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## The Living Church

### The marketing of Gnostic 'gospels'

BY MSGR. JAMES M. CAFONE  
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In 1978, an Egyptian farmer unearthed some ancient manuscripts and sold them to a dealer. When the dealer found no buyers, he put them in a safe deposit box, where they sat for 16 years until a buyer purchased the manuscripts in 2000. Then the National Geographic Society teamed up with a Swiss antiquities foundation to restore and translate the ancient texts, several of which have now been carbon dated to between the third and fourth century after Christ.

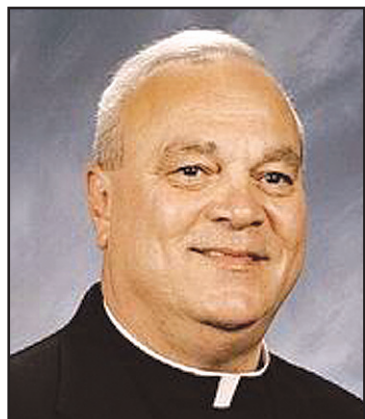
These texts include titles identifying them as the writings of some of the 12 Apostles, such as an Apocalypse of James, an Epistle of Peter to Philip and the so-called Gospel of Judas.

Scholars believe that the texts were written by the Gnostics—people of the late second and third centuries who rejected religious orthodoxy. Gnostics adapted and rewrote the sacred texts of other religions in an attempt to give status to their own radical ideas. Some Gnostics used pagan teachings to express their peculiar religious notions, while others gave a heretical twist to Jewish beliefs.

The first century of Christianity's rapid expansion evoked a good deal of religious ferment. Sure enough, original texts imitating the sacred texts of the Christians began to be circulated. These often claimed apostolic origin and authority in order to substantiate Gnostic ideology. In 180 A.D. in his work *Against the Heresies*, St. Irenaeus condemned these fanciful histories that claimed an

apostolic authority, which they never had.

"(The Gnostics) declare that Judas the traitor was thoroughly acquainted with these things, and that he alone—knowing the truth as no others did—accomplished the mystery of the betrayal; by him all things, both earthly and heavenly, were thus thrown into confu-



Msgr. James M. Cafone, S.T.D.

sion. They produce a fictitious history of this kind, which they style the Gospel of Judas" (*Adversus Haereses* 1:31:1).

A quick reading of *The Acts of the Apostles* and Paul's Epistles is enough to remind us that, from the very beginning, the Christian community was no stranger to the controversy and strife that we have come to recognize as sad but normal aspects of human behavior. It is important to note that the early Christians were never shy about rejecting teachings that strayed from the message of the Apostles.

By 120 A.D., in the Apostolic Fathers and early Patristic sources, there is already clear evidence of a hierarchical church with a rich sacramental life. Bishops and clerics grounded their authority in their succession from the Apostles and celebrated structured liturgies focused on the Eucharist. It was a

volatile era and the need for a strong and authoritative connection to the apostolic message was deeply felt.

The early Church expressed an urgent need for vigilance in defense of orthodox doctrinal and moral teaching, lest Christians be confused and bewildered by the profusion of so many contradictory messages. Catholics may take great consolation in the fact that the early Christian community spoke with authority, decisively rejecting the Gnostic writings and vigorously condemning heretical beliefs.

Human beings are inherently religious. Sociologists tell us that human societies are commonly based upon beliefs that cannot be proved. From ancient Egypt through Imperial Rome to the Islamic countries of today's Middle East, it is easy to see that what people believe about themselves and their god(s) is fundamental to human culture and history. For example, the faith foundation for the United States of America asserts that we are ...created equal and endowed by our Creator with inalienable rights...a most apt foundation for democracy.

Conversely, the basic article of faith for today's secularists is that nobody knows the truth about ultimate reality. They say there is no such thing as objective truth, but only different perceptions of reality, each deserving of equal respect. Therefore, authoritative moral standards must become relative and remain in constant flux. History should be distrusted (they say) since it is often nothing more than the product of political propaganda.

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Photo courtesy of the N.Y. Giants

Inspired by the memories of his beloved brother Michael, Jay Feely (No. 2), the kicker for the N.Y. Giants, uses the gifts of his Catholic faith to assist others and tackle challenges in life.

## The extra point: Feely pursues faith mission while kicking in NFL

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE  
Editor

EAST RUTHERFORD—It was an unmistakable moment of clarity that solidified Thomas (Jay) Feely's Catholic faith and revealed his true mission in life.

An important part of that mission is his profession—the means by which he often connects with

people. Feely is employed as the place kicker for the N.Y. Giants football team. Last season, his first with the Giants, he was the number-two scorer in the NFL, amassing 148 points.

Feely's epiphany occurred on Jan. 1, 1998 in Pasadena, CA, just hours after his college football team, the University of Michigan  
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# Crowd bubbles at archdiocesan Development wine tasting

Archbishop Myers toasts AAA donors at Nanina's in the Park; proceeds benefit Catholic Charities



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**EMS SERVICE CITED**—Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, celebrated the noon Mass on Sunday, May 7 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, honoring the area's Emergency Medical Services personnel. Two youngsters marked the occasion with the sounds of bagpipes. EMS workers were greeted by Bishop da Cunha after Mass.

# Catholic Academy principal receives national award

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE  
Editor

**DEMAREST**—Sister Mary Aurelia Cerny, O.S.F., the principal of Catholic Academy of Northern Valley, has received the national "Innovative Projects in Curriculum and Instruction" award, given annually by *Today's Catholic Teacher*.

The award was presented to Sister Mary Aurelia in Atlanta on April 20 at the 103rd annual convention and exposition of the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA).

*Today's Catholic Teacher*, a business unit of the Peter Li Education Group based in Dayton, OH, is a national magazine dedicated to education issues in Catholic schools. Sister Mary Aurelia's award is part of the magazine's "Catholic Schools for Tomorrow" project, which each year honors 12 Catholic elementary and secondary schools throughout the country that have "led the way by implementing exemplary, innovative programs to improve the teaching and learning of their students, faculty and staff."

Catholic Academy of Northern Valley is a recently "merged" school, formed from the coming together of St. Joseph's Sacred Heart School in Demarest and St. Mary's School in Closter prior to the start of the 2004 school year. As such, the academy reflects the transition towards more "regional" school models in the archdiocese—a trend dictated by the realities of rising costs and declining enrollments (See *The Catholic*

*Advocate*, Sept. 7, Sept. 21 and Oct. 5, 2005).

Sister Mary Aurelia said the true significance of the award for the archdiocese is it illustrates the possibilities and benefits that can come as a result of a successful school merger. "After just two years, we're there," she declared, alluding to the school's achievement of a national honor in light of the 2004 merger. "This is proof that a merger can work and



Advocate photo-M. Gabriele

Sister Mary Aurelia Cerny, O.S.F.

work well. Many people are afraid of this kind of change. There are personal feelings involved when schools merge. This is an example of the good things that can happen when schools merge."

The award also represents "what we have to do in the archdiocese to keep Catholic education alive," she explained, referring to the need to continually advance curriculum and enhance the learning environment for students

# Sister Rose Thering succumbs; professor emerita at Seton Hall

**RACINE, WI**—Sister Rose Thering, O.P., Ph.D., 85, professor emerita of Seton Hall University (SHU) and namesake of an endowment for Jewish-Christian studies at Seton Hall, died Saturday, May 6. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here May 9 at Siena Center Chapel.

"The death of Sister Rose Thering is an immense loss for the entire Seton Hall family, indeed, for all men and women who seek to forge a world of greater understanding," said Msgr. Robert Sheeran, president of Seton Hall University. "For a half-century she was an uncommon, inspired voice of reconciliation and dialogue among Christians and Jews."

Born Aug. 9, 1920 to second-generation German Catholic parents in Plain, WI, Rose Elizabeth Thering grew up on a dairy farm. At the age of 16, Sister Rose joined the religious community of the Sisters of St. Dominic and, following her profession as a Sister, she began to teach.

Sister Rose came to SHU in 1968 to establish an educational outreach program, known then as the Menorah Studies Program, for Seton Hall's Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies, under the direction of Msgr. John M. Oesterreicher.

SHU, in August 1992, established the Sister Rose Thering Endowment for Jewish-Christian Studies. The endowment builds on the interfaith education work of Sister Rose by providing scholarship assistance.

even as merger trends and financial realities unfold.

Catholic Academy of Northern Valley, with 152 students in grades Pre-K to 8, demonstrated innovation in its curriculum by launching its summer home program known as "Hop, Skip and Jump," which is designed to reinforce lessons learned by students during the previous school year, according to a review published by the magazine.

In addition, the magazine offered accolades to the academy for its "CC Reading" speed-reading program, which is designed to help students cope with the rapid flow of information in the 21st Century. Sister Mary Aurelia noted that the school also has expanded its English as a Second Language (ESL) program to better accommodate Korean students who attend the school.

Born in New York City, Sister Mary Aurelia has been a principal for 37 years at four different schools. She was principal of St. Mary's School in Closter when the 2004 merger occurred. She has been a religious for 52 years as a member of the School Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, Bethlehem, PA.

As reported last month (*The Catholic Advocate*, April 26) three archdiocesan educators—Sister Roberta O'Hea, S.C., the principal of St. Augustine Elementary School; Dr. Joseph S. Fusco, the principal of Bergen Catholic High School; and Gladys Pozza, the director of religious education at St. Lawrence Parish—received major national awards from the NCEA.



## Gnostic 'gospels'

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In contrast to this confusion, Pope John Paul's encyclical (*Fides et Ratio*) teaches that there are only two ways of learning the truth, of acquiring knowledge, of coming to know what is real. We can learn either by proving something or by believing it. Our society puts scientific knowledge on a pedestal, but so often we forget that believing what some trustworthy person tells us is also a very normal way of finding out the truth. In fact, taking things on faith, believing them without proof, is an essential aspect of our existence as human beings.

In order to learn about reality then, we need either to prove it for ourselves or to believe what is told us by another. Most of the information we receive every day is of this latter type: it is revelational knowledge, and it is dependent upon our willingness to accept on faith or believe what is told us.

For example, we watch the news and believe what we see and hear. We cannot drive a car unless we have implicit faith in the sanity, sobriety and good will of other drivers. So much a part of our nature is this readiness to believe—that when a person begins, without any provocation, to disbelieve others or to doubt and fear their good intentions, to distrust the wall or the floor or the ceiling, we say that such an individual is sick or paranoid because they have lost the ability to believe or trust.

In the days after Christ's resurrection, His followers remembered and meditated on what Jesus had said and done during His relatively brief earthly ministry. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, some members of the early Christian community wrote narratives of the life of Jesus. Four of these narratives became what we call the Gospels.

Other individuals wrote letters and books that were eventually recognized by the Christian Community as inspired by the Holy Spirit. In less than a century

after Jesus had ascended to His Father, they had written what we call the Gospels, the Epistles, the Acts of the Apostles and the Book of Revelation. In the following century, The Church acknowledged these writings as the Word of God and gathered them together into what came to be known as the New Testament.

The Church wrote the New Testament. It compiled the different books. It selected which of

text can claim to be the Word of God, but it is the Church's authority alone that establishes and supports this faith.

The Christian community was conscious of its power to speak as Jesus did, to make decisions that separated what it believed to be the Word of God from what was merely the word of man. This simple fact that the Church taught with authority from the beginning is a sobering reminder to all

pass on to you what I myself received." He followed the long Biblical tradition of witnessing to God in history. The Apostolic witness included history and authority: what we saw and heard, we pass on to you.

The writings of the Gnostics had no such connections, neither in history nor in content. Claiming a connection to Mary Magdalene, Thomas, Judas or another Apostle, they invented narratives that they

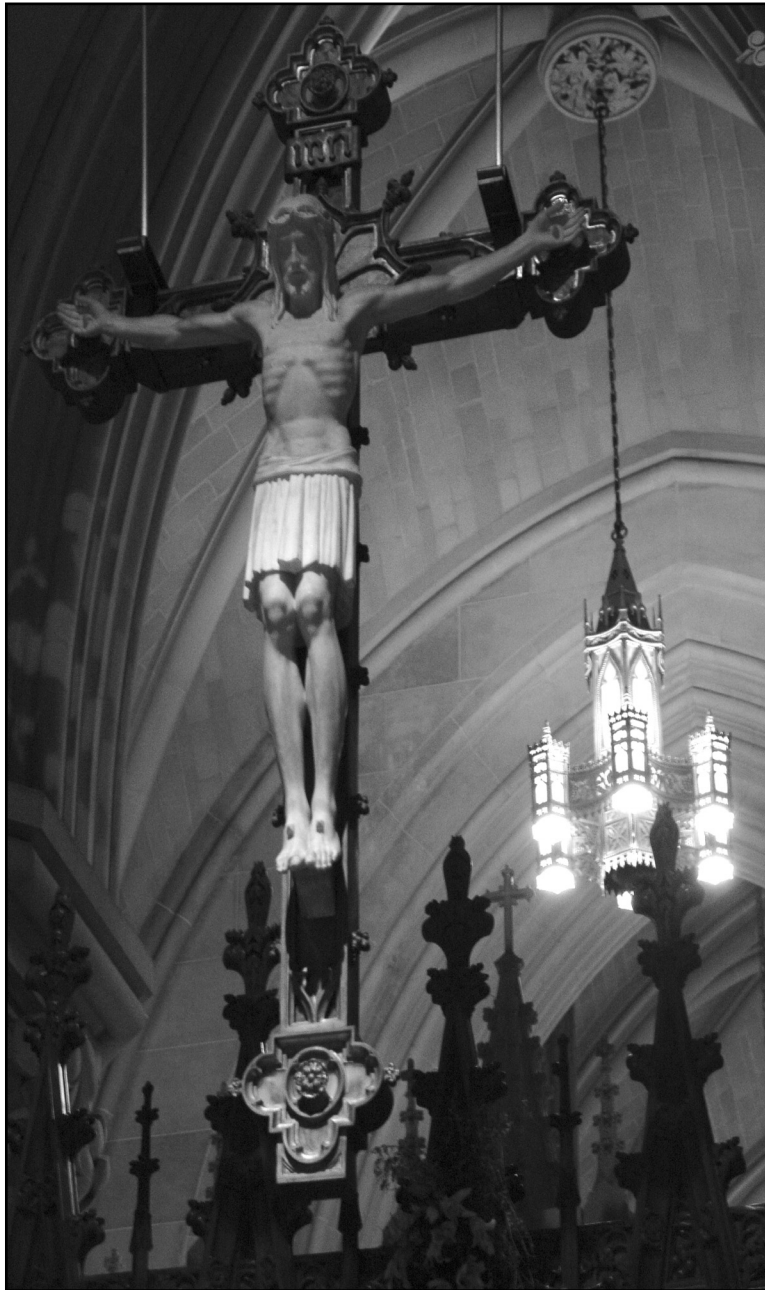
aggressively secular society. There is money to be made in this market and there are many who do not hesitate to milk this cash-cow for all they can get.

The Gnostics were conflicting cults, but they were never part of the Church or any authentic Christian community. They did not have the humility to accept what was handed down to them. Gnostics repudiated reality. They were the prototype of today's radically autonomous person who tries to recreate reality in his own image, making it whatever he wants it to be. Gnosticism destroyed the boundaries and limits imposed by the world's Creator and replaced these with an autonomy that revels in its power to deny and a narcissism that makes no moral demands.

Unfortunately, many members of our secular media try to equate the Gnostic writings with the Canonical Gospels in the New Testament, giving them equal weight and implying that nobody knows the truth about Jesus and the Christian community that sprung up after His resurrection. This contemporary secular spin given to ancient manuscripts constitutes an attack on Christian truth. But in reality, it brings into clear focus the fact that the early Church was conscious of its power to speak with authority, as Jesus did. It did not hesitate to make momentous decisions that would significantly influence the future of Christianity.

The interest generated by the media presents faithful Christians with unmatched opportunities for the evangelization that happens through conversation. St. Paul wrote: "For those who love God, all things work together unto good."

(Msgr. James M. Cafone, S.T.D., has been a member of the Religious Studies Department of Seton Hall University (SHU), South Orange, since 1968. A member of The Catholic Advocate's editorial advisory board, Msgr. Cafone—since 2005—has served on SHU's board of trustees and board of regents. He received a doctorate in moral and spiritual theology from the Catholic University of America, Washington D.C. in 1972, and was ordained in the Archdiocese of Newark in 1965.)



Advocate photo—M. Gabriele

*A quick reading of The Acts of the Apostles and Paul's Epistles reminds us that, from the very beginning, the Christian community was no stranger to controversy and strife. Today, many members of the secular media try to equate the Gnostic writings with the Canonical Gospels in the New Testament. This contemporary secular spin given to ancient manuscripts constitutes an attack on Christian truth. But in reality, it brings into clear focus the fact that the early Church was conscious of its power to speak with authority, as Jesus did. The defining reality for the early Christians was the apostolic witness. Early Christian authors required a Christian community to have originated with the preaching of one of the Apostles. The writings of the Gnostics had no such connections.*

them were the Word of God and rejected works that had a merely human origin. The Church then preserved the sacred texts through the centuries and continues today to proclaim them as the Word of God. The Christian community, from the beginning, was conscious of its God-given authority to decide which books were divinely inspired and should be included into the sacred canon.

This decision by the Church is the basis for the acceptance by Christians of these books as inspired by the Holy Spirit. Any

Christians of our own day. It teaches us that Christianity has never been primarily concerned with Jesus and me, but much more about my membership in the Christian community, which is authentic because it preserves and proclaims the teaching of the Apostles.

The defining reality for the early Christians was the apostolic witness. Irenaeus and the other early Christian authors required a Christian community to have originated with the preaching of one of the Apostles. St. Paul says that "I

called "gospels" as a means of communicating their own ideas and perspectives, which often happen to be strikingly similar to some contemporary secular attitudes.

