

Midpoint parish pledge totals for 2007 AAA

Top 10 parishes in bold based on percent of goal

Parish Name	Pledged	Goal	Percent of Goal	# of donors	Parish Name	Pledged	Goal	Percent of Goal	# of donors
Annunciation, Paramus	\$62,150.00	\$44,300.00	140.29%	336	Saint Anthony's, Newark	\$24,795.00	\$14,956.00	165.79%	135
Ascension, New Milford	\$60,976.50	\$56,217.00	108.47%	321	Saint Anthony's, East Newark	\$4,940.00	\$11,208.16	44.08%	49
Assumption, Emerson	\$54,264.00	\$50,925.00	106.56%	283	Saint Anthony's, Elizabeth	\$12,680.00	\$19,134.00	66.27%	136
Assumption, Roselle Park	\$31,932.00	\$27,684.96	115.34%	152	Saint Anthony's, Jersey City	\$15,005.00	\$16,432.48	91.31%	76
Assumption, Wood Ridge	\$33,911.00	\$46,263.76	73.30%	211	Saint Anthony's, Northvale	\$36,635.00	\$27,940.07	131.12%	200
St. Andrew Kim/St. Venantius, Maplewood	\$16,057.00	\$16,500.00	97.32%	65	Saint Anthony of Padua, Union City	\$11,066.00	\$15,225.00	72.68%	97
Blessed Sacrament, Elizabeth	\$7,385.00	\$29,919.75	24.68%	44	Saint Antoninus, Newark	\$23,798.00	\$19,742.00	120.55%	51
Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo, Newark	\$16,010.00	\$25,342.00	63.18%	117	Saint Augustine's, Union City	\$18,726.00	\$39,302.00	47.65%	139
Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament, Roseland	\$84,702.00	\$78,789.00	107.50%	359	Saint Augustine's, Newark	\$100.00	\$1,517.08	6.59%	1
Christ the King, Hillside	\$16,324.00	\$26,830.00	60.84%	98	Saint Bartholomew's, Scotch Plains	\$77,097.00	\$58,314.75	132.21%	326
Christ the King, Jersey City	\$7,060.00	\$9,840.00	71.75%	27	Saint Benedict's, Newark	\$15,113.00	\$11,487.00	131.57%	118
Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River	\$127,003.00	\$100,715.00	126.10%	693	Church of Saint Bernard and St. Stanislaus, Plainfield	\$24,845.00	\$31,984.00	77.68%	115
Corpus Christi, Hasbrouck Heights	\$72,465.00	\$59,851.00	121.08%	320	Saint Catharine's, Glen Rock	\$120,055.00	\$73,969.48	162.30%	297
Church of Epiphany, Cliffside Park	\$42,327.00	\$31,373.68	134.91%	246	Saint Catherine's, Hillside	\$20,624.00	\$17,570.68	117.38%	110
Good Shepherd Parish, Irvington	\$27,670.00	\$12,000.00	230.58%	137	Saint Catherine of Siena, Cedar Grove	\$76,667.50	\$72,103.01	106.33%	392
Guardian Angel, Allendale	\$62,170.00	\$38,941.00	159.65%	109	Saint Casimir's, Newark	\$15,205.00	\$13,382.51	113.62%	125
Holy Cross, Harrison	\$31,475.00	\$22,909.27	137.39%	149	Saint Cassian's, Upper Montclair	\$94,413.12	\$85,839.00	109.99%	264
Holy Family, Linden	\$11,700.00	\$6,249.00	187.23%	139	Saint Cecilia's, Englewood	\$42,442.00	\$37,884.81	112.03%	125
Holy Family, Nutley	\$61,146.00	\$55,951.64	109.28%	289	Saint Cecilia's, Kearny	\$15,170.00	\$29,534.27	51.36%	101
Holy Family, Union City	\$6,106.00	\$11,251.00	54.27%	24	Saint Columba's, Newark	\$1,150.00	\$4,591.00	25.05%	11
Holy Name of Jesus, East Orange	\$14,260.00	\$16,642.39	85.68%	76	Saint Elizabeth's, Linden	\$37,067.00	\$38,488.15	96.31%	273
Holy Redeemer Parish, West New York	\$21,395.00	\$20,000.00	106.98%	110	Saint Elizabeth's, Wyckoff	\$144,245.00	\$141,449.00	101.98%	346
Holy Rosary, Edgewater	\$35,280.50	\$12,841.54	274.74%	67	Saint Francis of Assisi, Hackensack	\$15,935.00	\$21,569.89	73.88%	149
Holy Rosary/Saint Michael's, Elizabeth	\$20,920.00	\$16,455.00	127.13%	104	Saint Francis, Hoboken	\$58,958.00	\$21,894.00	269.29%	242
Holy Rosary, Jersey City	\$13,514.00	\$16,067.76	84.11%	92	Saint Francis of Assisi Church, Ridgefield Park	\$53,317.00	\$46,560.00	114.51%	264
Holy Spirit, Union	\$92,644.00	\$66,037.00	140.29%	385	Saint Francis de Sales, Lodi	\$16,930.00	\$16,981.01	99.70%	102
Holy Trinity, Fort Lee	\$71,191.00	\$21,287.81	334.42%	179	Saint Francis Xavier, Newark	\$34,902.00	\$23,000.00	151.75%	218
Holy Trinity, Hackensack	\$67,891.00	\$57,181.99	118.73%	234	Saint Gabriel's, Saddle River	\$153,128.13	\$71,816.00	213.22%	249
Epiphany/Holy Trinity, Newark	\$14,955.00	\$6,573.98	227.49%	142	Saint Genevieve's, Elizabeth	\$54,593.00	\$41,435.49	131.75%	220
Holy Trinity, Westfield	\$108,541.00	\$88,036.62	123.29%	359	Saint Hedwig's, Elizabeth	\$14,689.00	\$21,091.49	69.64%	143
Immaculate Conception, Mahwah	\$36,465.00	\$39,673.00	91.91%	148	Saint Helen's, Westfield	\$103,687.00	\$94,866.00	109.30%	443
Immaculate Conception, Elizabeth	\$38,772.00	\$26,184.00	148.08%	285	Saint Henry's, Bayonne	\$54,261.00	\$37,158.00	146.03%	252
Immaculate Conception/St. Mary's, Hackensack	\$13,150.00	\$14,467.16	90.90%	76	Saint James, Newark	\$10,070.00	\$13,034.96	77.25%	108
Immaculate Conception, Montclair	\$46,207.06	\$47,941.00	96.38%	116	Saint James, Springfield	\$80,000.00	\$50,035.00	159.89%	395
Immaculate Conception, Newark	\$15,790.00	\$7,437.86	212.29%	120	Saint John's, Newark	\$3,905.00	\$3,043.00	128.33%	19
Immaculate Conception, Norwood	\$32,969.00	\$34,372.44	95.92%	164	Saint John's, Orange	\$27,318.00	\$25,534.00	106.99%	158
Immaculate Conception, Secaucus	\$50,961.00	\$58,061.00	87.77%	280	Saint John the Apostle, Linden	\$85,830.00	\$79,071.39	108.55%	470
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mahwah	\$59,695.00	\$26,249.00	227.42%	163	Saint John the Baptist, Fairview	\$4,805.00	\$14,374.43	33.43%	39
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Newark	\$14,581.00	\$18,350.36	79.46%	139	Saint John the Baptist, Hillsdale	\$69,780.00	\$74,667.88	93.45%	274
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scotch Plains	\$89,767.00	\$87,276.43	102.85%	284	Saint John the Baptist, Jersey City	\$25,142.00	\$20,830.56	120.70%	104
Korean Martyrs Church, Saddle Brook	\$2,565.00	\$51,995.40	4.93%	10	Saint John the Evangelist, Bergenfield	\$177,665.50	\$79,057.00	224.73%	433
Little Flower, Berkeley Heights	\$62,442.00	\$53,695.90	116.29%	258	Saint John the Evangelist, Leonia	\$45,271.00	\$49,714.00	91.06%	192
Madonna, Fort Lee	\$38,505.00	\$30,147.00	127.72%	169	Saint Joseph's, Bayonne	\$21,167.00	\$18,959.72	111.64%	89
Most Blessed Sacrament, Franklin Lakes	\$140,689.04	\$104,252.00	134.95%	216	Saint Joseph's, Bogota	\$30,940.00	\$53,058.13	58.31%	165
Most Holy Name, Garfield	\$28,088.50	\$19,132.57	146.81%	163	Saint Joseph's, Demarest	\$47,128.00	\$30,116.37	156.49%	156
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bayonne	\$39,387.00	\$47,554.54	82.82%	276	Saint Joseph's Korean Catholic Church, Demarest	\$45,340.00	\$12,000.00	377.83%	199
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Lyndhurst	\$21,271.50	\$20,099.86	105.83%	173	Saint Joseph's, East Orange	\$15,015.00	\$10,211.77	147.04%	45
Nativity, Midland Park	\$55,781.50	\$58,801.00	94.86%	235	Saint Joseph's, Hackensack	\$4,262.00	\$5,769.27	73.87%	64
Notre Dame, North Caldwell	\$54,555.00	\$61,336.00	88.94%	216	Saint Joseph's, Hoboken	\$3,970.00	\$7,598.79	52.25%	38
Our Lady Help of Christians, East Orange	\$39,488.00	\$14,769.00	267.37%	188	Saint Joseph's, Jersey City	\$39,842.00	\$26,005.41	153.21%	203
Our Lady Mother of the Church, Woodcliff Lake	\$46,355.00	\$35,356.00	131.11%	149	Saint Joseph's, Lodi	\$27,295.00	\$21,103.00	129.34%	177
Our Lady of the Assumption, Bayonne	\$7,736.00	\$25,725.86	30.07%	62	Saint Joseph's, Maplewood	\$56,488.50	\$32,570.00	173.44%	217
Our Lady of Czestochowa, Harrison	\$13,257.00	\$19,137.23	69.27%	136	Saint Joseph's, New Milford	\$64,261.00	\$89,388.00	71.89%	252
Our Lady of Czestochowa, Jersey City	\$32,135.50	\$23,879.00	134.58%	131	Saint Joseph's, Roselle	\$32,391.00	\$30,552.48	106.02%	183
Our Lady of Fatima, Elizabeth	\$15,796.00	\$19,098.52	82.71%	145	Saint Joseph's, East Rutherford	\$28,855.00	\$51,138.40	56.43%	204
Our Lady of Fatima, Newark	\$19,156.00	\$18,989.00	100.88%	124	Saints Joseph and Michael, Union City	\$44,678.00	\$23,147.89	193.01%	239
Our Lady of Fatima, North Bergen	\$29,656.51	\$18,857.38	157.27%	231	Saint Joseph's, West Orange	\$68,070.75	\$46,262.60	147.14%	204
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Newark	\$28,551.00	\$15,357.00	185.92%	215	Saint Joseph of the Palisades, West New York	\$79,936.50	\$59,085.00	135.29%	571
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Washington Township	\$83,671.00	\$51,112.00	163.70%	301	Saint Lawrence Church, Weehawken	\$28,465.00	\$28,849.00	98.67%	123
Our Lady of Grace, Fairview	\$26,155.00	\$20,723.76	126.21%	155	Saint Leo's, Elmwood Park	\$35,250.00	\$38,906.12	90.60%	215
Our Lady of Grace, Hoboken	\$25,581.00	\$20,027.00	127.73%	145	Saint Leo's, Irvington	\$24,540.00	\$15,815.00	155.17%	86
Our Lady of the Lake, Verona	\$95,200.00	\$68,891.00	138.19%	323	Saint Lucy's, Newark	\$15,305.00	\$10,125.00	151.16%	108
Our Lady of Libera, West New York	\$2,438.00	\$7,155.11	34.07%	21	Saint Luke's, Ho-Ho-Kus	\$56,444.00	\$61,320.20	92.05%	236
Our Lady of Lourdes, Mountainside	\$51,044.00	\$54,723.62	93.28%	163	Saint Margaret's, Little Ferry	\$19,950.00	\$25,737.50	77.51%	132
Our Lady of Lourdes, West Orange	\$18,715.00	\$34,860.00	53.69%	91	Saint Mark's, Rahway	\$15,926.00	\$12,617.66	126.22%	131
Our Lady of Mercy, Jersey City	\$52,133.00	\$49,106.00	106.16%	263	Saint Mary's, Rutherford	\$145,149.00	\$72,126.00	201.24%	569
Our Lady of Mercy, Park Ridge	\$96,616.00	\$93,847.11	102.95%	362	Saint Mary's, Rahway	\$30,733.50	\$36,948.85	83.18%	125
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Jersey City	\$16,822.00	\$15,344.82	109.63%	101	Saint Mary's, Plainfield	\$97,676.50	\$30,067.00	324.86%	728
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Montclair	\$36,697.00	\$19,762.30	185.69%	104	Saint Mary's, Nutley	\$65,697.00	\$50,179.00	130.93%	325
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Newark	\$11,418.00	\$10,694.00	106.77%	81	Saint Mary's, Dumont	\$65,097.59	\$57,599.57	113.02%	286
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Nutley	\$29,402.00	\$24,641.00	119.32%	174	Saint Mary's, Closter	\$42,474.00	\$45,283.29	93.80%	139
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Orange	\$17,546.00	\$12,539.77	139.92%	110	Saint Mary's, Newark	\$8,900.00	\$5,503.00	161.73%	25
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Ridgewood	\$241,851.50	\$111,862.00	216.21%	561	Saint Mary's, Elizabeth	\$15,795.00	\$31,190.06	50.64%	91
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Tenafly	\$85,328.00	\$58,153.00	146.73%	237	Saint Matthew's, Ridgefield	\$29,661.00	\$32,000.00	92.69%	161
Our Lady of Mount Virgin, Garfield	\$18,575.00	\$29,150.00	63.72%	131	Saint Michael's, Union	\$81,791.88	\$64,946.25	125.94%	453
Our Lady of Peace, New Providence	\$82,700.00	\$70,573.00	117.18%	237	Saint Michael's, Bayonne	\$11,215.00	\$13,468.00	83.27%	85
Our Lady of Sorrows, Garfield	\$8,775.00	\$10,400.00	84.38%	64	Saint Michael's, Lyndhurst	\$15,550.00	\$22,545.00	68.97%	139
Our Lady of Sorrows, Jersey City	\$5,051.00	\$4,180.00	120.84%	48	Saint Michael's, Palisades Park	\$13,420.00	\$29,835.00	44.98%	80
Our Lady of Sorrows, Kearny	\$22,616.00	\$14,182.66	159.46%	180	Saint Michael's, Cranford	\$115,246.00	\$95,633.00	120.51%	868
Our Lady of Sorrows, South Orange	\$79,801.00	\$78,513.55	101.64%	296	Saint Michael's, Newark	\$44,012.50	\$16,745.00	262.84%	431
Our Lady of the Valley, Orange	\$17,614.00	\$15,952.81	110.41%	86	Saint Nicholas, Jersey City	\$28,105.00	\$32,155.00	87.40%	177
Our Lady of Victories, Jersey City	\$35,899.00	\$22,961.00	156.35%	201	Saint Nicholas, Palisades Park	\$21,952.00	\$14,155.00	155.08%	139
Our Lady of Victories, Harrington Park	\$54,236.00	\$33,797.90	160.47%	195	Immaculate Heart of Mary/Saint Patrick, Elizabeth	\$40,155.00	\$9,675.46	415.02%	262
Our Lady of the Visitation, Paramus	\$85,565.00	\$68,204.00	125.45%	353	Saint Patrick and Assumption/All Saints, Jersey City	\$4,465.00	\$10,486.00	42.58%	29
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Oakland	\$43,900.00	\$52,008.00	84.41%	224	Saint Patrick's ProCathedral, Newark	\$5,108.00	\$4,146.65	123.18%	28
Our Lady Queen Of Peace, Maywood	\$40,823.00	\$33,716.00	121.08%	208	Saint Paul the Apostle, Jersey City	\$27,210.00	\$24,319.45	111.89%	123
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Bayonne	\$66,556.00	\$30,092.12	221.17%	280	Saint Paul's, Ramsey	\$112,891.00	\$97,825.66	115.40%	335
Queen of Angels, Newark	\$10,870.00	\$10,740.00	101.21%	39	Saint Paul of the Cross, Jersey City	\$24,097.00	\$15,441.43	156.05%	112
Queen Of Peace, North Arlington	\$76,910.00	\$69,060.00	111.37%	421	Saint Peter's, Belleville	\$45,425.00	\$32,585.11	139.40%	217
Parish of the Resurrection, Jersey City	\$33,170.00	\$37,315.42	88.89%	158	Saint Peter the Apostle, River Edge	\$105,587.00	\$62,508.00	168.92%	449
Sacred Heart, Bloomfield	\$64,009.00	\$36,169.85	176.97%	243	Saint Peter Claver, Montclair	\$15,366.00	\$15,000.00	102.44%	88
Sacred Heart, Haworth	\$32,758.00	\$35,096.00	93.34%	112	Saints Peter and Paul, Elizabeth	\$9,100.00	\$8,655.00	105.14%	64
Sacred Heart of Jesus, Irvington	\$19,907.00	\$19,067.00	104.41%	140	Saints Peter and Paul, Hoboken	\$37,455.00	\$33,328.00	112.38%	87
Sacred Heart, Lyndhurst	\$37,620.00	\$46,609.47	80.71%	207	Saint Phillip the Apostle, Saddle Brook	\$42,762.00	\$44,235.20	96.67%	266
Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark	\$51,190.00	\$18,075.00	283.21%	220	Saint Philomena's, Livingston	\$87,510.00	\$81,617.06	107.22%	292
Sacred Heart, Newark	\$19,037.00	\$12,667.00	150.29%	79	Saint Pius X, Old Tappan	\$27,622.50	\$33,619.00	82.16%	91
Sacred Heart, North Bergen (Cliffside Park)	\$33,674.00	\$15,675.00	214.83%	163	Saint Raphael's, Livingston	\$42,186.00	\$44,361.00	95.10%	169
Sacred Heart, Rochelle Park	\$24,471.00	\$28,809.00	84.94%	144	Saint Rocco/Saint Brigid, Union City	\$11,426.00	\$6,500.00	175.78%	74
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Wallington	\$28,559.00	\$35,000.00	81.60%	247	Saint Rose of Lima, Newark	\$8,410.00	\$6,112.00	137.60%	52
Saint Adalbert's, Elizabeth	\$15,784.80	\$22							

