

It is not uncommon, however, for funeral directors to counsel families that have fallen away from the Church. While Catholic in name, they may not be the regular Church participants they once were. Therein lies our opportunity and our ministry, along with clergy, to offer these families a road back to the Church at a time when they need it the most.

The Nov. 8 Mass celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Nov. 22), was a reflection of this ministry. It was my privilege, as the president of the New Jersey State Funeral Directors Association, to participate as a proclaimer at this Mass.

Sponsored by Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark, the Mass was a gathering of dedicated clergy, funeral directors, cemeterians and bereavement counselors. Together we listened as Archbishop Myers reminded us of the important work we do. From the Sacrament of the Sick to a place of rest in a Catholic cemetery, our faith offers traditions and liturgy for help in dealing with every phase of death, dying and bereavement.

It is up to all of us to remind the families we serve of the importance and meaningful value they can give to those moments, as we help them walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

(Editor's note: Robert C. Moore, IV, is the president of the Manasquan-based New Jersey State Funeral Directors Association ([www.njsfda.org](http://www.njsfda.org)). A fourth-generation family funeral director, Moore is the manager of Moore's Home for Funerals in Wayne. He also serves as a trustee and cantor at Our Lady of Consolation Parish in the Diocese of Paterson.)

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Robert C. Moore, IV, (left) the president of the New Jersey State Funeral Directors Association, is pictured with Deacon George R. Kelder, Jr., the assistant executive director of the organization, at the Nov. 8 Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. The Mass, sponsored by Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark, was a gathering of clergy, funeral directors, cemeterians and bereavement counselors, reflecting on the ministry they provide to Catholic families.

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**INTERFAITH DIALOGUE**—The Millburn-based American Jewish Committee (AJC), along with Catholic and Protestant partners, sponsored a forum by author Rabbi James Rudin titled "Baptizing America: What the Religious Right Plans for the Rest of Us." More than 470 people—including many students—attended the program, which was held Oct. 24 at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in Short Hills. Rabbi Rudin, a senior advisor to the AJC, published a namesake book last year. Pictured at the event are Allyson Gall (left), the N.J. area director of the AJC, along with Father Phil Latronico (right), the executive secretary of the Commission for Interreligious Affairs for the Archdiocese of Newark, who served as a partner with the AJC in organizing the forum. As reported earlier this year, the lecture is one example of the "substantive action" in the current Catholic-Jewish interfaith dialogue (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Sept. 20).

## USCCB issues call for student artists to depict Good News

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is inviting students in first through sixth grades to participate in an art contest by asking them to illustrate how Jesus would deliver the Good News today.

The deadline for submissions is March 5. Entry information is available online at [www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org](http://www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org).



Ramon Rodriguez, the CCC's director of development, noted that last year more than 1,600 students from across the United States submitted artwork "that demonstrated that children see Jesus as part of their ordinary experience."

"Many drew Jesus at a computer, sending e-mail, calling or text messaging on a cell phone," he said in a statement announcing this year's contest.

First, second and third-place winners will be selected on the basis of their artwork's originality and creativity and will receive cash prizes of \$250, \$150 and \$100, respectively. Student artists may use crayons, pencil, paints or mixed media to create their illustration.

Winners will be announced May 1 and the winning artwork will be featured on the CCC's Web site during May. All those who enter the contest will be able to download a certificate of appreciation for their participation from the site after May 1.

The CCC supports a variety of national and local Catholic programming, public service announcements and other resources to promote Gospel values. It is funded through a national collection, which in 2007 will be held in most U.S. parishes the weekend of May 19-20.



# Like a diamond, St. Joseph Parish sparkles with faith

BY MELISSA MCNALLY  
Staff Writer

Seventy-five years ago the Saint Cloud section of West Orange was home to a number of Catholic families. Their hope for a parish of their own was realized when Mrs. Charles S. Schweinler donated a tract of land on which a church was built in memory of her late husband.

Bishop Thomas J. Walsh formally established St. Joseph Parish on Sept. 10, 1931, naming Father Thomas B. Glover as administrator. Father Glover celebrated masses on Christmas day in 1931, held appropriately in a former stable. The Schweinler family had converted their family stable into a carriage house, which was then adapted for use as a chapel until the church could be built. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held in February 1932 and Father Glover became pastor in 1938.

The parish grew as the Saint Cloud area developed. In 1953 a wing, donated by the four children of Charles Schweinler, was added to the church. Three years later St. Joseph School opened, staffed by five Caldwell Sisters of St. Dominic and four local women. By 1956 the parish had grown to 550 families from 65 families at the time of Father Glover's arrival.

Today the parish has 1,325 registered households and about 800 faithful attend weekend

masses. Young families who have moved to the West Essex suburbs from New York are among the parish's newest members. Immigrants from Africa, Asia and the Caribbean contribute to the changing face of St. Joseph Parish.

The parish also has a thriving Filipino community and celebrates an evening Mass known as "Simbang Gabi," which is typically followed by a special dinner. Simbang Gabi is a nine-day novena to the Blessed Mother. The novena begins early on Dec. 16 and culminates with the "Misa de Gallo" on Christmas Eve.

Father Richard Francesco has

## Saint Joseph, West Orange

been the pastor at St. Joseph for four years. "In my time, I have seen parishioners respond generously as needs are presented to them. Catholics are generally loyal to their parishes, but the people I found here at St. Joseph are exceptionally loyal to their parish and are personally supportive of me," Father Francesco said.

The parish invests its faith-based energy in outreach ministries that feed and clothe the needy such as charity shopping, food pantry, soup kitchen, clothing drives and the Giving Tree project.

Parishioners often provide new ideas for community outreach. "One recent outreach project was introduced by a

young parishioner, Paul Schoch, as part of his Eagle Scout project," Father Francesco noted. "It is a special shoe collection drive. A simple but poignant announcement at Mass one weekend has yielded more shoes than we could have imagined. He explained that, in

many nations, people without shoes contact diseases that could be prevented if they had protection for their feet. Many of us think comfort and style when buying shoes, but they need them for their health. The shoe drive raises our consciousness so that people who may literally be a world away are made nearer."

The parish has a women's spirituality ministry that sponsors an annual half-day of reflection and has begun a Little Rock Scripture Study with a group of lay facilitators and a group of interested participants.

In addition, a prayer-shawl ministry has had recent success. As Father Francesco described it, a shawl is knitted or crocheted for a particular person for whom the knitter prays for while creating the shawl. The shawl serves as a sign of prayer and also has a practical purpose.

The religious education program has 260 students and 24 catechists. Pauline Alger, who recently received a master's degree in theology from the College of Saint Elizabeth, is pastoral associate for religious formation. The program has a "multiple-intelligence approach" to learning that includes peer ministers and teaching a deeper understanding of the liturgy. Students



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Father Kevin Hanbury, archdiocesan vicar for education and superintendent of schools; Principal Lynda Wright; Father Richard Francesco, pastor of St. Joseph Parish and Father Joseph A. Petrillo, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish (left to right) took part in the Sept. 6 ribbon-cutting ceremony that celebrated the opening of Pope John XXIII Academy.

in grades 5-8 receive report cards, while younger students get progress reports.

The young people of the parish are involved through the youth ministry group, led by John Cohrs. "With unwavering support from the parish community and a long history of active teens, the Saint Joseph youth ministry program provides young people with numerous opportunities to grow in both character and faith while actively engaged in parish activities," Father Francesco said. The ministry fosters leadership by combining cardinal virtues and applying them to practical activities. There are as many as 30 high school students at the weekly meetings, while 50 members participate in events through the year, he said.

Weekly meetings of the youth group include guest speakers, peer-building games, group discussion and prayer. "The positive environment created by the many diverse personalities ensures the success of every endeavor. In recent years, a growing relationship has been formed by many of the local youth ministries. By establishing inter-youth events, cooperating youth ministers have opened the door for teens of neighboring communities to make friendships and bridge gaps between surrounding towns," Father Francesco explained.

The community of St. Joseph Parish also expanded with the opening of Blessed Pope John XXIII Academy (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Sept. 20), which is co-sponsored with nearby Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. Located at the site of the former St. Joseph School, the academy has a departmentalized middle school and an improved technology center.

## Meet the Pastor

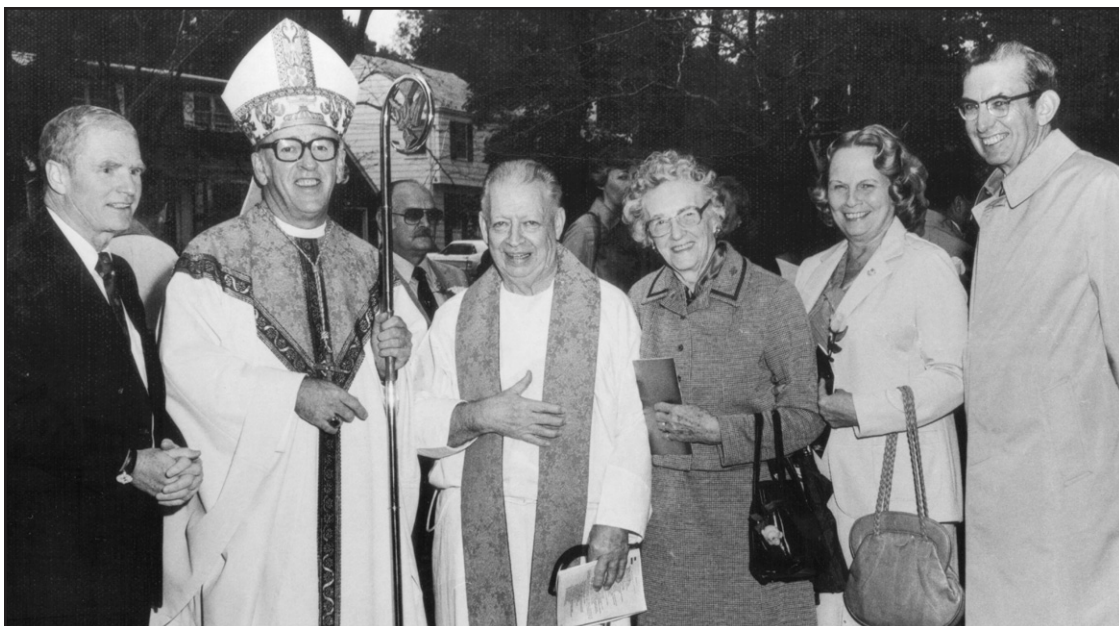


Fr. Richard G. Francesco

**Birthday:** November 28, 1956  
**Hometown:** Newark  
**High School:** Essex Catholic High School  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary  
**Undergraduate:** Montclair State University  
**Graduate School:** The Catholic University of America; Seton Hall University  
**Heroes:** My parents  
**Favorite Saint:** Francis of Assisi  
**Favorite Sport:** Running  
**Favorite Food:** Salmon  
**Favorite Subject in School:** Geometry  
**Favorite Movie:** *Jean de Florette*  
**Last Book Read:** *Faith and Politics* by John Danforth

With 265 children, the school accommodates working parents with the Extended Care Enrichment Learning (EXCEL) program that has before- and after-school care and provides tutoring for students. The school plans to celebrate the joint effort of the parishes in an Advent Reconciliation Service, marking a milestone in St. Joseph Parish's history of service to the community.

(St. Joseph Parish is located at 44 Benvenue Ave., West Orange. Father Richard Francesco, pastor, contributed to this article.)



St. Joseph Parish celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1981. In attendance was, (left to right) Gov. Brendan Byrne, Bishop Robert F. Garner, Father James McCloskey (pastor), Margaret Glover, Sharon Sherer and Tony Sherer.

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# St. Anthony supports 'statesman' Michael Molina

JERSEY CITY—With the help of the entire St. Anthony High School community, junior Michael Molina was able to participate in this year's Junior Statesman Summer School program at Princeton University.

Molina, who has a passion for politics, was asked to participate in the highly competitive program. Such invitations are based on academic achievement, leadership, an interest in government explained in a three-page essay, a teacher recommendation and a student's transcript.

Although he met the academic requirements, Molina did not have other criterion for participation, such as the tuition fee, the cost of books and supplies, proper attire and spending money. Principal Matthew Glowski approached the school's board of trustees and the needed funds were raised. A teacher even competed in a dodge ball tournament fund-raiser and donated the prize money.

The prestigious Junior Statesman program offers a rigorous academic challenging that includes advanced placement and

honors courses in U.S. government and politics. Molina completed the 85 hours in each course and received a "B."

"I welcomed the opportunity to compete with students from all over the world," Molina said. "I made so many friends. It was an awesome experience. I met and was even able to question some of our nation's leading politicians. Can you believe it?"

Call St. Anthony High School at (201) 653-5143 for information, or visit the school's Web site at [www.stanthonyhighschool.org](http://www.stanthonyhighschool.org).



Michael Molina, a student at St. Anthony High School in Jersey City, attended this year's Junior Statesman Summer School at Princeton University. The school's community provided funds for Molina to attend the program.

## Mother Seton Knights of Columbus to hold annual food drive on Dec. 16

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP—Mother Seton Council No. 5427 of the Knights of Columbus will conduct its annual food drive Dec. 16 for non-perishable goods, which will help needy families through local food pantries as well as families with sons and daughters serving in the military in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Personal hygiene items are part

of the drive. The public is asked to place a bag of non-perishable food items and personal hygiene items at their front door before 10 a.m. on Dec. 16. Volunteers will pick up the parcels as they cover every residence in the community. A notice will be distributed to township households prior to the drive.

Needed non-perishable items include powdered milk, hot and

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Monetary donations can be sent to the K of C Food Drive, 79 Pascack Road, Township of Washington, N.J. 07676. Call Jim Duthie at (201) 664-5313, or the Knights' hall at (201) 664-0422 for more information.



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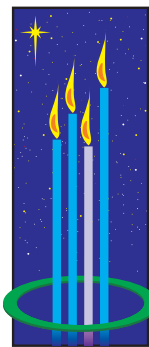
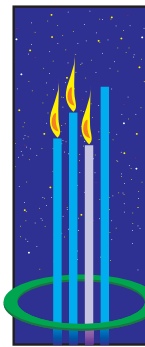
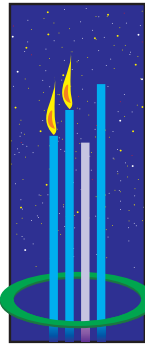
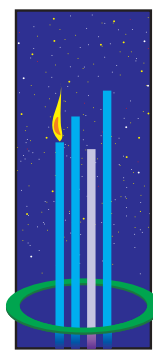
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for Dec. 14**

NEWARK—The annual Candlelight Carol Sing at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart will be held Thursday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m.

Conducted by John J. Miller, cathedral director of music ministries and featuring organist Vincent Carr, the 36th annual carol sing is part of the ongoing Cathedral Concert Series. The public is cordially invited to attend the event.

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# Worship Office shares prayers to brighten Advent

NEWARK—The Archdiocese of Newark’s Office of Divine Worship, directed by Father Thomas A. Dente, has issued a series of family mealtime prayers for Advent. The lighting of the Advent candles symbolizes the approaching “brightness” of the coming of Christ.

*(All Make the Sign of the Cross)*

**Leader:** We keep watch for the Sun of Justice—Jesus Our Savior! **All:** Who comes to comfort our fears and to make

new this waiting world.

**First Week of Advent**  
**Leader:** Let us pray. O God, to those who have hunger give bread and to us who have bread give the hunger for justice. Give us Christ who is the bread of life and your Word made flesh. *Amen.*

**Second Week of Advent**  
**Leader:** Let us pray. Almighty God, help us to look forward to the glory of the birth of Christ our Savior. His coming is proclaimed to the ends of the earth for He lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Third Week of Advent**  
**Leader:** Let us pray. All-powerful God, guide us with your love as we await the coming of your Son. Keep us mindful of the needs of others as we share in this meal. We ask this

through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Fourth Week of Advent**  
**Leader:** Let us pray. Almighty God, we contemplate the birth of your Son who was born of the Virgin Mary and came to live among us. May He be pres-

ent as we share this meal and follow His example of service to others. *Amen.*

**Conclusion**  
**All:** For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. *Amen.*




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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.



# Does Baghdad in 2006 equal Tet offensive in 1968?

During the year I spent at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, I enjoyed getting to know Peter Braestrup, who had been Saigon bureau chief of *The Washington Post* and was the living embodiment of that pulp fiction staple—the crusty reporter with a heart of gold.

While Peter made the *Wilson Quarterly* an important journal of ideas, his greatest contribution to American life was *Big Story*, a two-volume study of the 1968 Tet offensive, the political turning point of the Vietnam War. Alas, only two-thirds of the lessons Braestrup drew from that debacle have been learned.

*Big Story* demonstrated three things: first, that the Tet offensive was a major defeat for North Vietnam and the Viet Cong; second, that the world press badly missed the Tet story; and third, that the American people and their political leaders thought of Tet as a defeat for the U.S. and South Vietnam.

Braestrup, who died in 1997, lived to see his first and third conclusions accepted. His second conclusion—the media botch—has not been widely grasped, yet it's the crucial link between Conclusion One (Tet was a serious military defeat for the Communists) and Conclusion Three (Tet was nevertheless a huge political victory for the military losers).

A fine review of *Big Story*, summarizing the book's key points, is available online at [www.airpower.maxwell.af.mil/airchronicles/aureview/1978/nov-dec/bishop.html](http://www.airpower.maxwell.af.mil/airchronicles/aureview/1978/nov-dec/bishop.html).

In remembering my old friend Braestrup, however, the point is to look ahead, not back. For unless the American media and the American people take the second conclusion of Peter's masterpiece seriously, we may find ourselves in the morally dubious position of turning victory into defeat

## The Catholic Difference

by George Weigel



time and again in the war against jihadist terrorism.

Iraq is the obvious and immediate case in point. Jihadists around the world talk about the “mantaq al-Madrid” or the “Madrid effect,” referring to the terrorist bombings of Madrid train stations that cowed Spanish voters into deposing a government that had been a U.S. ally in Iraq.

An American equivalent of the “Madrid effect” is the goal of the Saddamists and jihadists who continue to fight in Iraq, even though they know they can't possibly win. They fight in order to degrade the political

will of the American people, who are fed a steady and (rightly) disturbing diet of Iraqi chaos and mayhem by a press corps that is repeating the same mistakes in its war reporting.