The unprecedented publicity surrounding *The Da Vinci Code* (the novel and now a movie) and the controversy surrounding the recent publication of the so-called Gospel of Judas serve as important reminders that the truths of Christianity and its Founder remain extremely fascinating to many, even in our



# Right to Life banquet trumpets the cause, effects and progress

BY MELISSA MCNALLY  
Staff Writer

EAST BRUNSWICK—Proponents of celebrating and preserving the sanctity of life joined forces late last month at the annual New Jersey Right to Life banquet.

Featured speakers were conservative television and radio host Sean Hannity and Msgr. James Lisante, author and pro-life activist.

"America has never been more divided and more partisan. (The New Jersey Right to Life) is on the front lines of the pro-life battle," Hannity said. "When I saw a person literally on the roof of his house waiting to be rescued after Hurricane Katrina, it showed how precious life is."

Hannity affirmed his beliefs as a Christian conservative and a pro-life supporter. "It is our duty as free people to see that everyone gets the rights God gave us. We have a moral obligation to speak and to be a voice for people who cannot speak for themselves. Every life is worth something. If we believe that life is God-given, we have an obligation to preserve and protect life."

Hannity drew parallels between American politics and the right-to-life issue. "To preserve and protect life is at the heart of what makes America great. America is one of the greatest forces of good in the world today."

Msgr. Lisante spoke to the audience about supporting a culture of life. "We are making progress and those who are pro-

life now are the silent majority."

Msgr. Lisante, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in West Hempstead, N.Y., is a former director of the family ministry for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. He is the author of four books including *Of Life and Love*, *Let's Talk*, *Personally Speaking* and *The Power of One*. He is also a regular contributor to Fox News Channel and Channel 7 Eyewitness News. In addition, Msgr. Lisante hosts the annual NBC special "Person-ally Speaking," is the host of a weekly radio program writes a column that appears in 300 newspapers.

"I know some of you here have done a wonderful job (with the New Jersey Right to Life), but there are so many young people that will pick up the torch," Msgr. Lisante said. He asked all those in attendance under the age of 25 to stand, while others in the room applauded them. He congratulated the young people and said the new faces of the pro-life movement encouraged him.

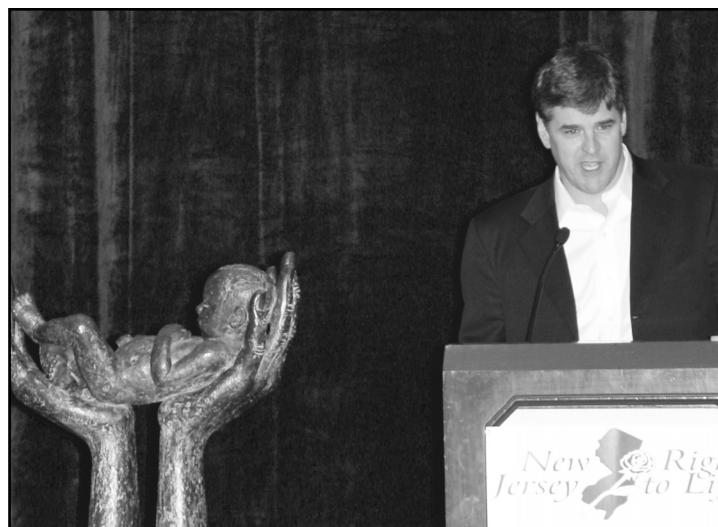
"I believe Roe v. Wade will be overturned. However, if it does, it

will leave the decision to make abortion illegal up to the individual states. In the New York and New Jersey area, we are in hell," he explained. Msgr. Lisante referred to the fact that both states have high abortion rates and that if the Supreme Court decision is overturned, it will still be a long, hard fight to make it illegal in the respective states.

"(New York and New Jersey) have lost their moral compass. We have to recognize that it is not just about Roe v. Wade, but it goes to people making their own choice. If we are unwilling to remain silent, we will plant the seeds for people to choose between life and death," he said.

Msgr. Lisante recalled a story of a young girl at his parish that considered having an abortion after an unwanted pregnancy. He spoke to her for one hour and he never heard from the girl again, assuming she went through with abortion. Years later, he received a picture in the mail of the young boy he helped save.

"The letter said: 'when you're



Advocate photo-Melissa McNally

The statue of hands holding a child, by Spanish artist Jose Luis Hernandez, was on display at the New Jersey Right to Life banquet. Guest speakers for the event included radio and television personality Sean Hannity, at the podium, and pro-life activist Msgr. James Lisante.

in despair, look at the smiling eyes of my son. He lived because you would not shut up.' When we plant the seed, we do not know when or how it will grow," he reflected.

Msgr. Lisante emphasized the power of prayer and its necessity in the right-to-life movement. "Every day I pray for those Catholics who have forgotten who they are and where they came from. I pray for those women who have had abortions."

The way to best promote the pro-life movement, according to

Msgr. Lisante, is twofold: consistency of purpose and love.

"Why do we separate our lives into who we are while in church and who we are when we are outside of church? The power of the pro-life person is to live constantly the law of love. The heart and soul of every pro-lifer is love for everyone. Love is at the heart and soul of who we are. Love should begin at the 'domestic church,' our homes. The greatest power in the defense of life is love."

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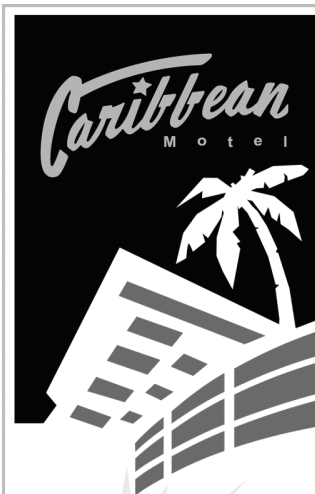
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May 11

**Holy Spirit Parish**, Edgewater, historic preservation award ceremony, Church on the Green, Hackensack, 7:30 p.m., (201) 945-6329.

**Xavier Center**, Convent Station, spring auction, 7 p.m., Cost: \$25, (973) 790-5100 or Xavier-Center@scnj.org.

**Immaculate Conception High School**, Montclair, annual golf tournament, Knoll Country Club, Parsippany, 11:30 a.m.- 8:30 p.m., Cost: \$200 per person, call Virginia Montemurro at (973) 744-7445 ext. 31.

May 12

**Notre Dame Parish**, Caldwell, Mass for parents of deceased children, 7:30 p.m., (973) 497-4327.

May 13

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish**, Wallington, “Morning of Reflection for Women-The Fruit of Faith is Love,” 9 a.m., RSVP ASAP, call Carol at (201) 935-0273 or Ginny at (201) 804-3995.

**St. Phil’s Singles**, Livingston, bingo night, 7:30 p.m., (973) 340-4001.

**Caldwell Dominican Motherhouse**, Caldwell, “Welcome at God’s Table: The Trinity Icon of Rublev,” 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., Cost: \$25, RSVP ASAP, (973) 403-3331 ext. 25.



May 16

**Don Bosco Preparatory High School**, Ramsey, choir concert, 6:30 –8:15 p.m., Cost: \$10, (201) 327-8003.

May 17

**St. Lucy Parish**, Newark, candlelight procession in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, 7:30 p.m., (973) 482-6663.

**Xavier Center**, Convent Station, workshop for pastoral staff, 9:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m., Cost: \$300, (973) 790-5100 or Xavier-Center@scnj.org.

**St. Aloysius Grammar School**, Caldwell, alumni reunion planning meeting, 7:30 p.m., call Tom McGuinness at (973) 335-7660 or contact him via e-mail at tomamor@optonline.net.

**St. John the Apostle Parish**, Linden, Healing Mass, 7:45 p.m., (908) 486-6363.

May 20

**Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament Parish**, Roseland, yard sale, call Marie Pacio at (973) 226-5529.

**St. Phil’s Singles**, Livingston, indoor/outdoor picnic, 2 p.m., (973) 340-4001.

**Caldwell Dominican Motherhouse**, Caldwell, “Catherine Di Benincass: A Reflection of the Meaning of Lay Ministry in the Church,” 10 a.m.- noon, Cost: \$20, RSVP ASAP, (973) 403-3331 ext. 25.

**St. Margaret of Cortona Parish**, Little Ferry, Anointing of the Sick, 2 p.m., RSVP by May 16, (201) 641-2998.

**Xavier Center**, Convent Station, “Hands, Heart and Joy: Hospitality as Gateway to the Spiritual Journey,” 9 a.m.- 1 p.m., Cost: \$20, (973) 790-5100 or Xavier-Center@scnj.org.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Parish**, West Orange, Mardi Gras Night, 7-11:30 p.m., Cost: \$20 for adults, \$10 for children, (973) 325- 0110.

**St. Lucy Parish**, Newark, Mama Gili Day, 11 a.m., (973) 412-1170.

May 21

**Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament Parish**, Roseland, tour of New York City and visit to Tavern on the Green, 9:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m., Cost: \$99 per person, call Edith Bravaco at (973) 228-3238.

**St. Phil’s Singles**, Livingston, softball game, 2 p.m., (732) 382-5242.

**Queen of Peace Parish**, North Arlington, Holy Hour for increase of vocations to the priesthood, 3-4 p.m., (201) 997-0700.



**St. Cassian Parish**, Upper Montclair, “O Ladye Fare” concert, 4 p.m., Cost: \$15, (973) 744-2850.

May 23

**Pax Christi and New Jerseyans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty**, Summit, ethic of life panel discussion, at Knights of Columbus, 7:30-9:30 p.m., call Celeste Fitzgerald at (973) 635-6396 or Kathy O’Leary (908) 273-0751.

Other

**Queen of Peace Parish**, North Arlington, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Mondays from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., (201) 997-0700.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish**, Nutley, Filipino Mass, the first Sunday of each month, 3 p.m., (973) 667-2580

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:



PASTOR

**Reverend Monsignor Venantius Fernando**, pastor of Christ the King Parish, Hillside, has been reappointed for a second six-year term ending July 1, 2012.

**Reverend Michael A. Hanly**, pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Verona, has been reappointed for a third six-year term ending July 1, 2012.

**Reverend John J. Cryan**, pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City, and administrator of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Jersey City, as been appointed pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Jersey City, effective April 25.

ADMINISTRATOR

**Reverend James T. Brown**, parochial vicar of Assumption Parish, Emerson, has been appointed pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Demarest, effective May 15.

DEAN

**Reverend John F. Connor**, staff member of the Office of the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Newark, has been appointed Dean of the North Newark Deanery, Deanery 19, for a term of five years, ending April 25, 2011.

ON STAFF

**Reverend John Benedict Weber, O. Carm.**, has been appointed staff member of the Carmel Retreat House in Mahwah, effective July 1.

RELEASE

**Reverend John J. Chadwick, S.T.L.**, parochial vicar at St. Agnes Parish, Clark, has been released for service at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, OH for an initial three-year period, effective June 21.

CHAPLAIN

**Reverend Christopher J. Hynes**, Special Assistant to the Archbishop, has been appointed chaplain for the Belleville Police Department, effective April 4. He has also been appointed chaplain for the Belleville Patrolmen’s Association, Local No. 28, effective April 25.

**Reverend Anthony J. Lionelli**, pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Montclair, has been appointed chaplain for the of Montclair Fire Department, effective April 25.

RETIREMENT

**Reverend Monsignor Venantius Fernando**, pastor of Christ the King Parish, Hillside, and Director of Adjunct Clergy of the Archdiocese of Newark will retire as Director of Adjunct Clergy only, effective July 1.

**Reverend William S. O’Brien**, parochial vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Rochelle Park, has been granted retirement, effective May 1.

SABBATICAL

**Reverend Robert B. Stagg**, pastor of St. James the Apostle Parish, Springfield, has been granted a sabbatical beginning June 21 and ending Dec. 21, 2006.

Parish forum to explore the New Testament

WESTWOOD—Saint Andrew Parish is hosting a spring Bible Study program, “Overview of the New Testament – Part II.”

This Little Rock Scripture Study includes an overview of the Letters of Paul to the early Christian communities of faith and the Letters of James, Peter and Jude. “We will also learn about the rich symbolism of the Book of Revelation,” said Barbara Stewart, moderator of

the five-week program. “This is a continuation of the program we began in the fall during which we studied the four Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles.”

The Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. Mass through June 6. Another group will meet Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., through June 7.

Both programs are held in the Media Room on the third floor of the Parish Center. To register, call Stewart at (201) 664-6777.

Employment workshop offered

RIDGEWOOD—The Career Resources Ministry at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish will hold its final employment series workshop on Sunday, May 21 at noon in the meeting room of the lower church building.

The workshop is open to anyone seeking employment or who is anticipating being out of work.

Ministry members who are professionals in the field will give advice on the interview process. Questions will be taken following the formal presentation.

Those planning to attend should bring their latest resume and any other pertinent job experience information.

For additional information call Carol Shea at (201) 447-4215.

Cathedral tour stop

NEWARK—The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart and St. Casimir’s Church in the Ironbound are part of a Mother’s Day tour of five Newark houses of worship sponsored by the Newark Preservation and Landmarks Committee.

Cost of the tour is \$35, which includes lunch. There is a \$5 discount for members of the landmarks group. Call (973) 622-4910 to make a reservation.



# Providing compassionate inclusion for the disabled

BY ANNE MASTERS  
Special to The Catholic Advocate

As Catholics, we acknowledge that all people are made in the image of God, and further, that all baptized people share in the life and mission of the Church. In the Pastoral Statement of U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) on People with Disabilities (1978 and revised in 1989) Catholics, as well as all people of good will, are challenged to re-examine attitudes and practices that marginalize or minimize the humanity of people with disabilities.

This reassessment of attitudes is more than just a “nice thing to do.” The bishops tell us that justice and compassion are the motivations for this. Also, people with disabilities have unique gifts to offer our Church and world based on the particular gifts each has been graced with by God, as well as those gifts that are born from the experience of disability, whether it is developmental, physical or emotional.

In the Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments with Persons with Disabilities (1995) the USCCB further expressed the importance of this inclusion in the sacramental life of the Church. The closing paragraph of the guidelines summarizes its purpose: “to promote accessibility of mind and heart, so that all persons with disabilities may be welcomed at worship and at every level of service as full members of the Body of Christ.”

The National Directory for Catechesis that was published in May 2005 recalls from the document “Welcome and Justice for Persons with Disabilities” (1998) that we are one Church, “a single flock under the care of a single shepherd.” It also reiterates the agency of people with disabilities in the catechetical process and the priority of their inclusion within it.

What this inclusion looks like and exactly how it is done can vary greatly based on the needs and abilities of people with disabilities and their parish communities. What is critical, however, is that our church doors and hearts be open.

In addition to validating the needs and gifts of people with disabilities, the bishops remind us also of the needs of their families, who are not only stretched by the extra demands they face, but are also often wrestling with additional questions and challenges of faith.

Unfortunately, we do not always live up to the ideals that we are called to, and there are people with disabilities and their families who are feeling unwelcome within the Body of Christ. But this is not due to a lack of desire or love within our parishes. Rather, many parishes are stretched thin already by the desire to do great things with too little resources. Also, in the frantic pace of life today, it is often easier to focus on what is different about each of us, instead of taking the time to recognize what is shared, and what is different is often feared.



Anne Masters

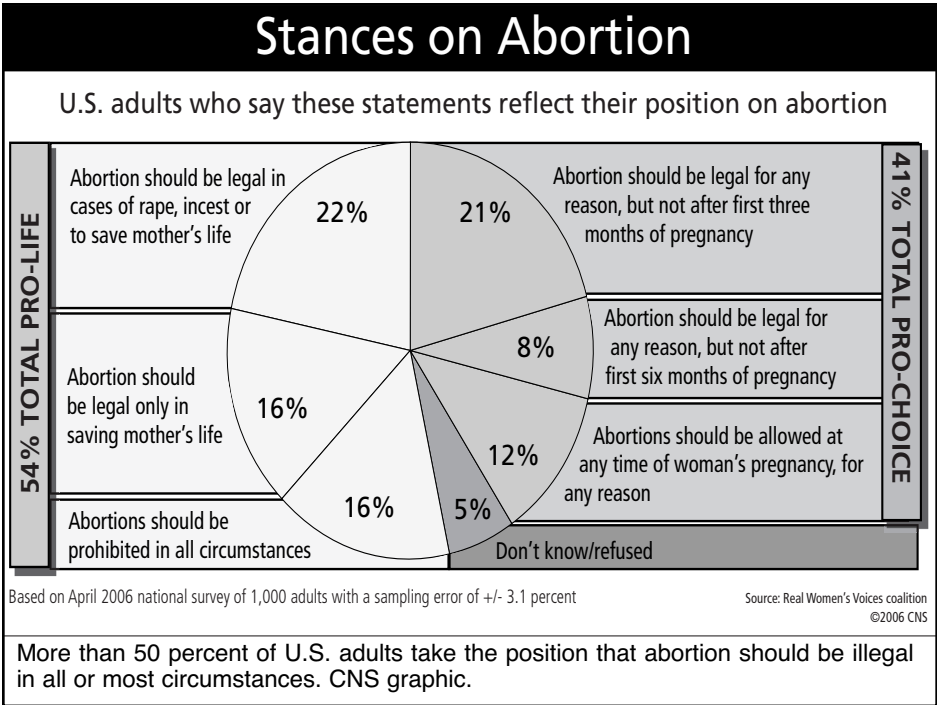
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Frequently, however, information helps to break down barriers of fear and exclusion. The encyclical by Pope Benedict XVI, “Deus Caritas Est” (“God is Love”), which was published in January, reminds us of the radical meaning of the word “neighbor” that Jesus taught us, and what this calls for in the details of daily life for a person of faith and for a community of faith.

The Apostolate-People With Disabilities is a program within the Pastoral and Social Ministry Division of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark that exists to affirm and support the inclusion of people with disabilities in the life and mission of the Church. This is done specifically at the local parish level, by working collaboratively with the parish leadership.

Visit the National Catholic Partnership on Persons with Disabilities Web site ([www.ncpd.org](http://www.ncpd.org)) for more information on inclusion for people with disabilities in the life of the Church, or contact the Apostolate-People with Disabilities, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark by phone at (973) 266-7971 or by e-mail at [anne\\_masters@ccsnewark.org](mailto:anne_masters@ccsnewark.org).

