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Father Alvin Kimel connects the dots on his journey that led to priesthood

BY WARD MIELE
 Managing Editor

SOUTH ORANGE — Father Alvin Kimel, Jr., gave a candid and heartfelt account of his faith journey from Episcopalian minister to the Catholic priesthood during a presentation at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish on Dec. 5, two days after being ordained there by Archbishop John J. Myers (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Dec. 6).

Married and the father of four grown children, Father Kimel has been a parishioner at Our Lady of Sorrows since last February. He called the pastor, Rev. Msgr. John E. Doran, "such a blessing" to himself and wife Christine who was in the audience at the opening of the parish's decade-old Advent Lecture Series. Msgr. Doran noted that the ordination of Father Kimel, 54, was the first of a parishioner at Our Lady of Sorrows church.

Father Kimel took to the podium, he explained, "to share my story" and his journey to the priesthood, which he termed "unusual." Growing up in Virginia, he was raised a Methodist. However, while a high school student, Father Kimel explained that he was "a devout atheist." That state of mind continued until his senior year in college when began giving "serious consideration to the Christian faith."

By the spring of his final year in college, Father Kimel said he was "a believing Christian." He realized then that if he were to be a Christian it would mean involvement fulltime in pastoral life—a "deeper commitment."

In 1975 he returned home and a friend took him to an Episcopal church in Washington D.C. By coincidence an African bishop was there that day performing confirmations. He was, Father Kimel recalled, "dumfounded" by the liturgy that he termed "very Catholic." The beauty of the liturgy, he added, "captured me." Equally stunning was the "real presence" of the Eucharist that Father Kimel remembered was "so palpable...here was the risen Christ." That, he said, was "revolutionary for me."

Within six months he was in contact with a rector of the church and began weekly confessions. In the fall of 1977 he entered an Episcopal seminary in Wisconsin. Graduation came three years later and he became a curate at a church in Florida. From there it was on to being a rector at churches in Maryland, South Carolina and, finally Johnston, PA, which is located in the western half of the Keystone State.

It did not take long after his ordination in the Episcopal Church, Father Kimel explained, to feel there was "something wrong," which he described as a "sickness of the dogma of inclusivity." Such a mindset, he went on, results in nothing being believed in except inclusivity. Expounding on that point, Father Kimel said there are



Archbishop John J. Myers (left) ordained Father Alvin Kimel Jr. on Dec. 3 at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. Two days later, in a public forum at the South Orange parish, Father Kimel traced his "unusual" journey to the priesthood. Before becoming a Catholic priest, Father Kimel served as an Episcopalian clergyman for 25 years.

no core beliefs resulting in ongoing conflict. Because of those convictions he became involved in a movement to "save" the Episcopal Church.

But in the late 1990s, Father Kimel lamented, "the battle had been lost." He had reached the point where all he could do was wait for an early retirement upon reaching the age of 58. What "a terrible thing," he said to nods of agreement from the audience.

The final break with the Episcopal Church came in the summer of 2003 when the Diocese of New Hampshire elevated a divorced homosexual to bishop. Saying he did not anticipate his response "in my soul," Father Kimel said at that point he decided he "had had enough." He knew it was time for him to leave the Episcopal Church, but reaching that decision, he confessed, was "traumatic." Some time after that decision a friend suggested he give the Catholic Church "a hearing," and he did just that.

His faith journey included one of his three sons converting to Catholicism four years ago. The newly ordained priest explained the "considerations" that led him to join the Catholic Church. One was concern over the "preservation" of Revelation. He also had to deal with "how to believe with a true Catholic Faith." He was, Father Kimel pointed out, "an Anglo-Catholic except for the pope." He said, too, he had to reach the point of trusting the Catholic Church as "teacher, prophet, mentor and guide." Father Kimel explained he came to

the determination that the Catholic Church is "what she claims to be...guided by God." The Catholic Church is the "sacramental body of Christ," he stressed.

A primary concern, Father Kimel told his audience, was the infallibility of the Catholic Church and the pope. He had a "unique perspective" as someone coming into the Catholic Church in that he was being asked to accept all of its teachings. "Simply trust the Church," he declared.

Last year he left his congregation in Johnstown. As a result of that move, the congregation was "furious" with a feeling of being "betrayed." He entered the Catholic Church with his son as his sponsor and his decision cost him the friendship of several parishioners in his Johnstown church, Father Kimel revealed with obvious sadness.

Father Kimel's ordination was possible because of a special Pastoral Provision instituted 26 years ago by Pope John Paul II. It was in response to requests from priests and laity of the Episcopal Church seeking full communion with the Catholic Church.

The ordination was Archbishop Myers' first of a former Episcopalian. Last year William Cardinal Levada, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, with approval of Pope Benedict XVI, named the archbishop to the post of Ecclesiastical Delegate for the Pastoral Provision. In this position, Archbishop Myers works with all other Catholic bishops nationwide to oversee the process.

Advocate photo — M. Gabriele

Local faces reflect global migration undercurrents

Catholic Charities employs 2 who've lived the journey

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

NEWARK — National Migration Week, which will run from Jan. 7-13, celebrates the contribution made by immigrants and the plight of migrants in America. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Committee on Migration has selected the theme "Welcoming Christ in the Migrant."

In a letter to the Catholic community, Most Reverend Gerald R. Barnes, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Migration and bishop of San Bernardino, called the 26th annual observance "an invitation and a challenge to provide welcome for the migrant, immigrants, refugees, human trafficking victims and other people on the move who come to our land seeking justice and peace."

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, through its Immigration Assistance Division, has been at the forefront

locally for immigration issues (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Jan. 11). Along with defending victims of human trafficking and refugees, the organization finds jobs and apartments for migrants and aids detainees (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Aug. 9).

National Migration Week, according to Alan Daul, executive director of Catholic Charities, "gives us a chance for people to recognize all the work we do." Catholic Charities is a unit of Catholic Health and Human Services.

The employees in the Immigration Services program make up an interesting microcosm of the many nationalities present in the archdiocese. Like the migrants they assist the workers, share an intimate knowledge of those who make the difficult and sometimes dangerous trek to America.

Pierre Moreau has worked with Catholic Charities for 25 years. Originally from Haiti, Moreau studied in Israel and



Pierre Moreau, who has worked with Catholic Charities for 25 years, left Haiti during the political reign of dictator Francois Duvalier. Moreau is an immigration counselor and represents refugees and those seeking asylum in court.

was living in the Democratic Republic of Congo when he came to America in 1969. "When I entered the U.S., I heard that there was an opening at this organization in Jersey City. We helped refugees get asylum and helped other immigrants apply for residence in America. In 1981, there were a lot of Cubans and Haitians entering the U.S. and we were able to help them."

Moreau was accredited in 1985 by the Immigration Court of Appeals to represent immigrants in court cases. "(Catholic Charities) feels good when people are granted asylum. It feels good to know you have helped

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops provides information on National Migration Week (Jan. 7-13) on the Web at: www.usccb.org/mrs/nmw.shtml. For more information about the Justice for Immigrants campaign, a Catholic immigration reform initiative, visit: www.justiceforimmigrants.org. Geoff Scowcroft, managing attorney, Catholic Charities' Immigration Services (973) 733-3516, can provide assistance on local initiatives and resources.



Photos courtesy of Erica Aghedo

Now a caseworker for Catholic Charities Immigration Services, Mira Kocer was a refugee from Bosnia who arrived here in 1998. Kocer was offered a job with the agency as a translator after learning English.

as an immigration counselor." Moreau left Haiti during the turbulent presidential term of dictator Francois Duvalier (1957-1971). "I felt the problems and the pain myself. I identify with what people who come from Haiti go through."

Also fleeing her home country during politically dangerous times,

Mira Kocer—now a case manager for Immigration Services—was a refugee from Bosnia. Catholic Charities offered her a job translating for immigrants when she first arrived in 1998.