As Amir Taheri has pointed out, the allied coalition that invaded Iraq had multiple goals: to depose a mur-

derous regime, thereby ridding the world of a serious threat to international security; to empower the people of Iraq through a democratic political process; and to create a new political model for the Arab-Islamic world.

The first goal was achieved, rather easily. The second goal has been largely achieved, with a constitution written, free elections held, and a legitimate government formed.

The jihadists and Saddamists who are causing mayhem (and fostering sectarian violence) in Iraq know this; their purpose is to dismantle the success that the allied coalition and the Iraqi people have, in fact, achieved.

Reasonable people could, and did, differ about the prudence of the March 2003 invasion. My considered judgment remains that the allied action satisfied the criteria of a just war. But whatever one's position on decisions made in early 2003, surely people committed to the just-war way of thinking can agree that the moral obligation to secure the peace after major combat ends will not be met if the “Madrid effect” kicks in and the U.S. and its allies abandon Iraq.

That emphatically does not mean continuing failed policies. It does mean keeping focused on the legitimate goal of supporting the development of a decent, self-gov-

erning society.

A Tet-like victory for the jihadists will not lead to a just peace, in Iraq or anywhere else.

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

*We may find ourselves in the morally dubious position of turning victory into defeat time and again in the war against jihadist terrorism.*

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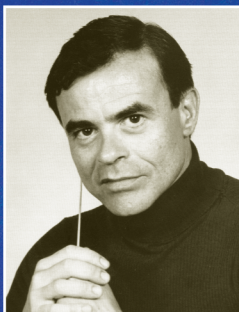
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**COATS COLLECTED**—The Student Council and Home School Association of Saint Francis Xavier School in Newark recently collected coats for the city's poor. With the help of Sister Clare Ricciardelli, M.P.F., principal, council members packed the coats for shipment to Catholic Charities. Taking part in the effort were, left to right, (back row) Brandon Major, Doel Hernandez, Andrew Emanuel, Gerena Garrido, Suzanne Persaud and Tiffany Soares and (front row) Hope Dormer, Suzette Garrido, Amber Martinez and Erica Malacas.

## Smoke-free bingo proceeds aid Lyndhurst parish school

LYNDHURST—Sacred Heart School runs two smoke-free bingo sessions a week at the parish social center, which is located at 655 Valley Brook Ave.

Representatives of Sacred Heart Parish pointed out that the two bingo sessions are smoke free to comply with the state law

passed earlier this year.

Bingo starts Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:30 p.m. The parish center snack bar serves hamburgers, fries and hot dogs, snacks, hot and cold beverages. Pizza is sold on Mondays.

Proceeds benefit the school, located at 620 Valley Brook Ave.

## NCCW rolls out its 'Be Counted' campaign at Milwaukee confab

MILWAUKEE—The Archdiocese of Newark was well represented at the biennial general assembly of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW), which was held Sept. 21-23.

Mary R. Loftus, president of the Newark Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (NACCW), and D. Jean Schneider, recently installed as president of the Newark Province, attended the event. They were among 850 members and friends of NCCW who took part in the assembly.

The NCCW Membership Development Committee announced its new "Join Us. Be Counted" campaign. Its goal is to increase NCCW membership 40,000 the first year and 60,000 the following year.

Agenda items of the NCCW assembly focused on new programs for serving families and communities as well as practical approaches to strengthening membership and the organization's financial base.

Participants filled the Cathedral of St. John

the Evangelist to hear Archbishop Timothy Dolan declare: "we praise Almighty God, we thank Almighty God, for the wonderful gift of your presence that you give to the Church in the United States. It is fitting that you have chosen 'Yes, Lord, Your Servant is Listening' as your theme because listening is essential to discipleship."

Keynote speaker Sister Amy Hoey, R.S.M., Ph.D., addressed the topic "Relationships, Divine, Human and Ecclesial." She reflected on the growing role of lay ecclesial ministry in the life of the Church.

"Christian ministry is a relational reality based on the doctrine of the Trinity. Our God doesn't have relationships. Our God is relationship; God is one and three." Sister Amy pointed out that lay ecclesial ministry grows out of the belief that discipleship is a fundamental vocation. "God calls, we listen...to live in the Spirit is to be a listener."

At the president's forum, the executive committee addressed topics dealing with effective leadership and council operations.



Mary R. Loftus (right), NACCW president, and D. Jean Schneider, director of the Newark Province, are pictured at the group's general assembly meeting held recently in Milwaukee.

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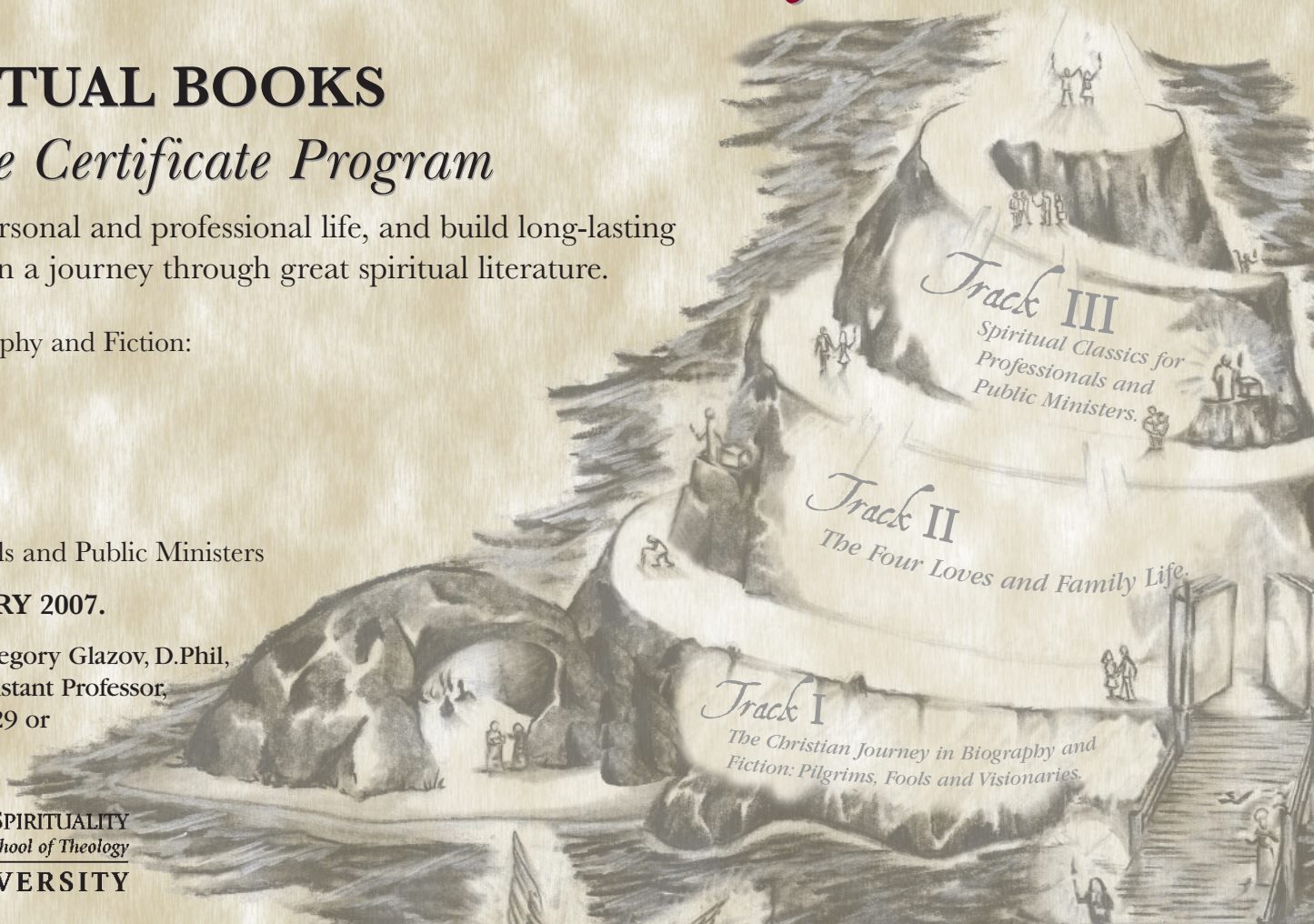
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**NEW FRANCISCAN CENTER**—Members of the New York Giants football team helped to build a new Franciscan community center, which will be located in the basement of St. John the Baptist parish in Fairview. The effort was part of the United Way's "Hometown Huddle" program. The Franciscan center will provide a variety of community services such as a food bank, adult education and health-care. The football players visited the parish in October. Pictured are (left to right) Giants kicker Jay Feely; Sister Anne Patrick, Feely's three-year-old son; cornerback Corey Webster; Father Michael Gubernat, the pastor of St. John; kick returner Chad Morton; center Shaun O'Hara; Sister Anna Maria Nott; and offensive lineman Matt Lentz. Call the parish at (201) 945-4865 for more information on the center.



## Cristo Rey school gets formal OK for 2007

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE  
Editor

NEWARK—The national Cristo Rey Network board, based in Chicago, formally has granted final approval for Christ the King preparatory school to open here in September 2007.

Christ the King, the first high school to open in the archdiocese since 1964, will be part of the highly regarded Cristo Rey network (see *The Catholic Advocate*, April 12). The school is slated to be launched with a class of 100 freshmen.

Father Edward Glynn, school president, said his office will begin recruiting students, faculty and administrators for Christ the King, which will be located at the site formerly occupied by Our Lady of Good Counsel elementary school.

The school's board of trustees will host a reception for pastors, principals, directors of religious education and potential sponsors to celebrate the formal approval of Christ the King. The reception will be held Monday, Dec. 18, 7 p.m., at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave. Contact Father Glynn for more information at (973) 497-4596.

Cristo Rey schools integrate academics, community activities and corporate internships, which are a necessary prerequisite. The program calls for students to be placed in entry-level jobs to help finance their education and support the initiative. The work experience is designed to foster a sense of citizenship for the students.



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## Coach Harris wins award

CONVENT STATION—Michael Harris, coach of the volleyball and basketball teams at the Academy of Saint Elizabeth, has been named "Coach of the Year" for volleyball by the Northern Hills Conference.

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They said to him, Rabbi, where do you stay?"

"Come and see,"

He answered.

John 1:38-39

Have you considered following after Jesus as a Priest, Sister or Brother...?



## Catechists sharpen teaching skills

PARAMUS—Addressing the theme of this year's archdiocesan catechist convocation, Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D., auxiliary bishop of Newark, declared that "teaching is helping people answer the question: 'Who do you say I am?'"

Bishop da Cunha reminded catechists that they can help their students by offering an answer to the question and being an "echoer" of Jesus' words and wisdom. The statement by Bishop da Cunha highlighted the theme of the convocation.

Nearly 550 catechists attended the convocation, which was held Oct. 28 at Paramus Catholic High School and sponsored by the Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Father Kevin Hanbury, archdiocesan vicar for education and superintendent of schools, another featured speaker at the convocation, spoke of the "vision" of total parish education, with Catholic school and religious education programs working in unison. He stressed that catechetical leaders can assist and serve Catholic schools by offering workshops for teachers.

A series of workshops—27 in English and 13 in Spanish—were featured at the convocation. Each catechist had the opportunity to attend three of the workshops. "It was a profitable day for those who took the time to learn more about their catechetical ministry," noted Elizabeth R. Foer, M.A., associate director of catechist formation for the archdiocese.



Photo courtesy of Elizabeth R. Foer

The archdiocesan catechist convocation, held Oct. 28 at Paramus Catholic High School, attracted nearly 550 catechists. Featured speakers at the event included Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D., auxiliary bishop of Newark, and Father Kevin Hanbury, archdiocesan vicar for education and superintendent of schools.

## Masses will celebrate Filipino traditions, faith

SECAUCUS—The Filipino community next month will host the 13th annual practice of "Simbang Gabi," a Filipino custom that dates back nearly 500 years. Simbang Gabi means "evening Mass."

Immaculate Conception Parish is the site of Simbang Gabi. Masses will be celebrated each night at 7 p.m., Dec. 15 through Dec. 23. The masses will be in English, celebrated by parish clergy as well as visiting priests. Some prayers and carols will be in Filipino. The parish choir will perform for the liturgy and sing carols in English and Filipino.

The practice of Simbang Gabi started centuries ago during the Spanish colonial period in the Philippines. Priests held early dawn masses called "Misa del Gallo" (Rooster's Mass) for the farmers who wanted to attend Christmas Mass but could not leave their fields. In America, in order to allow as many people as possible to gather, the masses are celebrated in the evening.

The growing numbers of Filipinos here have helped sustain the observance of Simbang Gabi and other activities throughout the year. A spokeswoman for the Filipino Society of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, based here, explained that Simbang Gabi is significant because it strengthens relationships among family members by focusing on faith.

"It is a spiritual preparation for Christmas, a time when Christians mostly feel the presence of the Lord. And no matter what language is used, when the people pray and sing together, the universality of the Christmas spirit is realized," the spokeswoman said.

As part of the Simbang Gabi celebration, the Filipino community will host a reception Dec. 15 in the cafeteria and a Christmas dinner dance Dec. 23. Both events will follow the 7 p.m. masses.

According to the 2000 U.S. census, Filipinos are the second-largest Asian migrant group in Secaucus and the second-largest group of Asians in New Jersey. A majority of the Filipinos in Secaucus are American citizens by naturalization or birth. According to a profile released last year by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 36,673 Filipinos became American citizens.

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# Pope, patriarch pray flocks can share ‘same bread’

ISTANBUL, Turkey (CNS)—Claiming the brotherhood of their respective patron saints—the apostles Andrew and Peter—the spiritual leaders of the world’s Orthodox and Catholic faiths joined together in prayer and solemnly affirmed their commitment to the full unity of their churches.

Pope Benedict XVI paid homage to the Orthodox Church by attending a Nov. 30 Divine Liturgy celebrated by Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople. The liturgy at the Orthodox Church of St. George in Istanbul marked the feast of St.

Andrew, patron of the patriarchate. Addressing the congregation at the end of the liturgy, Pope Benedict said the service was an opportunity “to experience once again the communion and call of the two brothers” (Peter and Andrew) chosen by Jesus to be His apostles and sent to different cities to preach the same Gospel.

The fact that the brothers had different roles within the Christian community, with Peter and his successors in Rome having a “universal responsibility,” has “unfortunately given rise to our differences of opinion, which we hope

to overcome, thanks also to the theological dialogue, which has been recently resumed,” Pope Benedict said.

While Orthodox generally recognize the importance of the Church of Rome, they object to the way in which popes have tried to exercise direct jurisdiction over all Christian communities.

Pope Benedict said he wanted to “recall and renew” the invitation issued by Pope John Paul II for a discussion among Christians on possible ways for exercising the papal ministry to serve the unity of all Christians. “It is only through brotherly communion between Christians and through their mutual love that the message of God’s love for each and every man and woman will become credible,” the pope said.

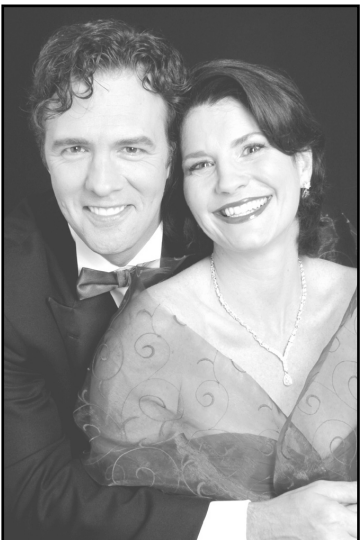


Pope Benedict XVI (left) and Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew arrive for an evening prayer service at the Orthodox Church of St. George in Istanbul, Turkey, Nov. 29.

## ‘Phantom’ to perform at Christmas concert

WOODCLIFF LAKE—Our Lady Mother of the Church will stage “A Christmas Celebration; A Musical Experience of Joy, Peace and Love” on Saturday, Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m.

Broadway performers will provide an Irish-American flavor for the parish concert. Ciaran Sheehan, who starred in over 1,000 performances in the lead role of the Phantom in the celebrated Broadway production “The Phantom of the Opera” tops the bill. Gay Willis, who performed the role of Christine in “Phantom,” also will be featured.



Broadway stars Ciaran Sheehan (left) and Gay Willis will perform at Our Lady Mother of the Church in “A Christmas Celebration; A Musical Experience of Joy, Peace and Love.” The concert will be held Saturday, Dec. 9.

the parish, which is located here at 209 Woodcliff Ave. Tickets also are available through [www.TicketWeb.com](http://www.TicketWeb.com) (886-468-7619). Call the parish at (201) 391-2826 for more information.

Like the patriarch, the pope expressed his sadness at the fact that although they share the same faith and recognize the validity of each other’s sacraments, Catholics and Orthodox cannot regularly share each other’s Eucharist.

“May our daily prayer and activity be inspired by a fervent desire not only to be present at the Divine Liturgy, but to be able to celebrate it together, to take part in the one table of the Lord, sharing the same bread and the same chalice,” the pope declared.

“In the liturgy, we are reminded


of the need to reach unity in faith as well as in prayer,” Patriarch Bartholomew said in his homily. “Therefore, we kneel in humility and repentance before the living God and Our Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious name we bear and yet at the same time whose seamless garment we have divided.

“We confess in sorrow that we are not yet able to celebrate the holy sacraments in unity,” the patriarch said. “And we pray that the day may come when this sacramental unity will be realized in its fullness.”

Following the liturgy, the pope and patriarch signed a joint dec-

laration committing their churches to continuing theological dialogue and greater practical cooperation, especially in promoting Christian values in increasingly secularized societies. They also expressed their concern for the poor, for victims of violence and terrorism—especially those in the Middle East.

After the three-hour liturgy, Patriarch Bartholomew led Pope Benedict to a balcony overlooking a courtyard. They both blessed the crowd, then the patriarch took the pope’s hand and held it aloft as they waved and smiled at the applauding crowd below.



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"The parish mission is equivalent to a spiritual tune-up," explained Father Eugene J. Field,

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Dec. 11 will focus on: "Responding to the Holy Spirit in the Soul;" Dec. 12, "Responding to the Holy Spirit in the Church;" Dec. 13, "Responding to the Holy Spirit in the World." All three lectures begin at 7:30 p.m.