*(Anne Masters, M. A., is the program director of the Apostolate-People with Disabilities with Catholic Charities of Archdiocese of Newark. She works with the parishes of the archdiocese to develop support structures for the inclusion of people with disabilities. Masters said the most significant need is inclusion of children with developmental disabilities, particularly autism, in parish religious education and Eucharistic liturgies. She recently coordinated efforts to increase awareness of the needs of people and families living with autism during April, which was Autism Awareness Month. She is part of an interfaith task force on autism and faith.)*



## The ‘bottom line’ in The Da Vinci Code

Speaking recently to Church communications personnel in Rome, Archbishop Angelo Amato, secretary of the Congregation of the Faith, suggested in the strongest possible terms that Catholics boycott the controversial film *The Da Vinci Code*.

Based on the best-selling book that incredibly manages to both offend and defame deeply held core beliefs of the Church, the film in March prompted the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to take action. In an unprecedented move, the bishops established [www.jesusdecoded.com](http://www.jesusdecoded.com). They did so as a means of refuting the pure fiction and conjecture contained in the work of acclaimed director Ron Howard. Truly a 21st Century answer to ancient teachings.

It is entirely appropriate, therefore, to take Archbishop Amato’s suggestion to the next level and call for the absolute boycott of the film. It is inconceivable that Catholics would support with their dollars a film that so scandalously and arrogantly demeans and ridicules their Church.

A boycott is a drastic step not to be taken lightly. But for some reason Catholic-bashing is accepted at a level that would not be tolerated by any other faith tradition. A poor showing at the box office, with Catholics in the vanguard of the economic protest, would send a powerful message. If there is one thing Hollywood responds to, it is the bottom line.

Certainly the filmmakers have the First Amendment right to put on the screen whatever they want. But Catholics don’t have to like it and have the equal right to let the world know what they think of such a scurrilous production.

## Academy of Holy Angels offers thanks

Editor,

The Academy of the Holy Angels in Demarest extends its sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the following individuals and organizations who, through their participation, helped make the schools’ annual Awareness Day a success.

They are: Sister Eileen Reilly, S.S.N.D.; Frank McCann; Dr. Fernande Wagman; Celeste Fitzgerald; Tom Mahedy; Mary Bell of Peace Action; Jennifer Cucchisi and the school’s International Studies Class; Adele LaTourette of the Center for Food Action; Marsha Mackey and Kate Duggan of the Interreligious Fellowship for the Homeless of Bergen County; Jim Reagan; Sister Joan Carey, S.S.J.; Carmela Raiti of UNICEF; Mary Kominsky; Meaghan Tuohy-Kay; Sharon Nyantekyi and stage and screen actress, Sarah Melici.

Awareness Day is an annual day of reflection during which regular academic classes are suspended to allow students to attend workshops on topics that discuss the personal, physical, emotional, community and environmental aspects of life.

The theme of this year’s event was a look at the life of Dorothy Day and featured a one-woman show “Fool for Christ: The Story of Dorothy Day.” The performance was followed by 14 separate workshops from which students could choose to attend. The 14 workshops addressed topics such as “Accompanying a Prisoner on Death Row,” “First-Hand Account of a Jewish Child in France During WW II,” “Abortion, The Untold Story,” and “Environmental Justice.”

Patricia Mihalio  
Demarest



# Service with a smile? Customers, please be kind

I was present at a small vignette of commercial life that gave me a certain amount of “*schadenfreude*.” (That is a German word for pleasure at another’s discomfort.)

I admit that it was wrong for me. It manifested a certain lack of charity. But nevertheless, it gave me a moment of a self-serving sense of justice.

It happened at a car dealership. The dealership is one of quality and unquestioned honesty.

A woman was standing at the service desk. It was obvious that she was furious. She had brought her car in for service. The manager had done all that she had requested. But he had bad news. Another component of the engine needed to be replaced. It would cost a few hundred dollars more.

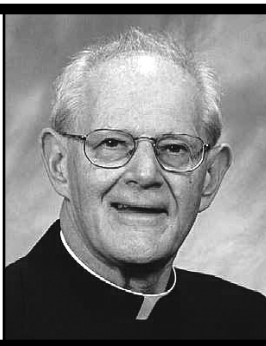
“How could this happen,” she demanded. “I gave you the car. You were supposed to take care of it. You want more money. You should fix it as part of the service.”

She sputtered and fumed. The manager was quiet, spoken and patient. “This is a business not a charity,” he said. After another tirade, he explained, “Madam, if you ask a doctor to take care of your elbow, it does not include your knee.”

She exploded again. Finally, she paid what she owed and said that she would go elsewhere.

## Voices

By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist



The manager very softly gave her a receipt and said meaningfully: “Goodbye and please do not come again.”

She stormed out of the door. And I thought “Good for you, my friend. You put her in her place.”

There was a saying in business years ago: “The customer is always right.” That was not true. I know. I worked as a butcher all during World War II. The people

were exasperated at rationing. And they took it out on us daily. But we smiled and accepted all of their pent-up anger and verbal abuse.

Even today, there are some people who are difficult and

at times even obnoxious when they deal with trades people.

Ask any waiter or waitress. There are some who are ready to complain at anything. The food is too hot or too cold. It is overdone or not done well enough. The courses come too fast or too slow. On top of all this, they are too cheap to leave a decent tip, even though for a waiter or bus-boy tips add up to half of their salary.

Talk to people who work as maids and cleaning people at hotels. Some folks will leave a room in shambles and filled with debris and garbage. Observe those who make the beds and tidy the rooms. Most are smallish female immigrants. They work very hard. Those mattresses are heavy to push around all day. And many of the so-called guests do not even leave a dollar or two as a tip.

Ask delivery people of all types—whether it is those who deliver mail or newspapers or people who deliver products on trucks to homes. How many get a smile much less a small gratuity. It is as if they were servants.

Many people who are financially middle class or well off still behave like misers. We Christians, at least, should take care of the “little people” of the world; gratitude and courtesy and charity demand it.

Ask yourself when someone does a service for you: “What would Jesus do?” The working poor were his kind of people. See the face of the Lord in them and you will see the Lord smile back at you.

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

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# A ‘Golden Dome’ of an opportunity missed

A pall will hang over commencement at the University of Notre Dame this year—the pall of a great opportunity missed; temporarily, one must hope.

Father John Jenkins, C.S.C., Notre Dame’s new president, got off to a brilliant start this past fall, with an inaugural address that located Notre Dame solidly within the ancient tradition of Catholic higher learning. Father Jenkins then led a pilgrimage to Rome, an act that embodied a key plank in the reformist platform announced in his inaugural address: to “think with the Church” means both to think and to think “with the Church.”

Then, in April, things changed—dramatically and for the worse. After a campuswide debate, Father Jenkins announced that “the creative contextualization of a play like *‘The Vagina Monologues’* can bring certain perspectives on important issues into a constructive and fruitful dialogue with the Catholic tradition.” Therefore, Father Jenkins decreed, The V-Monologues could continue to be produced on campus.

It was difficult, bordering on impossible, not to read Father Jenkins’ decision as a surrender to the most corrosive forces eating away at the vitals of Catholic higher education. That view is shared by numerous Notre Dame faculty, among whom Father Wilson Miscamble, C.S.C., stands tall, literally, intellectually, and spiritually.

In a public letter to his brother Holy Cross priest, Father Miscamble told Father Jenkins that “your decision is being portrayed as involving your ‘backing down,’” in part because of an untoward deference to “the convictions of certain senior Arts and Letters faculty that any restriction on this play would damage our academic ‘reputation’—and especially among those ‘preferred peer schools’ whose regard we crave.” “Indeed,” Miscamble continued, “it is hard to understand (your decision) in any other terms.”

Then Father Miscamble got down to cases: “In your

## The Catholic Difference

by George Weigel



recent...statement you reveal a level of naiveté about the process of a Catholic university engaging the broad culture that is striking and deeply harmful to our purpose as a Catholic university.

We live at a time, as Yale Law School professor Stephen Carter pointed out some years ago, when the elite culture is programmed to trivialize religion. Furthermore, much of popular culture is deeply antithetical to religious conviction and practice. It offers a worldview completely at odds with any Catholic vision. It is a world view from which none of us can be sequestered and, indeed, many of our students arrive here far more influenced by the reigning culture than by faith convictions.

“Amidst this larger context you are to permit the continued production and promotion of a play which, as our colleague Paolo Carozza rightly puts it, ‘seems to reduce

the meaning and value of women’s lives to their sexual experiences and organs, reinforcing a perspective on the human person that is itself fundamentally a form of violence.’ Dialogue with this point of view is ridiculous. It should be contested and resisted at Notre Dame, but never promoted. Notre Dame must hold to a higher view of the dignity of women and men. Might I ask that if this play does not meet your criteria of an ‘expression that is overt and insistent in its contempt for the values and sensibilities of the University,’ then what would?”

Father Miscamble ends by asking his brother priest to “go back to your best self and to your original instincts and position on this matter. Don’t embarrass those of us who want to work with you to build a great Catholic university. Lead us.”

Anyone who cares about the flagship university of Catholic higher education in America must pray that Father Miscamble’s plea is heard by a man who has shown courage in the past. The V-Monologues is trashy, pornographic nonsense, like a lot of other stuff available in the movies and on cable TV.

A great university can’t monitor what its students watch on TV or in theaters. But it can teach them about stupidity. The V-Monologues are stupid and one of the

things a great Catholic university ought to teach its students is to avoid the stupid. It can’t do that by the “creative contextualization” of stupidity.

*George Weigel is a senior fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, DC.*

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# Archdiocese leads the nation with ordination of 17 priests

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Archdiocese of Newark this year holds the distinction of having the nation's largest ordination class, with 17 men being ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on May 27.

That determination is part of a survey released recently by the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Vocations and Priestly Formation. The data was analyzed by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), the Catholic research organization based at Georgetown University here in Washington.

Based by survey responses from 233 seminarians from 98 of the 195 U.S. dioceses and 24 of the more than 200 religious orders of men, CARA found that nearly 80 percent of the men scheduled for ordination in 2006 had a bachelor's degree before entering the seminary and 30 percent had earned a graduate degree.

The average age of the class of 2006 is 37, with 22 per-

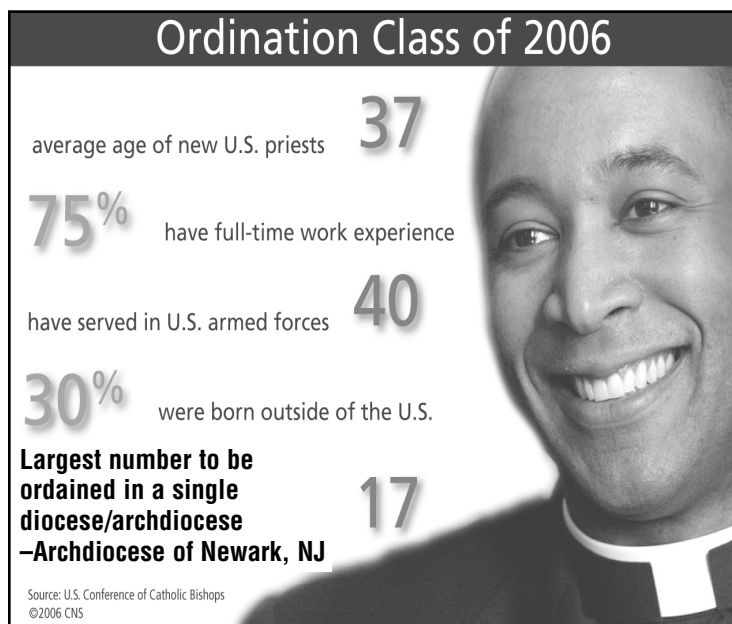
cent under 40 and 4 percent over 60. Almost a third of the men were born outside the United States.

Based on responses to a separate survey of vocations directors of U.S. dioceses and religious orders, "it appears that the number of ordinands remains steady," the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said in a news release.

Ordinations numbered 438 last year and 454 the year before, according to information in the Official Catholic Directory.

The 144 diocesan vocation directors and heads of 44 religious orders who responded to the survey estimated 359 potential ordinands, but about 25 percent of dioceses and 90 percent of religious orders did not respond to the survey. Exact ordination figures for 2006 will not be available until the 2007 Official Catholic Directory is published next year.

(Note: The Catholic Advocate will provide extended coverage of archdiocesan ordinations in the May 24 edition.)



## The Pope Speaks

Pope Benedict XVI



## 'Rich deposit of faith'

Dear brothers and sisters,

In today's catechesis, we continue our reflections on the Church's apostolic tradition.

As the Second Vatican Council teaches, God willed that everything He had revealed in Christ for our salvation should remain in its entirety and be transmitted to all generations. The Twelve Apostles were chosen and sent forth to proclaim the Gospel and the living presence of the risen Lord in His Church. With the help of the Holy Spirit, they and their associates handed on, by their preaching, example and institutions, and by the inspired Scriptures, all that they themselves had received from Christ for the salvation of the world.

The Church in every age preserves and transmits what St. Paul calls the "rich deposit of faith" (cf. 2 Tm 1:14). Tradition can thus be understood as the living voice of the Gospel, proclaimed in its integrity by the apostles and passed down by their successors. This apostolic tradition includes "all that helps God's people to live in holiness and grow in faith." Through tradition, "the Church, in her doctrine, life and worship, perpetuates and transmits to every generation all that she herself is, all that she believes."

## Pope calls for tightening process for sainthood

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Catholic Church should be more selective and very rigorous in choosing candidates for sainthood, Pope Benedict XVI said in a message to the Congregation for Saints' Causes.

The pope, who as a cardinal expressed concern over the number of causes being promoted, wrote to the congregation as its members met recently for a plenary assembly.

Congregation members discussed a new instruction for the initial diocesan stages of the sainthood process and were looking at possible changes to the formal criteria for determining martyrdom and for miracles.

Pope Benedict told the congregation that from the moment of his election a year ago, he had put into effect changes that met the "widespread hope" that the difference between beatification and canonization would be underlined and that local churches would be more involved in the entire process.

Modern men and women need true models of holiness, he said, and they must be chosen with care.

Although he did not refer specifically to any individual, the pope said that a spontaneous and widespread recognition of sainthood, as occurred in the case of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, "is a sign from God that indicates to the Church those who deserve to be placed upon the candelabra to give 'light to all those in the home.'"

On the question of miracles, Pope Benedict appeared to rule out a change that some theologians had hoped would leave space for consideration of "moral miracles."

"The uninterrupted practice of the Church establishes the necessity of a physical miracle," he said. "A moral miracle is not enough."



**THE PASSION**—The graduating class at St. Therese of Lisieux School, Cresskill, re-enacted The Passion for faculty and students. Andrew Naso portrayed Jesus on the cross.



# Warm, Benedictine liturgies kindle a treasure trove of joyful memories

BY MELISSA MCNALLY  
Staff Writer

The history of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish mirrors the history of Linden.

Ethnically diverse, the parish reflects parishioners' multicultural backgrounds. Many are descendants of the waves of immigrants who flocked to the United States in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Five years ago, the parish celebrated the 50th anniversary of its present church building. In 2009, it will mark its centennial as a parish. The Benedictine Monks of St. Mary Abbey, Morristown, who staff the parish, began serving the people of Linden shortly after the parish was established.

With 2,600 parishioners, St. Elizabeth Parish has both long-term, multigenerational families and an emergence of new Filipino and Eastern European parishioners. There are also Haitians and young Polish families that make up the diverse parish.

Very Reverend Benedict Worry, O.S.B., has been pastor since 2000 and has seen an upswing in the Catholic faith in the last few years.

"We have new deacons being ordained at our parish. These deacons will become priests in the following year. We will have four ordinations in four years. We have not had priestly ordinations at our parish in 30 years. This is telling of something. In the midst of the crisis the Catholic Church is supposed to be in, people in vocations have come forward. This also speaks well of our vocation committee here in the parish," Father Worry said.

Along with the new additions to the congregation, the parish has a devout group of members Father Worry sees every week. "There are members that have been living in the area a long time and have always gone to St. Elizabeth's. There is a core group and you can see that the church is the center of their life," he stressed.

One of those lifelong parishioners is Doris Handschuh, whose family has been in the parish since 1926. "There have always been good people here. I love the Benedictines," she said. Her sister, Sister Evelyn Francis, O.P., came to Saints Mary and Elizabeth Academy to teach and

was principal for eight years.

Today, Handschuh is a member of pastoral council, chairperson of the parish's Archbishop Annual Appeal, a lector and volunteer at the parish rectory.

"I have always been involved in the parish," she said. "I am a citizen of Linden and a member of St. Elizabeth Parish. I cannot separate who I am from being a member of the parish. I enjoy working with the priests and the sisters. Father Benedict is a great

liturgies. The liturgies are dignified, solemn, but also have warmth to them."

For Handschuh, being in the church evokes memories from her childhood that will always be with her. "When I was a child, I was supposed to make my First Communion, but I got chicken pox and couldn't make it. There was one girl in my class who had polio and couldn't walk. One week after everyone else had their Communion, they had a special

dedication. I was chosen to read this speech and I remember he kissed my cheek. He lifted me up on a chair so that everyone could see me. I felt so special," Handschuh remembered fondly.

Looking back on her youth at the parish, she noted that times have changed for young Christians, especially teenagers. "When I was young, you went to Mass, you were in CYO, and there was no question (that you were involved in parish life).

Young people have more options now. We need to give teens more opportunities to come and spend time in the parish."

There are several ministries in which young people as well as all the parishioners can get involved. The outreach program "Bridges" feeds the poor and homeless—people who live under the bridges of New York City and in the streets of Newark. "The older people make the food and the young people distribute it," Father Worry said. "The whole parish community is involved in helping those in need. They distribute food and toiletries in New York on Fridays up until midnight and in Newark on Saturday mornings."

Assisting the poor also comes into the forefront on the Feast of St. Elizabeth on Nov. 17. "St. Elizabeth was dedicated to the poor, even though she was a princess," Father Worry stated. The feast of St. Benedict on March 21 is also an important day for the parish.