"I only knew how to say 'hi' and 'bye.' The agency pushed me and told me to learn English so I could have a job. It was a challenge for me. I watched television and talked to people even though I did not understand English that well," Kocer recalled.

Only 18 years old when she arrived, Kocer and her sister were separated from their parents when they fled to Slovenia and her parents remained in Bosnia. "I had not seen them since early 1992," she said. "There were no telephone lines and no way to get into contact with them. I didn't know where Newark or New Jersey was but I told the caseworker that is where I wanted to go. When I arrived at JFK Airport, the worker took me to apply for a Social Security card and had a dentist chosen for me," she said. Kocer was reunited with her parents after she arrived in America.

Today, Kocer has clients from Cuba, Liberia and Vietnam. "We offer immigrants English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, teach them how to use American money and find them a job. It takes people some time to adjust and in some of their home countries. They are told that America is a land of 'milk and honey.' Nothing is free here. You have to work for it. It is rewarding when you see them get on their feet and they thank you for helping them on their way."

Bishop Barnes, in his letter, urges the Church not to forget about the struggle of immigrants, even in politically turbulent times. "Our nation's legitimate security concerns have been distorted by some who foment anxiety, fear and a distrust of migrants. The present immigration reform debate has lost much of its reason and is often fueled by raw emotions," he wrote.

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Backstage at Carol Sing: Miller orchestrates a heavenly concert

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

NEWARK—The candles are lit, the wreaths hung and now the 1,800 guests can arrive. But before the first note is sung at the annual "Candlelight Carol Sing" at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, John Miller, director of music ministry and event organizer, prepares the choir months in advance for the big night.

The concert was held at the cathedral on Dec. 14. Now in its 36th year, the annual carol sing, according to Miller, is the "most significant Christmas concert in northern New Jersey." Busloads of people from around the tri-state area along with locals from the archdiocese wait in line for almost one hour before the event begins.

"The concert starts at 8 p.m. and the doors open at 7 p.m. Sometimes, we open the door early at a quarter to seven. I will stick the key in the door and have to struggle to push the door back because there is already a crowd," Miller said.

The carol sing had its origin in 1969 after a snowstorm prevented an organist from traveling to Newark for a recital. Former musical director John Rose led the 50 people that arrived to sing Christmas carols. The guests requested a similar event the following year and the carol sing was born. The event sparked candlelight carol sings in other parishes in the archdiocese. The cathedral choir became an important part of the event and instrumentalists and



Advocate photo—Melissa McNally

John Miller, director of music ministry, and Vincent Carr, associate organist, review the songs selected for the annual carol sing. The repertoire of 12 to 14 songs is decided in September. The sparkling musical event was held Dec. 14 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

soloists joined in the performance.

Miller begins preparation for the carol sing a year in advance by coordinating a date for the event with the office of Archbishop John J. Myers. A repertoire of 12 to 14 songs is decided in September. The show runs for an hour or more with no intermission.

For the past few years, the Christmas logo or theme of the season that is printed on posters and other press materials, is taken from one of the stained glass windows in the Cathedral Basilica. This year, Mary holding Jesus from the "Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary" adorns all of the press materials, which go out to different media outlets in mid-August.

Instrumentalists for the orchestra are called in September to prepare for the program. The orchestra is composed of members of dif-

ferent instrumental groups from the New York and New Jersey.

Right until the day before the carol sing, candles, flowers and extra seating are assembled within the cathedral to ensure the best atmosphere for the evening of song. "The maintenance staff deserve an 'A-plus' for their efforts," Miller stressed. About 400 four-inch candles are placed throughout the Cathedral Basilica and are lit the day before. The candles last four days and look best on the second day. The Cathedral Basilica remains lit overnight.

"We hold a deep breath for no gusts of wind. We have to go on ladders and relight the few candles that blow out. There are long candles at the end of each pew and all the people that come receive a little candle. At the end

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**December 31**

St. John the Apostle Parish, Linden, New Year's Eve celebration, 9 p.m.- Mass at 10:30 p.m., (908) 486-6363.

Queen of Peace Knights of Columbus, North Arlington, New Year's Eve party, 8 p.m., cost: \$50, \$40 for seniors, call Larry Crawford at (201) 306-3609 or Maureen Metzinger at (201) 997-0493.



Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark has released its Mass schedule for January. All masses are at 9:30 a.m. For more information call (866) 773-7526. Jan. 2: Gate of Heaven Chapel, East Hanover; Jan. 3: Holy Cross Chapel, North Arlington; Jan. 5: Good Shepherd Chapel, Colonia.

January 3

Holy Spirit Parish, Union, will begin its monthly Holy Hour for Life from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. In the presence of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction, participants pray the Rosary for Life.

**January 5**

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

January 6

Holy Family Chapel, Convent Station, Mass honoring Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, 11 a.m., (973) 290-5345.

Choir on TV

CONVENT STATION—The choir from Academy of Saint Elizabeth will perform Jan. 14 and Jan. 21 at the Sunday Mass televised at 5:30 a.m. on Channel 5 and local cable systems.

January 7

Immaculate Conception Convent Chapel, Lodi, "The Glory of Christmas" Epiphany concert, 3 p.m., (973) 473-7447.

January 8

Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, discussion for those who have left the Church, 7:30- 9 p.m., also on Jan. 16, 22, and 29, call Joseph Nuzzi at (201) 327-1313 ext.31.

January 10

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, annulment information meeting, 7:30 p.m., (973) 497-4327.

Other

Register for an eight-week course in spirituality offered by the Archdiocese at a parish near you. Classes begin the week of Jan. 8. Call (973) 497-4350 or stantovi@rcan.org.

Petitions to St. Jude that were sent to St. Theresa Parish, Kenilworth will be placed on the tomb of St. Jude in St. Peter Basilica, Vatican City on Jan. 1. They will remain there for 30 days. Mass will be offered for the parishioners of St. Theresa at St. Peter Basilica on Jan. 8.

Annual Carol Sing

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of the performance, the whole congregation lights their candles and sings 'Silent Night.' It is an incredible sight," Miller exclaimed.

The candles from the previous year's carol sing are still scattered throughout the cathedral, but are not visible. The little votives are left there and serve as place markers for where the new candles should go. Risers for the choir members, wreaths and poinsettias are also set up one day before the performance.

With all the stress that naturally comes with planning the carol sing, Miller sees the event is a rewarding experience. "It is such a profound tradition. It is my privilege to continue that tradition and it is such a joy to do it. Outside (the cathedral) doors, you may not be able to even say the word 'Christmas.' In here, you can express the spirit freely."

After the performance, the work of the choir continues. "Eight days later, we have to gear up for the Christmas Mass and do it all over again. There are 364 days of work that goes into preparing for the carol sing. It feels like such a letdown after the night is over and you just feel exhausted and drained. I don't even feel like I can drive home afterwards," Miller said with a smile.

Along with Miller, the choir members also have to gear up for the event while practicing for the weekly masses at the cathedral. Berenice Cross has been a member of the choir since the first carol sing in 1969.

"Time goes by fast," she laughed. Cross, who will celebrate her 90th birthday next year, belonged to another parish and saw an ad in the paper for choir singers. She had always sung opera arias and solos in other choirs.

"We had a good turn out back then but not as much as now. We always had a harp, which I love. One year we sang carols from all over the world. I think people enjoy the fact that we sing different carol songs, not just the typical things you hear at Christmas. People don't know what to expect. When you are standing in front of the congregation and you see the candlelight in front of you, it is the most beautiful thing you have ever seen," Cross said.

As the oldest member of the choir, Cross is still vibrant with her soprano voice. The West Caldwell resident retired two years ago from *The Star-Ledger* after working as a secretary for 65 years. At her big send-off party at the newspaper with 125 of her friends and family,



Advocate photo — Melissa McNally

Berenice Cross, who will celebrate her 90th birthday next year, has been with the cathedral choir for all 36 carol sings. Cross recently retired after working for 65 years as a secretary for *The Star-Ledger*.

she was brought into the office on a makeshift throne held up by four reporters.