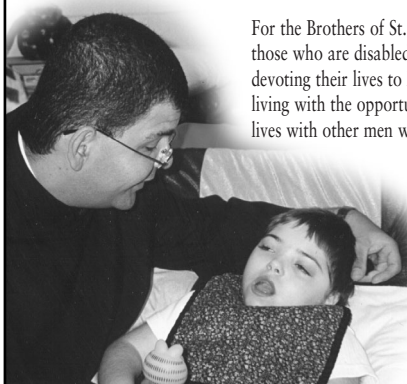
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Immaculate Conception Seminary soccer team took second place in the recent Rector's Cup tournament, losing to the squad from Mount Saint Mary. St. Charles Borromeo and St. Joseph (Dunwoodie) also fielded teams in the annual event. The competition was held at the Mount St. John Retreat Center in Peapack. Msgr. Robert Coleman is the rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary, which is located on the campus of Seton Hall University, South Orange.

## Rector's Cup soccer tourney gets a kick from spirited play

PEAPACK — The annual Rector's Cup soccer tournament, hosted by Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University,

South Orange, was held here recently at the Mount St. John Retreat Center and included seminary teams from Mount Saint

Mary, Emmitsburg, MD; St. Charles Borromeo, Overbrook, PA; and St. Joseph (Dunwoodie), Yonkers, NY.

"The soccer tournament offers a wonderful opportunity for the men of all four seminaries to come together in good fellowship and prayer and recreation," Msgr. Robert Coleman, rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary, commented. "It is a time for the seminarians to see that there are many great young men answering the call of the Lord to be His priests. Winning the cup is great, but even better is the spirit of fraternity, which is experienced by all the men."

Mount Saint Mary's won the tournament cup, defeating Immaculate Conception by the score of 4-2. The Mount advanced to Sunday's final after a 2-1 victory over St. Joseph, while Immaculate Conception bested St. Charles Borromeo by the count of 4-1.

## Knights host open house

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP—Mother Seton Knights of Columbus Council No. 5427 will host its annual Christmas open house Dec. 10 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the council hall, 79 Pascack Rd.

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Third grade teacher Mary Saggio and Father James Worth, parochial vicar at St. James the Apostle Parish in Springfield (top), congratulate the third grade class as it prepares Thanksgiving baskets for delivery to Lily's Pantry in town. Anthony DiMurro, grandfather of student Anthony Alaimo, delivered the baskets, which included turkey gift cards.

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# Catholic school students help those in need during Thanksgiving



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In the photo to the left, Jordan Ahn, a kindergarten student at St. Catherine of Siena School in Cedar Grove, gathers canned goods collected by classmates during the school's annual Thanksgiving food drive for the poor. In the top photo, Pre-K students, left to right, Ana Cantarella, Eden Plescia and Anthony Ragucci, help with food collected during November at Holy Family Interparochial School in Norwood.

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# Msgr. Fuhrman shares his insights on the Pontifical Mission Societies

BY WARD MIELE  
Managing Editor

SOUTH ORANGE—Jubilarian Msgr. Robert J. Fuhrman, the pastor of Saint Gabriel the Archangel Parish in Saddle River, participated as a speaker at the first Church in Mission forum, which was held here at Seton Hall University (SHU) under the auspices of the World Mission Committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and the Pontifical Mission Societies—the archdiocesan office directed by Msgr. Fuhrman.

Celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination (May 30, 1981), Msgr. Fuhrman, 51, attended SHU and Immaculate Conception Seminary. He was born July 9, 1955.

An audience of men preparing for the priesthood learned about the vital worldwide missionary work of the Church during the two-day Church in Mission forum (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Nov. 8 and Oct. 4). Interviewed earlier this year, Msgr. Robert Fuhrman, said the conference was designed to “expose the seminarians to this fundamental work of the Church and to familiar-

ize them with the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies.” All of this was done, he added, through the theological perspective.

Serving as a speaker during the first day of the forum, Msgr. Fuhrman discussed the structure, purpose and history of the Pontifical Mission Societies. Its purpose is to “develop in all people of God a ‘missionary conscience’ and understanding of our duty to support the universal needs of the Church.”

Citing the World Mission Sunday celebration, which was held here and nationwide Oct. 21 and 22, Msgr. Fuhrman told the seminarians of how “the Church in the developing world deals with the realities of war, poverty, natural disasters, suppression of the Faith and outright persecution of the Church.”

Father Kevin Hanlon, M.M., Maryknoll Missionary, Maryknoll, N.Y., the keynote speaker at the recent Church in Mission conference, focused on the theology and mission as taught by the Church in light of Vatican II. Father Hanlon spoke of the post-Vatican II era and how the pilgrim Church is missionary by its very nature. An often-missing element in a seminarian’s

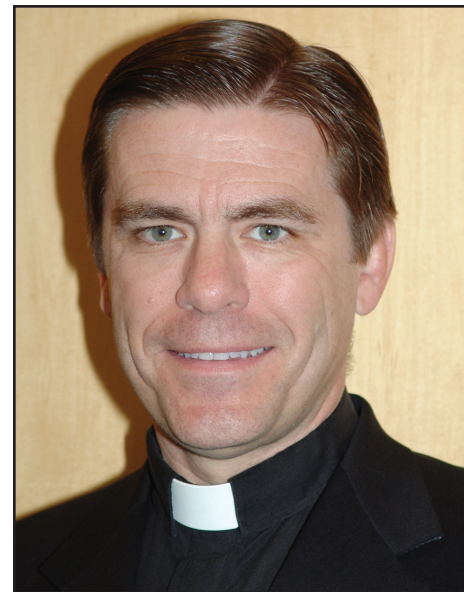
education, according to Father Hanlon, is the Gospel’s missionary message of Jesus to “go out to all nations and teach and baptize them.”

Msgr. Fuhrman and Father Hanlon serve as consultants to the Washington, D.C.-based USCCB committee on World Missions.

World Mission Sunday, organized here by the archdiocesan Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church’s missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice.

“The Catholic world is a big place,” Msgr. Fuhrman stated. “There are over 1 billion members in the family of the Church. All of us received the faith through missionaries. Across continents, down through 20 centuries, the words of Christ and the gift of the sacraments have been protected by God for our healing and experience. Faith can appear where it is not expected. Christ is proclaimed in forests, on rooftops, behind prison bars, and amidst persecution.”

Msgr. Fuhrman stressed that the “Church is full of heroes. I speak with ‘retired’ missionaries. I meet priests and Religious from

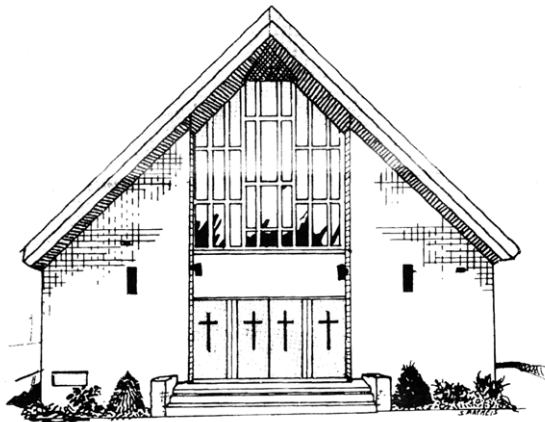


Msgr. Robert J. Fuhrman

so-called Third World countries who live with few of this world’s goods. I am utterly inspired by their love. When Catholics in America see the beauty of the missions, they are deeply moved.”

Every year needs grow for Catholic Church missions—as new dioceses are formed; as new seminaries are opened because of the growing number of young men hearing Christ’s call to follow Him as priests; as areas devastated by war or natural disaster are rebuilt; and as other long-suppressed areas are opened to hear the message of Christ and His Church, he said.

*Join with us in saying thank you and God bless to  
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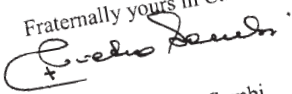
Your Excellency:

I have come to learn that in the months ahead, Your Excellency will be celebrating significant anniversaries. In October, Your Excellency will celebrate your Fifth Anniversary as Archbishop of Newark and in December you will mark the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of your Ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. It is my understanding that as you celebrate these special milestones in your life and ministry, Your Excellency will also anticipate, together with the Faithful People of God in Newark, your 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination which occurs in September of 2007. As the Papal Nuncio and the Personal Representative of the Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI, I am pleased to extend to you my heartfelt congratulations.

Undoubtedly, many will join Your Excellency in giving thanks to Almighty God for the faithful service that you have given to the Lord and His people. I am certain that you have been inspired by the words of Pope Benedict XVI, in his encyclical – *Deus Caritas Est*: “To do all we can with what strength we have, is the task which keeps the good servant of Jesus Christ always at work: ‘The love of Christ urges us on’ (2Cor 5:14)” [*Deus Caritas Est*, #35]. It is my fervent prayer that the love of Christ may continue to strengthen you in the ministry that has been entrusted to you.

May Christ the High Priest continue to draw you into the mystery of his great love and may Our Blessed Mother intercede for you as you shepherd the People of God in Newark.

With sentiments of esteem and cordial, good wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours in Christ,  


Archbishop Pietro Sambì  
Apostolic Nuncio

Most Rev. John J. Myers  
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Archbishop Pietro Sambì became the apostolic nuncio (ambassador) of the Holy See to the United States on March 9, 2006, with concurrent accreditation as permanent observer to the Organization of American States. Archbishop Sambì previously has served as the apostolic nuncio in Israel and Cyprus. He was the apostolic delegate in Jerusalem and Palestine (1998-2005), as well as apostolic pro-nuncio in Indonesia (1991-98), and apostolic pro-nuncio in Burundi (1985-91). Archbishop Sambì was incardinated in the Diocese of San Marino-Montefeltro and ordained a priest in 1964. He holds a doctorate in sacred theology and canon law. He began his service in the diplomatic corps in 1969 as an attaché in Cameroon, transferring to Jerusalem in 1971, Cuba in 1974, Algeria in 1978, Nicaragua in 1979, Belgium in 1981, and then India in 1984 with the rank of counselor. Archbishop Sambì speaks Italian, English, French and Spanish.

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# Cardinal Egan shares his first impressions of young man from Peoria

BY EDWARD CARDINAL EGAN  
Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

**I**n August of 1963, I was one of the faculty members who welcomed a seminarian by the name of John J. Myers to the Pontifical North American College as he began his final four years of theological studies.

From our first meeting I was aware that the young man from Peoria, IL, was a most-promising candidate for the priesthood. An excellent student, he was as well a warm, enthusiastic and thoughtful human being.

After priestly ordination in Rome, Father Myers returned to his home diocese. There he distinguished himself in numerous ways, as I knew from his bishop with whom I had the pleasure of cooperating on several undertakings in my capacity of secretary to the Archbishop of Chicago and later his Chancellor.

To say that His Excellency, The Most Reverend Edward W. O'Rourke, esteemed his young priest (Father Myers) is clearly an understatement. He counted him an extraordinary clergyman in every way and made no secret of his opinion. It was therefore not a surprise that in 1987 Father Myers was named Coadjutor Bishop of Peoria and, upon the death of Bishop O'Rourke in 1990, Bishop of the Diocese.

Serving during those years in the Archdiocese of Chicago, I heard from many sources of the remarkable work that then-Bishop Myers was accomplishing in Peoria, especially in the area of vocations to the priesthood and care for those most in need in the diocese of which he was the devoted shepherd.

As Archbishop of New York, I was therefore truly delighted in July of 2001 to learn that the dedicated seminarian, priest, and bishop whom I had known for

almost 40 years was named Archbishop of Newark. That delight has continued and grown over the past five years of witnessing up close the achievements of Archbishop Myers and collaborating with him in the service of the New York and New Jersey communities.

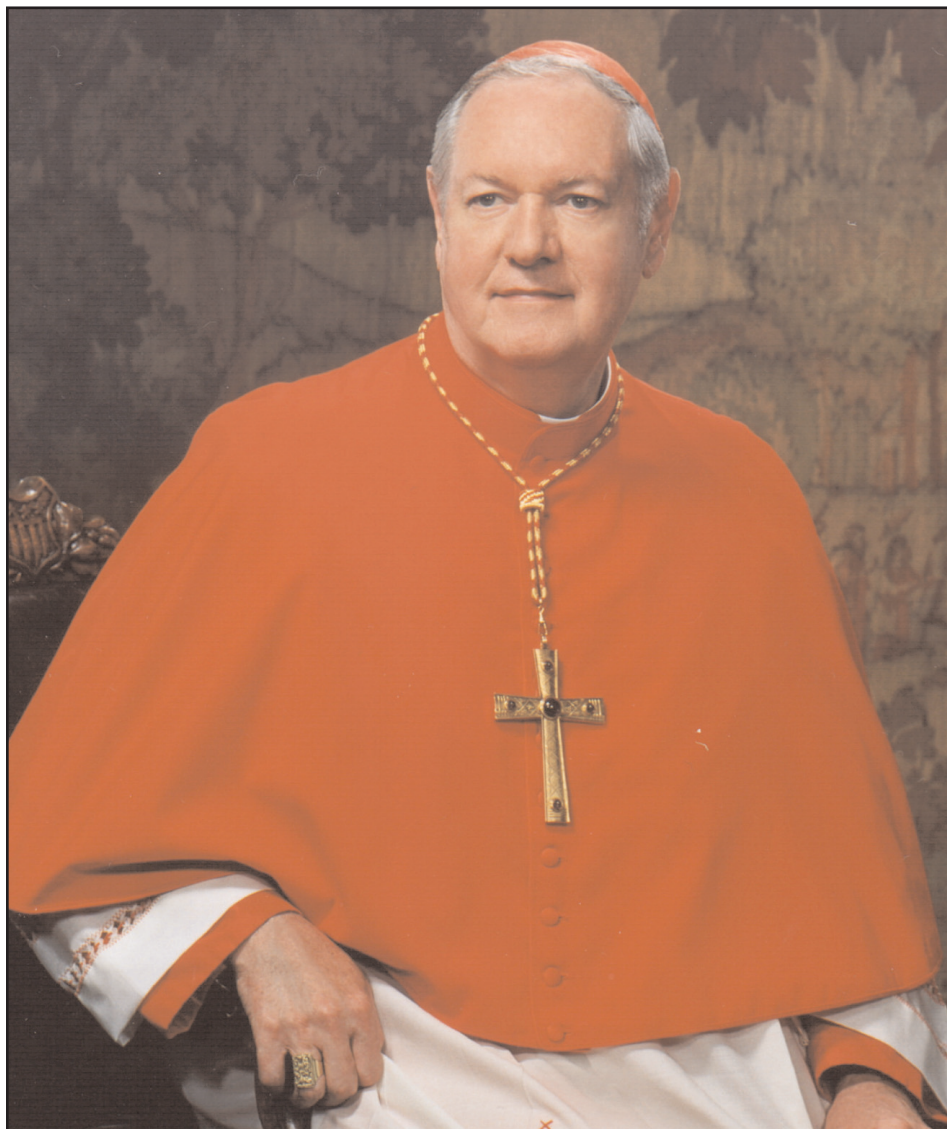
His pastoral letters, particularly on matters of Moral Theology, his parish visitations, his involvement in local community undertakings, and his deep commitment to understanding among members of all faiths and communions have attracted the attention and admiration of clergy, religious and laity across the nation, and the affection and esteem of the People of God of the Archdiocese of Newark. In addition, Archbishop Myers has provided his brother bishops with extraordinary leadership in many key fields; among them: vocations to the priestly and religious life, Church governance and Canon law.

Finally, he assists our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, most effectively as both a Consultor of the Pontifical Council for the Interpretation of Legal Terms and Ecclesiastical Delegate for the Pastoral Provision for Anglican Clergy. He is clearly a man of extraordinary gifts, energy and commitment.

Thus, it is with genuine joy I congratulate Archbishop Myers on the 40th anniversary of his priestly ordination and his fifth anniversary as Archbishop of Newark. I pray that he and the splendid community of faith that he guides with both skill and fervor will continue to be blessed most abundantly over the years that lie ahead so that, in the spirit of the motto on the archbishop's coat of arms, the wonder of the Church will shine forth ever more brightly in the parishes, schools, charitable agencies and healthcare institutions of the Archdiocese of Newark.

*(Edward Cardinal Egan is the archbishop of New York.)*

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Edward Cardinal Egan

## Cardinal Egan traces his journey from Oak Park to The Big Apple

His Eminence Edward Cardinal Egan was born on April 2, 1932, in Oak Park, IL, the son of Thomas J. and Genevieve Costello Egan.

Having earned a bachelor's degree in Philosophy from Saint Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, IL, he was sent to Rome to complete his seminary studies at the Pontifical North American College in Vatican City where he was ordained on Dec. 15, 1957.

In 1958, he received a licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University. After ordination, he returned to the United States in 1958, where he served briefly as a curate at Holy Name Cathedral Parish and later as assistant chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago and secretary to His Eminence, Albert Cardinal Meyer.

Cardinal Egan was consecrated a bishop on May 22, 1985, in the Basilica of Saints John and Paul in Rome by His Eminence, Bernardin Cardinal Gantin, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for Bishops, with His Eminence, John Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop of New York and His Excellency, the Most Reverend John R. Keating, Bishop of Arlington, as co-consecrators.

Cardinal Egan served as auxiliary

bishop and vicar for education of the Archdiocese of New York from 1985 to 1988. Pope John Paul II appointed Cardinal Egan to be the Third Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport on Nov. 8, 1988. He was installed on Dec. 14, 1988.

Pope John Paul II appointed him Archbishop of New York on May 11, 2000. He was installed at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick on June 19, 2000 by His Excellency, The Most Reverend Gabriel Montalvo, the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States.

On Jan. 21, 2001, Pope John Paul II announced that Cardinal Egan was to be elevated to the College of Cardinals. He was elevated in the consistory of Feb. 21, 2001 and was assigned as his titular church the Basilica of Saints John and Paul.

As a Cardinal, he was appointed by Pope John Paul II to the following institutions of the Vatican: The Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura, the Pontifical Council for the Family, the Prefecture for the Economic Affairs of the Holy See, the Council of Cardinals for the Study of the Organizational and Economic Concerns of the Holy See, and the Permanent Commission for the Protection of the Historic and Artistic Patrimony of the Holy See.





