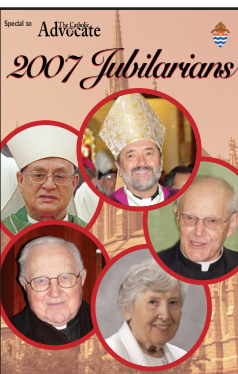




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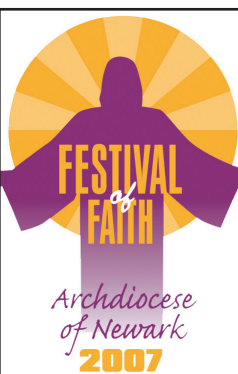
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Happy Birthday Archbishop Gerety



BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety, who turns 95 next month, believes everything in life, including longevity, is a gift from God.

Ordained on June 29, 1939 at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, the oldest of nine boys who grew up in Shelton, CT, has been a bishop for 41 years.

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Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety (left) and Archbishop John J. Myers took a moment to smile for the camera last March during the annual tea for the Legacy Circle Planned Giving Society. Archbishop Gerety, born in Shelton, CT, on July 19, 1912, currently holds the distinction of being the oldest-living bishop in the United States.

Special Mass slated for July 8

There will be a special Mass on Sunday, July 8, noon, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, to celebrate the 95th birthday of Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety. Archbishop Gerety will serve as the main celebrant, while Archbishop John J. Myers will preside. Dignitaries from around the region will be on hand. The public is cordially invited to attend this historic event.

A song to celebrate my friend and brother bishop

BY MOST REVEREND JOHN J. MYERS
ARCHBISHOP OF NEWARK

*"Go up to the altar of God,
The God of our gladness and joy.
Raise up the cup of salvation,
And call on the name of the Lord."*

Every year, as scores of priests begin to process into the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart for the Mass of Ordination, we sing this most beautiful of entrance songs. I always listen with wonder and humility to this song, the words of which come from Psalms 43 and 116. They declare the essence of the priesthood of Jesus Christ, the ideal to which all priests are called.

This year, as I entered the sanctuary, revered the altar and neared the cathedra to preside at the Ordination Mass, I listened to the strains of the entrance song with different ears. I recalled how, in a most special way, these words describe the life of my friend and brother bishop, Archbishop Gerety. Unlike at so many prior ordinations, he was not with us physically this year; he had another commitment. But he was with us, still.

How often had he taken these same steps I have taken since 2001, leading the people of this great local Church to celebrate the Mystery of Faith, to offer thanksgiving for all of the good in our lives, to seek

consolation in our sorrow, to ask forgiveness for our frailty and failure? Indeed, how often in many hundreds of parishes or gatherings in his life as both bishop and priest had he undertaken these duties, just as his predecessors did both here in the Cathedral Basilica and in other churches in the archdiocese? Had he ever thought of them, as I was thinking of him that day?

The relationship that Archbishop Gerety and I have is easy, brotherly and respectful. At times over the past few years, we have joked about how he was ordained two years before my birth and consecrated a bishop before I was even ordained a priest; how I as a seminarian had a chance to listen to the discussions of Vatican II in Rome, but he actually began directing implementation of the council's teachings not only here in Newark, but in Maine, where he had also served as bishop.

In addition, we are forever linked to the papacy of John Paul II—Archbishop Gerety was in Rome at his election and I was in Rome for the funeral of the late pontiff.

Still, it is the life of a priest, leading the community in worship, sacrifice and prayer, that binds us with the strongest ties, ties that bind us with every priest in the Archdiocese of Newark and, indeed, throughout the world. It is a tie that Archbishop Gerety accepts and lives as eagerly and willingly today as he did in 1939. We are all forever grateful for his commitment to serve God, His Church, and His people.

Sincerely in the Lord



Archbishop John J. Myers

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Pope and Orthodox Archbishop of Cyprus meet to offer prayers for unity and trust

BY CINDY WOODEN
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Perseverance and prayer are needed as Catholics and Orthodox work toward full unity, Pope Benedict XVI said, welcoming Orthodox Archbishop Chrysostomos II of Cyprus to the Vatican.