Today, Cross' youthful spirit gives her energy for the weekly choir practice and keeps her motivated for the choir sing performance. "The only thing I have a problem with is going up and down the risers. I have arthritis and I get nervous and hold on to someone when I have to walk up the stairs," she explained.

Ray Tarantula, a choir member for three years, shares Cross' joy of singing. "I would come to the cathedral every Sunday for Mass and was always in awe of the choir. I was overwhelmed. They have such a professional sound. I investigated to see if they had any openings. The choir made me feel so welcomed. I have a full-time day job and am not a professional. There are men with fantastic voices in this choir and I have learned so much."

For Tarantula, a tenor, Miller's direction brings out the best in the choir, making the carol sing easier to perform. "John prepares us so there is no stress. He knows how to get the best quality out of our voices and pulls it together. He brings his expertise to selecting the music and we sing pieces from different eras. It is not just singing a standard hymn and that's what makes the choir so special," Tarantula said.

Not only is singing in the choir and performing the carol sing an artistic expression, it is also a way to express spirituality. "For me, the choir is more of a spiritual experience," Tarantula said. "It is part of the ministry and I enjoy this method of expressing my faith. The whole choir comes together and raises our voice for the prayers of many. Music is a vessel for spirituality in our faith and the prayers are offered up. There is such a level of professionalism in our choir. The bar is raised here."

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Sat.	Feb. 24	SOUTH FLORIDA	8:00pm
Wed.	Jan. 3	RUTGERS	7:30pm

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Wed.	Jan. 3	RUTGERS	7:30pm
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Sun.	Feb. 10	VILLANOVA	12:00pm

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Thoughts of peace squeezed by the commuter crunch

It was a week before Thanksgiving. I had a day off and wanted to visit a showing of American painters who worked in Paris in the 19th century at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Normally, it is an easy trip on a weekday if it is not rush hour in the morning or at night.

I boarded the PATH train at 11:30 a.m. To my surprise I had to stand all the way to the World Trade Center stop. I went over to the No. 4 subway line uptown. The train arrived and it was jammed to the doors. I let it pass. The No. 5 subway came in packed with humanity. I squeezed on and tried to hang on to an overhead pole as the train alternately lurched ahead and then braked its way through the tunnel. People literally grunted as they tried to maintain balance by hanging on to perfect strangers.

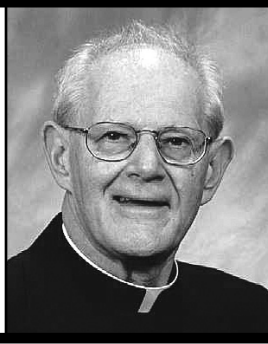
The museum was filled with senior citizens and students. Even the cafeteria had no tables empty. It is a big cafeteria.

On the way home, I decided to catch the No. 4 bus. I let two buses go by because there was no room. In desperation, I climbed onto the next bus crowded with a mass of humanity. Again I swung back and forth desperately clinging to a nearby seat. It required one hour and a half to travel to 33rd St.

As the vehicle crawled down Fifth Avenue, I was able to view the street block after block. The streets

Voices

By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist



were filled with people trying to make their way through surging crowds of pedestrians moving north and south. From my place on the bus I could see into all of the brightly decorated stores. They were all doing a brisk business.

At the PATH station, the story was the same. As I stood there I gazed over the faces of a large number of very weary travelers.

One man beside me said to another, "I never get home until 8:30. My wife and I eat after nine. Then I

fall into bed because I have to get up at 5:30 to do this all over again. It's killing me."

Another person nearby was saying, "I have an hour and a half ride to Toms River after I get to Jersey."

My mind was absorbed as I watched and listened. "How easy my life is," I thought. "I live where I work. My life is regulated by the rhythm of the bells calling me to Holy Mass, prayers and meals. God, how good You have been to me."

Then I asked myself: "What if I had not become a priest? Would I be living as these people do?" The answer came back immediately. "Never! I would rather get a mobile stand and sell hot dogs on a street corner than to exist as a part of this rat race. These people are not fully alive. They are killing themselves."

Christmas has one great message that resounds above all else. "Peace on earth to men of good will." How terribly sad that our friends and family members are so caught up in the stress and strain of earning a living that the Christmas Season—rather than giving a space of peace, solace and reflection, only adds to the burden of their lives.

Friends, if you are a part of the mad pace of modern life, take time this season to sit quietly at home or in a church. The message of our faith was found not in the busy streets of Bethlehem—but rather in a quiet cave in an out-of-the-way place. There a baby, a mother, a gentle man and several shepherds were manifestations of God's love.

"Peace on earth" is worth more than gold. To find it you will need to step back from the hustle and bustle of the world, and make time for God's presence in your life.

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

If you are a part of the mad pace of modern life, take time this season to sit quietly at home or in a church.

'Paper of record' flubs coverage of pope in Turkey

Despite its op-ed page, which often sounds like a transcript from an asylum for victims of Bush Derangement Syndrome, *The New York Times* remains the nation's "newspaper of record." If it decides that something is news, so do other papers and so do the networks. The *Times*' take on the news also echoes throughout the American media.

These facts of journalistic life put a special burden on the *Times* to get the story right, which, in Istanbul last month, it certainly didn't.

Thus on Nov. 29, front page and above the fold, the *Times* trumpeted the "news" that "Pope Backs Turkey's Bid to Join European Union."

According to reporters Ian Fisher and Sabrina Tavernise, "Pope Benedict XVI arrived in Turkey...armed with a surprise gesture of good will aimed at blunting Muslim anger toward him: he backed Turkey's long-stalled desire to join the European Union (EU), reversing a statement he made two years ago."

The reporters went on to note that their source was the Turkish prime minister, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who said that the pope had responded positively to his request for support for Turkey's admission to the EU. "You know we don't have a political role, but we wish for Turkey's entry into the EU," the pope said, according to Mr. Erdogan. "His wish is a positive recommendation for us," the prime minister concluded.

Was it? Or was this first-class prime ministerial spin?

Until the last minute, Mr. Erdogan, who leads a "moderate Islamic" party, had declined to meet the pope. Now, having changed his mind so as not to look like a cad, he likely wanted to demonstrate to his constituents that the man some of them had charged with leading a new "crusade" had, so to speak, truckled, and at the prime minister's urging. At least that's what a typically worldly *Times* man might have thought; but

The Catholic Difference

by George Weigel



not Mr. Fisher and Ms. Tavernise, who apparently took Erdogan at his word (a courtesy the *Times* rarely extends to the President of the United States).

Buried in the 12th and 13th paragraphs of the story was a statement by the Vatican spokesman, Father Federico Lombardi, that might have given the *Times* pause had the paper not been too busy chortling over Benedict's "concession" and "reversal." According to Father Lombardi, while the Vatican had neither the power nor the political clout to get Turkey admitted to the EU, the Holy See "looks positively and encourages the road of dialogue and of moving toward integration of Turkey in Europe on the basis of common values and principles."

In other words, nothing whatsoever had changed in the Vatican's position on Turkey and the EU. If and when Turkey demonstrates that it is part of Europe—by, among other things, bringing the state's role in pro-

tecting religious freedom into line with European values and principles—then the integration of Turkey into the EU becomes a possibility. The question at issue today, just as it was when then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger raised the point years ago, is whether Turkey can do that; unfortunately, it can't, now.

Why did the *Times* botch this so badly? It's a question of assumptions. The *Times* went to Istanbul convinced that the rigid, undiplomatic Benedict XVI had made a serious error in his September Regensburg lecture (an even more-egregious-than-usual *Times* editorial on Nov. 29 derided the pope's "tone-deaf comments about Islam").

Evidently indifferent to the over-the-top Islamist response when Benedict at Regensburg raised the (obvious) question of why terrorists claimed the sanction of Islam for their deeds, the *Times* was looking for an apology. So when Mr. Erdogan put his spin machine into overdrive, the *Times* jumped aboard and misinformed the world.