Like Handschuh, Ed Esposito has seen many of these feast days and has fond memories at St. Elizabeth Parish. He has been a parishioner for 30 years and is president of the pastoral council as well as Eucharistic minister and lector. His three children have all been educated at Saints Mary and Elizabeth Academy.

"The school did a really great job with my kids. Even though the school has merged with oth-

## St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Linden



Advocate photo—Jack Harriman

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish has been served by Benedictine priests for over 90 years. Dignified, warm liturgies are a Benedictine trademark, according to Very Reverend Benedict Worry, who has been the pastor of St. Elizabeth since 2000.

homilist and does an outstanding job with the liturgies. He is very spiritual and caring," she said.

"That's a Benedictine trademark. We are known as liturgists," Father Worry remarked. "When people come here, they always comment on the beauty of the church and the quality of the

ceremony for the girl who had polio and I. Her father carried her up the aisle. I walked and we both had our First Communion together," she recalled.

"When I was in second grade, a new convent was built at St. Elizabeth Parish. Archbishop Thomas Walsh was there for the

### Meet the Pastor



**Very Reverend  
Benedict M. Worry,  
O.S.B.**

**Date of Birth:**  
March 27, 1952

**Hometown:** Orange

**High School:** Lady of the Valley, Orange

**Seminary:** Benedictine, St. Vincent, Latrobe, PA

**Undergraduate:** University of Nevada

**Ordination:** 1987

**Heroes:** My father (World War II Generation)

**Favorite Saint:** St. Benedict

**Favorite Sport:** Football

**Favorite Food:** Italian

**Favorite Subject in School:** History

**Favorite Movie:** The Mission

**Last Book Read:** Pope Benedict XVI by John Allen, Jr.

ers, its nice to know that you still have a school," Esposito said.

Since opening in 1927, the school, originally staffed by the Dominican Sisters of Caldwell, has now entered into co-sponsorship. Saints Mary and Elizabeth Academy accommodates students from Pre-K through grade 8. There are 270 children registered for the 2006-2007 school year. The academy is co-sponsored by Elizabeth of Hungary and St. Theresa's parishes in Linden and Saint Mary Parish in Rahway. Seventy-four percent of the students are Catholic with a majority of them being parishioners of St. Elizabeth.

"Watching all of my children receiving all of their sacraments at the church and experiencing their graduation there, St. Elizabeth Parish holds a special place for me. The parish is a vital part of our family," he said.

(St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish is located at 179 Hussa St., Linden.)





**FOR THE VETERANS**—The Bergen County Federation Knights of Columbus celebrated the 11th anniversary of its Mass program at the Paramus Veteran's Home. Most Rev. Charles J. McDonnell, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus and State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, was the celebrant. He was assisted by Deacon Robert Glasner. State Treasurer Herb Meyer (far right) and his wife, Ann, and State Veterans Coordinator Edward Shellman (far left) were among those attending the Mass. On the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, members of the local Bergen County Knights of Columbus councils, under the leadership of former district deputies Bob Dondero and Mike Hess, arrange to have Mass celebrated residents of the veterans' home. For those unable to attend Mass, volunteers bring the Eucharist to them.

## Principals' forum set

CALDWELL—Caldwell College and the New Jersey League of Schools will present the sixth annual Principals' Leadership Conference on Friday, May 12, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the college's Academic Building.

The keynote address will be given by Dr. Grant Wiggins, president of Authentic Education in Hopewell.

Other presenters include: Dr. Joanne Jasmine and Dr. Walter Cmielewski of Caldwell College's Education Department; Bruce Reicher, a research assistant and graduate student; and Christina Johnson, a Caldwell College alumna and Superintendent of the Mendham Township School District.

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## Doors open at 'The Upper Room'

HILLSDALE—The Upper Room, a high school youth ministry center at St. John the Baptist Parish, opened recently.

Dedication of the new center completes the third phase of "St. John's 2000," which includes renovation and additions to the academy, expanded and updated facilities for the CCD programs and the St. John's Sports Association.

Msgr. Philip D. Morris, pastor, presided at the dedication and blessing of the youth center. Also on hand were Father Bruce E. Harger and Father Edgardo Rivero, parochial vicars, Father Kevin E. Carter who had been assigned to the parish and is now pastor of St. Nicholas Parish in Jersey City.

Joining in the ceremony were members of the pastoral staff including youth minister Melissa Wing; parish trustees, pastoral, finance and stewardship council members and youth ministry leaders.



High School Youth Group members are joined at the new center by Msgr. Philip D. Morris and Father Kevin E. Carter several days after the new facility opened its doors to the young people of St. John the Baptist Parish.

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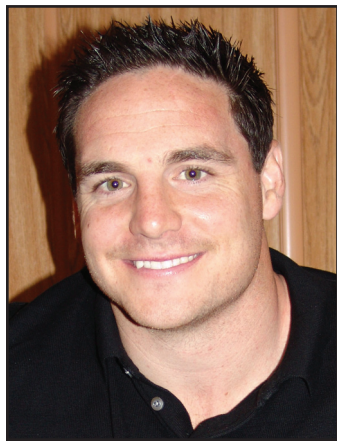
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Jay Feely

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## Jay Feely

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Wolverines, defeated Washington State by the score of 21 to 16 to win the 84th Rose Bowl. The victory capped a perfect 12-0 national championship season for the Wolverines.

But the crystalline moment had little to do with the Rose Bowl victory or even football. In fact, the raucous post-game celebration at the team's hotel that New Year's Day was little more than a noisy

backdrop for Feely's encounter with a 10-year-old boy who was dying of a brain tumor. The boy's mother had brought him to meet Feely after the game.

That week, leading up to the Rose Bowl game, Feely had volunteered to speak with inner-city kids as part of a community outreach program for the college football spectacle. This woman had attended Feely's speaking engagement, where he discussed his Catholic faith. Inspired by Feely's presentation, she sought him out to speak with her son.

"He knew he was very ill," Feely said, recalling his impromptu meeting with the boy. "I told him God had a purpose for him; that God has a plan for everyone."

The kicker and the boy connected, albeit briefly amid the hoopla in the hotel lobby. Feely recalled seeing a visible, remarkable difference in the boy's appearance and expression—evidence that Feely's words somehow had touch a chord.

"I think about the impact I had on that little boy," Feely said, dressed in a dark short-sleeved shirt and khaki pants while sitting in the locker room of Giants Stadium on a Tuesday morning in April. "That was my moment of clarity. It solidified my faith. That was when I understood my life as a man; how I could use football to affect people's lives in a positive way. God gives us different gifts."

The gift for Feely, as a professional athlete, means having the opportunity to express his Catholic faith and his most personal, profound life experiences to others. During his speaking engagement with inner-city youth in Pasadena, Feely spoke from the heart about the trials of his older brother, Michael. Feely said Michael spent his entire life bedridden in a vegetative state. As a baby, Michael suffered a severe reaction to a vaccine; later it was learned he had a brain condition known as pachygyria.

Michael died in 2001 at the age of 26—just two months before Feely's first game in the NFL. Feely, at the time, was the kicker for the Atlanta Falcons. He played four seasons with the Falcons before signing as a free agent with the Giants.

Feely said he continues to draw inspiration from his brother and shares that insight with others. Though completely disabled, Michael's struggle to survive for many years—when most doctors felt he would only live for a few

months—demonstrated to Feely that every life has meaning and dignity. This is the life experience Feely often discusses during his current speaking engagements, as the memories of his beloved brother go to the core of his faith.

As an ongoing tribute to his brother, Feely always steps out onto the playing field with Michael's name written on one wristband, while Jesus is penned on the other wristband. The two names help Feely maintain focus, balance and perspective throughout the grueling rollercoaster ride of an NFL season; whether he misses three field goal attempts, as he did in a bitter loss to the Seattle Seahawks on Nov. 27, or makes four field goals, as he did in a sweet overtime victory on Dec. 11 against the Philadelphia Eagles.

While such dramatic, stressful highs and lows take their toll, Feely said that kickers—like most professional athletes—need a strong dose of perseverance throughout a season and a career in order to survive.

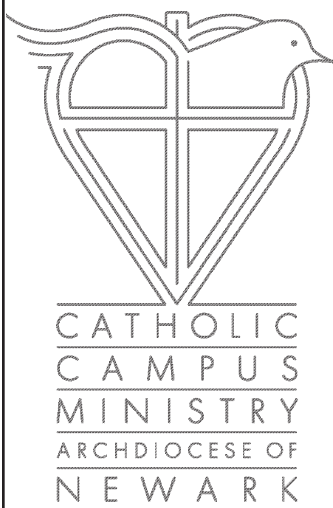
Feely's perseverance also was tested during his days as a college athlete. His freshman season at Michigan began on a sour note as he seriously injured his leg during the second day of practice. But even this difficult experience served a purpose in his Catholic faith journey.

Struggling to overcome his disappointment and the frustration with his leg injury, Feely said one day he got down on his knees at the college chapel and asked God to take full control of his life.

"That was the hardest thing I ever had to do," he confessed. However, that spiritual surrender—coming to terms with his faith—enabled Feely to experience "a peace that transcends all understanding," he said, quoting the Bible.

Feely grew up in Tampa, FL, and currently resides here in New Jersey with his wife, Rebecca, and their three children.

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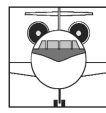
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## CSE to graduate 403 May 13

MORRISTOWN—The College of Saint Elizabeth (CSE) will hold its 104th commencement exercises on Saturday, May 13 at 10 a.m.

At the ceremonies, 222 undergraduate students and 181 graduate students are expected to receive their degrees—a total of 403 graduating students.

CSE welcomes back a member of the Class of 1964. Marilyn Fingerhut, Ph.D. is a pioneer in the field of science.

Students who will speak at this year's Commencement are Natalia Pinney, B.A. in Elementary Education and Sociology, who will represent the Women's College with her address entitled, "The Yellow Brick Road of Success." In addition, Dorothy Filipek, M.A. in Educational Leadership, will represent the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies with a speech entitled, "From Dreams to Destinies."



# SHU's Stillman School meets the 'challenge'

SOUTH ORANGE—Students from Seton Hall University's Stillman School of Business bested teams from New York University, Columbia, Yale, Rutgers, Baruch, Fordham, Pace and St. John's to win the New York Society of Security Analysts' fourth-annual Investment Research Challenge.

Yihong (Yvonne) Huang, David Meisner, Bradford Muller, Mark Stodden, and Matthew Walters represented the Stillman School. Unlike the other schools, that tapped only MBA candidates, the Stillman team included two undergraduate business students.

The team's winning presentation convinced the judges of the merits of their investment recommendations on Aqua America Inc. (NYSE: WTR), the largest U.S.-based, publicly traded water utility. A 10-minute presentation was the culmination of eight months of expansive research and detailed, written reporting.

The Stillman team gathered in the school's trading room on the

afternoon of the competition to view a Web cast of Aqua America Analyst Day, an annual conference call led by Aqua America's top executives. Later that evening, the Stillman team was the only one to present up-to-the minute information on the company.

Martin S. Fridson, CFA, president of FridsonVision LLC, New York, and the publisher of Leverage World, chaired the panel of expert judges in the competition.

"It was a little intimidating at first, to present before such an accomplished group of panelists, but our team was very well prepared and it turned into a very fun experience," Mark Stodden, Stillman MBA candidate and team captain, said.

Eleanor Xu, associate professor of finance, advised the winning Stillman team. "This achievement demonstrates the quality of our finance program, and is one that the entire Stillman School can be very proud of. It was truly a great team effort," Xu said.

# Priest to discuss 'spiritual journey'

ELIZABETH—Father John J. Galeano, parochial vicar at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Jersey City and spiritual director of the Hispanic Cursillo Movement for the Archdiocese of Newark, will discuss his book *Crossing 1,000 Borders* during a free forum at the Ritz Theater at 6 p.m. on

Saturday, May 20.

His book, explains Father Galeano, is about his "spiritual journey" from Colombia to the United States. It includes, noted Father Galeano, both the "joys and difficulties" of that journey.

The theater is located at 1148 East Jersey Street. Call (908) 352-7469.



Advocate photo - Melissa McNally

**EVANGELIZATION COLLABORATION**—Over 200 administrative professionals from parishes, schools and the Archdiocesan Center gathered at the Newark chancery on April 26 to take part in "You Are The Face of The Church," a program sponsored by the archdiocesan Office of Evangelization. Liliana Soto, coordinator of evangelization, said that administrative professionals were praised for the important daily evangelization work they do and reminded "that with every phone call you answer, with every person you encounter, you are the face of the Church." Pictured at the event (left to right) are Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, vicar for evangelization; Msgr. Richard J. Arnolds, vicar for pastoral life; Julie V. Burkey, M.A.P.M., coordinator for Christian Employment Outreach; Dianne Marie Traflet, J.D., S.T.D., co-director of the Institute for Christian Spirituality; and Archbishop John J. Myers. Burkey and Traflet served as keynote speakers while Archbishop Myers provided opening remarks at the event.

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Chris Obara, third from left, front row, with classmates, left to right, front row, Kevin Smith, Jim Harbison and Chris Heyder and, back row, Michael Brown, Alex Silva, Russell Kinney, William Roselle, Jon Abel and Matt Pollock

## Student not fighting bone cancer alone

SCOTCH PLAINS—When classmate Chris Obara was diagnosed with bone cancer in September, students at Union Catholic High School rallied around him.

They held the 16-year-old from Elizabeth close in prayer and kept in touch through letters, get well cards, signed t-shirts and photos.

But one group of students felt the need to do more as Chris prepared to return classes after chemotherapy. A dozen students raised over \$2,000 with the promise that as soon as they reached their original fundraising goal of \$1,000 they would shave their heads. Fellow sophomore and friend Jim Harbison came up with the idea in order to help with the family's rising medical bills and to make Chris feel better about having lost his hair.

Harbison's idea caught on quickly as everyone was quite anxious to see him without his voluminous afro and other male students known for their locks. Juniors Liz Casserly and Jill Hernandez, members of the school's Future Leaders of America Club, were approached by Harbison to help organize the event.

Lasser and Hernandez went to work during homeroom and in the lunchroom urging their classmates to donate. Well over the original goal, the students, faculty and staff answered the call.

In addition this event, the students have also raised funds at the annual "Mr. UC" contest and a Dance-a-thon. Proceeds went to support Chris and his courageous fight against cancer.

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Posing with Garrett as he signs on the dotted line are (left) his father, Garrett Sr. and Dr. Paul Ward, school principal. Behind them is Coach Stern.

## HCHS's Askew garners scholarship

JERSEY CITY—Garrett Askew, a senior at Hudson Catholic Regional High School, has accepted a football scholarship to the University at Albany.

The Great Danes are members of the America East Conference and play football in the highly competitive Northeast Conference (NEC). Askew is an Honors student and Peer Minister at Hudson Catholic and was recently the recipient of the Scholar-Athlete Award from the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Commenting on his decision, Askew said "I liked the atmosphere at Albany. The coaches really seemed to care during the recruiting process and the players were incredibly positive about the staff. The facilities are exceptional. They are beautifully maintained and state-of-the-art, which is what you would expect from a campus that hosts the N.Y. Giants training camp every year. It is close enough to home that my family can see me play, which is very important to me. The most important reason is that I want to major in Criminal Justice and the University at Albany is ranked in the top 5 of the country for Criminal Justice."

Askew, listed at 6'1" and 197 pounds, is a physical presence in the secondary. More important, he possesses the raw speed necessary for the position. For the past three seasons, he received First Team All-County recognition for the High Hurdles and Second Team All-County recognition in the 400 meter Hurdles and the 400 meter dash. "My coaches at Hudson Catholic really prepared me well for the next level. They stress academic success and they make you want to learn both on and off the football field. The fact that they previously coached on the college level really helps during the recruiting process. I'm going to wait and see my schedule before I decide if I'll run Track at Albany," he explained.

From Hudson Catholic Head Coach Rob Stern came the comment "Garrett is a tremendous asset to our school and our program. He is a fine young man and I am truly happy to see great things happen to him. Albany is getting a great football player but, more important, they're getting a great young man."

Askew also was recruited by Cornell and Colgate, and had a walk-on opportunity at Division 1-A Temple University.

## NJN director to address Caldwell College grads

CALDWELL—Elizabeth G. Christopherson, executive director of New Jersey Network (NJN) and the president of the NJN Foundation, will give the commencement address to the Caldwell College Class of 2006.

The Caldwell College commencement will be held Sunday, May 21, 11 a.m., in the George R. Newman Center. Sister Patrice Werner, O.P., Ph.D., the president of Caldwell College,

will present honorary degrees to Christopherson and Msgr. Michael E. Kelly, headmaster of Seton Hall Preparatory School, West Orange.

Sister Patrice will confer degrees on the Caldwell College Class of 2006. Individuals enrolled in graduate studies will receive either their Master of Arts or Master of Business Administration degrees. The college president will also present

undergraduates with their Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees. Those receiving degrees include full-time traditional, adult undergraduate and graduate students.

Christopherson, in 1994, became the first woman to serve as the director of NJN. Under her

leadership, NJN has strategically expanded broadcast and new-media services.

Msgr. Kelly has been headmaster of Seton Hall Preparatory School since 1980 and has been a weekend assistant at St. Aloysius Parish in Caldwell since 1966. He is active in community affairs, serving for 20

years as police chaplain in South Orange and chaplain captain in the New Jersey Army Reserve National Guard from 1968 to 1975. He is chaplain to the Essex County Police Department and West Orange Rotary Club and is a member of the executive committee of the Principals' Council of the Archdiocese of Newark.