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Thirteen priests were ordained on May 26 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. The new priests are pictured reciting the rosary led by Archbishop John J. Myers (center, top) in the Cathedral garden, prior to the ordination Mass. Standing at the top right is Father Michael A. Andreano, vice chancellor and secretary to Archbishop Myers. The Class of 2007 reflects the rich cultural and ethnic diversity found throughout the Archdiocese of Newark. Two new priests hail from New Jersey (one, Father William F. Benedetto, is from Belleville); two are from Spain; three from Poland; two from the Philippines; and one each from Argentina, Puerto Rico, Colombia and Pennsylvania.

Amid cheers, Archdiocese of Newark ordains 13 priests, again leads nation

BY WARD MIELE
 Managing Editor

With the ordination of 13 men to the priesthood on May 26 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the Archdiocese of Newark—for the second consecutive year—led the nation with the largest ordination class.

Last year the Church in Newark had 17 ordinandi to lead the nation (see *The Catholic Advocate*, May 24, 2006). This year, with 13 new priests, it tied the Archdiocese of Chicago for the top spot. The Newark Archdiocese, in recent years, consistently has been among the national leaders in priest ordinations. There were a dozen men ordained here two years ago, 14 in 2004 and a dozen again in 2003.

Members of the Church in Newark's Class of 2007 included Father Renato Jacinto Bautista, Father William Francis Benedetto, Father Mariano Nicolas Dellagiovanna, Father Manual Duenas, Father Oscar Daniel Fonseca, Father Robert Gajewski, Father Sebastian Jose Garcia, Father Charles Martin Kelly, Father Piotr Koziolkiewicz, Father Wilson Avelino Paculan, Father Jose Helber Victoria Tovar, Father Michael Sean Patrick Trainor and Father Maciej Jan Zajac. (A complete listing of the 13 new priests, with photos and biographies, appeared in the May 23 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*.)

Although it was reported that the Archdiocese of New York had 14 men ordained to the priesthood, seven of those were "order priests" for service to the Community of Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in the Bronx.

Reflecting on this year's ordinandi, Archbishop John J. Myers said "this local Church in Newark and the Universal Church together are blessed through the faith and commitment that these men give us today. They join the order of the ordained priesthood of our Lord Jesus Christ from all walks of life and with many different experiences. As the Church continues to face many challenges, she welcomes them, knowing that their love of God and His people will strengthen her."

Citing the archdiocese's leadership status, its vocations director, Father Brian Plate remarked, "this achievement is the fruit of much prayer, effort and commitment. The perseverance of these men is a tribute to their faith and the formation and faculty of our seminary."

The Mass of Ordination of Priests, celebrated before a Cathedral Basilica filled with clergy, Religious, seminarians as well as family and friends of the new priests, included several solemn moments. During the Promise of the Elect, the archbishop questioned the candidates who promised respect and obedience to the archbishop and his successors. Later in the Mass, Archbishop Myers laid his

hands on the head of each elect as did all the priests in attendance. Then the archbishop prayed the Prayer of Ordination.

The new priests were vested followed by Archbishop Myers anointing their hands with chrism oil, praying that Jesus guard and preserve them. Referring to the Gospel in which Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, Archbishop Myers in his homily pointed to the humility of Christ in doing so. He stressed the "attitude of service" as the "ongoing work" of the priest "as servant."

The priest, he explained, "proclaims the Word" so that others will have "hope, life and are encouraged." The Word of God, he continued, has been "entrusted" to the Church. The Sacraments, said Archbishop Myers, are signs of the living God and a source of "hope and strength."

He reminded the new priests of their "sacred duty" to teach "in the name of Jesus Christ." When they do so, he added, they will act as nourishment to the people of God.

Archbishop Myers called upon the new priests to carry out their ministry of Jesus Christ "with joy and love." At the end of the Mass, the archbishop received the first blessing of each new priest.

Following Mass, the new priests processed out of the Cathedral Basilica to thunderous applause. They later offered their blessings to family and friends.

Council will get own leader soon

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, which has shared a president with the

Pontifical Council for Culture for more than a year, will get its own leader shortly, the Vatican secretary of state said. Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, speaking May 26 at a conference on interreligious dialogue in Vercelli, Italy, said, “the

change demonstrates the importance of interreligious dialogue” for the Catholic Church. The Vatican press office confirmed Cardinal Bertone’s remarks but said it had no information on when Pope Benedict XVI would name the new president.

pope caressed it. “His thoughts and touch and words were more tender than we could have imagined,” Gerry McCann told reporters afterward.

Teen makes movie about Dafur crisis

ONTARIO, N.Y. (CNS)—Erin Schultz has never been to the Darfur region of Sudan but that has not stopped her from reaching out to ease the suffering of the people in that region. After learning that Darfur is currently in the throes of a crisis so violent that many are classifying it as genocide, 15-year-old Erin, who lives in Ontario, created a short movie about the crisis and e-mailed it to everyone she knows. She had only intended to raise awareness about the problem, but she has also raised approximately \$2,000 for relief efforts in Darfur. Last year at this time, Erin

had barely even heard of Darfur. She was active in the youth group at her parish, St. Mary of the Lake in Ontario, and had volunteered at a food bank a few times, but she had never been overly involved in activist efforts. Donations for Darfur relief may be sent by check to: Erin’s Darfur Project, c/o St. Mary of the Lake Parish, 5823 Walworth Rd., Ontario, NY 14519. Copies of Erin’s movie on Darfur are available by contacting Carol May at: (315) 524-2611.