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The *Times* is famous for criticizing what it judges to be the false assumptions that shape policies of which it disapproves. Might the newspaper of record—which has barely recovered from a variety of recent newsroom scandals, including the falsification of stories—take a moment to examine its own assumptions about Pope

Benedict XVI? For if the *Times* hadn't assumed that "Pope Benedict equals dolt," the *Times* wouldn't have blown the story in Istanbul.

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



Photos courtesy of Holy Family Parish

Most Rev. Thomas A. Donato, auxiliary bishop of Newark, last month began the 150th anniversary celebration of Holy Family Parish with a Mass of Thanksgiving.

Bishop Thomas Donato leads celebration as Holy Family marks 150th anniversary

UNION CITY—A Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated last month by Most Rev. Thomas A. Donato, auxiliary bishop of Newark, officially began the 150th anniversary festivities at Holy Family Parish.

German immigrants, who settled in the Union Hill section, founded the parish in 1857. The guiding force was Father Joseph N. Grieff who served as pastor from 1884-1941. Under his direction, Holy Family maintained its Gothic church building and a school. In 1915 the pastor established The Passion Play, which has become the longest continuous-running Passion drama in the United States.

Over the years Holy Family Parish has served Hudson

County Catholics by addressing the needs of changing cultures. Under the leadership of the current pastor, Father Paco Legarra O.A.R., the parish provides spiritual, apostolic and social activities in both English and Spanish. It is also the site of the Archdiocesan Centro Guadalupe, which was established in 1998 to address to spiritual needs of the Hispanic community.

A capital campaign to restore and repair of the historic church and rectory is in progress. The campaign is one of the many activities planned for upcoming Jubilee Year. Parishioners and Holy Family High School alumni are invited to join in the celebrations.

SHU institute courses target graduate certificate programs

SOUTH ORANGE—The Institute for Christian Spirituality, Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, Seton Hall University, will offer two new graduate certificate programs in January: Great Spiritual Books (GSB) and Seminary's Theological Education for Parish Services (STEPS).

Great Spiritual Books explores different Christian traditions through the study of spiritual literature. It trains students to relate the spiritual classics to their own lives, while encouraging discussion and fostering friendships among those of all Christian denominations.

Students will gain 21 graduate credits by following one of three tracks: The Christian Journey in Biography and Fiction; Pilgrims, Fools and Visionaries; and Family Life Spiritual Classics for Professional and Public Ministers. Each track consists of seven courses focusing on the Gospels and relevant Christian classics.

The courses will be offered at Lewis Hall, Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology. Students taking one course per semester may complete the program in approximately two years and have the option of applying the credits toward a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry.

"This program teaches students to recognize the thrilling possibilities of this world by journeying through the spiritual world of the classics," Gregory Glazov, program coordinator and assistant professor of biblical studies, said.

Designed in collaboration with Washington's Education for Parish Services (EPS) and Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, STEPS is geared toward adult Catholics who want a greater understanding of their faith and the skills necessary to live that faith every day. They will receive professional preparation for Church ministry through an integrated program consisting of theological coursework—24 graduate credits. Various courses include Scripture, Church History, Documents of Vatican II, and Christian Ethics; conferences on such topics as parish ministry, public speaking and catechesis; spiritual formation, including retreats, prayer and theological reflection.

Classes will be offered at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Ridgewood beginning with Synoptic Gospels. Students taking one course per semester may complete the program in approximately two and a half years and have the option of applying the credits toward a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry or a Master of Arts in Theology.

Jo-Anne Lieder, D.V.M., M.A., STEPS coordinator, considers the program essential for all adult Catholics who feel the need to take understanding of their faith to the next level. "STEPS builds a local spiritual community that provides support for adults in their spiritual lives."

For more information or to request an application, e-mail theology@shu.edu or call Glazov at (973) 313-6329 or Lieder at (973) 313-6331.

The Pope Speaks

Pope Benedict XVI



Apostolic example

Dear brothers and sisters,

Continuing our catechesis on the Church's apostolic ministry, we now consider Sts. Timothy and Titus, two close associates of St. Paul in his missionary journeys.

Timothy, born of a Jewish mother and a pagan father, is frequently mentioned in the apostle's letters. Titus, a convert from paganism, was brought by Paul to the Council of Jerusalem, which sanctioned the preaching of the Gospel to the pagans while not imposing upon them the precepts of the Mosaic law.

Both were sent by Paul on important missions to the young churches, often as his representatives in difficult situations.

As we see from the New Testament epistles addressed to Timothy and Titus, Paul clearly counted on the help of these two collaborators in his ministry. Timothy and Titus were likewise prompt in accepting the responsibilities entrusted to them by the apostle.

May the example of these apostolic men inspire us to serve the cause of the Gospel with generosity and thus contribute to the building up of Christ's Church.

Photo contest seeks 'good' shutterbugs

SOUTH ORANGE—The Parish Partnership Program, part of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology's Institute for Christian Spirituality at Seton Hall University, is holding a photography contest that will run through January.

"The True, The Good and The Beautiful," allows students to use their artistic talents while providing opportunities for theological reflection.

Students may submit no more than two photos depicting what they feel is true, good and beautiful in their Catholic parishes. Each photo must be accompanied by an entry form, as well as a brief essay not longer than one page explaining how the photo illustrates "The True, The Good and The Beautiful" within their parish communities.

The contest is open to three age groups: 13-16, 17-20 and 21-24. Each group will be awarded \$500 for first place, \$250 for second place and \$100 for third place. Three honorable mentions will receive \$50. A matching prize will also be awarded to the student's parish.

All awards will be presented March 15 during a ceremony at Walsh Gallery, located on the Seton Hall campus. Winning entries will be displayed in Walsh Gallery; the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, Washington, D.C.; and the National Museum of Catholic Art and History, New York City.

The deadline for submission is Jan. 31, 2007. For more information, including rules and guidelines for submitting an entry, download an entry form at theology.shu.edu/ICS/photocontest.htm, or call (973) 313-6329 or e-mail theology@shu.edu.

Students bring Christmas cheer to seniors

NORTH ARLINGTON—Queen of Peace High School (QPHS) dedicated its second-annual Christmas luncheon for senior citizens of the community to Sister Kathleen McDonough, S.S.J., a veteran educator who served the school for many years. The event was held Dec. 8.

The QPHS students greeted luncheon guests and presented them with Christmas ornaments. The festive tables were decorated with star centerpieces, small Christmas trees and snowmen all made by the students. Students and faculty prepared the food and desserts.

The school choir sang Christmas songs led by Anthony Tabish, parish music director. Father Brian K. Muzas, parochial vicar and youth minister, was the accompanist. The performance also featured bagpipe music. Highlighting the day was a Nativity Pageant.



Photo courtesy of the Council of Catholic Women

Archbishop John J. Myers congratulates Phyllis Bogle of Sacred Heart Parish, Lyndhurst, for winning this year's Woman of Faith/Woman of Action award.

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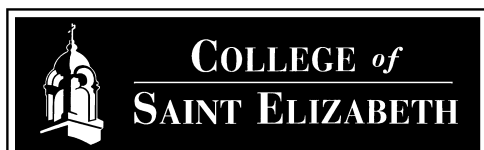
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Council of Catholic Women taps Bogle as award winner

LYNDHURST—Archbishop John J. Myers, the featured speaker at the annual Christmas luncheon for the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, thanked the organization for all its good works during the year and for its financial reports of archdiocesan programs.

Phyllis Bogle of Sacred Heart Parish, Lyndhurst, was honored this year as the winner of the council's Woman of Faith/Woman of Action award. "My faith has enriched my life in so many ways.

Many thanks to the Blessed Mother who has helped me answer my prayers for a wonderful family and friends, especially the people of Sacred Heart Parish," Bogle said.