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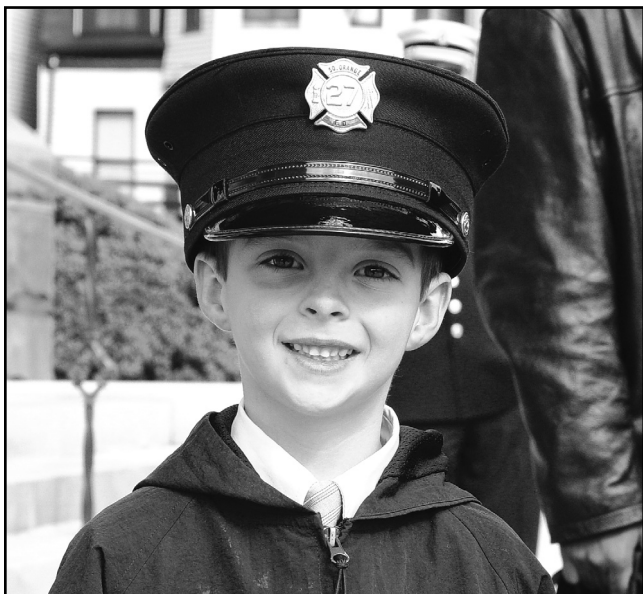
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**FIREFIGHTERS HONORED**—Archbishop John J. Myers celebrated the 10th Fire Service Mass on Sunday afternoon, April 23 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Declaring he and the archdiocese “salute the men and women called to protect life,” Archbishop Myers cited their “bravery in the face of danger.” During Mass a bell was chimed as the names of the five firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty last year were called out. Officiating at the solemn ceremony was Capt. Walter Clarke of the Elizabeth Fire Department. The Pipe Drums Corps of the Newark Fire Department was among the participants. Attending was youngster Casey Scheper (pictured at left), son of South Orange firefighter Kevin Scheper.



Advocate photos—Ward Miele

## ‘Try Prayer, It Works’

EASTON, Mass. (CNS) —Two students from Our Lady of Grace School, Fairview, are among first-place winners in a “Try Prayer, It Works,” annual art contest sponsored by Family Rosary, a prayer ministry founded in 1942 by Father Patrick Peyton.

Local winners were Nicholas Cirkinyan from the third grade and first grader Anna Francesca Hernandez. This year the contest theme was “How Receiving Jesus in Holy Communion Changes Us.”

“The contest enables children

of all ages to express creatively the importance of this holy sacrament in their daily lives,” said Holy Cross Father John Phalen, president of Holy Cross Family Ministries, of which Family Rosary is a part.

In all, 40 young artists were selected as winners from among 2,800 entries from the United States, Puerto Rico and Guam. Separate competitions were held in Mexico, East Africa, West Africa, Bangladesh, Brazil, Peru, Iceland, Chile, Haiti and the Philippines.

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**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**—St. Paul Interparochial School, Ramsey, took part in the annual American Heart Association sponsored “Jump Rope for Heart” program. Each student received a sticker for their participation including, left to right, Lauren Michel, and Lauren Gallagher. In the background is Bryce Dombal.

## Knights to present annual Shield Awards

RAMSEY—The Rev. Patrick Pindar Council, #3962, Knights of Columbus, will hold its 29th annual Shield Awards program on Friday, May 19, 7 p.m. at the Council Hall, 48 Mechanic St.

This year’s recipients are Det. Brian J. Huth, Ramsey Police Department; Past Chief Pierre Gauthier, Ramsey Fire Department; Senior Planner James W. Keeney, Jr; Office of Emergency Management; Life Member Kimberly Milstone, Ramsey Rescue Squad; EMT Jeanette Coviello, Ramsey Ambulance Corps; and 1st Lt. Stephen McNicholas, United States Army Reserve.

In announcing the awards, Grand Knight Thomas Wallner stated, “It is an honor to again be able to recognize our public safety personnel who do an excellent job safeguarding the residents of

Ramsey. They perform a dangerous and demanding task, 24 hours a day. We additionally will be honoring one of our police officers who has just returned from serving his country in Iraq.”

Shield Awards Chairman Michael Adams added, “We invite all members of the community, not just the families and colleagues of the honored recipients, to join us for the ceremony. We anticipate that several dignitaries, including our own mayor and council, will be making presentations that evening.”

This year’s awards will be dedicated to the memory of William Buckley, Past Grand Knight and Former District Deputy, who served as Chairman of the Shield Awards for the past 12 years. Buckley, who received a Shield Award last year, passed away April 17.

## Civic leader, educator to be honored

NEWARK—Stephen N. Adu-bato, Sr., founder and executive director of the North Ward Center, and Sister June Favata, S.C., Sister Margaret Killough, S.C. and Mary F. Nolan, the administrative team

of St. Vincent Academy, will be the honorees at the annual St. Benedict’s Prep dinner to be held at the school on Thursday evening, May 11.

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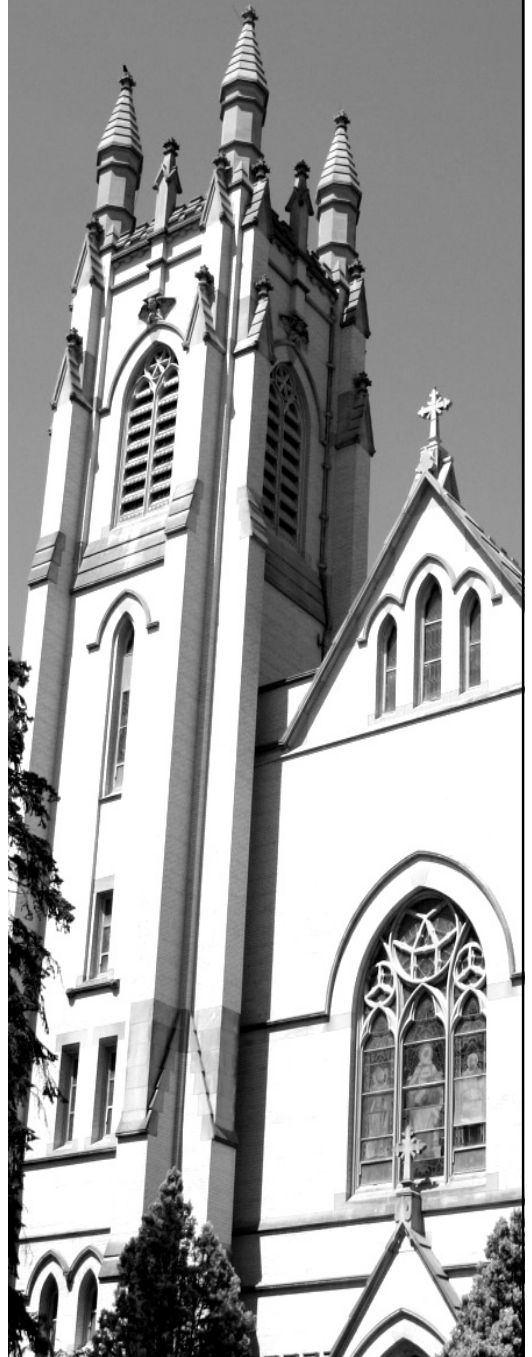
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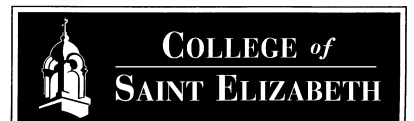


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## Students join battle against child abuse

CLARK—Six students from St. Agnes School participated in the 2007 Calendar Art Contest sponsored by the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect and the New Jersey PTA.

It was the first time the school participated in the calendar contest. The students worked under the guidance of art teacher Carolyn Cirrotti.

Participating were third graders Kathryn Weilandics, Matthew

Thoonkuzhy and Lauren Broadwell along with fourth graders Jake Weber, Deborah Neri and Cristina Bonner.

"We're proud of our students who participated in this statewide activity and of the quality of the work they presented" commented Sister Claire Ouimet. "The messages that were learned are very important for both our students and their parents," she continued.

The students focused on the theme "A Person Who Cares Can..." Utilizing crayons, markers and other art mediums, the students drew their interpretations of the theme. Drawings illustrated physical, social and emotional needs that the children think are important for a happy, healthy and secure childhood, such as a safe neighborhood, a good school or a loving family.

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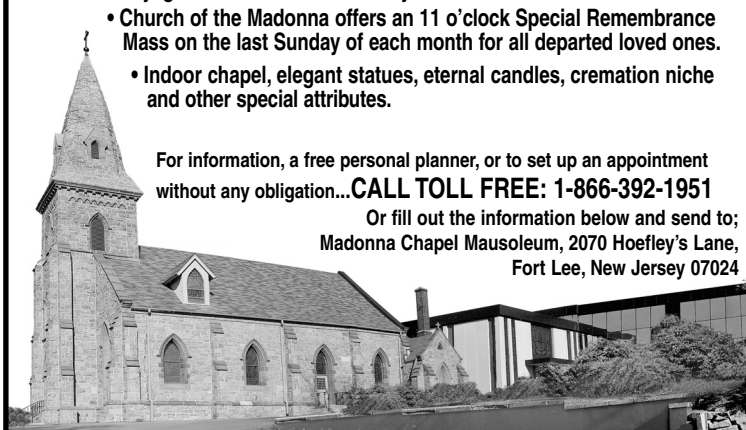
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## 'Walk for Life'

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# Caldwell Dominicans look skyward to protect planet

CALDWELL—The Caldwell Dominican Sisters recently dedicated a new solar electric system at their Motherhouse on the grounds of Caldwell College and Mount Saint Dominic Academy.

“Jesus said: ‘I have come that they may have life and have it to the full’ (John 10:10)” said Sister Alice Uhl, O.P., a member of the Order’s leadership team. “In tune with this Gospel message, the solar energy installation is a concrete expression of the Dominican Sisters of Caldwell’s commitment to the life and well being of future generations,” she added.

The solar energy panels were installed through Lighting the Way, a joint project of GreenFaith and Sun Farm Network. GreenFaith was founded in 1992

by Jewish and Christian leaders in New Jersey to mobilize people of diverse religions in discovering a relationship with the sacred in nature and to take action for the present and future life of the planet. Religious sites throughout the state are receiving similar solar equipment. “I hope that our Lighting the Way project will be a beacon for others,” commented Sister Catherine Warshaw, Dominican Associate.

Lighting the Way is funded by private foundations and by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU). A BPU solar rebate of \$277,603 provided funding for over half of the project.

“Every major religious tradition contains texts and traditions that recognize the presence of the

sacred in nature, that command humanity to protect the earth, and that recognize that all people deserve a clean, safe environment,” said Rev. Fletcher Harper, executive director of GreenFaith.

Over the next two decades, the system will generate approximately 1.3 million kilowatt hours of electricity and prevent 1.4 million pounds of greenhouse gas emissions from entering the atmosphere, helping fight global warming.

The Caldwell Dominicans have a long history of commitment to the environment. Their Vision Statement reads in part: “we resist the ongoing devastation of our planet by a contemplative scrutiny of our use/abuse of Earth’s gifts.” Sister Peggy



Flanked by students from Caldwell College and Mount Saint Dominic Academy, the dedication ceremony included, left to right, Father Thomas Orians, S.A., campus minister; Sister Arlene Antczak, O.P., Prioress; Sister Joan Doyle, S.A. and Sister Judith Rudolph, O.P.

Ryanb, O.P. communications director for the Sisters, noted “Lighting the Way has provided an exciting way for us to live more deeply our commitment to

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# Volunteers serve up meals at Catholic Charities' shelter

NEWARK—Saint Rocco's Family Residence, a homeless shelter operated by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, recently hosted a group of volunteers who prepared a gourmet dinner for the facility's residents.

Henry J. Amoroso, president and chief executive officer of Catholic Health and Human Services Corp. (CHHS), which manages the operations of Catholic Charities and its social service and healthcare affiliates, led the volunteers in preparing and serving seasoned chicken, potatoes, carrots, and corn on the cob. Salad and homemade garlic bread completed the menu.

Saint Rocco's Family Residence, which houses single women with children, has a capacity of 60 persons.

In addition to housing, the Newark shelter offers residents support programs, parenting and life-skills training, and referrals to healthcare and counseling services. There is also a homework room, with staff available to assist children with their studies.

After dinner, the families enjoyed ice cream, singing songs and telling stories.

Shirley, who lives at the shelter with her two young sons, called the meal a rare treat.

"At the residence, we are responsible for cooking our own meals each day," she said.

"It's wonderful to have a break and just enjoy an evening with my children."

In the weeks ahead, CHHS senior management will be planning similar volunteer dinners and social activities at other Catholic Charities shelters, including St. Lucy's Shelter, St. Jude's Oasis, Canaan House, Edna McLaughlin Residence in Jersey City and Sunrise House and the Ironbound Emergency Shelter in Newark.

Serving northern New Jersey for more than a century, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark operates programs throughout Essex, Hudson, Union and Bergen counties.

The agency shelters men, women and children without homes; counsels families in crisis; provides day care and socialization activities for older adults; builds families through adoption; teaches job skills; educates students with special needs; helps people with HIV/AIDS; and assists "the stranger among us" through programs for immigrants, refugees and victims of human trafficking.

More information is available online at [www.ccnewark.org](http://www.ccnewark.org).

The agency is affiliated with CHHS and supports the mission of the Archdiocese of Newark.



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Catholic Health and Human Services Corp. (CHHS) President and Chief Executive Officer Henry J. Amoroso, left, joined Msgr. Manual A. Cruz, right, vice president of Mission and Ministry for CHHS in serving a homemade meal to residents of Saint Rocco's Family Residence in Newark, a shelter program of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark.

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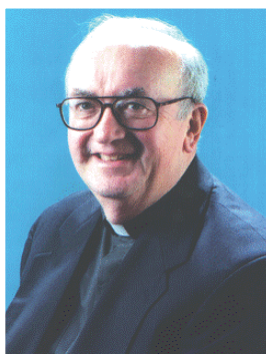
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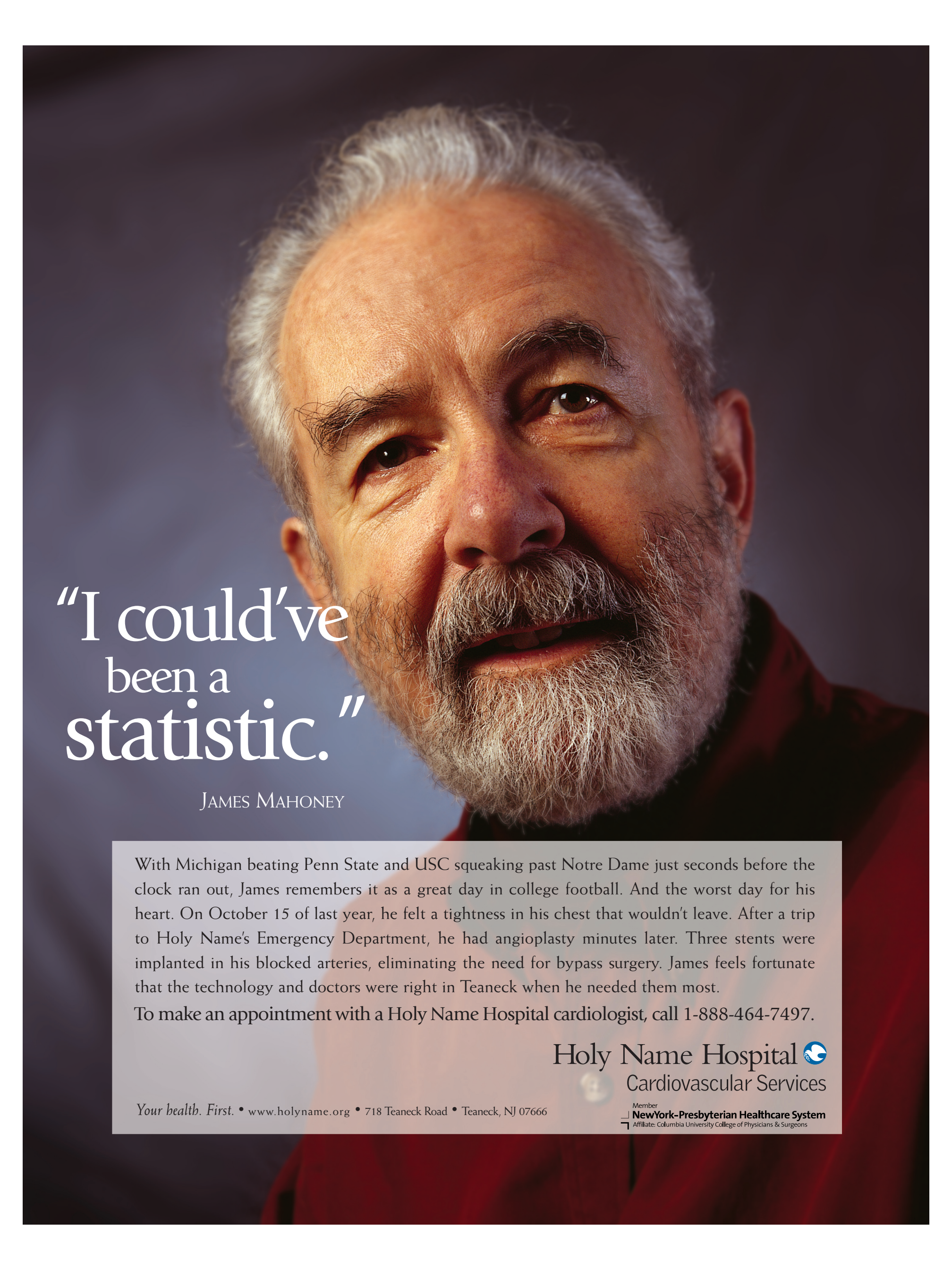
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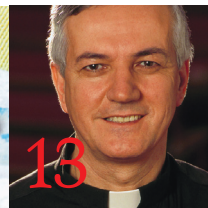
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# The innate sanctity of life, the dignity of personhood, the Sacrament of Presence

BY ARCHBISHOP JOHN J. MYERS

Life is sacred, for it is a gift from God. Those whose lives are dedicated to the medical arts can help us understand the Church's teaching on the nature and meaning of being a person.

The advances in our knowledge of the workings of the mind and body as a compact unity affirm that which the Church has always held: being a person is a gift of having been created in the image and likeness of God.

Human beings are more than the aggregate of physiological integrity. They have a spiritual life as well, and are capable of thought and decision, even though in the embryo or fetus these abilities are present potentially.

We never should forget that personhood and human life are inextricably bound together. The Catholic Church teaches that the dignity of personhood is an innate dimension of being human.