Pontiff, President will meet June 9

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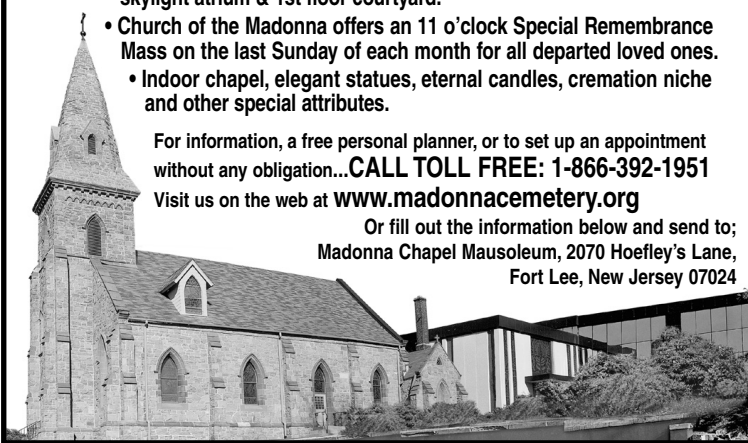
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Pope offers prayers for kidnapped girl

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI, meeting the parents of a 4-year-old British girl apparently kidnapped while the family was on vacation in Portugal, blessed a photograph of the little girl and offered his prayers. Kate and Gerry McCann, the Catholic parents of Madeleine, who has been missing since May 3, met the pope at the end of his weekly general audience May 30 in St. Peter’s Square. When they handed him the photograph, the

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St. James Parish, Springfield, "Nurturing Your Marriage: An Invitation to Couples with Children with Developmental Disabilities," 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., cost: \$35, call Judy Miller at (973) 497-4324.

June 13

Holy Family Parish, Nutley, St. Lucy Filippini Sodality meeting, 8 p.m., call Jo-Ann Brown at (973) 667-2633.

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June 14

St. Andrew Parish, Westwood, golf outing at River Vale Country Club, 8 a.m., cost: \$150 per golfer, (201) 666-1100.

St. Joseph Parish, Lodi, Caritas Chamber Chorale presents "Christ is Our Peace," 8 p.m., (732) 560-9669.

June 15

Caldwell College, tricky tray gift auction, 6:30 p.m., cost: \$20, \$15 for alumni, call Megan Hurley at (973) 618-3582.

Knights of Columbus Council #2188, Westwood, Friday night dinner, 6 p.m., cost: \$10, (201) 664-9835.

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St. Phil's Singles, Livingston, outdoor volleyball, 3 p.m., (973) 340-4001.

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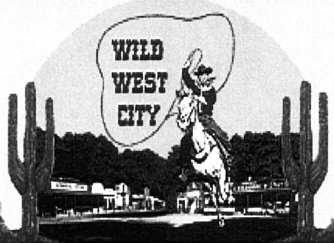
St. Andrew Parish, Westwood, "A History of the Mass," also on June 20, 9:30 a.m., (908) 232-8137.

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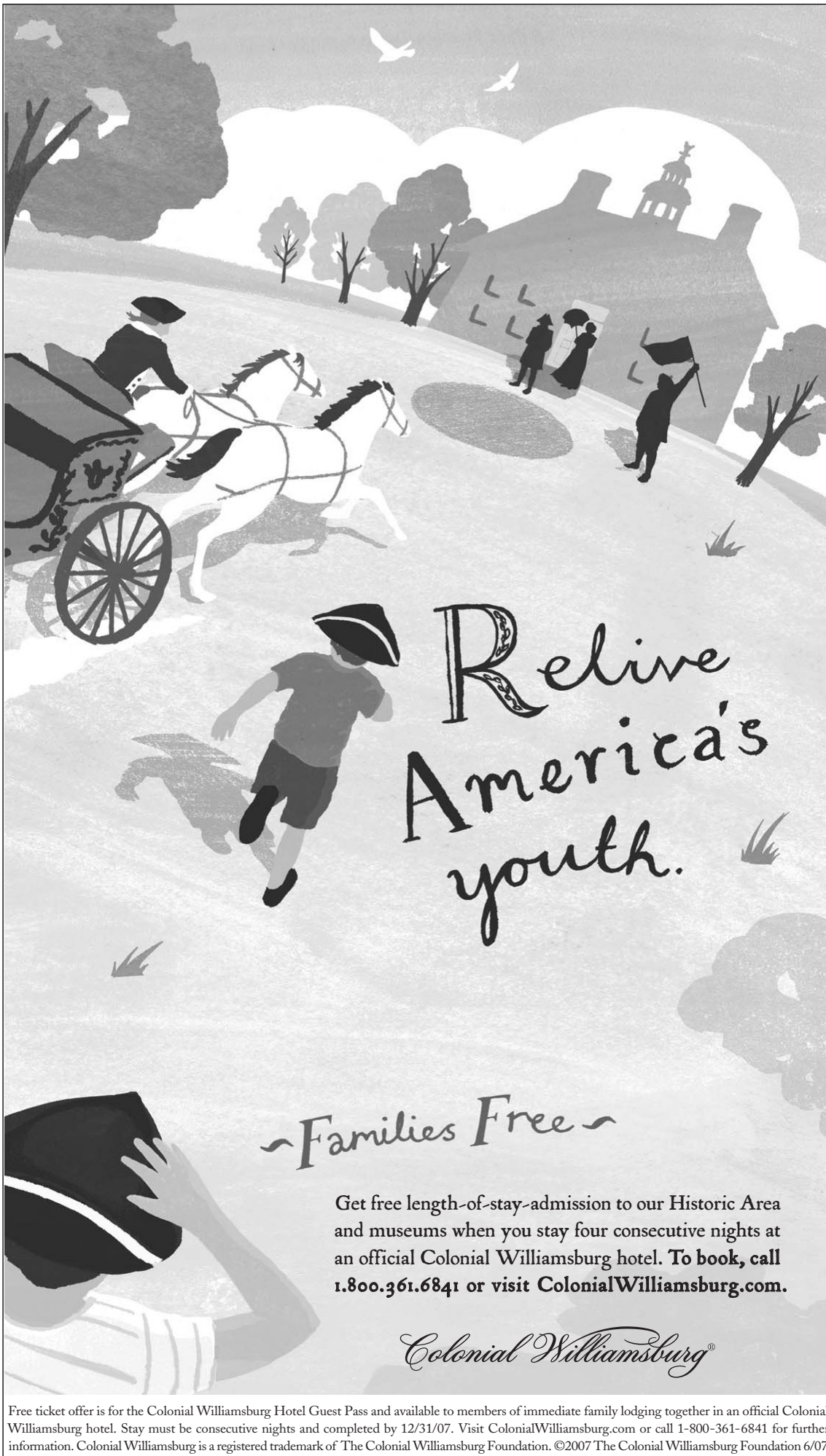
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Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY MINISTRY

Reverend Antonio I. Bico, Reverend Christopher M. Ciccarino and Reverend John S. Grimm have been appointed to the faculty of Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University, South Orange for a period of three years effective July 1 through June 30, 2010.

PASTOR

Reverend Kenneth V. Jones, pastor of St. Mary Parish, Plainfield, has been granted an extension on his pastorate ending April 8, 2011.

Reverend Michael Marotta, C.R.M. has been appointed pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Lodi, effective June 1.

Reverend John P. McGovern, pastor of St. Michael Parish, Cranford, has been appointed to a second six-year term ending June 30, 2013.

Reverend Michael C. Santoro, pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Jersey City, has also been appointed pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Jersey City, effective July 1.

Reverend Monsignor Paul D. Schetelick, V.F., parochial vicar of the St. Andrew Parish, Bayonne, has been appointed pastor effective July 1.

Reverend Robert E. Tooman, Chaplain at Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth, has been appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Parish (Vailsburg), Newark, effective July 1.

ADMINISTRATOR

Reverend Gerard M. Lombardo, pastor of St. Michael Parish, Bayonne, has also been appointed administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Bayonne, effective July 1.

Reverend Don Bosco Park, parochial vicar of Church of the Korean Martyrs, Saddle Brook, has been appointed administrator effective July 1.

Reverend Thomas Thottungal, parochial vicar of St. Aloysius Parish, Jersey City, has been appointed administrator of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison, effective July 1.

DEAN

Reverend Andres J. Reyes, pastor of St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Jersey City, has also been appointed Dean of the Jersey City North Deanery, Deanery 10, for a term of five years, effective May 4.

Very Reverend Joseph P. Masiello, V.F., Dean of the Southwest Union Deanery, Deanery 26 has been granted an extension of one year as Dean, ending June 15, 2008.

Very Reverend Benedict Worry, O.S.B., V.F., Dean of the Southeast Union Deanery, Deanery 24 has been granted an extension of one year as Dean, ending June 15, 2008.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Reverend John R. Barno has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Andrew Parish, Bayonne, effective Aug. 1.

Reverend Gerald Buonopane, parochial vicar of Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington, has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Helen Parish, Westfield, effective June 20.

Reverend Donato Cabardo, parochial vicar of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Parish, Scotch Plains, has been appointed parochial vicar of Sacred Heart Parish (Vailsburg), Newark, effective June 20.

Reverend Egonor Cunha has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York, effective June 20.

Reverend Ordanico DeLaPena, parochial vicar of St. Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York, has been appointed parochial vicar of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Hoboken, effective June 20.

Reverend Gerardo D. Gallo, parochial vicar of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Hoboken, has been appointed parochial vicar of St. John the Baptist Parish, Fairview, effective June 20.

Reverend Marco Hurtado, parochial vicar of St. Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff, has been appointed summer parochial vicar of St. John Parish, Clark/Linden, effective June 20 to Sept. 30.

Reverend Stephen A. Kopacz, parochial vicar of St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, has been appointed parochial vicar of Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington, effective June 20.

Reverend John J. Korbela has been appointed parochial vicar of Immaculate Conception Parish, Montclair, effective June 20.

Reverend Jose E. Marquez, parochial vicar of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York, effective June 20.

Reverend Brian X. Needles, parochial vicar of St. Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York, has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, effective June 20.

Reverend Jose Maria M. Parcon, administrator St. Columba Parish, Newark, has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Leo Parish, Elmwood Park, effective June 20.

Reverend Thomas Wisniewski has been appointed parochial vicar of Corpus Christi Parish, Hasbrouck Heights, effective June 20.

Reverend Juan C. Zapata, parochial vicar of St. Leo Parish, Irvington, has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Aloysius Parish, Jersey City, effective June 20.

Reverend Jozef Krajnak, S.T.L. has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Hoboken, effective June 15.



Reverend Ferdinan Wagner N. Nalitan has been appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Raphael Parish, Livingston, effective immediately and ending Oct. 31.

Reverend Christopher R. Panlilio, parochial vicar of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Hoboken, has been appointed parochial vicar of Our Lady of Victories Parish, Jersey City, effective June 15.

Reverend George S. Pereira has been appointed summer parochial vicar of St. John the Baptist Parish, Jersey City, effective May 4 and ending Aug. 31.

CAMPUS MINISTER

Reverend Alvin F. Kimel, Jr., campus minister at Kean University, Union, has been appointed campus minister at Fairleigh Dickinson University (Metropolitan Campus), Teaneck, effective June 20.

Reverend William P.

Sheridan, parochial vicar at Immaculate Conception Parish, Montclair, has been appointed campus minister at Ramapo College, Mahwah with residence at Immaculate Conception, Mahwah, effective June 20.

CHAPLAIN

Reverend John A. Quill has been appointed chaplain at Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth, with residence at St. Joseph the Carpenter Rectory, Roselle, effective July 1.

COMMUNITY

Reverend Francisco Siguenza, O.A.R. was appointed a member of the Community at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Monastery, Union City, effective May 10.

RESIDENCE

Reverend Hector DiNardo, C.R.M., pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Lodi, has been appointed to the Adorno Fathers Residence, Ramsey, effective June 1.

Reverend Mathew Eraly, chaplain at Veterans Administration Hospital, East Orange, has been appointed to residence at St. Anne Rectory, Garwood, effective June 1, 2007.

NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS

Reverend Renato Jacinto Bautista has been appointed parochial vicar of the Parish of Most Blessed Sacrament, Franklin Lakes, effective June 20.

Reverend William F. Benedetto has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Catharine Parish, Glen Rock, effective June 20.

Reverend Mariano N. Dellagiovanna has been appointed parochial vicar of Holy Redeemer Parish, West New York, effective June 20.

Reverend Manuel Duenas has been appointed parochial vicar of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, effective June 20.

Reverend Oscar D. Fonseca has been appointed parochial vicar at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, effective June 27.

Reverend Robert S. Gajewski has been appointed parochial vicar of the Parish of St. Joseph, Oradell/New Milford, effective July 1.

Reverend Sebastian Jose Garcia has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Aedan Parish, Jersey City, effective June 20.



Reverend Charles M. Kelly has been appointed parochial vicar of Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington, effective June 20.