The luncheon, held Dec. 2, serves as a fund-raiser for the council. Guests at the event included representatives from the diocesan councils of Brooklyn, Metuchen and Paterson that, along with the Archdiocese of Newark, make up the Province of Newark.



Advocate photo—M. Gabriele

CHRISTMAS CONCERT—Students at St. Thomas the Apostle school, Bloomfield, took part in the annual Christmas concert. James Sause, Anthony Garner, Andrew Mauro and Daniel Levine (left to right) were among the featured performers demonstrating their talents on stage. Joan C. Ferraer is the principal of the Bloomfield school.

SFIC girls' hoops festival tips off in Paramus Jan. 13

PARAMUS—The third-annual Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) Girls' Basketball Festival, presented by Aeropostale, tips off Saturday, Jan. 13 at Paramus Catholic High School.

Festival pairings feature the Academy of the Holy Angels vs. St. Anthony High School at 3:15 p.m., followed by Immaculate Heart Academy (IHA) vs. Mt. Saint Dominic Academy and finally Paramus Catholic High School vs. Mother Seton Regional High School (Clark).

Lorraine Cunningham, SFIC executive director, said she is thankful for the funds raised by the tournament. Visit the Web site www.BasketballFestival.com or call (201) 939-8601 for more information.

Official Appointments



Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY/MINISTRY

Reverend James V. Teti, parochial vicar at St. Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills, has also been appointed director of Formation for the Permanent Diaconate of the Archdiocese of Newark for a period of three years, effective Nov. 21.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Reverend Franco Coronel, Parochial Vicar at St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Jersey City, has been extended through January 2007.

TRANSITIONAL DEACON

Reverend Mr. Wilson Avelino Paculan, newly ordained transitional deacon, has been assigned to Diaconal Ministry at St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Newark, effective Dec. 11 to April 26, 2007.

Reverend Mr. Jose Helber Victoria Tovar, newly ordained transitional deacon, has been assigned to Diaconal Ministry at St. Thomas More Parish, Fairfield, effective Dec. 11 to April 26, 2007.

Reverend Mr. Robert Szczepan Gajewski, newly ordained transitional deacon, has been assigned to Diaconal Ministry at St. Theresa Church, Kenilworth, effective Dec. 11 to April 26, 2007.

Reverend Mr. Piotr Franciszek Koziolkiewicz, newly ordained transitional deacon, has been assigned to Diaconal Ministry at St. Aloysius Parish, Caldwell, effective Dec. 11 to April 26, 2007.

RETIREMENT

Reverend Msgr. George C. Lutz, pastor of Holy Trinity-Epiphany Parish, Newark, has been granted retirement, effective Feb. 1.

Reverend Msgr. Thomas P. Ivory, pastor of Presentation Parish, Upper Saddle River, has been granted retirement, effective Feb. 1.

Catholic Challenge set March 31

NEWARK—The fourth-annual Catholic Challenge education contest will be held Saturday, March 31, 2007, at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave.

Invitations to participate in the event are being sent out to all seventh and eighth graders of religious education programs in parishes and in Catholic schools. Contact the archdiocesan Catechetical Office at (973) 497-4285 for more information.

The Catholic Challenge is a project to help students deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith. It is also an opportunity for students to come together and share their knowledge of faith with one another. Prizes awarded in the contest are: first place—a trip to Disneyworld for four; second place—a laptop computer; third place—an iPod; and fourth place—a personal DVD player.

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Academy art chairs on display

JERSEY CITY—Alumnae art chairs from St. Dominic Academy will be on exhibit at Jersey City's Brennan Courthouse, 583 Newark Ave., Jan. 3 to 11.

A free gallery reception open

to the public will take place Jan. 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. Contact Christine DeBlois Zitzman, assistant director of development at (201) 434-5938, ext. 39 for more information.

As part of St. Dominic Academy's art studio courses, art teacher Celeste Giarratana had students paint the wooden chairs in the school's art room. "Students learned how to paint and gained experience working with a painted sculpture," Giarratana explained.



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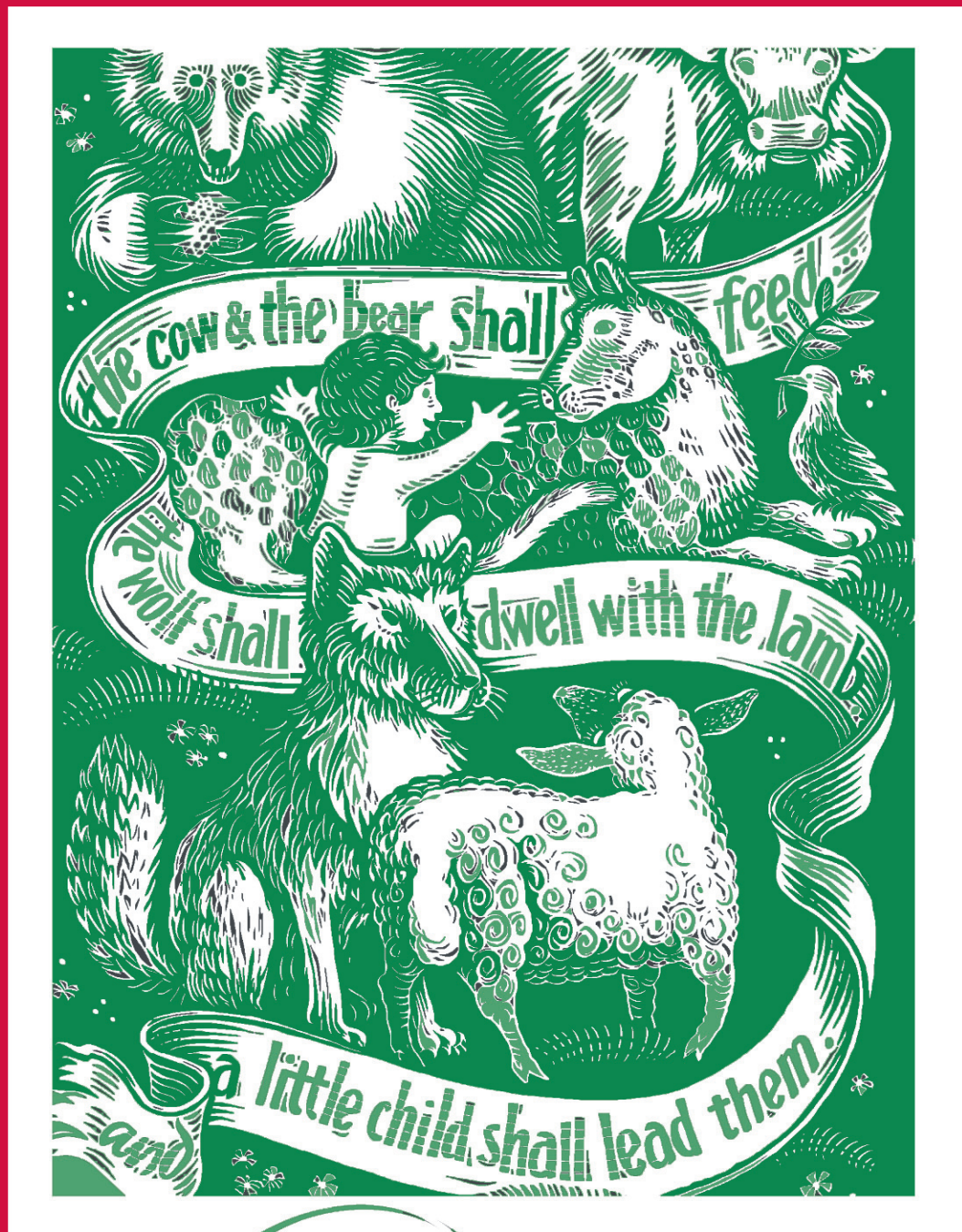


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Kay Furlani

GreenFaith honors Furlani for 'Human Concerns'

LYNDHURST—GreenFaith, a New Jersey-based interfaith environmental coalition, recently honored Kay Furlani, the director of the Archdiocese of Newark's Office of Human Concerns and a longtime leading proponent on issues of poverty and hunger.