Personhood and human life can never be separated, for they are a unity willed by God. The Church looks to the advances made in the medical arts to understand better those situations in which the unity willed by God is no longer viable.

While it is true that human beings can be physically and mentally disabled by imperfections of the mind or body, it is never true that the physical or mental diminishment of a human being means that an individual is no longer a person.

For the Catholic faithful, the gift of each life is essentially a "Sacrament of Presence." Human life is able to communicate a Presence that transcends what we sensibly perceive. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, individual human lives are incorporated into the life of Christ in such a way that they become the means by which His Presence is encountered and experi-

enced in the world. Just as we cannot reduce the elements of the Eucharist only to that which we are capable of sensing, we must likewise never reduce a human life to what is merely biological.

Special and loving care must be extended to each human being, especially those no longer experiencing life as the compact unity that God intended. For them and for those who have died, we have a singular responsibility to insure that our treatment of them is worthy of the dignity they possess as having been created in God's image and likeness. Whether in life or in death, every one of us matters.

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## Healthcare apostolate faithfully cares for ill with a passion for medicine and sacraments

BY MELISSA MCNALLY  
Staff Writer

Ministering to the sick and dying can be taxing on anyone's soul, but some, like Msgr. Manuel A. Cruz, thrive in the difficult environment.

Msgr. Cruz is the healthcare apostolate for the Archdiocese of Newark, director of pastoral care for St. Michael's Medical Center, Newark, and vice president of the medical center's Missions and Ministry program.

Despite a busy schedule, Msgr. Cruz maintains his pleasant and optimistic demeanor while he deals with the seriously ill. "I find that, as a priest, it is very rewarding to care for the sick. I have never failed to find Christ in the sick," he said.

Ever since his childhood in Cuba, Msgr. Cruz has felt an affinity for dealing with those who are ill and less fortunate. "I have always been with the sick. In Cuba, the Daughters of Charity worked with them. The parish was next to a hospital. The priests were always available there," he recalled.

Msgr. Cruz left Cuba in 1966 and was ordained in 1980.

Religion and spirituality become more prevalent as suffering and the possibility

of death grows near. Those who minister in hospitals play an important role in the lives of those facing difficult times.

"It is important to be present," he explained. "It is an extremely vulnerable time for patients. It is also a time to experience the sacraments. Sacramental life is alive at the hospitals: Anointing of the Sick, the Eucharist, Reconciliation and the celebration of Mass. We respect different people's denominations. We are there."

Msgr. Cruz regards pastoral care as a parish within the hospital whose ministry extends beyond the confines of the hospital walls and helps people with ailing loved ones. He said the ministry is not just for patients, but for families and staff as well. "Part of our job is to make people feel comfortable. Everyone has a fear of the unknown, fear of bad news and a fear of death. There are ways to alleviate and ease that fear," he said.

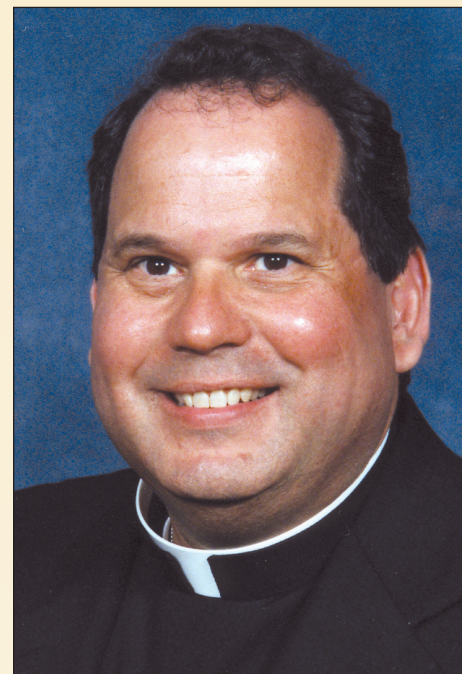
One way is a clearer understanding of the medical field. Msgr. Cruz combines spirituality with his knowledge of medical terminology to help him relate to both the patients and the doctors. "I have a passion for medicine and understand medical terms. I deal with not just spiritual and psychological, but also the medical language. It can seem like everyone is speaking a foreign language

in a hospital (with all the medical jargon) and it can be lonely. When you are able to master that language, part of that fear is taken away. The doctors can relate to you better and the doctors can be more honest with you," he said.

Although better knowledge of treatment and medical terms can ease some of the fear associated with sickness, for Msgr. Cruz, a closer relationship with God is the best way to cope with facing death. Those who minister to the ill serve as comfort for patients. "At every moment, we are there with the patients. Sometimes we are there and we know it is only a matter of time (before their death). That makes it very hard. We walk through the phases of people's lives—denial, anger and acceptance. Everyone has a coping mechanism," he revealed.

One way to cope is through the camaraderie he shares with co-workers. "I am always touched by the compassion of my co-workers. Our priests cry with the family and that moves me."

Working in a hospital, there are always striking moments of both faith and suffering that leave an emotional impact on Msgr. Cruz. "I am struck by the image of the suffering Christ in the patients. Once, I had been with a



Msgr. Manuel A. Cruz

patient for a while. He was deteriorating from cancer and at one moment, I saw the face of Christ in him," Msgr. Cruz recalled. "I remember another family at the foot of the Blessed Mother. Faith becomes very real (when you are dealing with death and the sick)."

Through all the tragedies faced in a hospital environment, Msgr. Cruz sees that there is always a positive in the presence of adversity. "Families who, in the midst of their anger and pain, offer words of gratitude for my presence, which stuns me. I believe pain and suffering is redemptive. We can rescue families and patients from despair."

## NJ hospital partnering delivers enhanced community services

BY GARY S. CARTER  
President, New Jersey Hospital Association

New Jerseyans are accustomed to having very good hospital care at their doorstep. In other parts of the country people travel 20, 50, even 100 miles to reach a hospital. That's not the situation here in New Jersey.

Virtually all hospitals in the state have an overlapping patient population area with another facility. These are concentric circles that make the environment for market share very competitive.

Part of how hospitals have responded to that competition since the early 1990s is to consolidate, focus and become more selective in how they operate and the types of services they offer. That trend will surely continue through the remainder of this decade

for both hospitals defined within systems as well as independent providers.

By aligning with or acquiring neighboring caregivers, hospitals can avoid duplication of services, expand access to broader populations, enhance quality and ultimately hold down costs by promoting efficiencies.

Fifty years ago there were no fewer than 16 hospitals within the City of Newark; today, there are five.

Currently, more than 50 of the state's 83 acute-care hospitals have combined in 17 systems, using affiliations, consolidations and mergers to harness costs and promote economies of scale. Others have closed or reconfigured their operations to target such things as outpatient centers, emergency services, rehabilitation, or long-term care.

As a result of hospitals partnering and collaborating in recent years, we've seen:

The overall length of stay at New

Jersey's acute care hospitals was reduced to 4.2 days in 2005 from an average of 8.1 days in 1991.

The average length of stay for Medicare patients was reduced to 6.6 days in 2005 from more than 10 days in 1990.

Meanwhile, during this same period, New Jersey hospitals have faced added financial pressures from ongoing reimbursement cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and managed care plans' payment practices. At the same time, the obligation to provide charity care to all patients who qualify has increased to nearly \$1 billion yearly. The state's 15 Catholic hospitals account for more than \$210 million of that charity care total as part of their unique mission.

Even in the face of those financial pressures, all hospitals have spent the better part of the last 10 years adjusting staffing levels, reorganizing, consolidat-



Gary S. Carter

ing services and holding down lengths of stay in an effort to harness costs and become more efficient.

Regardless of whether hospitals choose to find partners, communities benefit from the dialogue now going on around them.

(Gary S. Carter is the president of the 115-member NJHA. The organization is based in Princeton.)



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"And with the establishment of Catholic Health and Human Services Corporation (CHHS) in 2004, this mission now extends beyond our hospitals to the care provided by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark and Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health System," explained Amoroso, who also serves as president and chief executive officer of CHHS.

"When we established CHHS and Cathedral Healthcare System became a dynamic partner of Catholic Charities and Mount Carmel Guild, the Archdiocese of Newark became one of the first to implement the recommendation of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to create a coordinated system for delivering health and social services," Archbishop John J. Myers said. "We are strengthening this partnership and developing the blueprint that demonstrates the administrative discipline and professional focus required to

provide top-quality, compassionate care to those in need of care, comfort, counsel and protection."

"Every year, impressive numbers help tell our story," Amoroso said. Some of those statistics in last year included 27,767 inpatient admissions, 66,374 emergency room visits, 6,643 cardiac catheterization procedures, 2,951 mammograms, and 563 open-heart procedures.

"Our hospitals also provide half of the diabetes care in the City of Newark and deliver 44 percent of the city's births — 1,873 last year," he stressed.

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The CHHS partnership of social-service and healthcare ministries can already be seen in the operation of the nation's largest human trafficking "rescue and restore" program. This collaboration is also responsible for the largest and most comprehensive "continuum of care" in the state, and perhaps the nation, for people living with HIV/AIDS.

The three hospitals of Cathedral Healthcare System, supported by grant funding, offer rapid response HIV testing — an important first step for many HIV-positive men and women, who must recognize and accept their illness before they will seek treatment and act to prevent transmission of the virus.

For example, at Saint Michael's Medical Center, the Department of Infectious Diseases provides comprehensive inpatient treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS, and Peter Ho Memorial Clinic—the largest clinic of its kind in New Jersey—serves nearly half of Newark's HIV/AIDS patients. The hospital and the clinic also support HIV-prevention efforts targeted at the area's very high-risk homeless population, among whom substance abuse and mental-health issues are common.



Henry J. Amoroso

HIV/AIDS, and Franciska Residence provides long-term residence and social services for homeless men with HIV/AIDS.

Residents of these shelters receive care and services that include counseling, case management, educational workshops, support groups, transition assistance, and referrals to mental-health and addiction-treatment services.

"In 2006, we will continue challenging all CHHS 'Partners in Care' to explore new and better ways for these collaborative relationships to benefit more patients and clients," Amoroso said. "This may mean, for example, looking at ways to streamline referrals between our hospitals and agencies; or it may involve achieving greater effectiveness in communicating, both internally and externally, the scope and availability of programs and services.

"No matter the area of improvement, all 'Partners in Care' will focus on enhancing our success in addressing the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health of those we serve," Amoroso said.

*(Call (973) 596-4100 to contact CHHS or one of its affiliates, or visit the organization's Web site at [www.chhsnj.org](http://www.chhsnj.org) for more information. The Cathedral Foundation advances the CHHS mission of compassionate care by raising funds through events, grants, annual support, and major gifts. To learn about making a tax-deductible donation, call (973) 596-3955.)*

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became the first hospital in the state to perform open-heart surgery.

Today, a number of Cathedral's "centers of excellence" are located on campus, including the Cathedral Heart and Vascular Institute, the Cathedral Regional Cancer Center, The Connie Dwyer Breast Center, the Center for Infectious Diseases and Peter Ho Memorial Clinic, which serves people living with HIV/AIDS.

Since opening in 1900, Saint James Hospital has been the Ironbound's community hospital. Today, the 182-bed hospital provides medical and surgical services, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, emergency services, outpatient diagnostics and preventative care, family care, radiology and nuclear medicine, cardiac diagnostic services and same-day surgery.

Columbus Hospital, a general, primary-care community facility, opened in 1934 and today serves residents of Newark's North Ward and nearby communities. In addition to its Sleep Diagnostics Center and Family Health Care Center, Columbus Hospital features The Newark Eye and Ear Infirmary and The Children's Eye Care Center of New Jersey among

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One in six people in the United States is cared for in a Catholic hospital each year, and Catholic healthcare facilities provide a wide range of community benefits to assist individuals and families. Often, Catholic healthcare providers are the "safety net" to thousands of patients who cannot afford healthcare coverage.

Catholic healthcare is a ministry of the Church, continuing Jesus' mission of love and healing today, the CHA stated. The ministry is rooted in the belief

that every life a sacred gift; every human being a unity of body, mind and spirit. This commitment to promoting and defending human dignity means that, individually and collectively, CHA advocates healing with compassion and promotes wellness for all people. As Catholic ministry, CHA works to protect the fundamental rights of all individuals.

CHA believes healthcare is a basic human right and should be considered an essential building block for a just and free society. Last February, in response to President Bush's State of the Union address, Sister Carol Keehan, D.C., president and chief executive officer of the CHA, said that the organization was "disappointed with the proposals," President Bush outlined...to expand health insurance coverage.

"There is a crying need in this country for a fair and equitable healthcare system that serves all Americans," Sister Carol stated. "Currently some 46 million people lack health insurance, 6 million of whom have lost coverage since 2001. For uninsured families and individuals,

the lack of coverage represents a real medical danger and is often a chronic source of personal stress and financial hardship."

*(The Catholic Health Association is headquartered at 4455 Woodson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63134-3797, phone (314) 427-2500, and has an office at 1875 Eye St., NW, Suite 1000 Washington, DC 20006-5409, phone (202) 296-3993. The organization's Web site is [www.chausa.org](http://www.chausa.org))*



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# CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE'S MISSION IN NJ

**BY FATHER JOSEPH W. KUKURA**  
President, *The Catholic HealthCare Partnership of New Jersey*

*The Catholic healthcare ministry has served the people of New Jersey for more than 130 years. The ministry continues in a new millennium because of the commitment, dedication and faith of religious men and women who first came to New Jersey in the 19th Century to care for women, children and men who had no access to healthcare.*

As is stated by the Catholic Health Association of the United States ([www.chausa.org](http://www.chausa.org)), Catholic healthcare, an essential element of the Church, continues Jesus' mission of love and healing.

Our mission is an enduring sign of healthcare rooted in our belief that every person is a treasure, every life is a sacred gift, every human being a unity of body, mind and spirit.

We work to bring alive the Gospel vision of justice and peace. We answer God's call to foster healing, act with compassion and promote wellness for all persons and communities, with special attention to our neighbors who are poor, underserved and most vulnerable.

In short, the mission of Catholic healthcare is to bring to all God's people uncompromised quality healthcare in a context of faith, hope and love.

In 1999, leaders of Catholic hospitals formed The Catholic HealthCare Partnership of New Jersey (CHCPNJ) to support the religious identity of Catholic hospitals and to work collaboratively with other advocacy organizations to promote the health and well-being of all New Jerseyans, especially those underserved in New Jersey communities.

Today CHCPNJ's offices are located within the New Jersey Hospital Association in Princeton. All 15 Catholic hospitals of New Jersey are united, through the partnership, with a common voice to interact with political leaders, especially in Trenton and Washington.

As president of the partnership, I say that Catholics can take pride in the contribution that Catholic hospitals make in New Jersey. Major medical centers and hospitals bring the latest in advanced medicine to the continuum of life of Garden State residents.

This special supplement of *The Catholic Advocate* gives a wonderful picture of the many sophisticated services that characterize the Catholic healthcare ministry.

Statewide, in a typical year, Catholic hospitals respond to over 202,000 inpatient admissions, 21,000 births, and 2,400,000 outpatient and 480,00 emergency room visits.

But there is another important picture:

Catholic healthcare's outreach to the poor and uninsured. Catholic hospitals typically provide over \$179 million a year in documented charity care to needy patients, representing nearly 23 percent of all documented charity care in New Jersey.

For this care, the Catholic hospitals are reimbursed about \$98 million, leaving a deficit of over \$80 million. In addition, Catholic hospitals provide over \$188 million in necessary medical care to Medicaid patients, representing more than 29

percent of Medicaid services in New Jersey. When the federal and state Medicaid reimbursement is applied to

these services there is a shortfall of another \$40 million.

New Jersey has asked all hospitals throughout the state to be unconditional partners in the delivery of healthcare to all people. New Jersey has no system of public hospitals as other states do. Catholic hospitals are willing to do that partnering, as it is essential to our mission.

However, Catholic hospitals obviously can't do that unconditional caring if they no longer exist. The Catholic healthcare ministry understands access to healthcare as a fundamental human right. It is essential for protecting and fostering human dignity.

Our hope and prayer is that Catholic hospitals will continue their vibrant contribu-

*Catholic hospitals typically provide over \$179 million a year in documented charity care.*



Father Joseph W. Kukura

tion to the mission of the Catholic Church.  
(The Catholic HealthCare Partnership of New Jersey (CHCPNJ) is based at 760 Alexander Rd., Box 1, Princeton, N.J. 08543-0001; phone: (609) 936-2213; Web site: [www.chcpnj.org](http://www.chcpnj.org))

## Saint Michael's sets standard for world-class cardiac care

Patients throughout northern and central New Jersey seeking top-quality cardiac care have relied on Saint Michael's Medical Center in Newark for decades, and for good reason.

Having opened the state's first cardiac clinic in 1937, Saint Michael's Medical Center was also the first in the state to establish a cardiac catheterization program and laboratory, as well as the first hospital in the state to perform open-heart surgery.

Today, Saint Michael's Medical Center offers the full spectrum of clinical, diagnostic and interventional cardiology services and continues to champion new procedures, including minimally invasive heart surgery, beating-heart coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG), valve repair in lieu of valve replacement and aortic surgery.

At the Cathedral Heart and Vascular Institute, located on the campus of Saint Michael's Medical Center, world-class physicians performed 663 cardiac surgeries and more than 5,000 cardiac catheterization procedures in 2005.

The institute has earned recognition for Saint Michael's Medical Center from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, which has continually given it high ratings for top-quality open-heart surgery. A dedicated, multidisciplinary team of experienced physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and social workers provide the highest level of care in every phase of patients' treatment and recovery.

Saint Michael's Medical Center, an affiliate of Cathedral Healthcare System, also leads the way when it comes to infectious diseases and cancer care. Maintaining the state's largest infectious disease network, it is New Jersey's principle site for treating and studying infectious diseases such as hepatitis and HIV/AIDS.

Peter Ho Memorial Clinic, the state's largest HIV/AIDS clinic, has more than 2,000 patients—nearly half of the people living with HIV/AIDS in the Greater Newark area—receive medical and social services.