# Cardinal praises a steadfast profession of faith

BY SEAN PATRICK CARDINAL O'MALLEY  
Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

**T**he Myers' family history is a chronicle of commitment to faith, willingness to undertake difficult work in order to provide for the needs of others, and realization of each person's God-given potential.

As we celebrate Archbishop John J. Myers' decades as priest and bishop, the heritage of perseverance that occasioned his great-grandparent's migration from Ireland and confidence in God's providential care are reflected in all that the archbishop has achieved up to this time, and all that he will surely yet accomplish.

The Church dwells in the midst of an increasingly interconnected world, always responding to Christ's call to "make disciples of all nations," always standing as a beacon of the unchanging truth of the dignity of each and every human life and our call to love one another as Christ has loved us.

The many works of Archbishop Myers on behalf of the Church, selflessly and generously serving above and beyond the call of his assignments, reflect his recognition of the Church's need to engage contemporary society, in the United States and beyond, and be steadfast in the profession of faith.

The archbishop's many contributions to committees working on international relations, support for the Church in eastern Europe and encouraging the growth of the Hispanic apostolate give witness to the universality and catholicity of our faith. His unequivocal defense of the rights of the

unborn and pastoral leadership in calling all people to embrace the dignity of each and every human life are continuing to help build up the Culture of Life.

Our beloved Pope John Paul II on many occasions challenged us to recognize the young people in our midst as the future of the Church, to help them grow closer to Christ, and to help them consider if they were being called to a life of service as a priest or religious. Archbishop Myers responded to Pope John Paul's challenge in an exemplary manner that gives us all confidence in the vitality of the Church both now and for the years to come.

Archbishop Myers has overseen a renewal of priestly and religious vocations among the young men and women of the Archdiocese of Newark and those who come to call Newark their spiritual home. He has encouraged young people to be aware of Christ's presence in their lives and the difference that presence can make in their choices.

Throughout the wider Church we are blessed by the "springtime of vocations" that has emerged among the archbishop's flock, may the seeds of that renewal take hold and grow throughout the dioceses of our country.

Our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI, in his first encyclical issued earlier this year (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Feb. 8) has called us to embrace the truth of "Deus Caritas Est," (God is love) and to let that be the guide for our lives. Archbishop Myers, loyal son of the Church and humble servant of God's people, is deserving of our gratitude and respect for his daily witness to the reality of God's love as we strive for a society based in truth and justice.

*Ad multos annos!* (For many years!)

(Note: Seán Patrick Cardinal O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap, is the Archbishop of Boston. He was born in Lakewood, OH, on June 29, 1944. He received a master's degree in Religious Education and a doctorate in Spanish and Portuguese Literature from Catholic University of America. He was professed in the Capuchin Order on July 14, 1965 and ordained a priest of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin on Aug. 29, 1970. Cardinal O'Malley was ordained bishop on Aug. 2, 1984 and was appointed diocesan bishop of the Caribbean diocese the following year. He was installed as the bishop of Fall River, MA, on Aug. 11, 1992 and appointed bishop of Palm Beach, FL, in 2002. He was installed as the sixth archbishop of Boston on July 30, 2003 and was elevated to cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI on March 24, 2006. Cardinal O'Malley is an active member of the Washington D.C.-based United States Catholic Conference of Bishops and posts a blog every Friday at [www.cardinaleansblog.org](http://www.cardinaleansblog.org).)

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Seán Patrick Cardinal O'Malley

Photos courtesy of Gregory L. Tracy, *The Pilot*, Boston



Archbishop John J. Myers (left) and Seán Patrick Cardinal O'Malley are pictured at the North American College in Rome for the Funeral of Pope John Paul II in April 2005. Archbishop Myers traveled to Rome last March to attend the consistory of cardinals, where his good friend, the archbishop of Boston, was "created" as a cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI. Interviewed earlier this year, Archbishop Myers praised the "calming, healing presence and warm sense of humor" of Cardinal O'Malley.





# *Ad Multos Annos*

Those who are to take on the likeness of Christ the Priest by sacred ordination should form the habit of drawing close to Him as friends in every detail of their lives. They should live His Paschal Mystery in such a way that they will know how to initiate into it the people committed to their charge. They should be taught to seek Christ in faithful meditation on the Word of God and in active participation in the sacred mysteries of the Church, especially the Eucharist and the Divine Office, and to seek Him in the bishop....

*(Decree on the Training of Priests, Optatum Totius, 8)*



With joy, we congratulate

***Archbishop John J. Myers***

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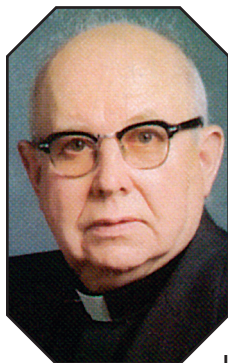
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## Rev. Msgr. Michael A. Komar



**Born:** Sept. 22, 1910  
**College:** Seton Hall University, South Orange  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary  
**Date of Ordination:** June 6, 1936  
**Assignments:** St. John Nepomucene, Guttenberg, parochial vicar; Christ the King, Jersey City, parochial vicar; Assumption, Jersey City, parochial vicar; St. Joseph, Elizabeth, parochial vicar; Holy Family Parish, Linden, administrator

65<sup>TH</sup>

## Rev. Msgr. Vincent P. Coburn



**Born:** Sept. 10, 1915  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** June 7, 1941  
**Post-graduate:** bachelor, licentiate and doctor of Canon

Law, Catholic University of America, Washington D.C.  
**Assignments:** assistant chancellor of the archdiocese; presiding judge of the Ecclesiastical Tribunal; St. John the Baptist, Hillsdale, administrator; St. Thomas the Apostle, Bloomfield, pastor; St. Patrick Pro-Cathedral, Newark, Vicar; Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, teacher; Seton Hall Law School, teacher  
**Foreign language:** Spanish

## Rev. Robert L. Daly, P.E.



**Born:** June 7, 1915  
**College:** St. Peter's College, Jersey City  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** June 7, 1941  
**Assignments:** Our Lady of Lourdes, West Orange, parochial vicar; St. Bernard, Plainfield, pastor; St. Catherine of Siena, Hillside, pastor and administrator

## Rev. Vincent Garoffolo



**Born:** Nov. 5, 1915  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** June 7, 1941  
**Assignments:** St. Joseph, East Orange, parochial vicar; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Newark, parochial vicar; St. Anthony, Union City, parochial vicar; Holy Rosary, Newark, parochial vicar; St. Rocco, Newark, parochial vicar; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Jersey City, parochial vicar; Our Lady of Sorrows, Garfield, pastor

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## Rev. Joseph J. Cestaro



**Born:** Feb. 19, 1920  
**Date of Ordination:** June 15, 1946  
**Assignments:** St. Anthony, Newark, pastor; St. Joseph, East Orange, parochial vicar; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Montclair, parochial vicar; St. Anthony of Padua, Union City, parochial vicar; St. Rocco, Newark, parochial vicar  
**Foreign language:** Italian

## Rev. Joseph V. Derbyshire



**Born:** Nov. 21, 1920  
**Date of Ordination:** June 15, 1946  
**Assignments:** Little Flower, Berkeley Heights, parochial vicar; St. Joseph, Jersey City, parochial vicar; St. Patrick Pro-Cathedral, Newark, parochial vicar; St. Aedan, Jersey City, parochial vicar; St. Michael, Cranford, parochial vicar; St. Joseph, Jersey City, pastor; Holy Rosary/St. Michael, Elizabeth, parochial vicar

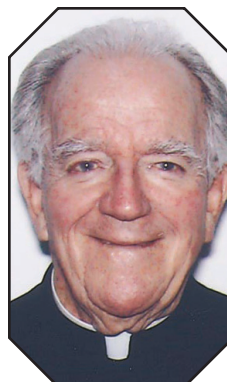
## Rev. John E. O'Brien

**Born:** Sept. 27, 1921  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** June 15, 1946  
**Post-graduate:** master's degree in



European History, Fordham University, N.Y.; doctorate in European history from the University of Ottawa, Canada; Fulbright Grant Certificate from Institute for European Studies, Turin, Italy  
**Assignments:** Seton Hall University, Newark, executive dean; St. Luke, Ho Ho Kus, parochial vicar; St. Mary, Rutherford, pastor

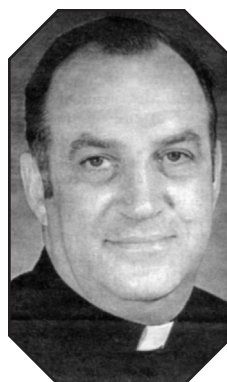
## Rev. Msgr. Edwin V. Sullivan



**Born:** Oct. 19, 1920  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** June 15, 1946  
**Post-graduate:** master's degree in Sociology, Fordham University; Ph.D. in History from University of Ottawa, Canada  
**Assignments:** Seton Hall University, Department of Sociology, chairman; Knights of Columbus Council 1831, South Orange, chaplain  
**Foreign language:** Spanish

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## Rev. John C. Dowling



**Born:** Jan. 1, 1926  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary  
**Date of Ordination:** May 19, 1951  
**Assignments:** St. Joseph the Carpenter, Roselle, pastor

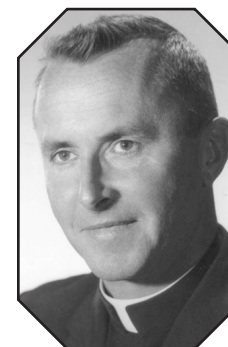
## Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Houghton



**Born:** Sept. 2, 1925  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** May 19, 1951

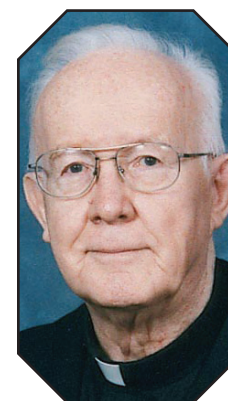
**Post-graduate:** licentiate in Sacred Theology from Catholic University of America, master's degree in Divinity  
**Assignments:** assistant chancellor of the archdiocese; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Ridgewood, pastor; Holy Trinity, Westfield, pastor

## Rev. Edward J. Kearney



**Born:** April 27, 1925  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** May 19, 1951  
**Assignments:** Our Lady Queen of Peace, Maywood, parochial vicar; president of Newark Association of Priests; St. Bridget, Jersey City, parochial vicar; St. Patrick, Jersey City, parochial vicar

## Rev. Alfred J. Kowalski



**Born:** Jan. 12, 1925  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** May 19, 1951  
**Assignments:** St. Aloysius, Caldwell, parochial vicar; Immaculate Conception, Elizabeth, pastor; Our Lady of Sorrows, Garfield, parochial vicar  
**Foreign language:** Spanish

## Rev. Javier Losarcos



**Born:** Dec. 27, 1927  
**Seminary:** St. Augustine Monastery, Kansas City, KS  
**Date of Ordination:** June 3, 1951  
**Post-graduate:** master's degree in Divinity, St. Augustine Monastery, Kansas City, KS  
**Assignments:** St. Cecilia, Kearny, parochial vicar; St. Francis of Assisi, Ridgewood Park, parochial vicar; St. Peter, Belleville, parochial vicar; St. Aloysius, Newark, pastor  
**Foreign language:** Spanish



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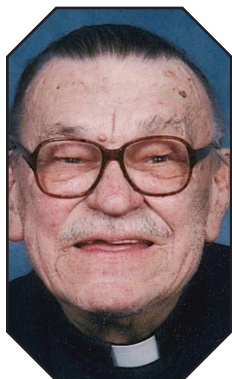




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## Rev. Leonard A. Miodowski



**Born:** July 2, 1926  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** May 19, 1951  
**Assignments:** St. Stanislaus, Newark, parochial vicar; St. Stanislaus Kostka, Garfield, parochial vicar; St. Stanislaus Kostka, Plainfield, parochial vicar; St. Ann, Jersey City, parochial vicar; St. Joseph, Hackensack, parochial vicar; St. Adalbert, Elizabeth, parochial vicar  
**Foreign languages:** Polish, Spanish

## Rev. Edward Swierzbinski



**Born:** Jan. 6, 1926  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** May 19, 1951  
**Post-graduate:** Ph. D. in Ministry, Drew University  
**Assignments:** St. James, Springfield, parochial vicar; Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, chaplain; University Hospital, Newark, chaplain; St. Anne, Garwood, pastor; Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Wallington, parochial vicar

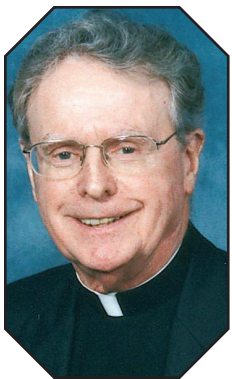
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## Rev. John M. Ballweg



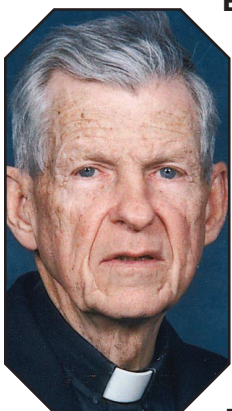
**Born:** May 2, 1930  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** May 26, 1956  
**Assignments:** Immaculate Conception, Elizabeth, parochial vicar; Seton Hall University, professor of Religious Studies

## Rev. Msgr. James A. Burke



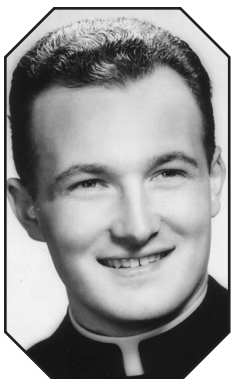
**Born:** Sept. 8, 1930  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary  
**Date of Ordination:** May 26, 1956  
**Post-graduate:** master's degree in pastoral counseling, Iona College, master's degree in religious education, Fordham University  
**Assignments:** St. Paul the Apostle, Jersey City, parochial vicar; St. Paul, Ramsey, pastor; Holy Family, Nutley, parochial vicar; St. Helen, Westfield, pastor

## Rev. James J. Carroll



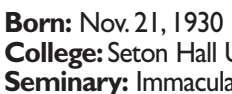
**Born:** Oct. 5, 1930  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** May 26, 1956  
**Assignments:** St. Matthew, Ridgefield, parochial vicar; St. Charles Borromeo, Newark, parochial vicar; Immaculate Heart of Mary, Maplewood, parochial vicar; Holy Spirit, East Orange, parochial vicar; Queen of Angels, Newark, parochial vicar; St. Paul of the Cross, Jersey City, parochial vicar; St. John the Baptist, Fairview, parochial vicar;

## Rev. Joseph DiPeri



**Born:** June 8, 1930  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** May 26, 1956  
**Assignments:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Jersey City, parochial vicar; St. Anthony, Newark, parochial vicar; St. Lucy, Newark, parochial vicar; Our Lady of Mount Virgin, Garfield, parochial vicar  
**Foreign languages:** Italian, Spanish

## Rev. Robert D. Jacunski



**Born:** Nov. 21, 1930  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception



**Seminary Date of Ordination:** May 26, 1956  
**Assignments:** St. Stanislaus, Newark, parochial vicar; St. Valentine, Bloomfield, parochial vicar; St. Aloysius, Caldwell, parochial vicar

## Rev. Stephen M. Kilcarr



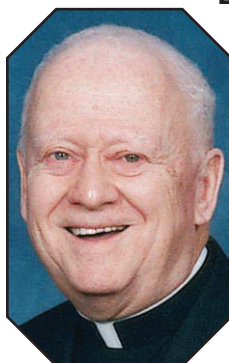
**Born:** Oct. 23, 1930  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** May 26, 1956  
**Assignments:** St. Joseph, Jersey City, parochial vicar; Seton Hall Prep, West Orange, teacher

## Rev. John J. Krozser



**Born:** June 27, 1930  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary  
**Date of Ordination:** May 26, 1956  
**Assignments:** Our Lady of Sorrows, South Orange, parochial vicar; Air Force Chaplain; Archdiocese of Newark, EMS chaplain

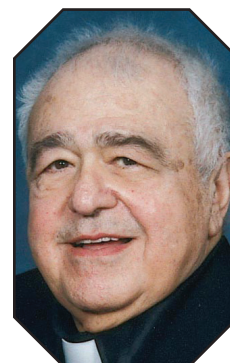
## Rev. Robert H. Langdon



**Born:** Sept. 5, 1930  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary  
**Date of Ordination:** May 26, 1956  
**Post-graduate:** master's degree in Secondary Education, Seton Hall University  
**Assignments:** St. Mary, Rutherford, parochial vicar; Madonna, Fort Lee, parochial vicar; St. Paul of the Cross, Jersey City, parochial vicar; St. Philomena, Livingston, parochial vicar; St. Paul, Ramsey, parochial vicar; Assumption, Roselle Park, parochial vicar



## Rev. Joseph J. Laudati



**Born:** Jan. 27, 1931  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** May 26, 1956  
**Assignments:** St. Anthony, Newark, parochial vicar; Assumption, Emerson, parochial vicar; Our Lady of Mount Virgin, Garfield, parochial vicar; St. Phillip the Apostle, Saddle Brook, parochial vicar; Immaculate Conception, Newark, pastor; Queen of Peace, North Arlington, parochial vicar

## Rev. Raymond T. Lukenda



**Born:** July 25, 1927  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** May 26, 1956  
**Assignments:** Sacred Heart of Jesus, Irvington, parochial vicar; St. Mary, Plainfield, parochial vicar; St. Agnes, Clark, parochial vicar; Immaculate Conception, Secaucus, parochial vicar

## Rev. Msgr. Edward M. Matash



**Born:** Oct. 28, 1930  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** May 26, 1956  
**Post-graduate:** master's degree in Divinity, Immaculate Conception Seminary  
**Assignments:** St. Joseph, Bayonne, pastor; Holy Family, Linden, pastor; St. John Nepomucene, Guttenberg, parochial vicar  
**Foreign Language:** Slovak

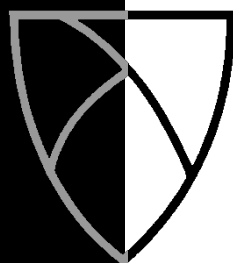
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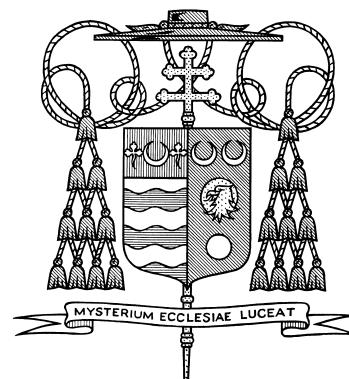
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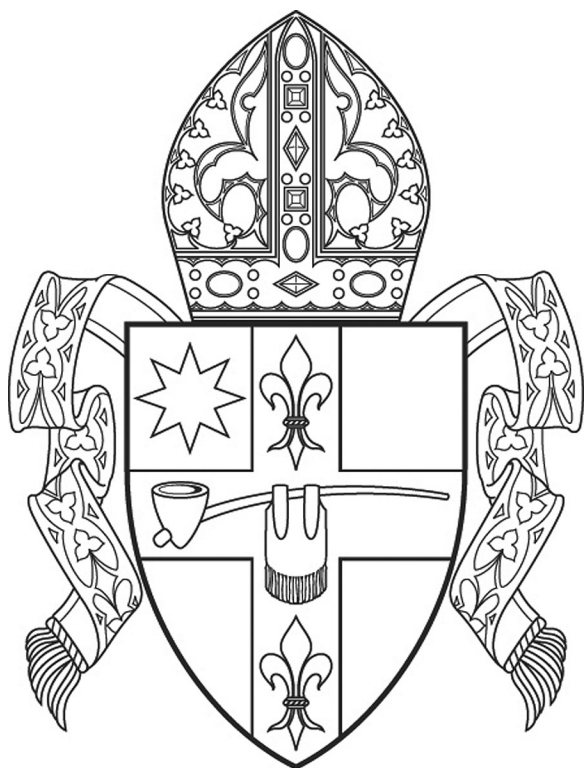
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BEST WISHES  
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JOHN J. MYERS  
AS HE  
CELEBRATES  
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IN SERVICE TO  
GOD'S PEOPLE







## Archbishop John J. Myers,

Wishing you well on your  
40th Anniversary as a Priest, your  
20th Anniversary as a Bishop, your  
5th Anniversary as  
Archbishop of Newark and  
your 65th Birthday!