Reverend Piotr Koziolkiewicz has been appointed parochial vicar of Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, Harrison, effective July 1.

Reverend Wilson A. Paculan has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Michael Parish, Union, effective July 1.

Reverend Jose Helber Victoria Tovar has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Leo Parish, Irvington, effective July 1.

Reverend Maciej Jan Zajac has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, effective July 1.

Reverend Michael S.P. Trainor has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills, effective June 20.

NEWLY ORDAINED TRANSITIONAL DEACONS

Reverend Mr. Pedro Bismarck Chau, Diaconal ministry at St. Francis de Sales Parish, Lodi effective May 29 to April 28, 2008.

Reverend Mr. Andres Codoner, Diaconal ministry at St. Aloysius Parish, Newark effective May 29 to April 28, 2008.

Reverend Mr. Raphael Joonyoung Lee, Diaconal ministry at St. Henry Parish, Bayonne effective May 29 to April 28, 2008.

Reverend Mr. Ireneusz Pierzchala, Diaconal ministry at St. Theresa Parish, Kenilworth effective May 29 to April 28, 2008.

Reverend Mr. Bruno Sammarco, Diaconal ministry at St. Columba Parish, Newark effective May 29 to April 28, 2008.

Reverend Mr. Ivan Sant, Diaconal ministry Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark effective May 29 to April 28, 2008.

Reverend Mr. Paolo Tanzini, Diaconal ministry at Holy Redeemer Parish, West New York effective May 29 to April 28, 2008.

Reverend Mr. Marco Schad, newly ordained transitional deacon of the Archdiocese of Washington D.C., has been assigned to Diaconal ministry at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, effective Sept. 8 to April 28, 2008.

U.S. must weigh goals in Iraq: Archbishop O'Brien

BY JULIE ASHER
Catholic News Service

BROOKLYN, NY (CNS)—At this stage in the Iraq War, the United States “must honestly assess what is achievable in Iraq using the traditional just-war principle of ‘probability of success,’ including the probability of contributing to a responsible transition,” said Archbishop Edwin F. O’Brien.

The United States and its allies “also have a grave responsibility, even at a high cost, to help Iraqis secure and rebuild their nation,” unless the conclusion is reached that “a responsible transition is not achievable,” he said.

The archbishop, who heads the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services, made the comments in a Memorial Day pastoral message to Catholic men and women in the U.S. armed forces. He delivered the same message at a packed session May 25 during the 2007 Catholic Media Convention here.

The archbishop told his convention audience that he was not speaking with “any special insight

or experience” of what has gone on in Iraq or in Afghanistan, but said he is in contact with many who are engaged in the conflicts there.

He used the first part of his talk to review the four major statements on the war issued by U.S. bishops; the first was released in September 2002 and the most recent was issued in January of this year.

The 2002 letter, signed by then-Bishop Wilton D. Gregory, the U.S. bishops’ president at the time, urged President George W. Bush to “step back from the brink of war,” warning that a pre-emptive military strike on Iraq was unjustified.

The bishops’ most recent statement—dated Jan. 12 and issued by Bishop William S. Skylstad of Spokane, the current president—said every U.S. action or policy in Iraq “ought to be evaluated in light of our nation’s moral responsibility to help Iraqis to live with security and dignity in the aftermath of U.S. military action.”

It said benchmarks for progress toward such a transition include “minimally acceptable levels of security; economic reconstruction to create employment for Iraqis;

and political structures and agreements that help overcome divisions, reduce violence, broaden participation and increase respect for religious freedom and basic human rights.”

These statements, along with what the Vatican has said in opposition to the war, provide a moral framework for discussing the current situation in Iraq, Archbishop O’Brien said. Raising grave moral questions about U.S. involvement in Iraq is in no way questioning the moral integrity of those in the military.

Archbishop O’Brien said he feels that Bush and other administration officials have taken the Catholic bishops seriously and “appreciate our evenhandedness. Condemnation is not what we’re about.” Unfortunately, what many Catholic leaders and others predicted would happen in Iraq—the chaos and the difficulties of consolidating peace—has come true, he said.

What was missing at the outset of the war was a comprehensive blueprint to administer and restore Iraq after Saddam Hussein was de-



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Capt. Patrick Van Kirk and son Michael, wife Theresa, and son James talk with Archbishop Edwin F. O’Brien of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services April 11 outside the chapel on the U.S. Army base in Friedberg, Germany.

posed, Archbishop O’Brien said. “There was not sufficient foresight about what we might do after our seeming victory.”

The archbishop argued against pulling out of Iraq now, and said the United States must look at what is achievable. He added that military personnel feel that Americans at the grass-roots level still support them.

Archbishop O’Brien compared the Iraq situation to the Vietnam War. He was an Army chaplain in the early 1970s and served a year in Vietnam. The United States was gaining the upper hand there, he said, until the Tet offensive conducted by the North Vietnamese. Technically, it was a failed military action, but it was a turning point in the war.

Land O’Lakes Statement, CUA wars: 40 years later

Forty years ago this coming summer, some two-dozen prominent Catholic educators met at a Wisconsin resort and issued the “Land O’Lakes Statement.”

Those were heady days in the academy: the council of “openness,” Vatican II, had ended 18 months before; student protests against the Vietnam War were heating up; the once-staid Catholic University of America (CUA) had exploded in the spring of 1967, as both students and faculty protested the administration’s decision not to renew the contract of a hitherto obscure moral theologian, Father Charles Curran.

Land O’Lakes also was written in the shadow of John Tracy Ellis’ 1955 essay, “Catholic Intellectual Life in America Today,” which rightly challenged U.S. Catholic institutions of higher education to a level of excellence worthy of the Church, which had given the West the very idea of a “university.”

As I read Ellis, though, he was urging Catholic colleges and universities to play-to-strength by making themselves into first-rate liberal arts institutions with a distinctively Catholic character; he wasn’t urging Catholic colleges and universities to imitate every contemporary fashion in the wider world of American higher education.

The Land O’Lakes signatories would deny that that’s what they wanted; but that’s largely what they got, thanks to the statement’s call for “true autonomy,” which was read in many quarters as invalidating any significant relationship between Catholic colleges and universities and the teaching authority of the Church. The new “magisterium” to be followed would be the vision of higher education defined by elite American schools. Alas, this was

The Catholic Difference

by George Weigel



precisely the moment when Harvard, Berkeley, Cornell, and other trend-setting universities were in intellectual, cultural, and moral meltdown.

The net result was what we see on more than a few elite Catholic campuses today: curricula, faculty and modes of life that would have stood John Tracy Ellis’ elegant shock of white hair on end.

New winds of change are blowing through Catholic higher education in America: the bracing winds of dynamic orthodoxy. Some elite Catholic schools are, sadly, lost and quite likely lost for good.

A few months after Land O’Lakes, an accrediting agency, the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, issued its report on Catholic University and averred that, unless drastic changes were made in the ways the university functioned academically and was governed, CUA’s accreditation should be withheld. Now, no one familiar with CUA in those days can doubt that change was required. But change is one thing and revolution is another. And revolution is what the Middle States report prescribed. An exaggeration? Here’s one of the most striking sections of the Middle States report:

“(CUA’s) concern for tradition and orthodoxy have been an inhibiting factor (in its functioning and growth)...A good institution must endow its students with the capacity to reconcile orthodoxy with dissent and must impose a framework of discipline at the same time as it encourages rebellion against it.”

That second sentence is not a misprint. It is, however, a pluperfect expression of the intellectual and moral confusions of the late Sixties. Those confusions set the cultural context in which the Land O’Lakes Statement (which makes some entirely valid points) was received and implemented in many Catholic colleges and universities, with damage visible down to today.

Two generations later, new winds of change are blowing through Catholic higher education in America: the bracing winds of dynamic orthodoxy. Some elite Catholic schools are, sadly, lost and quite likely lost for good. Yet others have made significant comebacks in recent years, thanks to generational change in theology departments, courageous presidential and board leadership, students who demand authentic Catholicism from schools that market themselves as “Catholic,” and the work of alert alumni.

Moreover, several smaller Catholic liberal arts colleges in virtually every part of the country are giving fresh life to Msgr. Ellis’ vision of revitalized classical learning in a Catholic context; proving once again that that kind of learning is a better preparation for a professional future than the intellectual disarray that still reigns supreme on some campuses with stratospheric U.S. News & World Report ratings.

These new-wave Catholic schools consider their linkage to the Church an integral part of their lives. In doing so, they remind us that doctrine is liberating, even in institutions dedicated to critical thought.

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

Understanding the Eucharist as Memorial Sacrifice

Readings: Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11-17.

As we watch people enter and leave a Catholic church, do they show an understanding of the Eucharistic presence of Christ in their midst? Do my attitudes and actions manifest a deep faith in Emmanuel, God-with-us?

"Pastors have the duty to expound upon the parts of the Mass and to explain aspects of the mystery of this sacrament" (Council of Trent, session 22). Almost 300 years earlier (in the year 1264), this feast celebrating Christ's gift of himself at the Last Supper and on the cross was instituted for the same purpose of enhancing Christian faith in the Eucharist.

The Greek term "Eucharist" (thanksgiving) situates the work of Jesus within the millennial tradition of the Jewish people. The many manifestations of the Father's bounty deserve a response that includes gratitude for the gifts and praise to the Giver. God's goodness is the source of life itself and divine providence preserves the faithful from danger.

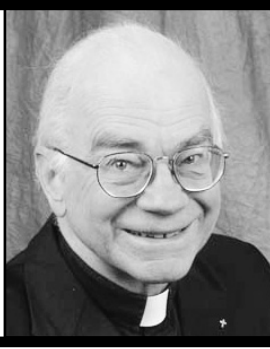
The Book of Genesis describes the victory of Abram over enemies who had taken his nephew Lot into captivity. A mysterious and benevolent ruler of Jerusalem offered a priestly act of thanksgiving on behalf of the patriarch. Abram gave a tithe of the spoils to Melchizedek ("king of righteousness") as a sign of appreciation for his intercession.

Did the bread and wine constitute a sacrificial offering? The text does not make this precision nor does the Epistle to the Hebrews (chapters 5-7) interpret it to foreshadow the Last Supper. The theologians of the early Church did develop this point, but even the sharing of a meal is significant as the completion of a blessing or act of thanksgiving.

Sunday Readings

The Feast
of Corpus Christi
(June 10, 2007)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



When David's conquest of Jerusalem (2 Sm 5:6-9) enabled him to offer sacrifices there, he was saluted as a (non-Levite) priest "according to the order of Melchizedek" (Ps 110:4). While the early Christians acknowledged that Jesus was the royal Messiah, son of David, they rejoiced that His suffering constituted a priestly sacrifice.

How could a member of the tribe of Judah qualify to be a priest? "He was designated by God as high priest according to the order of Melchizedek" (Heb 5:6). As mediator of the divine gifts of life and forgiveness to the people in a covenant with God, the priest must be

compassionate with human weakness and needs (see Heb 4:14-15).

When Jesus fed the hungry crowds, he wanted to alert His disciples to the mission of mercy that they would continue in His name. But physical hunger was satisfied so that people would come to know Jesus as the one who brings them even greater gifts from the heavenly Father. After the resurrection the disciples came to recognize that the multiplication of loaves was a sign

of the eucharistic gift bestowed at the Last Supper.

Early Christian communities celebrated the Lord's Supper, probably in the context of a meal, just as the Jewish people integrated the symbols of the Passover into a banquet. The very selfishness of some Christians in Corinth became a "happy fault," because it led St. Paul to record the tradition of the eucharistic words.

The nuances in today's reading that differ from the Gospel narratives bear witness to a liturgical experience that emphasized the "memorial" even more strongly than the Synoptic tradition. "Do this in remembrance of me!" This command involves more than recalling the past as one remembers an anniversary.

The memorial or commemoration in Jewish worship involves the representation of the spiritual realities experienced in a key historical event. Thus the Passover Meal brings every generation into union with the mercy, goodness and power of God who delivered their ancestors from Egyptian oppression (see Exodus 13:8).