Patients benefit from an outstanding combination of medical expertise and state-of-the-art technology at the Cathedral Regional Cancer Center. They can access a complete range of

medical, surgical and radiation oncology services, as well as important ancillary services that include an on-site pharmacy, a phlebotomy lab and a nutrition center.

The Connie Dwyer Breast Center at Saint Michael's Medical Center is another on-site "Center of Excellence." Using advanced technology—including digital mammography with computer-aided detection—radiologists, pathologists, breast surgeons, plastic surgeons, radiation and medical oncologists, psychiatrists and other healthcare professionals work together to deliver the very best in screening, diagnosis, treatment and follow-up services.

A 337-bed regional tertiary care, teaching and research center in the heart of Newark's business and educational district, Saint Michael's Medical Center has expanded its role dramatically since its founding in 1867 by the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor.

Last year more than 12,500 people received inpatient care, 76,000 received outpatient services and the Emergency Department cared for more than 19,000 patients.

(Saint Michael's Medical Center is located at 111 Central Ave., Newark.)

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# Trinitas offers leading-edge technology for cancer care

Trinitas Hospital, located in Elizabeth and sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, provides award-winning healthcare services to residents of Union County's largest city and neighboring communities in central New Jersey.

The hospital was honored in 2005 as an outstanding employer and this year was cited as an outstanding place to work in New Jersey.

Innovative surgical care for women including minimally invasive female incontinence procedures, gastric bypass for weight loss, and cosmetic and reconstructive surgery, is offered at Trinitas Hospital through its new program: "Special Surgery for Women." Specialists in plastic and reconstructive surgery, urogynecology and gastric bypass surgery provide advanced procedures that bring great relief to women who suffer from a myriad of health issues.

The Trinitas Comprehensive Cancer Center (TCCC), a \$28-million, state-of-the-art facility that houses the only "Trilogy" linear accelerator in New Jersey, recently introduced treatment techniques and patient services to improve treatment outcomes and patient comfort.

An on-board imaging (OBI) system for image-guided radiation therapy (IGRT) improves the precision and effectiveness of cancer treatments by helping to track and adjust for tumor positions more accurately at the moment of treatment.



The Trinitas Comprehensive Cancer Center is a \$28-million, state-of-the-art facility that houses the only "Trilogy" linear accelerator in New Jersey.

Also new is a breast positioning radiotherapy technique for women with early stage breast cancer that offers alternative therapy by providing improved positioning of breasts and targeting of tumors while avoiding radiation exposure to the heart and lungs.

TCCC continues to raise the bar in treatment amenities by offering patients wireless laptop computers as they undergo chemotherapy treatments.

*Life-saving elective angioplasty services will soon be available for the 300,000 people who reside in Trinitas Hospital's service area.*

E-mailing friends and family, surfing the Web, listening to music and watching movies or educational CDs or DVDs help to create a more pleasant patient

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Since 1999, the Trinitas Center for Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine, part of the nationwide Praxis Clinical Services systems, has led the way in providing state-of-the-art treatment to thousands of patients as the Praxis Center of the Year in 2004. The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) awarded the Trinitas center its Certificate of Distinction for 2004–2006 for its effectiveness in offering the highest level of care.

At the Praxis 2006 Leadership Conference earlier this year, the Trinitas center was recognized as a Center of Excellence for 2005 for achieving a more than 95-percent patient satisfaction level last year.

Life-saving elective angioplasty services will soon be available for the 300,000 people who reside in Trinitas Hospital's service area. Trinitas Hospital was among eight New Jersey Hospitals to receive approval to participate in a



multistate demonstration project to assess the safety, quality and cost of elective angioplasty in hospitals that offer emergency angioplasty without onsite cardiac surgery backup.

"We are very proud to be selected to participate in this important study," Gary S. Horan, Trinitas president and chief executive officer and fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE), said. "Our angioplasty team has demonstrated time and again that it can successfully perform angioplasties in difficult emergency situations."

(Trinitas Hospital is located at 225 Williamson St., Elizabeth. For more information visit [www.trinitashospital.org](http://www.trinitashospital.org).)

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Gary S. Horan, FACHE  
Trinitas Hospital President and  
Chief Executive Officer



# Advanced medical imaging technology offers enhanced clarity in the care of patients

Looking to maintain their edge to provide world-class care and diagnostic capabilities for the patients they serve, healthcare facilities within the Archdiocese of Newark have unveiled a variety of high-tech medical imaging and monitoring systems in recent months.

These imaging systems, representing significant capital investments, span a wide range of technologies for a host of medical applications.

The Medical Imaging Department of Saint James Hospital, Newark, recently received an "excellent evaluation" following inspection of its mammography department by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Environmental Safety and Health.

The inspection utilized guidelines provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Food and Drug Administration. All quality controls were inspected including the credentials of mammographers and radiologists, the quality of films and record keeping.

Saint James Hospital received an "All Items in Compliance Rating," and was congratulated by the state agency for "outstanding accomplishment."

The inspection compared specific items in six major areas: equipment performance, technologist quality control, medical physicist survey, personnel qualifications, medical reports and outcome audits, to required standards. The inspection of the Saint James facility showed that all areas reviewed were in compliance with required standards.

Saint James is utilizing the latest in diagnostic equipment for mammography including Computerized Aided Detection (ICAD), which provides the radiologist with assistance in reading mammograms by identifying questionable areas for review. The accuracy rate is 98 percent utilizing this technology.

In another advance in medical imaging technology within the Archdiocese of Newark, Saint Michael's Medical Center (SMMC) has installed the iU22 ultrasound system manufactured by Philips Medical Systems.

Featuring 4D (real-time 3D) technology, the new equipment's powerful imaging capabilities support a variety of common exams, including vascular, thyroid and testicular exams.

"Acquiring the latest medical imaging technology is part of our commitment to quality, safe patient care," Felicia Karsos, SMMC administrator, said.

"We are pleased to offer enhanced imaging services both to inpatients and to patients in need of outpatient diagnostic tests."

Ultrasound, which uses high-frequency sound waves to produce moving images of the body's internal soft tissue structures, provides a safe, fast and relatively painless means of diagnostic imaging, explained Suresh Mody, M.D., chairman of medical imaging at SMMC.

"It offers a relatively low-cost, non-invasive way to look inside the body, and we acquire an extremely high level of diagnostic information," Mody said. "With the iU22 system, we can provide answers for our patients quickly and easily, and the results can often reduce the



Xavier Joseph, manager of the Department of Nuclear Medicine at Saint James Hospital, is pictured with the facility's state-of-the-art gamma camera. This high-tech diagnostic system is utilized in bone and lung scans, as well as to evaluate heart functions.

need for invasive procedures."

Columbus Hospital last March unveiled its new GE Central Fetal Monitoring System, which enables physicians and staff to closely monitor patients throughout the hospital's maternity unit.

Rev. Al Guglielmo, Chaplain and Director of Spiritual Care at Columbus Hospital, blessed the newly installed equipment, while administrator Patricia Fehring White applauded the addition of this important technology.

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# Dr. Connolly honored at annual 'Heart' gala

Mark W. Connolly, M.D., director of the Department of Cardiovascular and Thoracic Surgery at Saint Michael's Medical Center in Newark and the Cathedral Heart and Vascular Institute, was awarded "Physician of Year" honors April 8 at the American Heart Association's ninth annual "Affair of the Heart" gala, which was held in Livingston.

"Dr. Connolly, a gifted and compassionate surgeon and a pioneer in cardiac care, certainly merits this special recognition," said Henry J. Amoroso, president of Cathedral Healthcare System. "In fact, the recently published report, Cardiac Surgery in New Jersey 2003, identifies Dr. Connolly as one of the best and busiest cardiac specialists in the state."

Dr. Connolly has championed a number of innovative proce-

dures, including minimally invasive heart surgery, beating-heart CABG (coronary artery bypass grafting), minimally invasive vessel harvesting, valve repair in lieu of valve replacement, and aortic surgery.

"I am proud to join with his colleagues, and with his grateful patients, in saluting Dr. Connolly and in offering him our sincere congratulations," Amoroso said.

Along with his efforts to advance medical technology, Dr.

Connolly also has worked to create a greater public awareness of the dangers of cardiovascular disease, which remains the number-one killer in the United States. Although often thought of as a disease that predominantly afflicts men, heart disease is also the number-one cause of death among women in the United States. Statistics indicate that of those with heart disease, 52.2 percent are male and 47.8 percent are female.

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RFA, a minimally invasive, non-surgical interventional radiology procedure, involves the insertion of a specialized small needle through the skin and into a tumor under CT scan guidance, allowing the precise delivery of radio-frequency (RF) energy (similar to microwaves) to heat cancer tissue and destroy it.

Karen Mattaliano, a 33-year-old Old Bridge resident, underwent RFA last December at Holy Name Hospital's Interventional Institute. The procedure was performed by Dr. John H. Rundback, a board-certified interventional radiologist with more than 12 years experience in the minimally invasive treatment of cancer using RFA and other interventional oncology techniques.

Mattaliano was diagnosed with colorectal cancer in 2001. The disease then spread to her liver and lungs, and she underwent multiple surgeries, as well as chemotherapy and radiation therapy.

As a precisely administered, localized treatment, RFA spares nearby healthy lung tissue and is tolerated much easier than systemic therapy. It can, however, be used in combination with these therapies, as in Mattaliano's case. Every weekday, Mattaliano consults with Holy Name's radiation oncologist Charles Vialotti, M.D., and medical oncologist Louis Attas, M.D., who monitor her progress.

RFA emerged in the early 1990s and is now regularly used to treat liver, kid-



Karen Mattaliano

ney and bone malignancies. Dr. Rundback cites data that shows the destructive capability of RFA for these cancers is comparable to that of other therapies. Patient survival is improved because of the low local cancer recurrence rate following RFA.

"RFA is especially suited to patients who have limited surgical options, either due to an increased surgical risk from underlying emphysema or heart disease, or in instances of cancer recurrence when patients can't or don't want to undergo more surgery, as in Karen's case," Dr. Rundback said. "Bergen County has the good fortune of being able to extend such therapies, in this case, RFA, to its community through Holy Name Hospital."

Before joining Holy Name as the medical director of the Interventional Institute last year, Dr. Rundback was director of Clinical Research in the Division of Interventional Radiology at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, New York.

Contact the Holy Name Hospital Interventional Institute at **(201) 833-3310** or the Regional Cancer Center at **(201) 541-5900** for more information on RFA or other procedures.

*(Holy Name Hospital is located at 718 Teaneck Rd, Teaneck. For more information, visit [www.holyname.org](http://www.holyname.org))*

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## J.D. Power awards cite Holy Name for service

Holy Name Hospital has been recognized for service excellence under the J.D. Power and Associates' Distinguished Hospital Program. This distinction acknowledges a strong commitment by Holy Name Hospital to provide an outstanding outpatient experience.

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"We are encouraged that our patients have validated the success Holy Name continues to experience," Michael Maron, president and chief executive officer of Holy Name Hospital, said. "This is a direct result of the hospital's commitment to continuously improve the quality of our clinical performance and service excellence."

The service excellence distinction was determined by surveying patients who had recently received outpatient services from Holy Name Hospital on their perceptions of their outpatient visit and comparing the results to the national benchmark established by the annual J.D. Power and Associates National Outpatient Service Performance Study. The telephone-based research conducted among 300 patients focused on the five key drivers of patient satisfaction: comfort; speed and efficiency; dignity and respect; information and communication; and emotional support.



Michael Maron (right), Holy Name Hospital president and chief executive officer, accepts awards for service excellence from Dave Power III, the founder of J.D. Power and Associates.

## Real-life 'ER' drama in Teaneck: Mahoney survives a heart attack

The chest pains began at 2 a.m. on Oct. 16, just as Jim Mahoney was heading to bed after a full day of enjoying hours of college football. When the pains clenched his chest like a vise and clamminess took over his head, arms and chest, he knew he needed immediate medical attention.

He calmly called 911 then tiptoed upstairs to wake his wife, Barbara Anne. By 2:20 a.m. the paramedics were at the Mahoneys' Teaneck home, and 10 minutes later he was in Holy Name Hospital's emergency room.

"I had been to Holy Name before for medical care and the birth of my niece, nephew and others so when the paramedics asked where I wanted to go, there was no question in my mind that the people at Holy Name would take good care of me," recalls Mahoney, 64, the associate superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of New York.

As is the standard of care for a patient undergoing a suspected heart attack, he was brought to Holy Name's cardiac catheterization lab. Atul Sharma, MD, an interventional cardiologist, performed an angiogram, an imaging test to examine the blood vessels leading to the heart.

The test revealed a blockage in Mahoney's left coronary artery was causing a lack of oxygen to his heart muscle and the subsequent death of heart tissue.

Dr. Sharma used emergency angioplasty to open up the clogged artery with a balloon-tipped catheter. To guard against reblockage, he placed two drug-coated stents into Mahoney's left anterior descending section of the artery and one in the circumflex section.

After five days at Holy Name, Mahoney returned home. He joined a cardiac rehabilitation program, changed his diet and lost 25 pounds. Currently on medical leave from the Archdiocese of New York, he is planning a family cruise to Alaska in the summer.





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In an average year, New Jersey hospitals welcome 115,000 newborns into the world and perform nearly 300,000 surgeries. Garden State hospitals provide 125,000 jobs and \$14 billion in annual revenues that contribute to the state economy and municipal economies.



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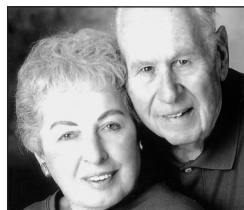
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# BISHOP MORLINO URGES CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS TO SHARE 'A GLANCE' OF CHRIST'S HEALING LOVE WITH PATIENTS

DETROIT (CNS)—Catholic physicians and healthcare workers have a duty to share the love of Christ with those to whom they minister, Bishop Robert C. Morlino of Madison, WI, declared in a recent talk here at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

A nationally known figure in the Church with an extensive resume on theological issues in the healthcare sector, Bishop Morlino said the message to physicians can be found in Pope Benedict XVI's recent encyclical, "Deus Caritas Est" ("God Is Love").

*Professionals in the healthcare field are in a special position when it comes to talking to people about God. However, sharing the faith with patients must always be in the form of an invitation and should never seem to be forcing something on people.*

—Bishop Robert C. Morlino

Fundamental to the Catholic understanding of healthcare is that "the practice of medicine is more of an art than a science," Bishop Morlino said during a presentation here in late March that followed the annual Rose Mass for healthcare workers. Along with the message on Christ's love, the bishop also stressed that health is "more than the absence of sickness."

The bishop, who is chairman of the board of the National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC) in Philadelphia

([www.ncbcenter.org](http://www.ncbcenter.org)), noted that those in the healthcare field, especially physicians, are in a special position when it comes to talking to people about God.

"When people go to the doctor, they actually pay attention. I wish I could say that was true about the homily at Mass," he said.

He emphasized, however, that sharing the faith must always be in the form of an invitation and should never seem to be forcing something on people.

The NCBC, established in 1972, conducts research, consultation, publishing and education to promote human dignity in healthcare and the life sciences, and derives its message directly from the teachings of the Catholic Church.

He said that as those in the medical profession explain to patients how the body works, they can share—even with nonbelievers—traditional proofs of God's existence. They can also express the belief that the patient would be healthier if he or she believed in God.

Even when it is not possible to share one's faith with a patient in words, Bishop Morlino said that a healthcare worker can "give them the 'glance of love,' which they crave. The glance of love, which has its roots in the eyes of Christ, is the most healing thing of all," he explained. Among those patients most in need of help, the bishop continued, are people who are carrying around some kind of guilt, and who fear God's justice.

Pope Benedict's recent encyclical is a call to "renewed energy and commitment in the human response to God's love," Bishop Morlino said. The text indicates that the pope does not accept the traditional idea of a mind-body split, he added.

The encyclical states: "the body is the arena for the exercise of human freedom," a notion contrary to today's culture that "says the mind is the arena," Bishop Morlino said. Based on that premise, he said, there is a duty "to keep the body healthy, to keep the body energetic, in order to keep the commitment of the soul in response to the love of God."

As a national leader, Bishop Morlino delivered the keynote address last month at the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast in Washington, a forum that included President George W. Bush, Archbishop Pietro Sambi, the Vatican's diplomatic representa-



(CNS Photo)

Bishop Robert C. Morlino of Madison, WI, the chairman of the board of the National Catholic Bioethics Center, said Catholic healthcare professionals have a duty to keep their patients healthy and energetic "in order to keep the commitment of the soul in response to the love of God." In addition to his recent speech to physicians in Detroit, Bishop Morlino delivered the keynote address last month at the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast in Washington.

tive to Washington, Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, other Church and government dignitaries and an audience of 1,600 people. Bishop Morlino, in his address, urged people of faith to work against the current tide of "moral relativism."

Bishop Morlino was appointed the fourth Bishop of Madison on May 23, 2003 and was installed on Aug. 1 that year. In addition to his work with the NCBC, he chaired the ad hoc committee on healthcare issues and the Church for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington (from 2001 to 2004), which assists the bishops in responding to moral and theological questions surrounding specific healthcare situations in their dioceses.

Born Dec. 31, 1946, in Scranton, PA, Bishop Morlino is a graduate of Jesuit High School. He entered the seminary for the Maryland Province of the Society

of Jesus, and was ordained to the priesthood for that Jesuit Province on June 1, 1974.

His education includes a bachelor's degree in Philosophy from Fordham University, a master's degree in Philosophy from the University of Notre Dame, the Master of Divinity Degree from the Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, MA, and a doctorate in Moral Theology from the Gregorian University in Rome, with specialization in moral theology and bioethics.

He has taught Philosophy at Loyola College in Baltimore, St. Joseph University in Philadelphia, Boston College, the University of Notre Dame and St. Mary's College. He served as an instructor in continuing education for priests, religious and laity and as director of parish renewal programs.

(Note: Biographical information on Bishop Morlino was gathered from the Diocese of Madison, WI, Web site.)