**The Catholic Diocese of Peoria**  
congratulates you on reaching these milestones.

*May God continue to bless you in all that you do.*



**C**ardinal Justin Rigali  
and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
extend prayerful best wishes to  
**Archbishop John J. Myers**  
on his 20th anniversary as a bishop,  
his 40th anniversary as a priest and 5th  
anniversary as Archbishop of Newark.



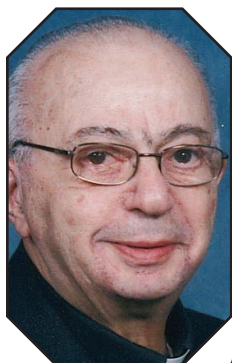
*The faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
also congratulate the Archdiocesan Priests,  
Religious Priests, Brothers and Sisters  
celebrating anniversaries in service  
to the Lord and the people of the  
Archdiocese of Newark.*



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## Rev. Henry M. Naddeo



**Born:** Nov. 12, 1930  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** May 26, 1956

**Assignments:** St. Aedan, Jersey City, parochial vicar; Our Lady of Sorrows, Kearny, parochial vicar; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lyndhurst, parochial vicar; Our Lady of Mount Virgin, Garfield, pastor; Holy Family, Nutley, parochial vicar  
**Foreign language:** Italian

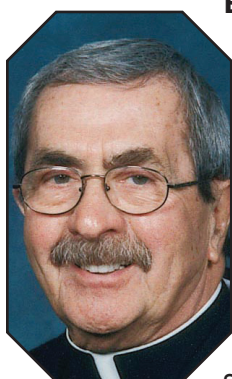
## Rev. Charles Reinbold



**Born:** Nov. 7, 1930  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** May 26, 1956

**Assignments:** St. Joseph of the Palisades, West New York, parochial vicar; Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, chaplain

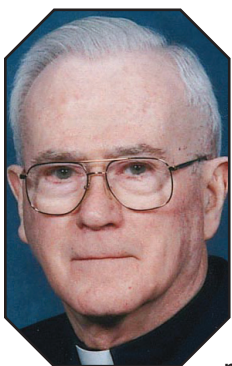
## Rev. Henry J. Schreitmüller



**Born:** May 4, 1931  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** May 26, 1956  
**Post-graduate:** licentiate in

Sacred Theology, Catholic University of America; master's degree in Religious Education, Catholic University of America; master's degree in Counseling, Seton Hall University; doctorate in Counseling Psychology, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA  
**Assignments:** St. Leo, Irvington, parochial vicar; Seton Hall University, South Orange, teacher

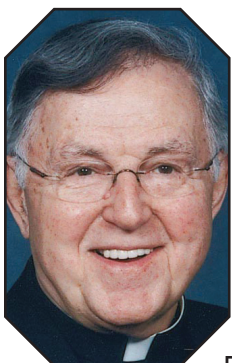
## Rev. James O. Sheerin



**Born:** July 6, 1930  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** May 26, 1956  
**Post-graduate:** master's degree in

Divinity, Immaculate Conception Seminary; Institute for Continuing Theological Education, North American College, Rome  
**Assignments:** St. Patrick, Jersey City, parochial vicar; U.S. Air Force, chaplain; St. Mary, Nutley, parochial vicar; Madonna, Fort Lee, pastor; Our Lady of Sorrows, Kearny, administrator; St. Margaret of Cortona, Little Ferry, pastor; St. Valentine, Bloomfield, administrator

## Rev. Msgr. Charles G. Stengel



**Born:** Aug. 14, 1929  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** May 26, 1956  
**Post-graduate:** Protonotary Apostolic

to His Holiness Pope John Paul II  
**Assignments:** St. Margaret of Cortona, Little Ferry, parochial vicar; St. James, Newark, parochial vicar; St. Philip the Apostle, Saddle Brook, pastor; St. John the Baptist, Jersey City, pastor; Episcopal Vicar for Hudson County South; Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, director of formation and dean of priest community; Bergen Region, Deaneries I and 4  
**Foreign language:** German, French

## Rev. John D. Sweeney



**Born:** Oct. 26, 1928  
**College:** Fordham University; Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary  
**Date of Ordination:** May 26, 1956  
**Assignments:** St.

Bridget, Jersey City, parochial vicar; Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scotch Plains, parochial vicar; St. Joseph, Jersey City, parochial vicar; Our Lady of Peace, New Providence, parochial vicar; St. Rose of Lima, Short Hills, parochial vicar; Assumption, Roselle Park, parochial vicar; St. Joseph, West Orange, parochial vicar

## Rev. John R. Waldron



**Born:** Feb. 22, 1930  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** May 26, 1956  
**Assignments:** St.

Philip the Apostle, Saddle Brook, parochial vicar; Holy Name of Jesus, East Orange, parochial vicar; St. Peter, Belleville, parochial vicar; St. Mary, Jersey City, parochial vicar; St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral, Newark, parochial vicar

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## Rev. Thomas Arminio



**Born:** Feb. 2, 1924  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary  
**Date of Ordination:** May 23, 1981  
**Post-graduate:** master's degree in Counseling, New York University

**Assignments:** St. Teresa of Avila, Summit, parochial vicar; Our Lady Mother of the Church, Woodcliff Lake, pastor

## Rev. Thomas F. Blind



**Born:** Nov. 29, 1954  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary  
**Date of Ordination:** May 30, 1981  
**Post-graduate:** master's degree of Divinity

**Assignments:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Newark, parochial vicar; St. Philomena, Livingston, parochial vicar; St. Stephen, Kearny, parochial vicar; St. Mary, Nutley, parochial vicar; St. Teresa of Avila, Summit, parochial vicar



## Rev. Stephen J. Cinque



**Born:** June 12, 1952  
**College:** Fordham University  
**Seminary:** Don Bosco College, Newton; Immaculate Conception Seminary, Mahwah  
**Date of Ordination:** May 30, 1981  
**Post-graduate:** master's degree in

Divinity, Immaculate Conception School of Theology

**Assignments:** St. Anthony of Padua, Union City, parochial vicar; Assumption, Roselle Park, parochial vicar; Our Lady Queen of Peace, Maywood, parochial vicar; St. Nicholas, Jersey City, parochial vicar; St. Joseph the Carpenter, Roselle, pastor

## Rev. John J. Cryan



**Born:** March 26, 1946  
**College:** Manhattan College  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** May 30, 1981  
**Post-graduate:** master's degree in Divinity

**Assignments:** St. Andrew, Bayonne, parochial vicar; St. Vincent de Paul, Bayonne, parochial vicar; St. Mary, Dumont, parochial vicar; Our Lady of Mercy, Jersey City, pastor; Our Lady of Sorrows, Jersey City, pastor; Dean of Jersey City South Deanery; Ongoing Formation of Priests, Newark, advisory committee; Presbyteral Council, Archdiocese of Newark

## Rev. John D. Dennehy



**Born:** Nov. 12, 1955  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** May 30, 1981  
**Post-graduate:** master's degree in Divinity

**Assignments:** St. Peter, Belleville, parochial vicar; Campus Ministry at Seton Hall University, Rutgers-Newark; New Jersey Institute of Technology and Essex County Community College; Presbyteral Council, Archdiocese of Newark

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## Rev. Msgr. Robert Fuhrman



**Born:** July 9, 1955  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary  
**Date of Ordination:** May 30, 1981  
**Post-graduate:** master's degree in Divinity

**Assignments:** St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, Saddle River, pastor; director of Pontifical Mission Societies of the archdiocese of Newark; archdiocesan director of the Society of Propagation of the Faith; episcopal vicar for Western Bergen County comprising Deaneries 1 and 4; Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, vice-rector; secretary to the archbishop

## Rev. Nicholas Gengaro



**Born:** Aug. 23, 1954  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** North American College, Rome  
**Date of Ordination:** June 14, 1981  
**Assignments:** Seton Hall University, South Orange, faculty;

Presbyteral Council, Archdiocese of Newark; St. Joseph of the Palisades, West New York, parochial vicar;  
**Post Graduate:** licentiate in Sacred Theology, Pontificate Gregorian University, Rome  
**Foreign Languages:** Italian, Spanish, French, German

## Rev. Paul A. Holmes



**Born:** Oct. 1, 1955  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary  
**Date of Ordination:** July 11, 1981  
**Post-graduate:** doctorate in Sacred Theology  
**Assignments:**

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, parochial vicar; Seton Hall University, South Orange, vice-president; St. Matthew, Ridgefield, parochial vicar; Our Lady of Lourdes, West Orange, parochial vicar  
**Foreign language:** Italian

## Rev. Robert M. Iaquinto



**Born:** April 15, 1945  
**College:** St. Peter's College  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** May 30, 1981  
**Assignments:** Our Lady of

Sorrows, Kearny, parochial vicar; Corpus Christi, Hasbrouck Heights, parochial vicar; St. Nicholas, Jersey City, parochial vicar; Jersey City Police Department

## Rev. Thomas R. McLaughlin S.P.S.



**Born:** Aug. 12, 1954  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary  
**Date of Ordination:** May 30, 1981  
**Post-graduate:** master's degree in Divinity, Immaculate Conception Seminary,

Darlington  
**Assignments:** Corpus Christi, Hasbrouck Heights, parochial vicar; Holy Name of Jesus, East Orange, parochial vicar; St. Philomena, Livingston, parochial vicar; Sacred Heart, Bloomfield, parochial vicar; St. Cecilia, Kearny, parochial vicar; St. Henry, Bayonne, parochial vicar; Pope John Paul II Pavilion, Orange, chaplain  
**Foreign language:** Spanish

## Rev. Kevin F. Murphy



**Born:** Jan. 20, 1953  
**College:** Iona College, N.Y.  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary  
**Date of Ordination:** May 30, 1981  
**Assignments:** St. Rose of Lima, Short Hills, parochial vicar; Oratory Prep School

Summit, headmaster and teacher; Our Lady of the Lake, Verona, parochial vicar  
**Foreign language:** Spanish



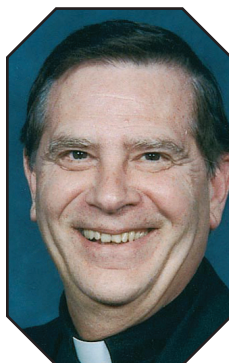
## Rev. Louis M. Pambello



**Born:** Oct. 6, 1953  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington  
**Date of Ordination:** May 30, 1981  
**Assignments:** Our Lady of the

Assumption, Bayonne, parochial vicar; St. Philip the Apostle, Saddle Brook, parochial vicar; St. Anthony, Northvale, parochial vicar; St. Aedan, Jersey City, parochial vicar; St. Frances De Sales, Lodi, parochial vicar

## Rev. Dennis E. Reiff



**Born:** Sept. 13, 1942  
**College:** Rutgers University, New Brunswick  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington; Mount St. Mary Seminary, MD  
**Date of Ordination:** May 30, 1981

**Post-graduate:** master's degree in advertising, New York School of Visual Arts  
**Assignments:** Our Lady of the Visitation, Paramus, parochial vicar; Our Lady of the Valley, Orange, parochial vicar; St. Valentine, Bloomfield, parochial vicar; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Jersey City, parochial vicar; St. John the Baptist, Jersey City, parochial vicar  
**Foreign languages:** Italian

## Rev. Marian Spanier



**Born:** June 15, 1953  
**Seminary:** Pope's Faculty Theology, Wroclaw, Poland  
**Date of Ordination:** May 23, 1981  
**Post-graduate:** master's degree in Sacred Theology; licentiate in Sacred Theology  
**Assignments:** Our

Lady Of Mount Carmel, Nutley, parochial vicar; St. Stanislaus Kostka, Garfield, parochial vicar; Our Lady of Czestochowa, Jersey City, parochial vicar; St. Joseph, Hackensack, pastor  
**Foreign language:** Polish

## Rev. Peter M. Uhde



**Born:** Jan. 22, 1954  
**College:** Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** Immaculate Conception Seminary  
**Date of Ordination:** May 30, 1981  
**Assignments:** Our Lady of Fatima,

Newark, parochial vicar; St. Henry, Bayonne, parochial vicar; St. James, Newark, parochial vicar; military chaplain, Fort Drum, New York  
**Foreign languages:** Portuguese

## Very Rev. Michael Walters V.E.



**Born:** June 1, 1955  
**College:** Univeriste Catholique de Louvain; Katholieke Universiteit te Leuven; Seton Hall University  
**Seminary:** American College, Louvain, Belgium  
**Date of**

**Ordination:** July 17, 1981  
**Post-graduate:** licentiate in cannon law, St. Paul University, Ottawa, Canada  
**Assignments:** St. Cassian Parish, Upper Montclair, parochial vicar; Sacred Heart, Haworth, parochial vicar; St. Matthew, Ridgefield, parochial vicar; Holy Spirit/Our Lady Help of Christians, East Orange, pastor; Dean of Essex Central  
**Foreign languages:** French

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## Brother Kevin Connolly, S.D.B.



**Born:** Jan. 19, 1937  
**College:** bachelor's degree in Chemical Dependency, Iona College, New Rochelle, NY  
**Date of Profession:** Sept. 8, 1956  
**Assignments:** Don Bosco Technical High

School, Paterson, teacher and coach; Mary Help of Christians School, Tampa, FL, teacher, athletic director and coach; Don Bosco Seminary for Salesian Brothers, West Haverstraw, NY, teacher, coach and athletic director; Don Bosco Technical High School, Boston, MA, athletic director; Salesian High School, New Rochelle, NY, guidance counselor; Don Bosco Seminary, Orange, financial administrator.

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Note: The Sisters of Saint Dominic of Caldwell (O.P.) and Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth (S.C.) celebrate jubilees from date of entrance.

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## Sister Margaret Rose McCarroll, S.C.



**Born:** Aug. 4, 1919  
**College:** College of St. Elizabeth  
**Date of Profession:** July 16, 1944  
**Post-graduate:** Seton Hall University  
**Assignments:** Academy of St. Aloysius, Jersey City, teacher;

Marylawn of the Oranges, Marylawn, teacher; St. Mary of the Assumption High School, Elizabeth, teacher

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## Sister Helen Francis Coakley, O.P.



**Born:** Sept. 3, 1928  
**College:** Caldwell College, bachelor's degree in Social Studies  
**Post-graduate:** Villanova University, master's degree in Library Science  
**Date of Profession:** May 3, 1948  
**Assignments:**

teacher at St. Joseph, Union City; Ascension, New Milford; St. Peter, Parsippany-Troy Hills; principal at St. John the Apostle, Clark; librarian at Caldwell College; St. Philomena, Livingston; Lacordaire Academy, Upper Montclair; St. Mary High School, Rutherford; administrative assistant at St. Thomas the Apostle School, Bloomfield.

## Sister Rose Mary Colavito S.C.



**Born:** July 2, 1924  
**College:** College of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station  
**Post-graduate:** Catholic University of America  
**Date of Profession:** July 19, 1949  
**Assignments:** Mount Carmel Guild Center, Newark;

St. Paul of the Cross School, Jersey City, teacher; St. Paul of the Cross School, Jersey City, teacher; St. Nicholas School, Passaic, teacher; St. Mary of the Assumption

School, Elizabeth, teacher; Rahway School District, learning consultant  
**Foreign language:** Italian

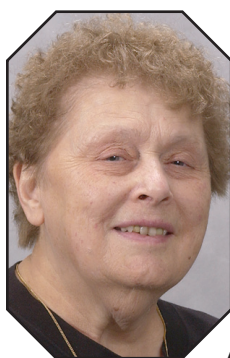
## Sister Margaret Charles DeRosa, O.P.