Furlani was honored at the group's awards ceremony, which was held here Nov. 5 at the

Meadowlands Environmental Center.

A key religious-environmental leader, Furlani is an organizer of the New Jersey Catholic Coalition for Environmental Justice and of statewide environmental conferences for the Catholic and interfaith communities. She has represented the Church in Newark on state-level environmental advisory

boards and engaged Catholic leaders around the state on behalf of the environment.

In addition, Furlani last month was featured in a two-part series of articles in *The Catholic Advocate*, which reported on her recent journey to the east African nation of Kenya (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Nov. 8 and 22).

"Kay has played a leading role

in placing environmental concerns on the agenda of New Jersey's Catholic community," said Rev. Fletcher Harper, GreenFaith's executive director. "We are proud to honor her."

Based in New Brunswick and founded in 1992, GreenFaith (www.greenfaith.org) is a Garden State interfaith environmental coalition.

"The state of the environment dramatically affects people and communities that suffer from poverty and hunger. The earth's beauty reveals God's presence to us in unique ways. We have a responsibility to treat the earth well," Furlani explained.

"I wish to extend my congratulations to you for this worthy honor," Archbishop John J. Myers stated in a letter to Furlani. "I know your work manifests the fervor of support and dedication in all areas of human concern and justice issues, and certainly this award reflects your regard for environmental stewardship."

Furlani last month joined five other honorees at GreenFaith's first "Awards Reception and Sustainable Soirée," held here at the Meadowlands Environment Center.

"The world's great religious traditions command us to be good stewards of the earth," Rev. Harper declared.

Hoops tourney will honor Coach Battaglia

ELIZABETH—Four area teams will compete Dec. 27-28 in the Dr. Rosemarie Battaglia Christmas Basketball Tournament hosted by Benedictine Academy.

Dr. Battaglia, who will be honored at the tournament, coached varsity basketball at Benedictine Academy from 1954-58 compiling 36-4 record. The academy's 1954-55 team went 12-0.

Dr. Battaglia compiled an overall record of 702-240 during 37 years of coaching.

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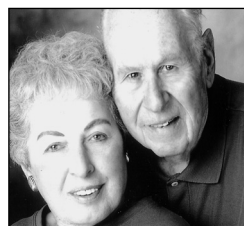


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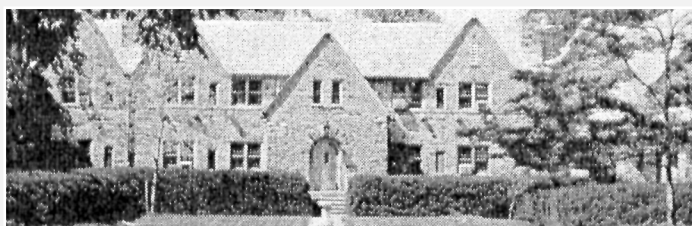
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Saint James obtains state funds for mental health pilot program

NEWARK — The Mental Health unit at Saint James Hospital, an affiliate of Cathedral Healthcare System, has received a \$296,400 grant from the state Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health Services, for a pilot initiative enabling the unit to provide patients with in-patient psychiatric hospitalization for up to 30 days, rather than transferring them to a state or county hospital following short-term treatment.

"Men and women, 18 years old or older, who have been referred by a state-designated psychiatric screening center can qualify for the extended-care program," said Rev. Benjamin Evans, M.S.C., M.S.N., D.D., R.N., A.P.N.-C, the unit's director of clinical services.

"Eligible patients also must have slowly stabilizing conditions requiring more than 11 days of care. They may require medication adjustment or have medical conditions that require stabilization, such as hypertension or diabetes," he added.

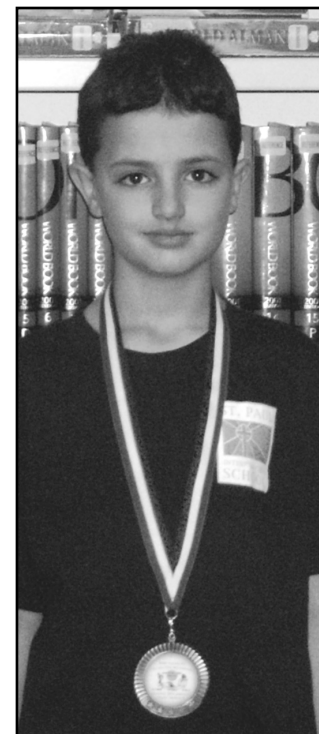
The 2006–2007 pilot program benefits both patients and the community, according to William L. Vazquez, Saint James Hospital administrator.

"The extended-care pilot program allows our Mental Health unit's short-term care facility more time to stabilize patients," Vazquez explained. "Our multi-lingual staff also then has more

time to help patients identify and secure follow-up services that are essential to their reintegration into the community following their discharge."

The Mental Health Care Unit at Saint James Hospital consists of a 14-bed voluntary unit and a six-bed, short-term care facility. A multidisciplinary healthcare team—including psychiatrists, nurses, social workers, creative-rehabilitative therapists, dietitians, and mental-health associates and technicians—provides services and referrals as appropriate. Services include psychiatric evaluation, medication management and psychoeducational groups, as well as individual, group and family therapy.

Call Saint James Hospital at (973) 465-2681 for more information on the program.



RUNNING FOR A CAUSE— Tim Gysin, a sixth grade student at St. Paul Interparochial School in Ramsey, ran recently in the Wildwood Tri/Dualthon. Gysin captured first place in the boys' 17-and-under category, raising \$300 for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.



FALL CRAFTS CLASS— With the help of Ramapo College intern Victoria Marino (second from the right), the Senior Social Club at the Allendale Community for Mature Living held its fall crafts class. Members made artistic leaves in every color of the season.

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Cancer center at Trinitas marks 1-year anniversary

ELIZABETH—The doctors and staff at Trinitas Comprehensive Cancer Center (TCCC) recently marked the facility's one-year anniversary with a strong sense of accomplishment.

Since it opened its doors in September 2005, TCCC has recruited top physicians, experienced large increases in patient volume, opened a satellite facility in Union and implemented many new services.

TCCC's medical staff has grown from two physicians to seven and the total number of staff has increased to 80. New services offered to patients and their families have been introduced including intensity modulated radiation therapy, image guided radiation therapy, mammosite partial breast treatment and implanted markers in the prostate for improved positioning. At weekly tumor boards, multiple specialists review patient cases and determining the best method of treatment.

As complements to these advanced treatments, TCCC offers a monthly breast cancer support group, a "Coping with Cancer" support group and a "Healthy Eating for Patients with Cancer" lecture series.



Photo courtesy of the Academy of Saint Elizabeth

Janet Jannelli (left), events assistant for the Susan G. Komen Foundation, North Jersey Affiliate, is presented the ceremonial Academy of Saint Elizabeth donation by student coordinator Sara Prendeville. Students at the academy raised more than \$1,300 for cancer research under the leadership of Prendeville.

Saint Elizabeth students support cancer research

CONVENT STATION—The Academy of Saint Elizabeth in October fostered breast cancer awareness and raised more than \$1,300 for cancer research under the leadership of senior Sara Prendeville, whose life had been touched by the disease.

Students learned more about the disease, purchased pink ribbons and ended the activity with a "Dress Pink" day for the entire student body, faculty and staff.

"When my mother was treated for breast cancer, she received help and support from Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation," Prendeville explained. "After she got better, I became

involved at school. We wear uniforms every day so my friends enjoyed the opportunity to wear street clothes instead. We organized the 'Dress Pink' day and collected a donation for the privilege of dressing pink. It felt so good and looked so pretty to see everyone in different shades of pink to commemorate such a special cause."