In like manner, Jesus wanted each community of the faithful to have access to the benefits flowing from the unique event of the Paschal Mystery (His death and resurrection). Hence the Mass—the Lord's Supper—is at the same time and inseparably a sacrifice in which the sacrifice of the Cross is perpetuated; a memorial of the Lord's death and resurrection; a sacred banquet in which through the communion of the Lord's Body and Blood, the people of God share the benefits of the Paschal Sacrifice...and in faith and hope foreshadow and anticipate the eschatological banquet in the Father's Kingdom, proclaiming the Lord's death until his coming (Instruction on the Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery, May 25, 1967, No. 3).

All of these dimensions of the Eucharist must be maintained for the integrity of our faith. The sacramental act of remembering links us to the unique sacrifice of the cross and brings its benefits to us through the very gift of his presence under the symbols of nourishment.

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

The Holy Spirit's 'fire' to burn at the Meadowlands

"It only takes a spark to get a fire going." These opening words from the popular retreat song "Pass It On!" dramatically came to life recently in the Jersey Pine Barrens when a U.S. Air Force flare set off the dry brush which created a spectacular forest fire that consumed as much territory as the size of Manhattan Island.

While the positive spin expressed the value of occasional forest fires as a way of clearing space which overall benefits a larger forest's ecosystem, the increasing incursion of housing developments, particularly for senior citizens, adds serious implications for human life that is not as readily replaced.

Fortunately in this case there was neither loss of life nor even serious injury, only the destruction of five homes and damage to several others.

Our recent celebration of Pentecost recalled how the Holy Spirit, who came to the Apostles using the symbol of tongues of fire, was just the spark they needed to convert thousands to the Faith. Being on fire with the love of God, the Apostles and Disciples were convincing witnesses through their charismatic preaching and dynamic living.

Later this month, the Spirit will be moving over the Meadowlands, where the National Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement will hold its annual weekend conference of teaching and praise. (June 22-24; Meadowlands Exposition Center, Secaucus) This celebrates the 40th anniversary of Catholic Charismatic Renewal in the United States, and has as its theme: "40 Years of Renewal: Pour Out Your Spirit Anew." It will be a time not only to cele-

Seeing & Believing

By Rev. Msgr.
Richard J. Arnolds



brate what has been but also to be empowered anew for the challenges of proclaiming Jesus as Lord in our current cultural and societal context.

Members of various ethnic groups and covenant communities will gather to hear nationally recognized speakers from around the country, including some from our own archdiocese. While it is the hope that every prayer group would send at least one representative to the conference, it could prove an interesting experience for anyone who seeks a renewal of their faith. (Go to www.nsc-chariscenter.org).

As Archbishop Pietro Sambi, the Apostolic Nuncio for the United States, recently noted in a letter to Archbishop

John J. Myers regarding this upcoming event, "The Charismatic Renewal has shown the Church in the United States the grace and challenge of living as a people of Pentecost, alive in the Spirit and committed to the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. By the power of that Holy Spirit, you celebrate a unity that is made possible by your faith in the Eucharistic Lord. I encourage to you reflect on the words of our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI: 'Union with Christ is also union with all those to whom he gives himself. I cannot possess Christ just for myself; I can belong to Him only in union with all those who have become, or who will become, His own. Communion draws me out of myself towards Him, and thus also towards unity with all Christians. We become "one body," completely joined in a

single existence. Love of God and love of neighbor are now truly united: God incarnate draws us all to Himself.' (*Deus Caritas Est*, #13,14.)

"It is my prayer that this gathering in Newark may be a time of grace, blessing and unity for all who participate in this joyful celebration of life in

the Spirit; upon each of you, I am pleased to impart the Apostolic Blessing of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI."

(Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnolds is pastor of St. John the Evangelist parish in Bergenfield, and Archdiocesan Vicar for Pastoral Life.)

It will be a time not only to celebrate what has been but also to be empowered anew for the challenges of proclaiming Jesus as Lord

NJCC ponders the moral obligations of affordable housing in New Jersey

BY MARLENE LAO COLLINS AND PATRICK R. BRANNIGAN
Special to The Catholic Advocate

One of the most important challenges facing New Jersey is the need to provide affordable housing for the middle class and the poor. For over 30 years, since the landmark Mount Laurel case, the State of New Jersey has been under a Supreme Court mandate to provide affordable housing in all municipalities.

In recent months, there has been a vibrant and at times polarizing dialogue focused on the failure of the state to meet its Mount Laurel constitutional affordable housing obligations.

One aspect of this dialogue has been the question of whether the state should end Regional Contribution Agreements (RCAs). These agreements permit affluent towns to pay distressed communities to accept up to one half of those towns' affordable housing obligations.

RCAs, originally intended to increase affordable housing and reduce suburban sprawl, in practice have led to increased clustering of the poor in urban areas, while allowing affluent towns to avoid their constitutional obligation to provide affordable housing.

Some have provided leadership on this issue. In a recent speech at Princeton University, former New Jersey Supreme Court Justice Gary S. Stein cited the state's failure and called for a renewed "conciliatory approach" among housing advocates, municipalities, builders and the State. Justice Stein has called upon the governor's office to focus on making Mount Laurel happen, i.e., begin to meet the affordable housing needs in municipalities.

Assembly Speaker Joseph Roberts of Camden—the sponsor of Assembly Bill 3857 that would eliminate RCAs and provide an alternative source of funding—has criticized RCAs. Speaker Roberts sponsored legislation in 2002 that barred Camden from accepting RCAs because of the harm they have done to that city.

Senate President Richard Codey and Gov. Jon Corzine also have supported the effort to end RCAs. Senators John Adler and Nia Gill also are supportive and have introduced Senate Bill 2451 that is similar to Assembly Bill 3857. Many religious, civic, and fair housing groups have joined the call for an end to RCAs. Together, these legislators and other leaders resonate a welcomed call for a more equitable affordable housing policy in our state.

The New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC) joins the affordable housing dialogue—not driven by legal imperatives, but driven by our moral obligation to provide for the poor. The clustering of the poor in ghetto-like areas is unacceptable because neither the struggling urban areas nor the poor are helped. With RCAs, the poor often are placed out of sight and out of mind, beyond the reach of opportunity, and confined to a cycle of poverty.

Some claim that RCAs are needed to help rehabilitate housing in our cities, but history shows that RCAs have generated relatively little affordable housing over their 20-year existence. There are other ways to rehabilitate housing, and Speaker Roberts' bill provides one workable solution.

Others claim that RCAs are needed to reduce sprawl. Again, history shows that the market-rate housing that has been built in still sprawling suburbs far exceeds the affordable housing that has been built anywhere. Indeed, many New Jersey environmental and smart-growth groups have called for an end to RCAs.

Ironically, RCAs result in affordable housing being built where there already is too much affordable housing

while letting towns that have little or no affordable housing avoid their responsibility. New Jersey's housing policy should not promote the short-term rehabilitation of housing in our cities at the expense of permanently lost opportunities in the state's prosperous communities that for too long have failed to provide their fair share of affordable housing.

Guided by Catholic social teaching and careful analysis, the NJCC has concluded that RCAs are not sound public policy. RCAs promote economic segregation in our cities, whether the poor be white, African-American or Latino. Such geographic isolation of the poor creates two New Jerseys—one prosperous and one programmed for further decline and poverty.

New Jersey's Catholic Bishops have long insisted that housing is a basic human right and that in New Jersey—a high cost of living state—the lack of affordable housing is especially pressing.

Our focus on affordable housing is not an isolated issue. The NJCC has joined with Catholic Charities USA in a campaign to reduce poverty. As such, providing job opportunities with living wages is tied closely to housing. We must work to provide more affordable housing where jobs are plentiful, not where jobs are disappearing.

The NJCC calls upon legislators in Trenton, leaders in Catholic parishes, and other New Jerseyans of good will to support A-3857 and S-2451. By doing so, New Jersey would end RCAs and take a significant step forward as a state committed to supporting lower-income families with opportunities that for too long have been beyond their reach.

(Editor's note: Archbishop John J. Myers is the president of the Trenton-based NJCC. Patrick R. Brannigan serves as executive director of the group. Marlene Lao Collins is NJCC associate director for social concerns.)

The Pope Speaks

Pope Benedict XVI



Forgiveness needed

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Only God is thoroughly flawless and holy; imperfect people are constantly in need of forgiveness, Pope Benedict XVI declared in his May 30 weekly general audience.

Christians, even great theologians, need to be humble and accept both their own weaknesses and the weaknesses of the Church, "because only God is really completely holy. We, instead, constantly need forgiveness," the pope said.

The pope continued his catechesis on the Fathers of the Church and early Church teachers by focusing on Tertullian, a second-century theologian and apologist born in Carthage, an ancient city in North Africa.

The example of the early Christian martyrs inspired Tertullian to convert to Christianity. However, the pope said Tertullian's strict, inflexible personality and his narrow-minded search for the truth gradually led him away from the Church to join the Montanists, a heretical Christian sect.

"This great moral and intellectual figure, this man who made such a great contribution to Christian thought in the end he lacked 'the simplicity, the humility to fit in with the Church, to accept its weaknesses, to be tolerant of others and oneself,'" Pope Benedict explained.

Eight ordained to the transitional diaconate



Advocate photo — Ward Miele

Clergy, family and friends filled the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on Sunday afternoon, May 20, for the ordination of eight new transitional deacons. In his homily, Archbishop John J. Myers said with their ordination the new deacons had responded to "a great mandate." He told them that "your home is the Archdiocese of Newark." Ordained for service of the Church in Newark were Pedro B. Chau, Andres Codoner, Raphael J. Lee, Ireneusz Pierzchala, Bruno S. Sammarco, Ivan Sant and Paoblo Tanzini. Ordained for service of the Society of Saint Paul was Brother Moses C. Han.

Embracing change, a diverse community flourishes

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Jersey City has thrived, since its founding in the days of the Second Vatican Council over four decades ago, on the spiritual vibrancy of its flourishing and ever-changing faith community.

On June 29, 1963, then-Father Edward F. Wojtycha was appointed pastor. The new parish was established to serve the needs of an expanding population in the city's Greenville area. The first masses were celebrated at the Bayonne Skating Arena and Moose Hall on July 7 that same year. Several months later then newly ordained Father Philip D. Morris arrived.

With the large number of young families in the new parish, the need for a large school was obvious. Archdiocesan plans for a regional high school, which was never built, became its blueprint. Four Sisters of St. Joseph of Chestnut Hill arrived and the school bell rang for the first time at Our Lady of Mercy School in September 1964 with an enroll-

ment of 332 students in grades one to three. A year later grades four through six were added and in the following years the full elementary program of eight grades became a reality.

Another milestone was reached on Christmas Day 1964 when Midnight Mass became the first Mass celebrated at the new parish center. The new convent was dedicated by Archbishop Thomas A. Boland on Oct. 8, 1966.

Two years later Father Donald Sheehan was assigned and the rectory moved to its present location on Danforth Avenue. Father Sheehan worked with CCD, Pre-Cana group and at local hospitals. The following year saw Father Lawrence Miller's arrival. He is best remembered for what was known as the "CYO revolution" with its emphasis on athletics.

The decade of 1970s saw then-Father Paul Bochicchio come to the parish as parochial vicar. During his almost 12 years at the parish, he worked with the youth ministry in the formation of a group named the Seekers. Father Bochicchio also began masses celebrated in Italian on special feast days. He was also active in Cursillo, Pre-Cana, school recollection days and retreats.

Father Raymond Fillipski, who was a deacon at the parish in 1974, returned as a priest eight years later. Thirty-seven years ago then-Father Robert F. Garner, who was to become an auxiliary bishop of Newark in 1976, was named administrator and then pastor. Under his leadership, a parish council was formed, ministries began to develop, the school expanded and the parish center was renovated and became the permanent church in 1974. The first public Mass was on Holy Thursday.

Father Nicholas Figurelli came to the parish as a new priest in early 1983. His ministry was involved primarily with young people, Italian-speaking parishioners and the parish feast.

Welcomed to the permanent diaconate in the aftermath of the Second Vatican Council were Deacon Nicholas Fargo, ordained in 1975, and Deacon James Guckian, ordained six years later.

In the succeeding years, the parish has flourished. The school has grown to become one of the largest elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Newark. A Young Adult Ministry was launched in the fall of 2001.



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Our Lady of Mercy, pictured here, is viewed from its sanctuary. Father John Cryan, the pastor of the Jersey City parish, said that community service is an integral part of all segments of the life of the parish and that stewardship "really binds all this together." Hospitality, he stressed, is the starting point for all activities. "Without that foundation stone, we would founder."