# ARCHBISHOP'S GALA RAISES FUNDS TO SUPPORT HOSPITALS, SERVICES AND AGENCIES OF CHHS

Archbishop John J. Myers hosted the first "Archbishop's Gala" to raise funds in support of the hospitals of Cathedral Healthcare System and the programs and services of Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health System and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, all of which are affiliated with Catholic Health and Human Services Corp. (CHHS).

Special guests at the gala included the Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations Archbishop Celestino Migliore; Dr. Leon Smith, the recipient of the Archbishop's Leadership Award; Brian McAuley, the 2006 Humanitarian of the Year; and this year's inductees into the Cathedral Physicians Hall of Fame: Dr. Victor Daibo, Dr. Richard Pizzano, and Dr. Robert Hobson, representing Saint James Hospital, Columbus Hospital, and Saint Michael's Medical Center, respectively.

Henry J. Amoroso, CHHS president and chief executive officer, welcomed the more than 500 people who gathered last month at the Birchwood Manor in Whippany for a program that included video presentations highlighting the programs and services offered by CHHS affiliates.

"Throughout tonight's program, we'll be getting a glimpse of the healing, hope, and humanity at the core of our vital mission of compassionate care," Amoroso said. "We'll get to see the faces of people touched by that mission; some served by skilled medical professionals, some by dedicated social workers and counselors, and all by caring men and women who, like you and I, look for God's face in the most vulnerable among us."



Pictured at the Archbishop's Gala, which was held last month in Whippany, are (left to right) "Humanitarian of the Year" Brian D. McAuley, chairman of Pacific DataVision Inc. and Imagine Tile, Inc.; Archbishop John J. Myers; Dr. Leon G. Smith, chairman of the Department of Medicine at Saint Michael's Medical Center and recipient of the Archbishop's Leadership Award; Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations Archbishop Celestino Migliore; Donald M. Daniels, chairman of CHHS; and Henry J. Amoroso, president and chief executive officer of CHHS.

Archbishop Myers thanked all in attendance for supporting the archdiocesan healthcare and social service ministries. "You are helping to heal the sick by supporting three urban hospitals that provide top-quality care to residents of the Greater Newark area," he said. "You are assisting the poor and vulnerable by supporting a community services agency that for more than a century has been offering care, comfort, counsel, and protection to those in need. You are aiding men, women, and

children troubled by mental illness or challenged by addiction through your support for Mount Carmel Guild's vital programs and services. Thank you for heeding God's call for corporal works of mercy."

Proceeds from the gala will go to support Cathedral Foundation, which raises money through events, grants, annual support and major gifts to further the work of CHHS affiliates and to advance their shared mission of compassionate care.

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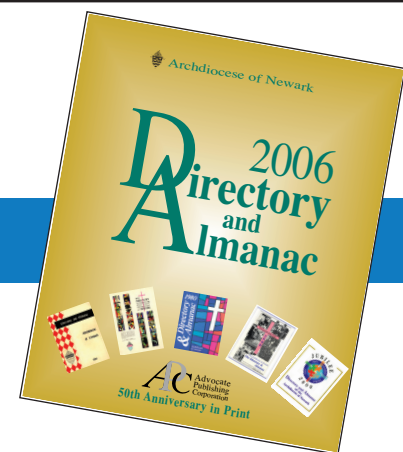
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# 'REAL-WORLD' NURSING: SETON HALL STUDENTS LEAVE CLASSROOM TO AID HURRICANE VICTIMS

BY WARD MIELE  
Managing Editor

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Fulfilling their clinical experience requirements while also serving as witnesses to a historic U.S. disaster, several graduate nursing students from Seton Hall University traveled to Louisiana last fall to assist those who lived through the path of destruction caused by Hurricane Rita.

Coordinating the effort was Donna A. Gaffney, RN, DNSc, FAAN, associate professor in the graduate nursing program in charge of the acute care nurse practitioner program.

Describing herself as a "believer in and proponent of service-based learning," Dr. Gaffney feels it is vital to teach about the nursing profession through exposure to the "real world." That philosophy, she added, has always been a component of the nursing program at Seton Hall and it is "part of the Catholic mission."

Dr. Gaffney, who is involved with the local Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the New Jersey Center for Public Health Preparedness, reached out to her contacts last year over the Labor Day weekend. The associate professor also consulted with Dean Phyllis Hansell, whose reaction, Dr. Gaffney recalled, was "go for it...she was very supportive."

Before heading south, the nursing students received specialized training on the stages of disaster relief and its management, the role of healthcare providers, how to approach people in post-disaster settings and the aspects of providing both physical and mental care.

The Seton Hall nursing students took individual trips based on a needs assessment from an organization working with four federal agencies.

In early October, Donna Barry, APN-C and Nancy Chiocchi, RN, left New Jersey and spent two weeks in the Gulf Coast region. Chiocchi went to New Orleans and Barry to southwestern Louisiana. They were followed about two weeks later by Dr. Gaffney and Jan Theis, RN. Dr. Gaffney also went to southwestern Louisiana, while Theis served in Lafayette, LA. Their stays were for two weeks and 10 days, respectively.

Chiocchi, who works in the emergency room at Mountainside Hospital in Montclair, helped at a church shelter in Hammond, LA. "We became a community," Chiocchi recalled fondly. In her role as a mental health professional, Chiocchi talked to the patients using her nursing skills to assess their individual situations. She did so, the Seton Hall graduate explained, "holistically...looking at the whole person. That is the wonderful thing about nursing: the whole person."

A particular incident that sticks in her mind was a woman whose feet were

adjustment. "I cried and was not able to concentrate, I thought about that community (in Louisiana)." Chiocchi also gained a new level of patience and perspective, and notice that she no longer was getting "worked up" over "little things" in life.

Christus St. Paul Hospital in Lake Charles, LA, was Barry's destination.

While Barry was there she worked in the triage section and emergency room, which were the only sections of the hospital operational following the storms.

The "biggest obstacle," she pointed

For the children, she noted, everyone joined forces to help them mark Halloween. All the volunteers, Barry stressed, "went above and beyond all the time." She called her time in Louisiana "very rewarding...fulfilling."

Her experience, Barry added, gave her "a stronger foundation of what is important in life. It strengthened my faith." Noting that she had been working in a predominately Catholic area, Barry pointed out "faith is an integral part of the people's lives."

Dr. Gaffney spent most her time in the emergency room of the local Catholic hospital. She recalled that, by the time of her arrival, the post-storm situation in the region had reached "the clean-up phase." Dr. Gaffney said the people "had lost everything. There was mud and mold everywhere," which forced residents out of their homes. Most of the hospital staff, she added, were similarly affected by the storm and were living in the hospital.

Dr. Gaffney also did liaison work at a Red Cross shelter. After injuries, she stressed, "medication management" was the number-one problem. Resources at every level had to be "pooled." It was difficult, she went on, "to comprehend the scope of it all."

Dr. Gaffney also traveled to the Louisiana coast area some 30 miles southwest of Lakes Charles on the Texas border. Once there, she was overwhelmed by a scene that looked as though "someone had lifted up homes and left (only) the foundations," referring to the destruction caused by the 30-foot storm water surges.

The associate professor went to some Catholic churches in the Hackberry area of Louisiana. One of those churches, she recalled, has its roof ripped off. Dr. Gaffney talked to the parish priest after Mass who told of what she described as "a real story of resilience and faith."

The priest told her that a church is "just a building." The real essence of a parish community, said the priest, is the people. What made a real impression on Dr. Gaffney was when the priest told her that a 400-pound statue of Jesus and Mary had been lifted up from a nearby church and moved by the water to the Hackberry site. Four parishioners picked it up and placed it in front of the church.



(CNS Photo)

Seton Hall nursing students traveled to Louisiana last fall, working with federal agencies to assist people who bore the brunt of the destruction caused by Hurricane Rita. Donna A. Gaffney, associate professor in the SHU graduate nursing program, coordinated the effort. Pictured here are damaged homes in the Mid-City area of New Orleans.

swollen. Chiocchi asked if the woman had congestive heart failure and was taking her medicine. The woman confessed she had not been taking her medicine regularly, fearing that she would run out of it completely.

Explaining she was "immersed in a different kind of culture," Chiocchi added "it was a wonderful thing to be part of such a new experience." What she got in return, Chiocchi said, was "unimaginable...it changed me for the better."

When she returned to New Jersey, there was an inevitable period of

out, was "finding resources," which meant anything from clothing to medicine. Noting that the hospital "relied" on the locals, Barry called the situation "frustrating," adding the circumstances often "changed hourly."

She recalled a particular "victory" of her stay. Two teenage girls, who had been living in a Red Cross shelter and were left with "virtually nothing," were wearing flip-flop shoes. Though a concerted effort, a local church with a thrift shop was contacted and clothes were delivered to the girls.



# Catholic Cemeteries group provides pre-need planning

Burial in a Catholic cemetery is a baptismal right for Catholics. For those who do not possess this right, it is a privilege. At the time of death of a loved one, there are many obligations that fall upon survivors, and often times these responsibilities can weigh heavily on a family.

Representatives of the Catholic Cemeteries office of the Archdiocese of Newark offer various pre-need planning services to help ease this burden, assisting families to make preparations for a time of sorrow.

Catholic Cemeteries advises that the goals for pre-need planning involve providing families with the peace

of mind and financial protection during the bereavement process. The planning allows each family member a voice to clearly express their thoughts and concerns prior to the time of mourning, enabling the family to take part in an informed, responsible decision. Pre-need planning is designed to eliminate concerns over rising prices for proper burial as well as address worries from being overwhelmed by unsettled financial and legal matters about an inevitable occurrence.

Catholic Cemeteries is a long-standing ministry of the Church and this is demonstrated in the ritual of the Order of Christian Funerals. Catholic Cemeteries conducts presentations at parishes throughout the archdiocese on pre-need planning, discussing topics

like the importance of the Funeral Mass, honoring the end-of-life-care wishes of a loved one and an assortment of practical matters that families and the funeral homes should consider.

Parishes can make arrangements to have representatives from the Catholic Cemeteries group make pre-need planning presentations by contacting Jorge L. Repollet, strategic initiatives manager, at **973-497-4139**.

Catholic Cemeteries recommends that families consider the purchase of a grave, crypt or niche spaces in advance of immediate need. In order to meet this need, the group has established a Family Services Program to provide information. Call **1-866-773-7526 (PREPLAN)** or visit an archdiocesan cemetery office (business hours 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays; 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays) or an archdiocesan mausoleum office (9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. everyday).

A recent letter from Archbishop John J. Myers stated that the Catholic cemetery is an extension of the Church that ministers to the grief of families, just as the Church ministers to the faith of parishioners.

"Being buried in the sacred grounds of a Catholic cemetery is an assertion of faith for both the deceased and their loved ones," Archbishop Myers wrote in this statement. "The Holy Scriptures teach that death is part of the natural process to an ultimate union with God. Because of the Catholic faith, we believe that burial in a Catholic cemetery demonstrates love and respect for the deceased, and leads us to eternal union with God's love."

The Catholic Cemeteries group supports the archdiocesan Family Life Ministries Office in Newark. Information about parish-based bereavement programs is available from this office (**973-497-4327**) or from the administrative offices of the Catholic Cemeteries group (**973-497-7981**). The group also offers a free copy of its booklet: "Preparing a Catholic Funeral."

## *Archdiocesan cemeteries include:*

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### **Gate of Heaven**

225 Ridgedale Ave., East Hanover

### **Holy Cross**

340 Ridge Road, North Arlington

### **Holy Name**

823 West Side Ave., Jersey City

### **Holy Sepulchre**

125 Central Ave., East Orange

### **Maryrest**

25 Seminary Road, Mahwah

### **St. Gertrude**

53 Inman Ave., Colonia

### **St. Peter**

Jersey City (operated from Holy Name)

### **St. Mary**

East Orange (operated from Holy Sepulchre)

### **St. Andrew**

Rivervale (operated from Maryrest).

*Of these 10 facilities, four offer mausoleums: Gate of Heaven; Holy Cross; Holy Name; and St. Gertrude.*



Catholic Cemeteries is a long-standing ministry of the Church and this is demonstrated in the ritual of the Order of Christian Funerals. Pictured here is the Crucifixion statue from Holy Cross Cemetery in North Arlington.



# Advanced nursing education programs target emerging needs in healthcare business sector

The U.S. healthcare business sector is marked by rapid changes in patient care services and a severe shortage of qualified nurses.

Leading nursing organizations and business analysts project there will be a growing need for doctorally prepared faculty to educate the legions of registered nurses (RNs) needed to satisfy future healthcare demands. There also is a strong demand for nurses with doctorates to assume administrative and advance practice clinical positions in the healthcare field.

RNs are projected to create the second-largest number of new jobs among all occupations. As the largest healthcare occupation, RNs held about 2.4 million jobs in 2004, according to the U.S. Department of Labor's, Bureau of Labor Statistics at <http://stats.bls.gov/oco/ocos083.htm#outlook>.

According to information on the Web site, about three out of five jobs were in hospitals, inpatient and outpatient departments. Others worked in offices of physicians, nursing care facilities, home healthcare services, employment services, government agencies and outpatient care centers. The remainder were employed mostly in social assistance agencies and educational services, public and private. About one in four RNs worked part time.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that technological advances will drive job growth for RNs, with an increasing emphasis on preventive care. The bureau indicated that median annual earnings of registered nurses were \$52,330 as of May 2004. The middle 50 percent earned between \$43,370 and \$63,360. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$37,300, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$74,760.

Median annual earnings in the industries employing the largest numbers of registered nurses as of May 2004 were as follows—employment services: \$63,170; general medical and surgical hospitals: \$53,450; home healthcare services: \$48,990; offices of physicians: \$48,250; and nursing care facilities: \$48,220.



The RN—BSN Fast-Track Program curriculum at Felician College is designed for registered nurses seeking a BSN degree and career enhancement.

In response to this emerging need for nursing professionals, Seton Hall University, South Orange; Felician College, Lodi and Rutherford; and Caldwell College all provide advanced education degrees and career training.

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Seton Hall University offers a Ph.D. in nursing, the only Catholic university in the tri-state metropolitan area with a doctoral program in nursing and one of only nine Catholic universities nationwide.

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Students must identify a research concentration, which culminates in a doctoral dissertation that targets clinical outcomes and evidence-based practice in academic, research, clinical practice, healthcare administration or policy environments.

As a Catholic university whose mis-

sion is to prepare servant leaders for a global society, the College of Nursing at Seton Hall University has a distinguished history of developing entry level and advanced practice nurses to serve with distinction on a local, regional, national and international level. Seton Hall offered the first baccalaureate nursing program in New Jersey in 1940 and was the first college-level nursing program in a Catholic University in the Northeast.

"Our Ph.D. program will significantly contribute to healthcare in the state of New Jersey," Phyllis Shanley Hansell, Ed.D., R.N., FAAN, the dean of the College of Nursing, said. "We will focus on patient-care outcomes research, specifically addressing healthcare disparities for patients in New Jersey."

Visit the Seton Hall College of Nursing Web site at [nursing.shu.edu](http://nursing.shu.edu) to learn more about the Ph.D. in nursing programs, or contact Mary Jo Bugel, director of College of Nursing recruitment, (973) 761-9285, or [bugel-mar@shu.edu](mailto:bugel-mar@shu.edu).

## Felician College

The Division of Nursing and Health Management of Felician College offers undergraduate, graduate and certificate nursing programs.

The generic baccalaureate nursing program at Felician offers a Bachelor of Science in nursing. The program prepares professional nurses to direct and manage nursing care for clients and families of all ages in a variety of settings, which include the home, community, school, workplace, clinic, hospital and long-term care working in collaboration with other disciplines.

The RN—BSN Fast-Track Program curriculum at Felician College is designed for RNs seeking a BSN degree and career enhancement. The program expands the ability to provide healthcare for culturally diverse populations and gives opportunities for international nursing experiences.

The program focuses on health

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assessment, family, community, research, ethics and the development of leadership and management skills. A Bachelor of Science in nursing degree is awarded after completion of the program. Graduates are prepared to continue their education at the graduate level.

The Master of Science in nursing program at Felician prepares the RN-BSN as advanced practice nurses in primary care settings. The program emphasizes nursing care of families or adults with a specific focus on vulnerable and underserved populations. A Master of Science in nursing degree is awarded after completion of the program. Graduates are eligible to take the advanced practice national certification examination in family or adult health.

Felician's Post-Master's certificate program prepares nurses with a Master's degree in nursing for primary care practice as family or adult advanced practice nurses. A post-Master's certificate is awarded after completion of the program. Participants are then eligible to take the advanced

practice national certification examination in family or adult health.

The School Nurse/Teacher of Health Education Certificate Program prepares registered nurses to provide healthcare and health education for K-12 in the school setting.

Call Felician College at **(201) 559-6000** for more information on its nursing programs or visit the Web site [www.felician.edu/academics/nahp/](http://www.felician.edu/academics/nahp/).

## Caldwell College

Caldwell College offers flexible programs for RNs who wish to continue their studies and enhance their skills. For those RNs who wish to combine a degree program with School Nurse Certification/ Teacher of Health Endorsement Program, Caldwell College grants students up to 30 credits for his/her RN degree (license must be current).

The individual's program of study will vary according to his/her background, goals, and area of concentration. In addition, state certification requirements include a 12-week field experience in school nursing (nine credits).

For those RNs who desire a bachelor's degree, but not school nurse certification/teacher of health endorsement program, the evaluation of transfer credits follows the same procedure, without the additional 12-week field experience. For RNs who have a degree (BA, BS, or BSN) and wish only school nurse certification/teacher of health endorsement program, the requirement involves 10 courses and a 12-week field experience (nine credits).

Up to six courses may be waived warranted by previous study at schools


of nursing and/or other colleges. Course descriptions may be needed for proper evaluation.

Caldwell College also offers a non-instructional school nurse certification. This program consists of nine courses and an eight-week field experience (six credits). At least half of the required credits must be completed at Caldwell College.

Contact Donna Dowd, adult undergraduate admissions coordinator at **(973) 618-3216** or [ddowd@caldwell.edu](mailto:ddowd@caldwell.edu) for information on nursing programs.

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