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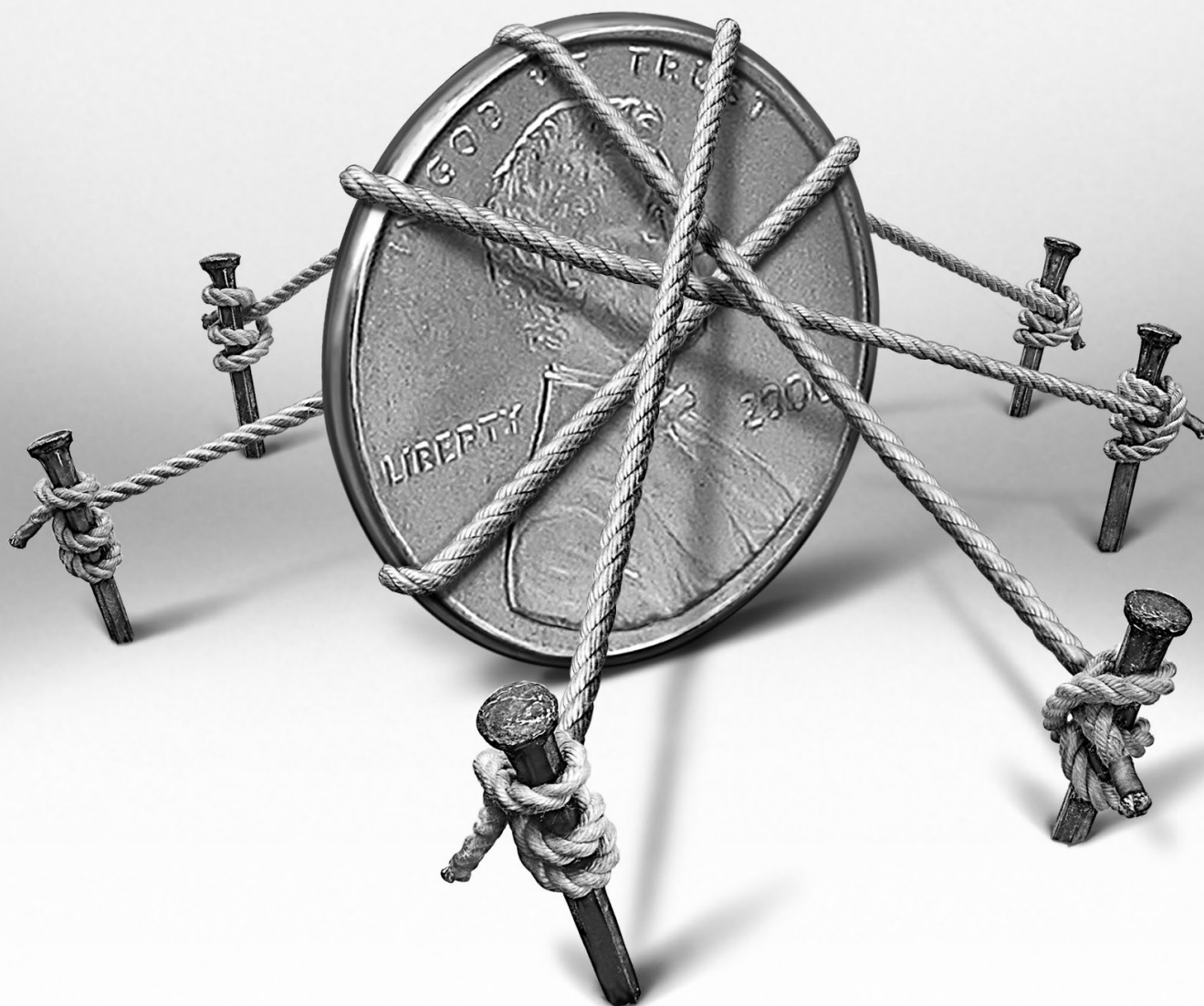
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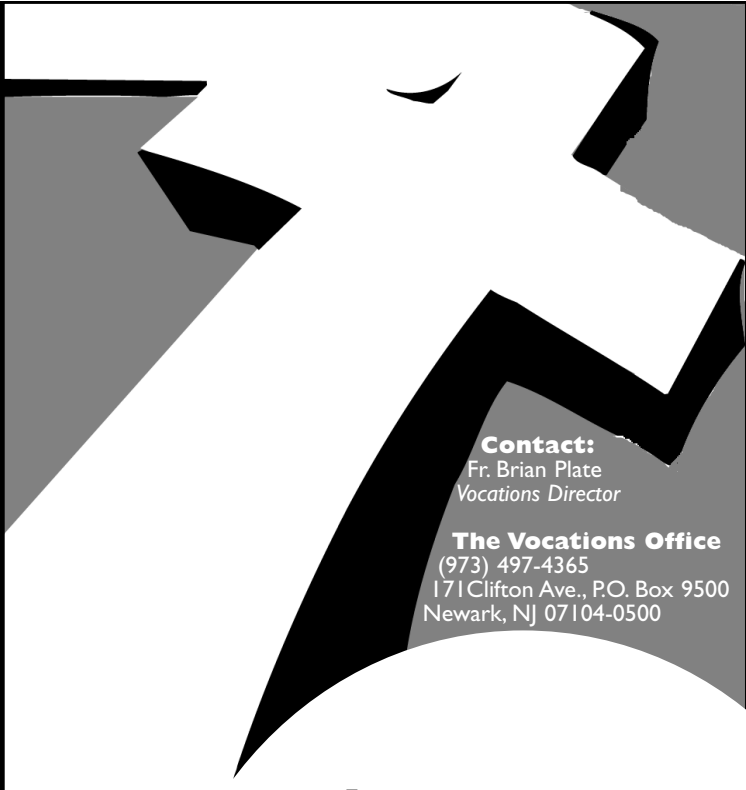
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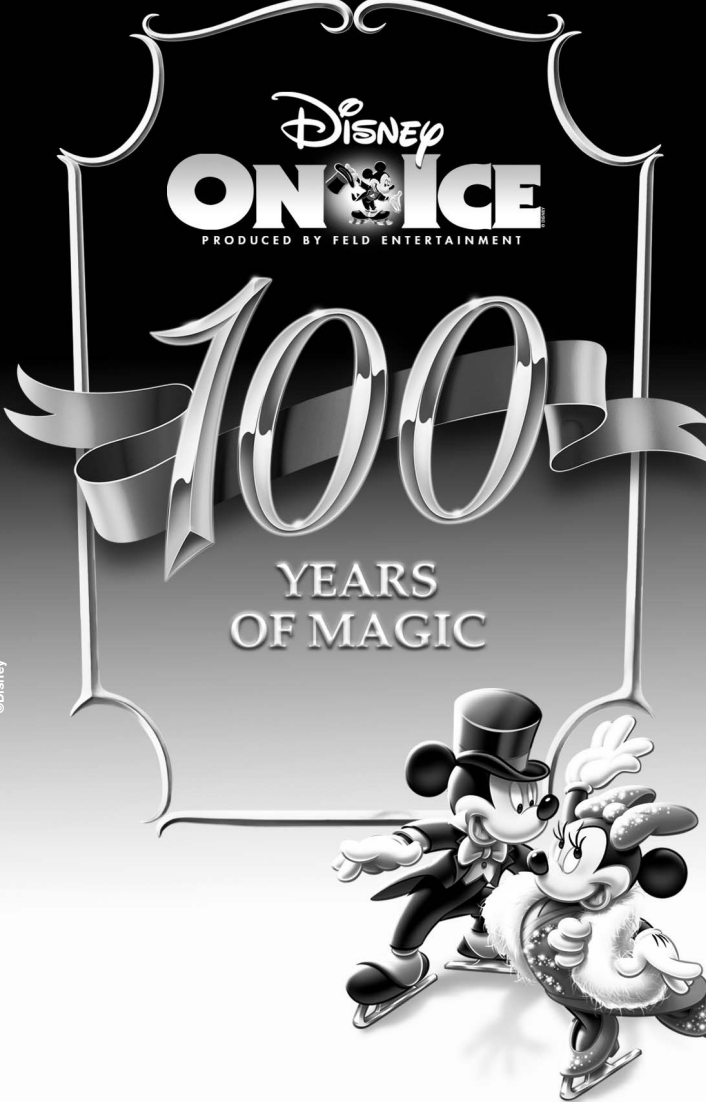
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Contributions of Black Catholics to Church explored, celebrated

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

JERSEY CITY— The important roles of Africans and African-Americans in the Catholic community were discussed last month during a Black Catholic Symposium at St. Peter’s College.