After a quarter-century of constant use, the church underwent a major renovation eight years ago. Then-Archbishop Theodore McCarrick dedicated the new altar on the Feast of Corpus Christi in the Jubilee Year of 2000.

Residential development in the neighborhood has introduced new ethnic groups to the parish. Foremost among the new arrivals are Filipinos. In recent years Our Lady of Mercy Parish had added pastoral associates for adult and young adult formation and embraced stewardship as a way of life.

Caucasian Western European base with an equal amount of Filipino immigrants or first generation." Today, he noted, the Filipino population is 85 percent of the parish. "Without exaggeration, we can say we have parishioners from every continent," the pastor declared.

Reflecting on his beloved parish, Father Cryan said "the most important event is not really an event; it is a process the parish is involved in." Two years ago Archbishop John J. Myers gave permission for Our Lady of Mercy to "link" with another Jersey City parish, Our Lady of

said, holds a prominent place of importance" at Our Lady of Mercy Parish. Hospitality, he stressed, "is the starting point. Without that foundation stone, we would founder."

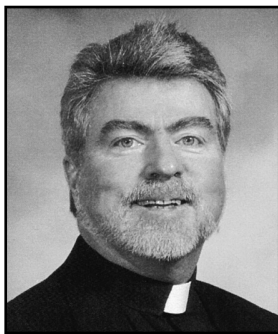
People come to the parish because they encounter God with dignity, grace and warmth, he said. Because of its large Filippino-American community, Our Lady of Mercy Parish reaches out to its spiritual needs in a variety of ways.

Father Cryan sees the ministerial life of his parish as "giving flesh and bone to our mission statement." That ministerial life, he explained, revolves around word, worship, service and stewardship. Word, he says, "engages us in the proclamation of the Good News and Jesus Christ." Worship "provides our excellence in the liturgical life of our parish." Service "is an integral part of all segments of the life of our parish." And stewardship, the pastor said, "really binds all this together."

Turning to the parish school, Father Cryan declared "we have, if not the best, one of the top schools in the archdiocese." Of the 352-member school population, a full 88 percent are parishioners. "Our school prides itself in being Christ-centered, pursuing the dignity of each member of our community, ensuring peace and respect as lifelong goals."

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Meet the Pastor



Rev. John Joseph Cryan

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Seminary: Immaculate Conception, Darlington
Undergraduate: Pace University, Manhattan College
Graduate: Manhattan College, Seton Hall University
Ordination: May 30, 1981
Heroes: Blessed John XXIII, Msgr. Edward J. Wojtycha
Favorite Saint: St. Vincent de Paul
Favorite Sport: Basketball
Favorite Food: Italian
Favorite Subjects in School: Math/Science
Favorite Movie: *Shoes of the Fisherman*
Last Book Read: *Brother Odd* by Dean Koontz
Occupation if Weren't a Priest: Educator

Our Lady of Mercy, Jersey City

Today, explains the current pastor, Father John Cryan, the parish has 1,800 registered families. "Being an immigrant community, many are distrustful of a parish registration process," he said. "Parish registration is not part of the 'church' process in their native countries." As a result, the parish has some 2,400 families in total.

When Our Lady of Mercy was founded, the pastor pointed out, its population was 80 percent Italian-American. When he was assigned as pastor a dozen years ago, Father Cryan, who was a transitional deacon at the parish in 1980, found the parish to be "about equally split between a

Sorrows. From early 1998 with the passing of the pastor at the neighboring parish, until last December, Father Cryan was also administrator at Our Lady of Sorrows.

Under the archdiocesan New Energies Project, the parishes petitioned for permission to link. Father Cryan became pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in December. "In addition to the usual operations of both parishes, we actively engage ourselves in giving life to this linkage," Father Cryan explained.

He pointed with pride to a "special relationship" the faithful have with their parish. The word hospitality, Father Cryan

Our Lady of Mercy, Jersey City

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Religious education is thriving at Our Lady of Mercy Parish. Instruction for children not attending the parish school is provided on Sunday morning. The K-8 program has some 150 students. Seasonal intergenerational assemblies, the pastor noted, "attempt to bridge classroom instruction with domestic church life."

Education emphasizes youth ministry and social outreach with programs such as "Torch," a high school ministry that features topically driven gatherings; and as participation in the local Breast Cancer Walk, visits to nursing homes and a monthly Sunday night Youth Mass.

The Young Adult Ministry includes integration with the Theology on Tap program.

"The primary task I involve myself with is the integration of the Gospel with the lived experience of the folks in the pews," Father Cryan said. Because of the "shifting nature of the community," he continued, "it is a constant and welcome challenge." His responsibility is "to enable all segments of our community to appreciate and value each other as individuals. Our diversity is our strength."

During his ministry at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Father Cryan has shared many extraordinary moments with this community. "I celebrated my silver jubilee as a priest and my 60th birthday together with my 10th anniversary as pastor," he said, adding that one of his proudest moments was as recipient of the Community and Mission Award from the National Pastoral Life Center of New York.

However, the journey is not over, he added. The linkage with Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, he explained, "is built on a history of collaboration that bridge over 25 years and three pastors. Socially, ethnically, culturally, we are different. What joins us is our faith in and commitment to the empowerment of the Gospel."

Parishioners reflect their pastor's enthusiasm for what they consider a special parish. Ronald Seludo, head of the Filipino Choir (Filharmonics) and a trustee, feels "we are so blessed to have a great leader in Father Cryan."

One of the many things that make the parish special, he explained, is its music ministry. Seludo started singing in church in the Philippines when he was 10

years old. "I somehow developed this amazing passion for church music. To me, life would not be complete without it. This was one of my major concerns before coming to the U.S. I was afraid I would not be able to continue my service to the Lord until I came to Our Lady of Mercy. This parish is a second home and the opportunity to serve again."

Citing music director Sister Patricia Cashman, Seludo

said the Filharmonics "provide praise music that uplifts the heart of every parishioner. We constantly get compliments from parishioners and guests that their spirits were really moved by (our) music. This affirms that we have done a great job as ministers and we continue to thank and praise God for all the blessings through singing."

From the perspective of Oscar Sychua and his wife Lulu, coordinators of Couples for Christ at the parish, Our Lady of Mercy is special because "our liturgy

responds to the riches of the

culture and heritage of the parish." The eucharistic celebrations, he added, are "prayerful and dignified, the preaching styles of our celebrants who offer homilies are meaningful and relevant to the life of the parishioners and sacramental celebrations reflect the cultural heritage of the people assembled."

At Our Lady of Mercy Parish, "the presence of the Holy Spirit is very evident." The parish is special, he added, because of Father Cryan, Sychua said.

In addition to Couples for Christ, the Sychuas also work at the Christian Life program at Our Lady of Mercy. "We believe that every Christian is an evangelizer," Sychua stressed. The couple is also active in the parish's Pro-Life Ministry and joined in the annual March for Life in January protesting the 1973 U.S. Supreme

Court decision legalizing abortion. They are eucharistic ministers and members of the Pastoral Council, Stewardship Committee and Filipino Apostolate.

Our Lady of Mercy Parish, declared lifelong parishioner Madeline Peisecki is "my extended family, my refuge, my solitude." Peisecki, also a member of the Stewardship Committee, looks at her parish and said proudly "I belong to a parish community that offers to all who enter the church doors hospitality, fellowship, laughter in good times and a helping hand and support in times of need."

Describing the priests of the parish as "three of the finest men who guide and shepherd us," Peisecki underlined the fact that Our Lady of Mercy "embraces" stewardship.

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The baptismal font at Our Lady of Mercy Parish is a focal point of the church building.

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Advocate wins seven awards at annual CPA convention



BROOKLYN, NY—The Advocate Publishing Corp. of the Archdiocese of Newark, which produces *The Catholic Advocate* newspaper and other publications, garnered seven major awards at the Catholic Press Association's (CPA) annual convention, which was held here last month.

Heading the list of awards this year for the Advocate group was first place for "Best Example of Effective Advertising Promotion" won by Marge Pearson-McCue, director of advertising and operations, and Marilyn Smith, production supervisor.

Another first-place award, "Best Column, General Commentary," went to Padre Pedro Navarro of *NJ Catolico*, the group's Spanish-language publication.

The Advocate group's *Directory and Almanac* won second place in the category of "Best Diocesan Directory" (Msgr. Francis R. Seymour, book editor; Paula Blackman, graphic artist; Joe Vancio, associate editor; Rich Stender, SVO Inc., and Marge Pearson-McCue).

Another second-place award for "Best Column, Spiritual" went to Maria de los Angeles Garcia of *NJ Catolico*. She captured a third-place award as a columnist last year.

The Catholic Advocate received an honorable-mention award in the category of "General Excellence" for diocesan newspapers with a circulation of more than 40,001. There are nearly 50 diocesan newspapers in North America with this level of circulation. Last year *The Catholic Advocate* won second place in this prestigious category.

Editorial staff members of *The Catholic Advocate* also received individual honorable-mention awards: Melissa McNally, staff writer, in the category of "Best News Writing"; and Michael C. Gabriele, editor, in the category of "Best Personality Profile."

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Roselle Catholic teens aid needy in West Virginia

ROSELLE—Fifteen students from the Roselle Catholic High School's Marist Youth Team recently spent their spring break working in one of the nation's poorest regions: the Appalachian Mountains of West Virginia.

After an eight-hour day of travel, the students and five faculty chaperones arrived for a week of service, ranging from construction jobs to serving food to the homeless. The teens were rotated between jobs so they could experience the various work sites as well as meet different people in the region.

John Allen of JGA Associates, a construction company based in Elizabeth, accompanied the students on the trip, along with his son and colleague, Marcus Allen. Both are graduates of Roselle Catholic and donated their time.

Three of the jobs involved constructing or renovating bathrooms for elderly women. Ellen Salmi of Roselle and Luigi Condina spent most of the week putting up drywall, spackling and painting a newly constructed bathroom.

Meanwhile, a bathroom was enclosed from a small back porch for a woman named Mary—an amputee who no longer can climb stairs to reach her second floor bathroom. For this task, Joe Dominguez of Elizabeth and Matt Shipe worked with Assistant Principal Pat Hagan and one of the adults on the trip. A third bathroom was repaired.

Jessica Taylor, Dana Aagaard and K.C. Murray learned how to tear down and rebuild a house deck. Another job site for the students was a Methodist church, where the Sunday school and youth group meeting rooms needed to be painted. Mark Nabong, Kristina McNamara and Tanisha Daniel created several murals on the walls of the school, while Vicki Joseph and Tim Faver spent several days painting the larger rooms.

All of the Roselle Catholic students had an opportunity to work at least one day at the 18th St. Center, a facility that serves the homeless. Meghan Friedman and Bermude Jules spent an extra day at the center.

The said part of the work involved packing Easter candy for the children who come for monthly food baskets. The students also assisted the center's staff for a spaghetti dinner fund-raising event.

A 'Hermit' in Jersey City wanders into Catholic Café

JERSEY CITY—The Catholic Café, located in Marian Hall of St. Mary Parish, 219 3rd St., will present "Hermit in the City," a series of faith-based readings by author and contemplative Catholic poet James Kurt, on Saturday, June 9. Doors will open at 8 p.m.

Kurt's published works include "Silence in the City" and "Our Daily Bread." Music will be provided by singer/songwriter Theresa Rivezzo, the founder of the Catholic Café. Refreshments will be served.

The Catholic Café opened last December (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Feb. 7) and held a "Faith and Film" program last March (see *The Catholic Advocate*, March 7). Rivezzo



Theresa Rivezzo

said the café, which provides music, lectures and workshops, is designed to be a haven for Catholics to gather, perform and engage in the arts—all to nurture the soul and mind.

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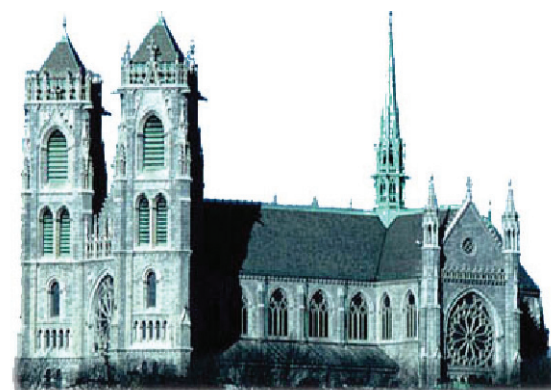
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Cardinal urges SHU grads to ponder issues of global citizenship, human dignity

EAST RUTHERFORD — Sister Dominica Rocchio, former superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Newark, received an honorary degree at Seton Hall University's (SHU) 150th commencement, which was held May 7 at Continental Airlines Arena. The SHU Class of 2007 had 2,083 graduates.