**Born:** April 2, 1929  
**College:** Caldwell College, bachelor's degree in Social Studies/Education  
**Date of Profession:** Sept. 6, 1948  
**Assignments:** teacher at St. Elizabeth, Linden; Mt. Carmel, Boonton; Sacred

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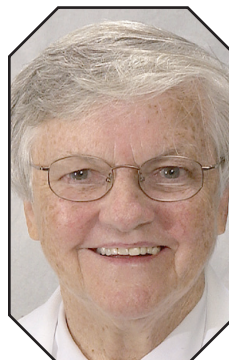
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**Foreign Language:** French

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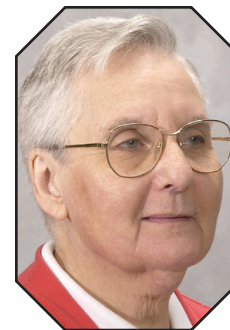
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**College:** Caldwell College, bachelor's degree in Social Studies  
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**Date of Profession:** May 3, 1948  
**Assignments:**

teacher at St. Mary's, Rutherford; Caldwell College; Mount St. Dominic Academy, Caldwell; assistant principal at Aquinas Academy, Livingston; Volunteer at St. Catherine Infirmary and Mount St. Dominic Academy, both in Caldwell.

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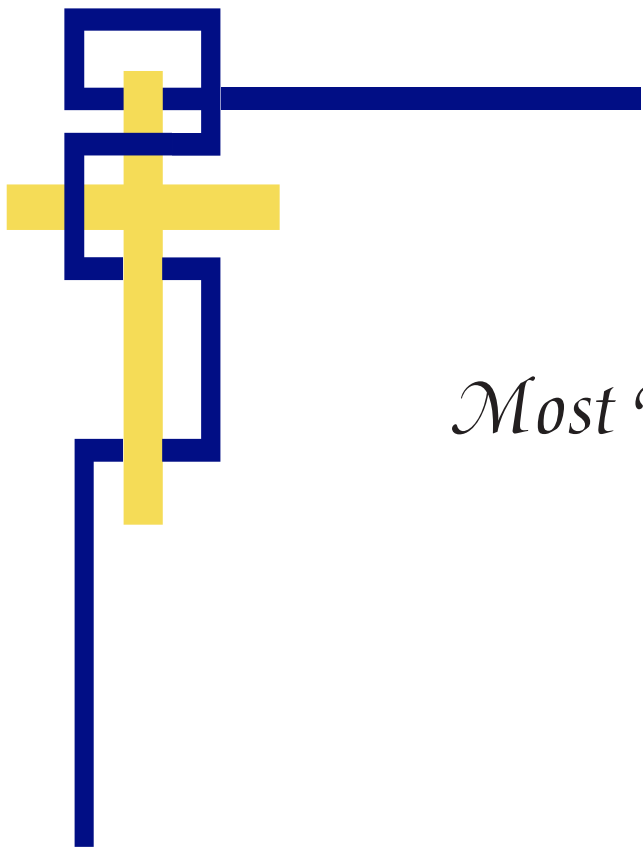


**Born:** Jan. 30, 1938  
**College:** Caldwell College, bachelor's degree in English and Education  
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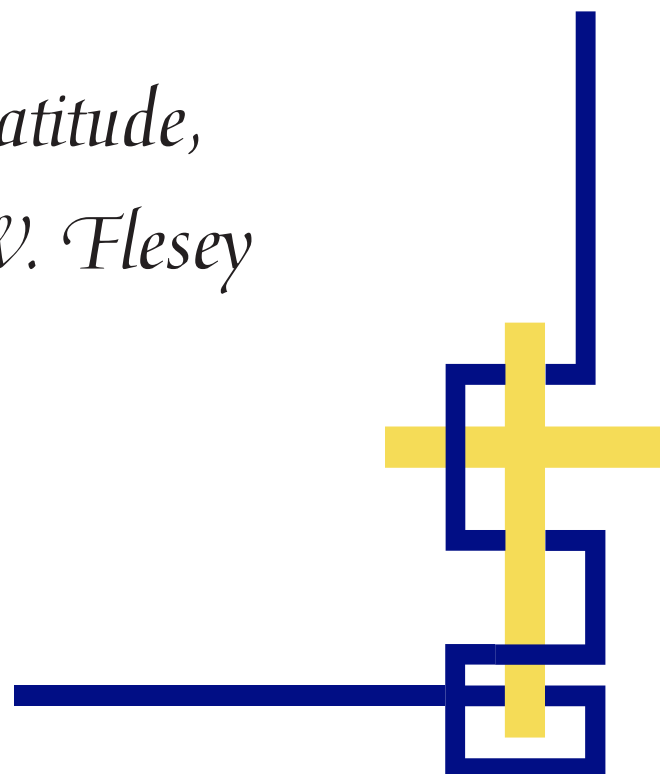
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# Joyful accolades for a friend, a mentor and a leader

BY MSGR. STEVEN P. ROHLFS, S.T.D.  
Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

I met then-Father John J. Myers, in 1976, shortly after my ordination to the priesthood. My first assignment as a priest was to St. Bernard's Parish in Peoria, IL. Father Myers was one parish down at St. Mary's Cathedral. He had just returned from doctoral studies and was the vice chancellor of the diocese inservicing to become the chancellor.

It was particularly telling that he took the initiative and called to welcome me to Peoria—both as a newly ordained priest and as the new man in the city. I was later to appreciate that one of the archbishop's most endearing qualities is his concern that people feel welcome and that his brother priests experience his hand of friendship.

In the next 30 years, at various times, I worked under him as curate, chaplain, assistant vocation director, vice chancellor, vocation director, chancellor, moderator of the curia and vicar general. In all of these positions he has been a model and mentor for me in so many ways.

I would like to spotlight three of the many things he has taught me over the years about being a leader, a priest and a faithful Christian.

First, as a leader, he taught me that "if you expect to lead, you must be seen to serve." For the archbishop, being a leader is not so much a matter of imposing your solution and your will on a perceived problem; rather it is a collaboration with those concerned with a problem and offering your services and expertise to help facilitate a solution which is helpful to the Christian community.

For the archbishop, leadership is all about service. He has extraordinary gifts of critical analysis, diplomacy and persuasiveness, and he is always willing to put these substantial gifts at the service of the Church.

Secondly, as a priest, he always insisted that "the people must see Christ in your leadership and see Christ in your solutions to a problem." He has always been particularly sensitive to those who might feel alienated by a particular decision he would make and would go out of his way to address their concerns and alleviate their fears.

Thirdly, as a Christian, he has taught me that in the end "it is finally a matter of love." Though he has a natural dignity and reserve, he is passionately in love with the Lord and His Church. He has consistently witnessed for me and countless others the absolute necessity of a substantial daily prayer life that



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Earlier this year Archbishop John J. Myers (left) and Msgr. Steven P. Rohlfs (right), the rector of Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, MD, presented the John Cardinal McCloskey lifetime achievement award to the late Msgr. Richard McGuinness. Msgr. McGuinness was the rector at the Maryland seminary from 1979 to 1987 and later served as the archdiocesan director of the Respect Life Office. The award was presented to Msgr. McGuinness on April 13, Holy Thursday, during a service held at St. Theresa Parish, Kenilworth. Msgr. McGuinness died at the age of 80 on Aug. 9.

*For Archbishop Myers, leadership is all about service. He has extraordinary gifts of critical analysis, diplomacy and persuasiveness, and he is always willing to put these substantial gifts at the service of the Church.*

would enable us to "fall in love with God." It is this basic fact that allows fidelity to the Lord and His Church to also be a joy for us.

As I look back on the archbishop's 40 years of priesthood and the 30 years of our friendship, I am so grateful not only for his friendship but also for his priestly example and guidance. I gladly give him the greatest compliment I can give to any priest: "I have seen the Lord in him."

*Ad multos annos, Your Grace.*

(Note: Msgr. Steven P. Rohlfs is the rector of Mount Saint Mary's Seminary

in Emmitsburg, MD (Web site: <http://www.msmmary.edu>). Msgr. Rohlfs visited the Archdiocese of Newark last April to present the John Cardinal McCloskey lifetime achievement award to the late Msgr. Richard McGuinness, who served as the director of the archdiocesan Respect Life Office. During his visit to New Jersey, Msgr. Rohlfs also joined Archbishop Myers on a solemn, prayerful march through downtown Englewood, which ended with a gathering in front of the Englewood Center for Women, an abortion clinic.)




Msgr. Steven P. Rohlfs, S.T.D.







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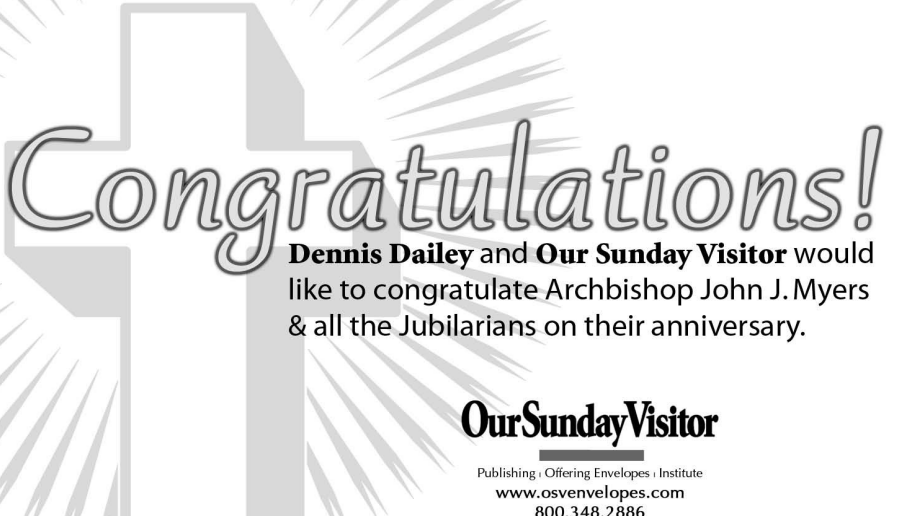


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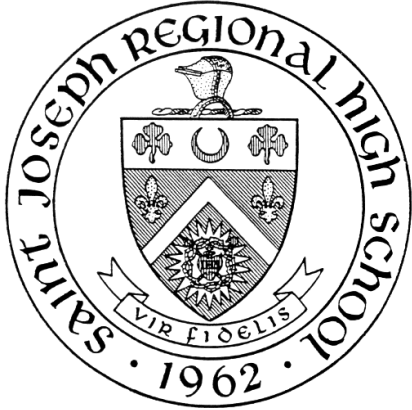
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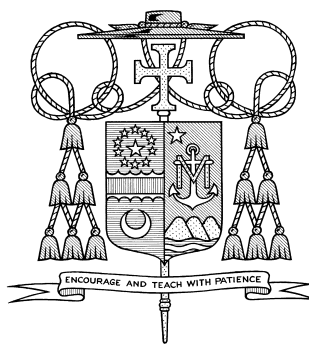
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20th anniversary as a bishop,  
5th anniversary as archbishop  
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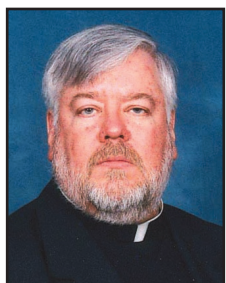
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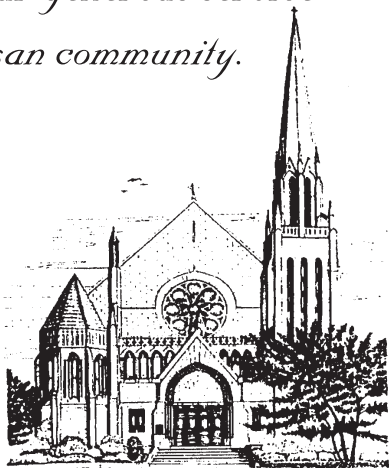


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# Dominican nuns mark 800 years of faithful service

## Two archdiocesan monasteries to celebrate the jubilee year

NEWARK—The multifaceted celebration of 800 years of Dominican monastic life will be the focus for more than 3,500 Dominican nuns in 250 monasteries throughout the world, including two located in the Archdiocese of Newark.

The jubilee year celebration for the order began on the first Sunday of Advent (Dec. 3). This year is the beginning of a 10-year period of special events marking all the complex steps that led up to the birth of the Order of Preachers, commonly known as the Dominican Order.

It was in December 1216 that the Holy See gave the final approval for the order. Friars, nuns, apostolic sisters, and Dominican laity will spend the next 10 years (2006 to 2016) celebrating the foundation of the Dominican Order.

In New Jersey there are three monasteries of Dominican nuns: The Monastery of the Perpetual Rosary in Union City; the Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary ([www.nunsopsummit.org](http://www.nunsopsummit.org)) in Summit; and the Monastery of the Perpetual Rosary in Camden. Throughout the United States there are 16

monasteries of cloistered Dominican Nuns.

All of these monasteries will sponsor special festivities to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the founding of the first monastery of nuns. In honor of this special anniversary, the Holy See has declared all monasteries as places of pilgrimage during this jubilee year from the First Sunday of Advent this year to Epiphany Sunday in 2008.

There will be a plenary indulgence to all of the faithful who come to pray at any one of the Dominican monasteries. An indulgence, as defined within the Catholic faith, is a remission of the temporal punishment due for sins committed. A plenary indulgence is the remission of all punishment. Last year, in a separate move, Pope Benedict XVI authorized a plenary indulgence to Catholics taking part in a public or private devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, marking the 40th anniversary of the close of the Second Vatican Council (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Dec. 7, 2005).

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Pictured here is an aerial view of the monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary, which is located in Summit. The 16 monasteries of cloistered Dominican Nuns throughout the United States will sponsor special festivities to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the founding of the first monastery of nuns. This year is the beginning of a 10-year period of special events marking the birth of the Order of Preachers, commonly known as the Dominican Order. The order's international headquarters is located in Santa Sabina, Rome.

May Our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
continue to bless  
Archbishop Myers and all Jubilarians



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The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart  
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**Date of Profession:** May 24, 1958

**Assignments:** teacher at St. Virgil,

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## Sister M. Clarita Mayer, O.P.



**Born:** Jan. 18, 1933  
**College:** Caldwell College, bachelor's degree in English/Education  
**Date of Profession:** May 24, 1958  
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teacher at St. Margaret, Bayou La Batre, AL and Blessed Sacrament, Bridgeport, CT; librarian and teacher at Christ the King, Hillside; volunteer ministry in Couples for Christ and Respect Life organizations.

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**Born:** July 31, 1939  
**College:** Caldwell College, bachelor's degree Social Studies and Elementary Education  
**Post-graduate:** Caldwell College, Certification, Religious Studies; St. Michael College, VT, master's degree in Theology and Religious Studies; St. Joseph College, Maine, certification, Healthcare Management  
**Date of Profession:** May 24, 1958



Morris Plains; administrator at St. Catherine Infirmary, Caldwell; Youth Minister and Pastoral Associate for Catechesis at St. Aloysius, Caldwell

Sister Honora Werner, OP  
(a.k.a. Sister Mary Roger, O.P.)

**Born:** April 18, 1939  
**College:** Caldwell College, bachelor's degree in History  
**Post-graduate:** The Catholic University of America, master's degree in Music Education; Vanderbilt University, master's degree in Scripture; Aquinas Institute of

Theology, D. Min. in Preaching  
**Date of Profession:** May 24, 1958  
**Assignments:** teacher in elementary private and parish schools in the Archdiocese of Newark including: St. Aedan, Jersey City; Mount St. Dominic Academy, Caldwell; St. Joseph, West Orange; St. Cassian and Lacordaire, Upper Montclair. Caldwell College in music and theology; itinerant preacher and co-director of Parable Conference for Dominican Life and Mission (Oak Park, IL); Campus Minister at Vanderbilt University (Nashville, TN), the College of the Holy Cross (Worcester, MA) and Georgian Court College (Lakewood); Associate Professor of preaching and formation faculty member at St. Mary's Seminary and University (Baltimore)



Mother of God, especially to her rosary, is also important.

The life of the Dominican nuns is a life of hidden apostolic fruitfulness. Called to be free for God alone, a nun's unceasing search for God brings her into communion with the entire world. The cry of St. Dominic: "O Lord, what will become of sinners," becomes her own while she is keenly aware that she is the first in need of the mercy of God.

In solidarity with the mission of their preaching brothers as well as the whole Dominican family, the nuns, by the dedication of their lives and their prayer, accompany "the Word which does not return to

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## Sister Peggy Ann Clinton, O.P.



**Born:** Jan. 27, 1957  
**College:** St. Peter's College, bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, Special Education  
**Post-graduate:** Providence College, master's degree in Religious Studies  
**Date of Profession:** Sept. 1,

1984

**Assignments:** teacher at Lacordaire Academy Elementary Division in Upper Montclair and Aquinas Academy in Livingston; teacher of religious studies and coordinator of social activities at Mount St. Dominic Academy, Caldwell.

## Sister Ruthann Williams, O.P.



**Born:** Dec. 16, 1942  
**College:** Caldwell College, bachelor's degree in Business Administration  
**Post-graduate:** Drew University, M. Literature; Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall, University, master's degree in Spirituality  
**Date of Profession:**

July 21, 1984

**Assignments:** Retreat ministry in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Connecticut, and Kentucky; communications director for Sacred Heart Southern Missions and Sacred Heart League, Walls, Mississippi



## Dominican nuns mark 800 years

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The Dominican Order's international headquarters is located in Santa Sabina, Rome. The monasteries of cloistered nuns are autonomous yet united by a single charism (a gift given by God to a Christian community) and constitution. In the United States the monasteries work together on common projects like formation programs, yet each monastery has its own unique characteristics and traditions.

In 1206 Dominic de Guzman, superior of the Chapter of Canons at the Cathedral in Osma in Spain, was considering how best to carry out the Lord's work in the local Church. He and his bishop, Diego, had been traveling in southern France and became aware of the great need for good preaching among the people who had been led away from the Church by false teaching.

There was a group of women who had been very active in the heretical sect and had been converted by St. Dominic's preaching. The women were free and eager to give themselves to the true faith but were in danger of being lured back to false doctrines unless they could continue to be fed with authentic teaching and also have an outlet for their generous response to God.

St. Dominic, on the evening of July 22,

1206, was praying about this in the little town of Fanjeaux, located in southern France. As he looked out over the countryside he saw a globe of light descend from heaven and it seemed to rest on the abandoned church in the neighboring village of Prouilhe. When this vision was repeated three times, he became convinced that God was directing him to obtain this church and gather the converted women there.

This monastery became the nucleus of what would later develop into the Dominican Order. It was a place for St. Dominic and the preachers who were gathered around him to spend time resting, studying and reflecting between their apostolic journeys.