Marshall Andrews, coordinator of Black Catholic Affairs for the archdiocese, was among the featured speakers. The celebration and recognition of African saints, such as Sister Josephine Bakhita, (1869-1947) highlighted the contributions of minorities to the Catholic faith.

“Most Catholics of African decent do not know that the faith has origins in Africa. Our contribution to the Catholic Church has always been a joyful expression and a deep devotion to Mary. Children and young adults who are educated have the impression that Catholicism started in Rome; it did not,” Andrews said.

Major religious figures also have roots in Africa that may be unknown to some Catholics. “St. Augustine was born in Africa and moved to Rome later in his life. He spent most of his life in Alexandria. We all need to be more knowledgeable so that people feel included in heir faith,” Andrews explained.

Although events with ties to Africa may seem insignificant to some, Andrews argued, it is significant to people of color. “Some leave out the fact that Simon who helped Christ carry the cross traveled for miles from Africa. It is a very vital fact but little is known about it. The Tower of Babel was

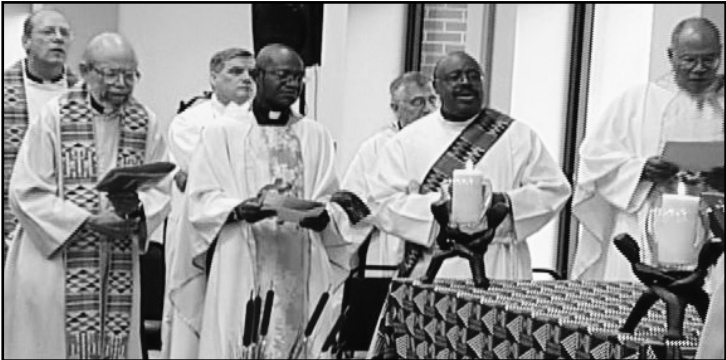


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The Black Catholic Symposium ended with a Mass of Thanksgiving concelebrated by (front row) Father Cyprian Davis, O.S.B., professor of church history at St. Meinrad Abbey, IN; Father Abu Cole, SMA, lecturer of African culture and history; Deacon Keith McKnight, Christ The King Parish, Jersey City and coordinator of the seminar; and Father Giles Conwill, associate professor of history at Morehouse College, Atlanta. Priests of the Society of African Missions celebrating their 150th Jubilee Year also attended the Mass.

done in Africa and then dispensed to the rest of the world,” Andrews said.

Aside from the excerpts of biblical history, fathers from Society of African Missions (SMA) discussed hardships on their road to

ministry in America. “The SMA fathers gave background and history of the struggles they went through to find employment in the U.S. Hopefully, the symposium gave people greater pride and ownership of their history.”

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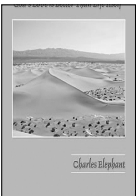
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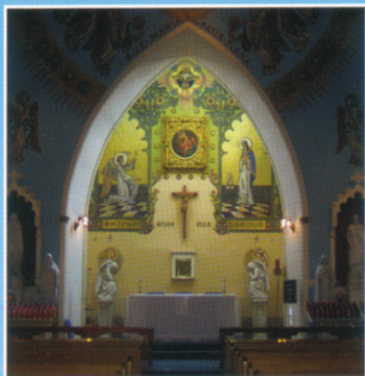
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The Krowicki McCracken Funeral Home, located at 2124 East St. Georges Avenue, Linden, has again offered their families a *personalized glass angel keepsake ornament* in memory of their loved one. The deceased's name, date of birth and date of death has been placed on each ornament. The funeral home has sent letters to families that reads as follows: “During Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Baby Jesus, Let us not be sad when reminded of a love one's absence, but celebrate their birth into eternal life.”



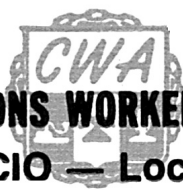
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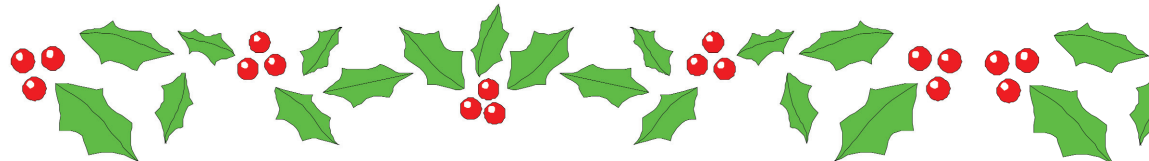


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Don't forget your Church when you're giving

The end of the year will soon be upon us and before we know it, a new year will dawn. To help you finish this year in charitable style, here are five gentle reminders.

1. Charitable giving benefits your parish and the Archdiocese, as well as you.

A special, year-end gift during "The Season of Giving" can bring you added joy, especially as you consider the boost your gift will give your parish or us here at the Archdiocese. You will enjoy knowing that your generosity has made a difference by helping the Church fulfill its worthy goals. And, of course, there are usually tax benefits related to charitable giving.

2. Appreciated assets can make dandy gifts.

Take stock, for example. If you have owned the stock for at least a year and a day, you can receive full value for the gift, including all the appreciation. What's more, neither you nor the Church will have to pay capital gains tax on the gift. The more the stock has appreciated, the greater the benefit. Your tax advisor can spell out the specifics for you.

Mutual funds, real estate and other appreciated assets can make great gifts as well.

3. Tax-wise charitable gifts often require advanced action.

A stock gift usually takes more time to complete than writing out and mailing a check. Real estate gifts require even more time - often several weeks.

You should also plan for time to discuss your non-cash gift with your attorney or financial advisor. Getting appointments and handling the paperwork takes time. So . . . start early!

4. Charitable gifts can be accelerated.

That is, you can reach into next year and pull your charitable giving into the current year. There are several reasons why this might make sense.

First, you may be looking at a higher tax bill this year, due to larger-than-anticipated income.

Additional giving this year may create a higher charitable income tax deduction and help ease your added tax burden.

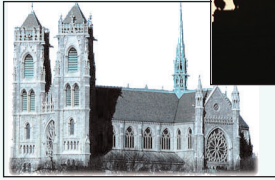
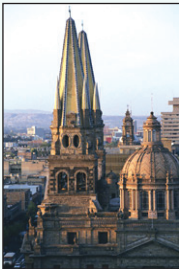
Second, as you move closer to the end of the year, you may find you have extra cash on hand and may want to make an "advance" on your charitable giving plans for the new year.

Third, you may want to give more this year simply because you are sure of the tax benefits now, but unsure what Congress may do next year regarding the charitable income tax deduction. After all, who knows what a year can hold?

5. A life-income plan may make sense for you at this time.

Life-income plans allow you to establish a gift arrangement now, create a stream of lifetime income, obtain current tax benefits and provide a future gift to the Church. They are especially attractive to donors who cannot afford to give up current income from retirement-related assets but may want better returns like 6% to 11.3%.

Ken DiPaola, Associate Director of Planned Giving, is ready to chat with you about your year-end giving plans and the various options available to you. He can help coordinate the planning and giving process to your parish and the Archdiocese by meeting with you and your professional advisor(s), and by caring for the various details. The services of Mr. DiPaola are, of course, complimentary to you. Please feel free to call him at (973) 497-4332. Or use the handy reply form below.



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