His Eminence, Cardinal Oscar Andres Rodriguez Maradiaga, Archbishop of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, received an honorary doctorate and gave the commencement address. Cardinal Rodriguez is one of the most prominent Catholic Church leaders in Latin America. Many Vatican observers considered him to be a leading papal candidate in 2005.

Cardinal Rodriguez spoke about the globalization of human rights and human dignity, as well as the role of a person of faith as a global citizen today. "If we accept the globalization of wealth, technology and power without the globalization of human rights and human dignity, then we have failed in our duties as educated Catholics," he declared. "Only those countries that educate their own or attract the best from

other countries are likely to succeed.

"Those who fall hopelessly behind are unlikely to survive," he continued. "New technologies are generating enormous wealth. But they are also creating enormous divisions."

According to tradition, SHU also bestowed two additional honorary degrees during the commencement ceremony. The first degree was presented to Sister Dominica, who—in addition to the SHU degree—recently was the recipient of the National Catholic Educational Association's C. Albert Koob Merit Award, which she received for her commitment to inner-city Catholic secondary schools (see *The Catholic Advocate*, April 18). Sister Dominica served as superintendent of Newark Archdiocese schools from 1995 to 2006. She also held the post of secretary of education.

Antoine Garibaldi, president of Gannon University, Erie, PA, and chair of the Council of Independent Colleges, Washington D.C., received the second degree.

In his charge to the Class of 2007, SHU President Msgr. Robert Sheeran urged



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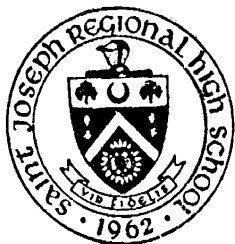
Cardinal Rodriguez receives his honorary degree from Archbishop Myers and academic hood from Msgr. Sheeran at Seton Hall University's 150th commencement, which was held at Continental Airlines Arena. The Class of 2007 had 2,083 graduates. University President Msgr. Robert Sheeran urged graduates to make the most of their lives, and value people over things.

graduates to make the most of their lives, and value people over things. "When you turn blessings you have been given into blessings for other people, then you will be leaders—true servant leaders," Msgr. Sheeran said.

Continuing on the theme of servant leadership, Archbishop John J. Myers conveyed his hope that graduates will be "beacons" leading others to truth and bringing compassionate healing to all who suffer. "I pray that you will use and multiply your talents and mix them with the talents of

others to lift the world to contemplate the eternal and unchanging truths that our faith reveals and our reason confirms," Archbishop Myers stated.

Valedictorian Marta Kowal remarked that "all the classes, training, and experiences we've had up to this point have been in preparation for the new roles we will take on outside of Seton Hall as educated, motivated, and capable adults," Kowal said. "The world is eagerly waiting for us to make our mark, and our time has come to show them we are ready."



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Professor Dolores Henchy adjusts the hood of Vincent Colligan, a Felician history major in the division of arts and sciences.

Felician College graduates 408, largest class in school history

LODI — Felician College awarded diplomas for associate, bachelor and master's degrees to 408 students May 20, its largest graduating class.

Addressing the 43rd commencement exercises, Valedictorian Ashley Ann Perrini, with Bachelor of Arts degree in education, told classmates to remember the importance of their service learning at Felician.

"We stand as a diverse group of individuals who leave with the potential to have a positive effect on others. We enter the world as sparks, ready to ignite and give light," she declared.

George Weigel, a columnist for *The Catholic Advocate* and one of America's leading commentators on issues of religion and public life, delivered the commencement address. He is the author of nearly 20 books, including *Witness to Hope*, a major study on the life of Pope John Paul II.

Weigel spoke to the graduates about the lessons to be learned from the late Pope. "Each of you, members of the Class of 2007, is capable of spiritual and moral greatness. Some of you will go on to do great things, as the world meas-

ures 'greatness.' But all of you are capable of greatness in the most noble, the most deeply human sense of the term: you can be the person of moral conviction and purpose and goodness that you were made to be; the person of service that Felician College has prepared you to be; which is to say—the person that you must be, if you're to fulfill your human and Christian destiny."

Felician College awarded honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees to Weigel and to Sister Mary Raymond Kasprzak.

Sister Mary served for six years as the 11th minister general of the worldwide Congregation of Felician Sisters in Rome. She has held several academic leadership positions at Villa Maria College in western New York and served as a provincial councilor and provincial minister of the Felician Province of Buffalo, New York.

David Gethings received the Felician College Franciscan Legacy Award—the first time it has been presented to a student—for outstanding scholarship, leadership and character.

At a previous awards ceremony, several students were honored for their academic and personal achievements. Andrew Ian Conklin, Michael Pierrot and Gloria Jean Pinck were chosen Student Athletes of the Year. Non-traditional student Ines De Marco was elected Woman of the Year and Harrison Bradford Piazza received the Distinguished Service Award.

With diploma in hand, the graduates looked forward to a bright future. Communications major Jennifer Ryan will become a production assistant on the NBC television program "Law and Order," while David Gethings, with a triple major in history, philosophy and political science, will continue his studies at graduate school.



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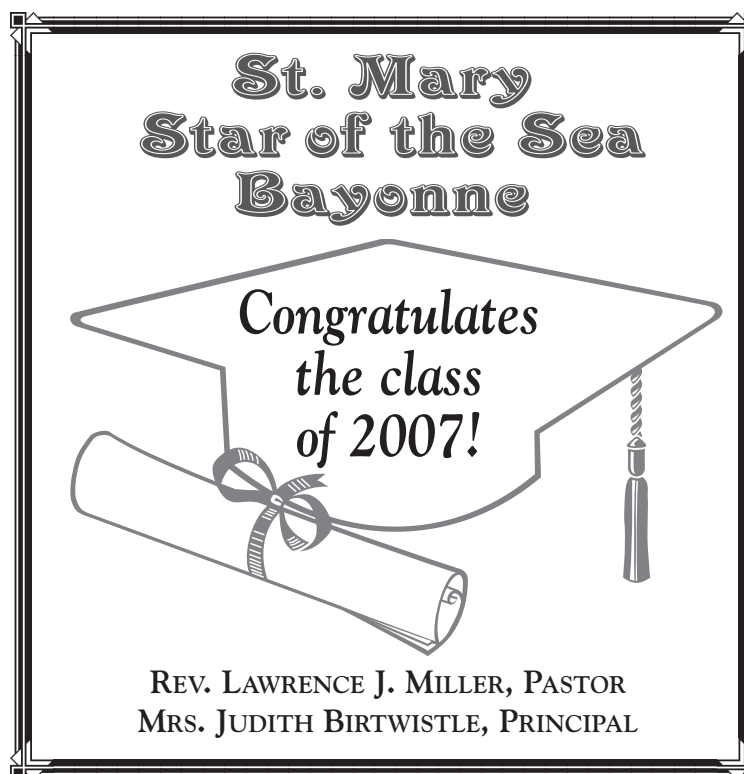
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PROLIFIC ARTIST—Melissa Barat, a senior at Union Catholic High School, Scotch Plains, displays her artwork during an exhibit held at the school. Barat will attend The Maryland Institute College of Art this fall and plans on pursuing a career in Communication Arts. She was awarded an academic honors scholarship as well as a trustee award. Prior to attending Union Catholic, she attended Elizabeth Public Schools as a member of the Gifted and Talented Program specializing in Visual Arts. For the past two years, she has attended weekend classes at the School of Visual Arts in Manhattan. She said the elements that influence her art include nature, specifically marine life, as well as urban scenes and music.

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Caldwell College graduates urged to appreciate 'joy' of the moment

CALDWELL—Awarding diplomas to the Class of 2007 on May 20, Sister Patrice Werner, O.P., Ph.D., president of Caldwell College urged the graduates to pause and “appreciate the present moment.” Of the total 360 diplomas earned by the class, 259 were undergraduate degrees and 101 master’s degrees.

Commencement speaker and honorary degree recipient CBS 2’s featured correspondent and veteran broadcast journalist Magee

Hickey applauded the students and their parents for all their hard work. Hickey encouraged students by quoting graduate senior Katie Doster who said she wanted to use all she learned at Caldwell College to “set the world on fire.”

Doster, who has been selected to join Americorps, was paraphrasing a quote from the Dominican Saint, Saint Catherine of Siena who said, “If you are what you should be, you will set the world on fire.”

An honorary degree also was conferred upon Sister Nancy Murray, O.P., of the Adrian Dominicans in Adrian Michigan. Sister Nancy, sister of the actor Bill Murray, plays the Dominican Saint, Saint Catherine of Siena in a one-woman show that has been seen by audiences worldwide.

Sister Patrice cited for the graduates what Anne Morrow Lindbergh once referred to as “the joy in the now” and “the peace in the here.” Sister Patrice said, “There is, indeed, for our graduates and all gathered here, joy is in this ‘now’ and peace in this ‘here.’ Joy in the milestone reached by our graduates and joy in the presence of family and friends, and there is the peace in the here of this space which bears witness to their journey.

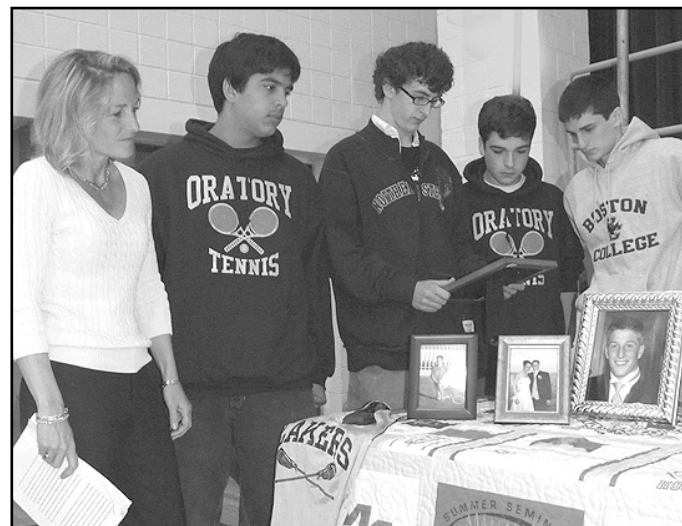
The college president added, “I pray that you will find professional fulfillment and personal happiness in what you do and that, as you continue your journey through life, God will always walk beside you.”



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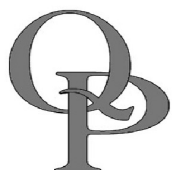
Sister Patrice Werner, O.P., Ph.D., second from right, president of Caldwell College, with, left to right, honoree Sister Nancy Murray, O.P.; Steven M. Freeman, Board of Trustees chairman; and the featured speaker, WCBS-TV featured correspondent Magee Hickey.

Oratory Prep students learn lesson on choices



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REALITY CHECK—Weeks before the Oratory Prep School prom on May 24, the boys in the Oratory’s upper school were given a reality check by a mother who lost her son because of poor choices that he made. Marianne Angelillo (left) displays memorabilia honoring her son Matthew, who was killed three years ago in a tragic drunken driving accident. Pictured with her (left to right) are Ankush Kirpalani of Livingston, Kevin Kuchera of Morristown, Tony Uzzolino of Springfield and Mark Ryan of Stirling. “As a practicing Catholic, my faith was the only thing that got me through this tragedy,” Angelillo told students during her presentation. Oratory, a college preparatory school located in Summit, has been teaching core values to young men in grades seven to 12 for 100 years.



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MORRISTOWN — The College of Saint Elizabeth (CSE) awarded diplomas last month to 443 students, the largest class in school history.

The college's 105th commencement included 285 graduates from the Women's College and 158 graduate students. New Jersey Secretary of State Nina Mitchell Wells, Esq., gave the commencement address.

Receiving this year's honorary Doctor of Laws degree, *Honoris Causa*, were Secretary Wells and J. Martin Comey, a certified public accountant. Bonnie J. Monte, artistic director of The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, received a Doctor of Humane Letters, *Honoris Causa*.