Like other contemplative orders, the Dominican nuns live a life wholly dedicated to contemplation, focusing on the celebration of Holy Mass and the prayer of the chanted Divine Office. For Dominicans there is a special emphasis on common life and the community expresses the desire to be "of one heart and mind" through the monastic observances of prayer, work, recreation, enclosure and silence.

Because of a profound love of the word of God, study also plays a unique role in the life of the nuns. Many of the monasteries also have the privilege of daily and even perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, while devotion to the

God without accomplishing that for which it was sent" (Is 55:10). The nuns were an integral part of this holy preaching from the very start since their life was ordered to the salvation of souls.

The Dominican Nuns' Web site ([www.usaopnuns.org](http://www.usaopnuns.org)) provides information about the Dominican monasteries in North America and the 800-year jubilee. There also is information regarding the purchase of medals, calendars and books produced to mark the 800th anniversary.

(Editor's note: information for this article was provided by Sister Mary Catharine Perry, O.P., a member of the Summit monastery, which is located at 543 Springfield Ave.)





# Archdiocesan Salesian jubilarians reconnect at Marian Shrine Mass

NEWARK—Twenty Salesian priests and brothers celebrated jubilee anniversaries in early October with a Mass at the Marian Shrine, which is located at Haverstraw/Stony Point, NY. Among the jubilarians were a dozen Salesians with connections to the Archdiocese of Newark by birth or ministry.

Hundreds of Salesian priests, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends attended the celebration at the shrine. Marking 70 years of religious profession and 60 years of ordination were Father Robert Savage; Father Eugene Palumbo, 65 years professed; Father Albert Sofia, 60 years professed; Father Jerzy Schneider, 60 years professed; Father Vincent Zuliani, 50 years ordained; Brother Kevin Connolly, 50 years professed; Father Kenneth Germaine, 50 years professed; Father Joseph Santa-Bibiana, 50 years professed; Father Joseph Doran, 50 years professed; Father George Hanna, 40 years ordained; Father Donald Delaney, 40 years professed; and Father Louis Molinelli, 25 years professed.

Father Savage, S.D.B., made his

first religious profession on Sept. 8, 1936, and was ordained on June 29, 1946. He taught religion, biology, and math at Don Bosco Prep for 20 years (1948-1951, 1961-1978). Now 89 years old, he considers it the most important thing in his life "to say Mass and deliver the word of God."

Father Palumbo, S.D.B., made his first profession of religious vows on Sept. 8, 1941. He taught at Don Bosco Prep (1944-1945) and from 1975 to 1992 he was pastoral administrator of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Mahwah. He has been retired since 1999 at Don Bosco Prep.

Father Sofia was born on May 19, 1922 in New York City. He entered the Salesians at Don Bosco Seminary in Newton, made his novitiate there, and studied theology in Aptos, Calif. He ordained in 1952. He holds a master's degree in physics and has taught and served as an administrator at several Salesian schools. He has also been associate pastor at Corpus Christi and Holy Rosary churches in Port Chester, N.Y., and led retreats at



Salesian priests and brothers recently celebrated jubilee anniversaries with a Mass at the Marian Shrine. Archdiocesan jubilarians at the celebration included, left to right, Father Eugene Palumbo, Father Joseph Doran, Father George Hanna, Father Louis Molinelli, Brother Kevin Connolly, Father Kenneth Germaine, Father Vincent Zuliani, Father Robert Savage, Father Jerzy Schneider and Father Joseph Santa-Bibiana.

Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Ipswich, Mass.

Father Jerzy Schneider, S.D.B., professed as a Salesian on Aug. 26, 1946, at Krakow, Poland. Since 1967 he has been stationed at Don Bosco Prep, designing and executing works of liturgical art in a studio there.

Father Zuliani, S.D.B., was

ordained on July 1, 1956, at Turin, Italy. He was associate pastor at St. Anthony Parish in Elizabeth from 1981 to 1984, and its pastor from 1989 to 1998, as well as director of the Salesian community.

Brother Connolly, S.D.B., made his first religious profession on Sept. 8, 1956.

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*The Most Reverend William E. Lori, S.T.D.*

*Bishop of Bridgeport*

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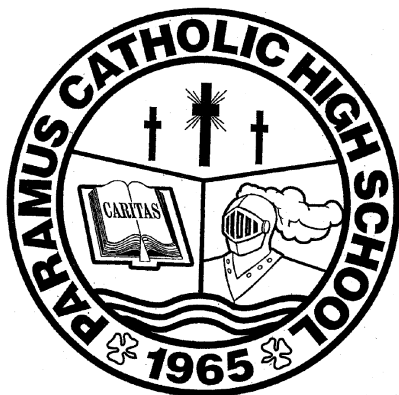


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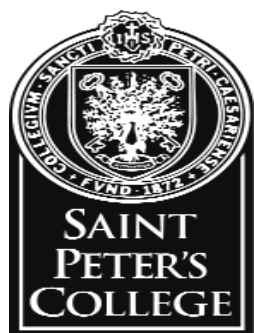
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# Archbishop Emeritus shares wisdom on priesthood

## The first of nine sons recalls life journey that began in Shelton, CT

BY WARD MIELE  
Managing Editor

Speaking with the wisdom accrued from 67 years in the priesthood, Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety feels passionately “there is no profession on earth closer to people or that provides greater satisfaction.”

As the Archdiocese of Newark, which Archbishop Gerety guided during a time of significant internal change for the Church in Newark from 1974 to 1986, joins in the celebration of this year’s jubilarians, he offers his “heartiest congratulations.”

“I am not as busy as I (once) was, but I still try to keep as busy as possible,” Archbishop Gerety said, reflecting on his years since retiring as head of the Church in Newark two decades ago. One of the ways he does that is to represent Archbishop John J. Myers at various affairs.

Everyday at his residence, at St. John Vianney in Rutherford, begins with prayer and a concelebrated Mass with other priests in the residence. That Mass, he added, is “a nice way to start the day with everyone

together around the altar.” Later in the morning he goes through his mail and keeps any appointments for the day.

The archbishop was quick to point out he spends a lot of time reading about U.S. history and the development of its democracy, theology and Church history, with an eye toward learning more about how the Church “is meeting its challenges.”

Expounding on that last point, Archbishop Gerety explained candidly “the Church has always had serious challenges throughout her history,” which must be looked at through the perspective of centuries of Church life.” Those challenges, he added, differ at times depending on a particular country and their place in the world-wide Church.

A pivotal point in that history, he went on, was the Second Vatican Council—Aggiornamento—four decades ago. Citing the sweeping changes that took place under the watchful eye of Pope John XXIII, Archbishop Gerety said he feels Vatican II succeeded “very well,” especially when one keeps in mind the inherent difficulty of “renewing” any organization that is “so large and widespread involving all sorts of people.” The success of Vatican II, he is con-

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—Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety

vinced, can be found in its work with the liturgy in conjunction with “renewal” of the theology and Scripture study.

Looking at today’s priesthood in light of this year’s jubilee milestones, Archbishop Gerety said emphatically that “fundamentally it has not changed at all” although lifestyles have changed. Now, he continued, the “distance” between priest and laity has been “reduced.” There is also, he said, “a different climate” where the “talents” of the laity are being sought after “in a more structured way.”

But, stressed Archbishop Gerety, there is “one great problem: the diminishment in the number of priests.” As a result, he explained, “the great burden on the shoulders of priests and parishes” has been addressed by “broad structural use of the talents of the laity who must take responsibility for the Church. It is the call of Baptism.” To be a good priest, Archbishop Gerety said, without hesitation, means “total commitment to Jesus Christ our Lord and His people in the Church.” Through prayer, he went on, a priest “keeps very close to Our Lord.” He placed equal emphasis on a prayer life “very much centered on the Eucharist.” If a man “tries to be a priest of the Eucharist it will strengthen him to really be a model for his people and to be constantly supported by the Holy Spirit.”

To those considering the priesthood, Archbishop Gerety said “a lot of young people want to give themselves to a cause and there is no greater cause than Jesus Christ and His people. If a priest strives to be a good priest he will be a happy priest. Just imagine being a special friend of Jesus Christ Our Lord and his Blessed Mother.”

Born on July 19, 1912 in Shelton, CT, the first of nine sons, Archbishop Gerety credits his parents as one of the major influences on

his decision to become a priest. After his parents came the influence of the clergy of his boyhood parish, St. Joseph’s in Shelton.

He entered St. Thomas Seminary in Boomfield, CT, and was selected to study abroad at St. Sulpice Seminary in Issy, France. Ordination to the priesthood came in 1939 at Notre Dame in Paris.

Pope Paul VI appointed him titular bishop of Crepedula and co-adjutor with the right of succession to Bishop Daniel J. Feeney of Portland, ME. He was ordained to the episcopacy on June 1, 1966 in St. Joseph Cathedral in Hartford. His formal accession to the Portland See was on Sept. 15, 1969.

The June 4, 1986 edition of *The Catholic Advocate* carried a page-one story that Archbishop Gerety formally announced his resignation, with then-Metuchen Bishop Theodore E. McCarrick appointed to lead the Archdiocese of Newark. In that same edition of the newspaper, Archbishop Gerety published a statement saying he rejoiced that Pope John Paul II appointed Bishop McCarrick as the fourth Archbishop of Newark. Archbishop Gerety arrived in Newark in April 1974.

“The reasons for my action in submitting my resignation are very simple,” Archbishop Gerety wrote 20 years ago. “It is well known that a bishop must resign at the age of 75. I will be 74 years old next month and I told the Holy Father in my letter of resignation that for the good of God’s Church and for my own peace of mind and relief, I believe it is time for a younger man to take over the reins of office here in Newark. I have my health, thank God, and I would like to do some priestly ministry at my own pace and in a relaxed fashion. I have done my best and I am very happy now to step aside.”



Advocate photo — Ward Miele

Surrounded by a sea of papers and books on his desk, Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety offered insights on his career as well as thoughts on the continuing challenges faced by the Church. He identified the diminishment in the overall number of priests as a major dilemma, but noted that the talents of the laity are being sought after “in a more structured way.”

## Archbishop Gerety offers praise to 2006 jubilarians

I want to offer my heartiest congratulations to the men who are celebrating jubilees this year.

Along with their brothers in the priesthood, I personally thank them for the many years they have given to Christ Our Lord and His people.

The Church has great reason to be grateful to them for their faithfulness to their commitment given so many years ago at their ordination. God will bless them many times over with an abundance of His graces.

We pray He will continue to watch over them and grant them good health and give them many more years of fruitful ministry among His people.

—Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety





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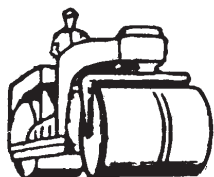
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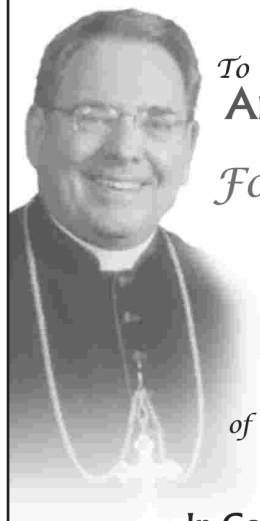
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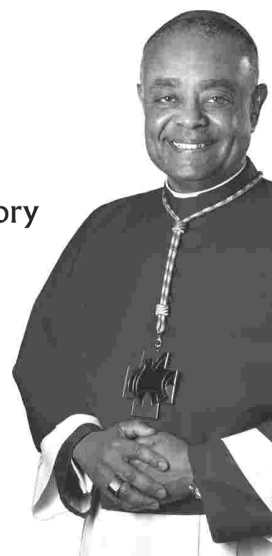
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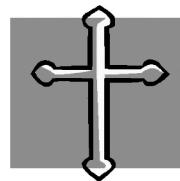
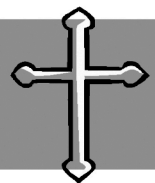
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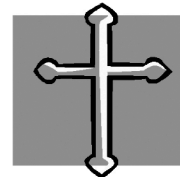
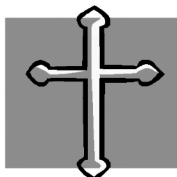
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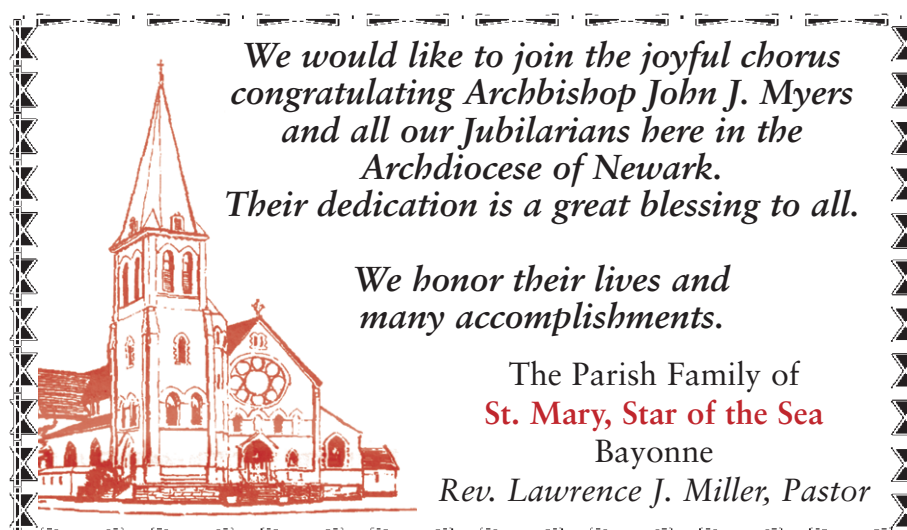
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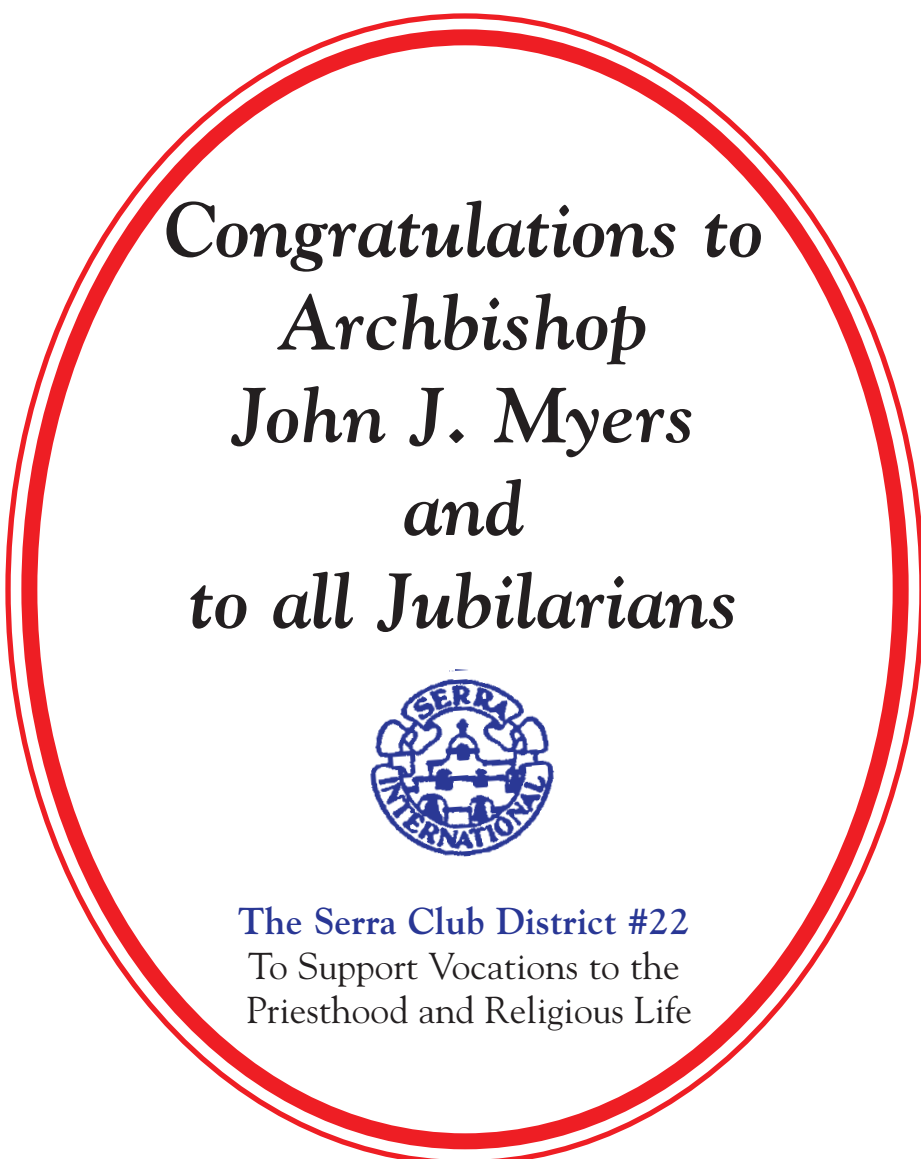
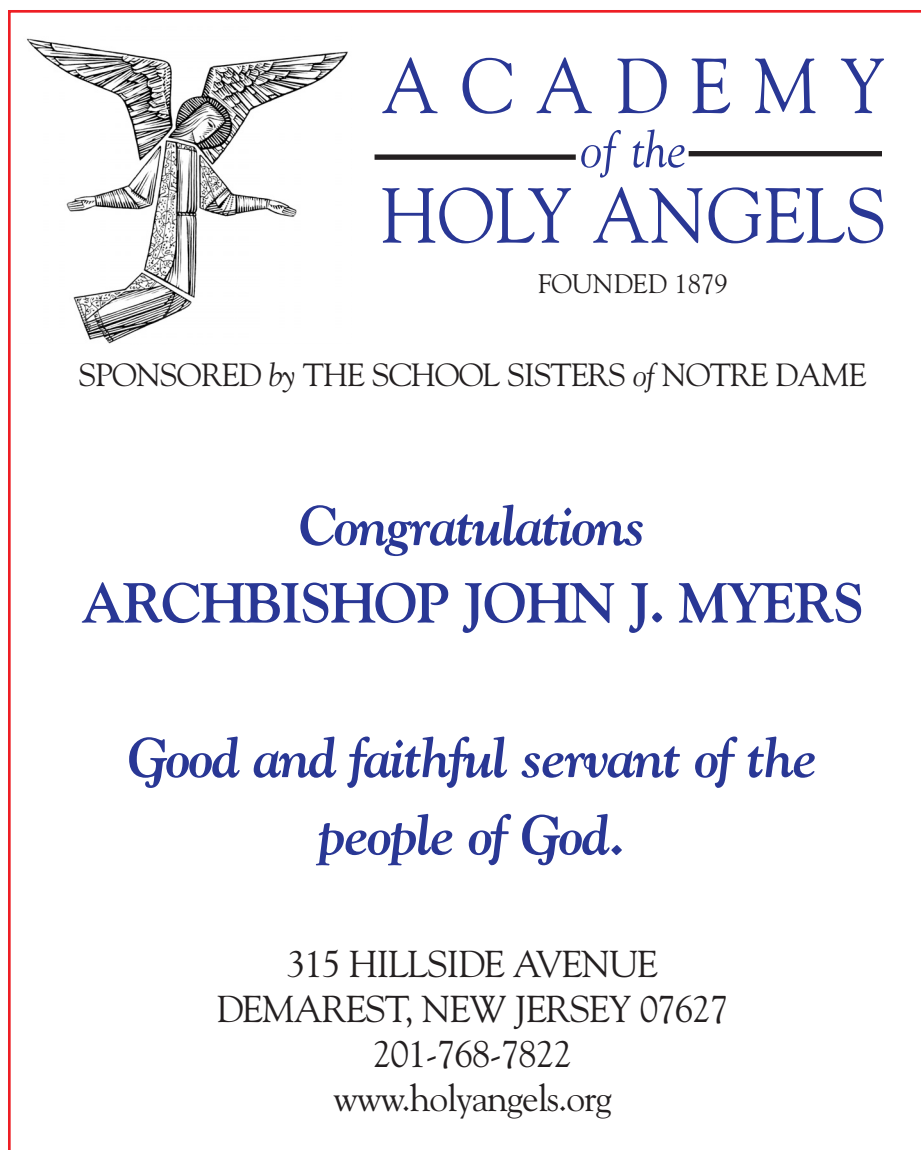
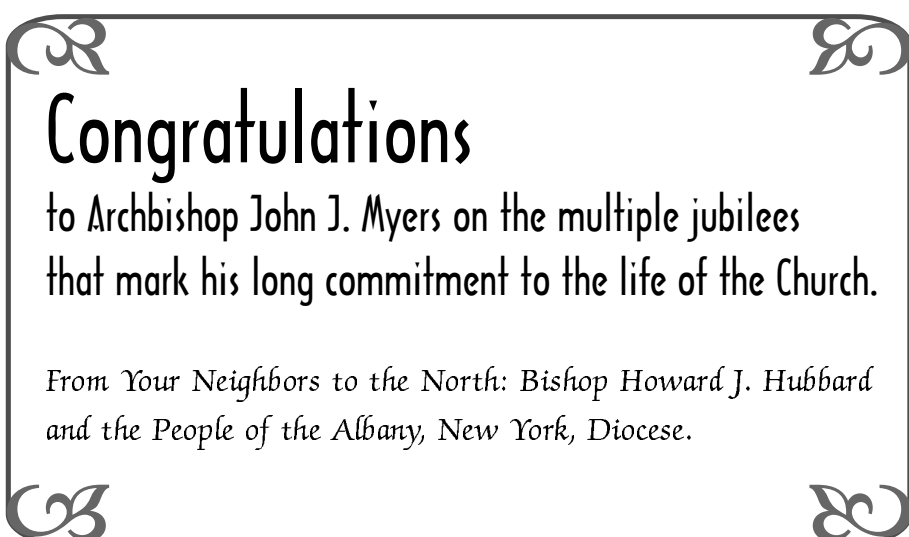
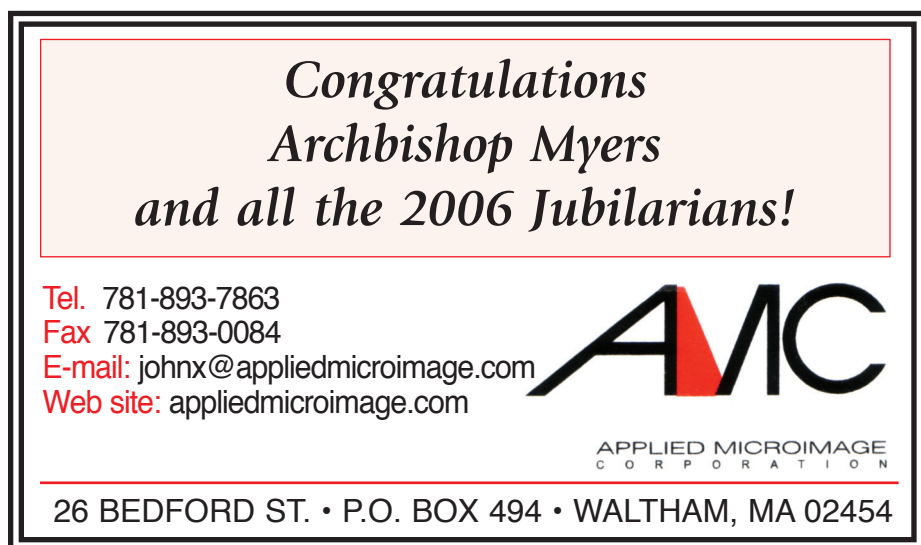
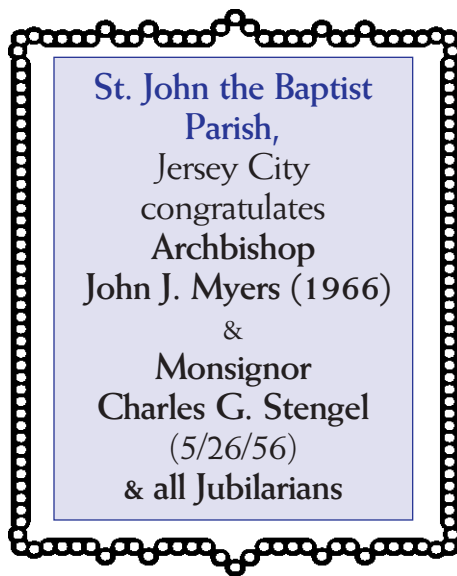
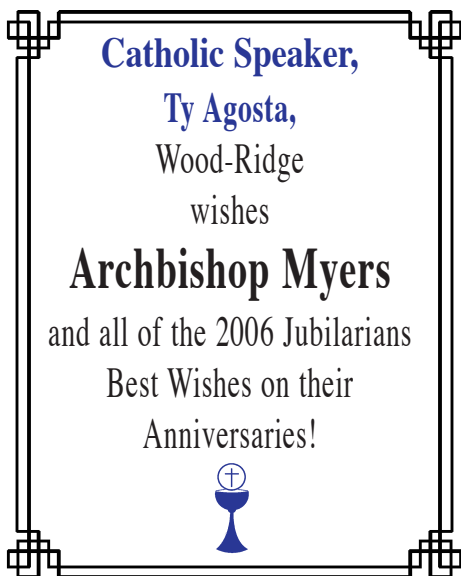
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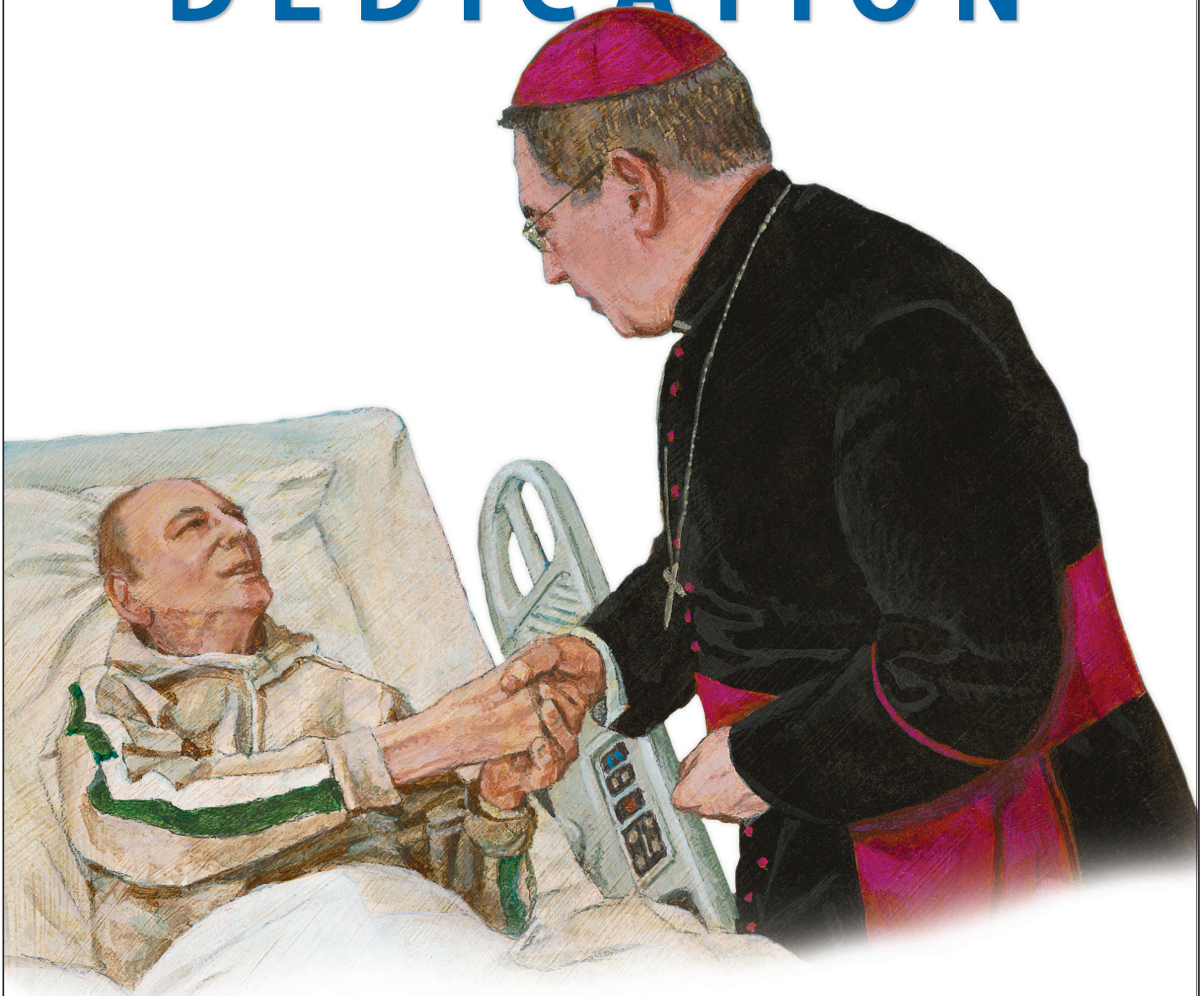
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# A faithful journey still blessed by growing pains

BY ARCHBISHOP JOHN J. MYERS

A few weeks ago, while reading *The Star-Ledger*, I came across a story about a family called the Keoghs. Perhaps you saw it. They are a young Catholic family that suddenly grew exponentially with the addition of a set of quintuplets. And while the story centered around how the quintuplets were doing five years after their birth and starting school, it also dealt with how the expectations and routines of the entire family—parents, quints and their older siblings—had changed since the birth of those bright, beautiful and energetic kids.

As I read the story, I kept going back in my mind to the day shortly after I first came to New Jersey when Archbishop Gerety and I jointly presided at the baptism of these same quintuplets, marking them with the sign of our faith and welcoming them on behalf of the entire Catholic community into this local Church in Newark.

In the middle of this bit of remembering, I suddenly realized: five years? Five years since you welcomed me to this great archdiocese as your shepherd and teacher? It just didn't seem possible. But we all know that it is. I only need to look on my bookshelf at the five appointment books that have helped keep me ordered and on track since 2001 to know that, indeed, five years have passed.

As most of you may have heard, 2006 marks several other significant milestones in my life as a priest. Forty years ago, God graced me with ordination to the priesthood at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, marking the beginning of a life of service to the Church and her people. And almost 20 years ago, Pope John Paul the Great called me in a different way to continue to serve the universal Church as a bishop, a calling that first brought me to my home in Peoria, and finally, to serve you here in Newark.

There is so much I can talk about over these 40 years. For example, when you are a bishop in a diocese where your family has always lived, and near where your brothers and sisters still live, there is always some member of the family around—one brother in particular, for sure—to remind everyone in the community I'm visiting that "the bishop" did this or that "all those years ago," got himself in trouble one day at school, spilled the milk at the dairy business that my dad ran on the family farm.... Believe me, situations like that have helped me to understand in very concrete ways the Bible passage about prophets being honored everywhere except in their own territories.

But the memories that I tend to think about today are more focused, more close to home here in New Jersey—for New Jersey and this great archdiocese are, for sure, my home, a home that I have come to love greatly, just as much as I have come to love you, the people I serve. I never will forget

## Sincerely in the Lord



that day in July 2001 when I was introduced as the new archbishop. People from parishes throughout the archdiocese waving banners and signs of welcome, and singing God's praise, crowded Clifton Avenue. I recall very fondly that Father Benedict Groeschel also made his way from New York to welcome me. I am thrilled that, since that day of welcoming, he has sent some of his brother Franciscans to live in Newark and help the archdiocesan priests, other religious communities and lay people who minister to this city's people.

I have also been very grateful for the opportunities to give witness to the faith of Catholics in New Jersey. My brother bishops in New Jersey and I have led thousands of Catholic people to the Statehouse in Trenton over the years to call on our government to ensure the dignity of all humans at all stages of life. We have called for fair and equitable treatment of working people, for affordable housing, and for the rights of parents to choose how and where their children can be educated. All of these issues are integral elements of Catholic teaching, and I have been blessed to be with you as we have sought justice in each of these matters.

With your generous support of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, I have seen the Church vigorously pursue social justice and touch residents throughout Essex, Hudson, Union, and Bergen counties. Thanks to you, the agency continues to build upon its century-old tradition of providing for the poor and disenfranchised. By sheltering the homeless, counseling families in crisis, providing day care activities for older adults, building families through adoption, and helping people with HIV/AIDS, Catholic Charities has helped carry God's love to our neighbors in need. By teaching job skills, educating students with special needs, and assisting "the stranger among us" through programs for immigrants, refugees, and victims of human trafficking, Catholic Charities has made a lasting difference—providing help, creating hope, and bringing God's joy to countless lives.

Likewise, the oldest diocesan university in the nation, Seton Hall, has changed lives in our neighborhood, our state and our nation. On Sept. 1, 1856 the college admitted a handful of young men and quickly became the beacon of Catholic education that its founder and my predecessor, Bishop James Roosevelt Bayley, envisioned. He named the school after his aunt, who became the first American to be canonized a saint (in 1975)—Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton. Now Seton Hall University is experiencing a remarkable period of growth, a revitalized and ever-deeper commitment to its Catholic identity, and singular improvements in the quality of students and the variety of academic programs being offered to undergraduates and graduate students alike. Our major and minor seminaries on campus continue to thrive, as well. Seton Hall, in its sesquicentennial year, educates young men and women of faith to be servants and leaders in a world that so sorely needs them.

I know there have been many sad moments throughout the past five years as well. The terrorist attacks on our nation, which affected us here in New Jersey in ways that none can imagine, will always be indelibly etched in our collective memory, and it set the agenda for much of my first year as archbishop. I stood with you and led you in worship as we have buried and remembered those many first responders who perished in the attacks. One of my deepest memories is that of my visit to Ground Zero to comfort those who worked on the rescue and recovery in the months after the attack. Most vivid among those moments is the conversation I had with one woman who confided in me that she had not been able to pray. I gave her my rosary and told her not to worry; that I would pray with and for her. I also prayed with the many priests who worked to ease the burden of relatives and friends of the many victims of the attack.

And as our nation began to bring the fight against terrorism to its sources, I have had the sorrowful duty of visiting the families of soldiers and marines from

our area who have perished, or attended their funerals.

So, too, has been the sad duty of seeing this archdiocese through the dark chapter of our Church's history—the sexual abuse crisis. My meetings with victims have been heart-wrenching, for in some cases the pain they have experienced will never end. But we have committed ourselves to ensuring that we will do all within our power and resources to provide a safe environment for those in our care, to remove from ministry any member of the clergy or laity who abuse, and to cooperate with the civil authorities according to state law. This is an ongoing process, and the procedures and practices we have instituted—many of which have been a part of this archdiocese for years—will remain and be strengthened as we continue this commitment to protecting our children.

Fortunately, I have far more happy memories and dreams for the future in this archdiocese. Today, for instance, more than 100 men are studying for the priesthood, thereby ensuring that the people of the archdiocese will continue to be served by truly pious and committed priests in the years ahead.

When I visit parishes and schools, I see a depth of faith that I know bishops in other areas of the country wish they could witness. When I talk about the joy and fervor you share with me—often in other languages and unique cultural traditions, I tell them, "I don't need to travel the world to see that the Church is strong and vibrant, I have the world right here where I live."

I know that there are challenges ahead for us here in the archdiocese. The future face and composition of our schools and parishes, the ability of our social services and healthcare outreach ministries to meet the changing and growing needs of our society, the need to re-evangelize our Catholic people so that faith remains central to our lives and that Catholic teaching and tradition remain clear in our minds. Sometimes, those challenges will produce growing pains. I must admit that, at 65, I hadn't anticipated I'd still have those, and I am sure that most of you didn't expect them, either. I believe, though, that faith requires us to grow, so growing pains are something we'll weather together as we continue on this journey of faith.

Maybe that's what struck me most about the story about the Keogh quints. They—and the entire Keogh family—are meeting the challenges of growing and adapting to new experiences with wide eyes, familial love and, yes, a little bit of chaos. Their faith in God, who blessed this loving and energetic family, will see them through the challenges of growing up successfully. He will give them the grace to do that.

I know He will give us the grace to realize a new vision for the archdiocese. I know He has blessed me with the responsibility of being your shepherd now and into the years ahead. I thank Him each day for that gift and, yes, even for the chaos.