Carmela Resuma, who received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics and Individualized Major of Social Justice Studies with a minor in Women Studies, represented the Women's Col-



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New Jersey Secretary of State Nina Mitchell Wells, Esq., left, the commencement speaker for College of Saint Elizabeth, is pictured with (left to right) Sister Francis Raftery, college president, and honorary degree recipients J. Martin Comey and Bonnie J. Monte.

lege with her speech entitled, "Mission: Prove."

Aneta Brzoza, who received a Master of Science degree in Management with a concentration in Organizational Change, represented the School of Graduate and Continuing Studies with her speech entitled: "The Power

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Students who place in the top 10 percent of their class and have a minimum combined SAT score of 1260, or are ranked first, second or third in their class, as of the end of junior year qualify. This academic year has 226 distinguished scholars who received award offers of \$1,000 annually.

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Sister Regina Martin, seated, center, principal of Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark, with the school's Bloustein scholars, left to right, seated, Allison Telleri and Caroline Russomanno and, standing, Rebecca Smith, Lauren del Valle, Katrina Dauigoy and Melissa Rhodes.

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NSHSS selects Berrios as ‘educator of distinction’

NORTH ARLINGTON — Thomas Berrios, a religion teacher at Queen of Peace High School, has been selected as a Claes Nobel “Educator of Distinction” by The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS), Atlanta.

The Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction award recognizes teachers who have made a lasting difference in their classrooms by encouraging students to strive for excellence. Berrios was nominated by Queen of Peace student Jennifer Castner for “outstanding dedication and commitment to excellence in teaching.”

NSHSS student members have the opportunity to nominate the one educator who has made the most significant contribution to their academic career. The award, bestowed by the society upon the recommendation of a member, allows the students themselves to recognize the commitments, strengths and gifts of their teachers, while providing an opportunity for them to recognize and thank their academic mentors.


Cathy Condon is the principal of Queen of Peace High School and Msgr. William J. Fadrowski

serves as the pastor of Queen of Peace Parish.

Established five years ago by Claes Nobel—a senior member of the family that established the international Nobel Prizes—the NSHSS (Web site: www.nshss.org) recognizes academic excellence at the high school level and encourages members of the organization to apply their unique talents, vision, and potential for the betterment of themselves and the world.

There are more than 300,000 society members in over 50 countries. The vision of the NSHSS is to build a dynamic international organization to connect members with meaningful education content, resources and opportunities to help individuals build on academic success.

The NSHSS also provides scholarship opportunities for deserving students. Last year the NSHSS awarded more than \$200,000 in scholarships.



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Saint Peter's Prep School picks alumnus as principal

JERSEY CITY—James C. DeAngelo has been named as the new principal of Saint Peter's Preparatory School. A member of

him and I look forward to working with him."

DeAngelo's relationship with St. Peter's Prep began more than 20 years ago, when he graduated Summa Cum Laude in 1985. He went on to study English at Boston College, returning to his alma mater in 1989 as a teacher, administrator and mentor.

"I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve my alma mater in this way," DeAngelo said. "As we move ahead, I look forward to working with our students, staff, parents and alumni in helping our school to continue to realize its great potential."

During his tenure at the school, he has taught German and history, served as chair of the modern languages department, been the assistant to the principal, and has moderated and led many student activities.

DeAngelo holds masters' degrees from St. Peter's College in teaching, and in education administration and supervision. He is also certified in New Jersey to serve as a teacher of German, a high school principal and a school district superintendent.

In dedicating the school's yearbook, *The Petrean*, to him in 2002, students wrote: "Of all the people we have encountered in our Prep careers, few are more jovial, enthusiastic, open, and insightful."



James C. DeAngelo

the school's Class of 1985, DeAngelo's appointment takes effect July 1.

"I am confident that Jim's credentials, experience and service as a teacher, administrator and overall school leader will serve the school well as we head into our 135th year of forming men for others," Father Robert E. Reiser, S.J., school president, wrote in a memo to the school community. "I also believe that his personal commitment to the religious mission of the school, formed and supported by his own life of faith, will guide Saint Peter's along the religious traditions that define us. I am sincerely excited by our future with

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Parishes list AAA pledges

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midpoint, provided a "top-10" list of parishes throughout the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark—compiled on each parish's individual "percentage over goal" for 2007 AAA pledges. She pointed out that this percentage—not the total amount of money pledged—is the key measurement used to rank the various parishes in the AAA program.

Gonzalez said the pledge goal for each parish is determined based on 9.7 percent of its annual offertory funds. There are 226 parishes within the archdiocese. (Note: see page two of this edition for a full listing of parish AAA pledges at the midway point of the campaign. Pledge amounts do not include corporate matching gifts.)

Immaculate Heart of Mary/Saint Patrick Parish in Elizabeth held the number-one spot at the halfway point of the 2007 AAA campaign. The parish tallied pledges of \$40,155–415 percent over its goal. Saint Joseph's Korean Catholic Church, Demarest, is in second place with a per-



Carla Gonzalez

centage of 338 and a pledge amount of \$45,340. Holy Trinity Parish, Fort Lee, held third place with a percentage of 334 and a pledge amount of just over \$71,190.

Saint Mary's Parish, Plainfield, held fourth place with 325 percent on pledges of nearly \$98,000. Holy Rosary Parish, Edgewater, was fifth with a percentage of 275 and pledges of \$35,280.

The top-10 list was rounded out, in order, by the following parishes: Saint Francis, Hoboken (269 percent); Our Lady Help of Christians, East Orange (267 percent); Saint Michael's, Newark (263 percent); Good Shepherd, Irvington (230 percent); and Epiphany/Holy Trinity, Newark (227 percent).

Postpartum Depression

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fighting the illness through education has come to the forefront in the state.

Brannigan said Mary Jo Codey—a leading advocate for PPD education in New Jersey—is an "inspiration to the nation. Her drive to spread the word about maternal depression has saved the lives of many women and their children."

"Twenty-three years ago, I had no idea what PPD was," Mary Jo Codey confessed. "It took me to the brink of suicide and I underwent 11 rounds of shock therapy. It is unfair to be uneducated."

Even though she survived breast cancer, Codey said her bout with PPD was the toughest thing she ever has had to endure. "Maternal depression strikes when you are supposed to be overjoyed," she said. "You feel shame, guilt and inadequate. We need a safety net for pregnant women and new mothers. We can do more. This initiative is an important step in strengthening that safety net."

Sylvia Lasalandra, author and filmmaker of "Daughter's Touch," is also a PPD survivor who used her horrific experiences with the illness to inform other women. Following the birth of her daughter Melina, Lasalandra said she felt as though her life was over. After having nightmares of smothering her child with a pillow, Lasalandra made an attempt to take her own life by overdosing on prescription medication. Fortunately, she called her mother before she could act. As a result, Lasalandra's mother cared for the baby for nine months and Lasalandra was only allowed supervised visits.

Lasalandra confided to a Franciscan priest during her trying ordeal. "He said that God still loves me and doesn't think less of me," she said. "He said I was a good mother. Because a mother makes sure her baby is being taken care of, I was a good mother even if I could not do it myself. By recognizing my inability to care for my daughter, he said, I was doing right by my baby and by God."

Lasalandra has since made a full recovery through therapy and the support of her family. Her daughter is now six years old.



Patrick R. Brannigan

"There is a horrible stigma about PPD," she said. "Women are afraid to speak up—even to their priests. We have to open our hearts to this illness. There is no doubt that I am here today because of God and my faith. It was truly a divine intervention. Do not let these families down."

Catherine Furlani, director of the archdiocesan office of Human Concerns, has been designated as the coordinator of activities for PPD education in the Archdiocese of Newark. A training session for priests, deacons and pastoral associates on warning signs of maternal depression is slated for June 28 at the Archdiocesan Center.

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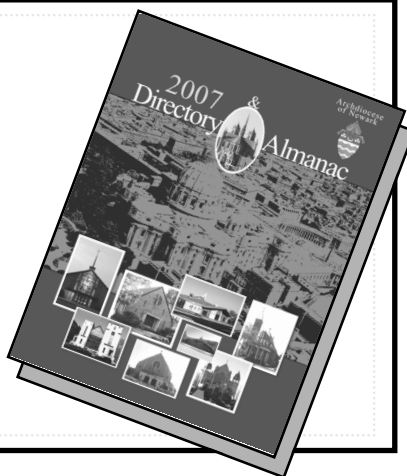
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Time to plan for retreats this summer

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The annual CYO Summer Day Camp (for ages six to 12), which opens June 25 and runs for eight weeks will be held at the Youth Retreat Center. In addition, a "kindercamp" (for ages four and five) also will be offered. Call Rich Donovan, camp director, at (201) 998-0088, ext. 4155 for information.

The center also will sponsor its "Stubenville East" retreat and field trip July 13 to 15. The retreat will take place at the La Salette shrine in Attleboro, MA. Registration is \$215 per person, which includes transportation, shirts, six meals and two nights of camping. Call Donovan to register.

"Eucharist: The Sacrament of Love," a retreat sponsored by the Families of Nazareth Movement (www.familiesofnazareth.us), will be held July 22-26 in Malvern, PA. The retreat is open to singles, married couples, families and senior citizens. Call Peter Habrzyk at (201) 452-7291 for more information or visit the group's Web site.

The Linwood Spiritual Center in Rhinebeck, NY, will host a wellness spirituality retreat July 2-6 under the theme "Finding God in All Things." The center is also available for individual and directed retreats during the summer. Call (845) 876-4178, ext. 301, to make reservations.



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FOR A GOOD CAUSE—Archbishop John J. Myers (second from left) accepts a check on behalf of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark from State Deputy Reginald Beckett at the annual "Pride in Our Priests" dinner on May 3, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus councils of the archdiocese. On hand for the presentation were (left to right) Herbert Meyer, Knights' state treasurer, and Most Rev. Charles McDonnell, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Newark who serves as the Knights' state chaplain.



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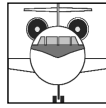
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Oratory Prep juniors reflect during day of inspiration

STIRLING — During Holy Week, the Class of 2008 from Oratory Prep School in Summit traveled to St. Joseph's Shrine for a day of relaxation, reflection and inspiration.

Most of the day-long retreat, presented by Allan Wright, dealt with decision making, showing love to others, and the importance of finding out what God wants people to do with their lives. Teens, Wright explained, should never settle for less than true love. "Real love," he told the audience

of almost 40 boys, "is total, free, faithful and fruitful."

Father Paul Prevosto of Oratory Prep offered a message to the teens at the end of the day before serving Communion. The students heard Father Paul speak about the importance of finding the "real thing" with love, such as the love of Jesus Christ. "You've got one life, how are you going to live it?"

Father Paul spoke frankly to the teens. "In Holy Week, are there things that you need to let go of,"

he asked the junior class members rhetorically. Then he countered, "try letting go of some of the 'junk' in your lives like money."

At Oratory Prep School, each grade of boys from seven

through 12 goes on a day-long annual retreat.

According to coordinator of the retreats, religion teacher and Campus Ministry Coordinator Cathy Marshall, the purpose is

twofold. "We want the boys to bond as a class and to get to know each other in more than a classroom setting, and we also want them to have time for spiritual reflection and introspection."



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Before celebrating Mass, Father Paul Prevosto of Oratory Prep School in Summit spoke to members of the junior class at their day-long retreat to St. Joseph's Shrine in Stirling. Class members include, left to right, Tim West, James Kukucka, Ian Cummings and Brendan Floyd.

'Days of Reflection' offered

CALDWELL—The Lumen Center, 1 Ryerson Ave., has scheduled a Days of Reflection program this summer.

The topic for June 16 will be "The Father Principle: Who is Your Father?" presented by Ginger Grancagnolo, Ed.D, O.P.A., a lay Dominican associate. The following Saturday, Sister Carol Gaeke, O.P. will discuss "When God Comes to Call."

"Reading Scripture with a Cosmic Lens" will be presented by Sister Honora Werner, O.P. on June 30. The Aug. 31 topic is "Fostering a School Climate of Trust and Joy" by Sister Ines Marie DiBonaventura, O.P., and Mary Lanni, O.P.A., a lay Dominican associate.

With the exception of the June 23 presentation, which will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., all other sessions are from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Fee for June 23 is \$25, the others are all \$20.

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