The head of the Orthodox Church of Cyprus spent five hours with Pope Benedict on June 16. His visit included a private meeting, a ceremony to sign a joint declaration of ecumenical commitment, a midday prayer service in the Vatican's Redemptoris Mater Chapel and a two-hour lunch.

While both the pope and the archbishop underlined the importance of the theological dialogue involving the Catholic Church and all the Orthodox churches, Archbishop Chrysostomos also insisted that it was essential to improve relations between the Vatican and the Russian Orthodox Church.

"I think I could be useful," the archbishop told reporters. He said he would visit Patriarch Alexy II of Moscow in early July and urge him to move toward a meeting with Pope Benedict.

For years Pope John Paul II had hoped for a meeting with the head of the Russian Orthodox Church, and Pope Benedict also has hoped to meet him, but Patriarch Alexy repeatedly has said such a meeting could not take place unless Catholics stopped proselytizing the Orthodox in Russia.

The Vatican repeatedly has said the Catholic Church rejects proselytism and has asked the Russian Orthodox to identify situations where Catholics are acting inappropriately so corrective action may be taken.

Speaking to reporters about the archbishop's visit, Cardinal Walter Kasper, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, said "I think it is a mistake to focus" on the unrealized meeting of the pope and patriarch, because "the relationship be-



Pope Benedict XVI (right) and Orthodox Archbishop Chrysostomos II of Cyprus met at the Vatican on June 16. Archbishop Chrysostomos, during the meeting, underlined the importance of the theological dialogue involving the Catholic Church and all the Orthodox churches. The archbishop also stated it was essential to improve relations between the Vatican and the Russian Orthodox Church.

tween two churches is something much greater than such an encounter."

While the cardinal said he hoped Pope Benedict and Patriarch Alexy could meet within the next year, he said that "at the moment there is nothing being planned."

Archbishop Chrysostomos said he spoke to Pope Benedict about the need to improve relations with the Russian Orthodox. "The Holy Father did not give me a specific message to give Patriarch Alexy, but I am ready to offer my services" as a mediator, he told reporters.

"The will of God is peace, love and fraternity among people," the archbishop said. "We must become one as the Holy Trinity is one."

In his formal speech to the archbishop, Pope Benedict said that with God's help "we must never tire of seeking together paths toward unity, overcoming those difficulties that in the course of history have created divisions and mutual mistrust."

"May the Lord allow us soon to approach the same altar, to share all together the one table of the eucharistic bread and wine," the pope said.

In his speech, Archbishop Chrysostomos addressed Pope Benedict as the bishop of the Historic See of St. Peter and as the one who "possesses the primacy of honor" among all other bishops.

The archbishop said that the divisions between Catholics and Orthodox accumulated over the course of centuries and will take years to overcome, but faithfulness to God and an obligation to evangelize together mean everyone must work for unity with "patience and sacrifices."

Archbishop Chrysostomos also asked Pope Benedict for his prayers and his "paternal cry for the defense of the rights" of the Orthodox Church of Cyprus, particularly in protecting Orthodox churches, cemeteries and monuments in Turkish-occupied northern Cyprus. He said he is sure the pope understands the pain of the Cypriot people because, as a German, Pope Benedict comes from a country that had been "traumatized by division for decades."

In northern Cyprus, the archbishop said, "human rights are trampled, monuments are destroyed (and) works of our spiritual patrimony have become the object of international commerce."

In their joint declaration, Pope Benedict and Archbishop Chrysostomos called for the worldwide defense of human rights, particularly the right to religious freedom. In addition, they said that "to profane, destroy and sack places of worship of any religion represents an act against the humanity and civility of peoples."

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Understanding the local/global link aids international missionary cause

BY WARD MIELE

Managing Editor

When considering the breadth, scope and urgent need of international missionary work, the philosophy of thinking globally and acting locally is proven to have profound results.

Just ask a well-traveled missionary or someone who is dedicated to supporting the faith-based cause to provide hope in some of the most desperate corners of the world.

Focusing on priestly formation in developing nations and the many challenges and rigors of missionary life, national diocesan directors of the Pontifical Mission Societies recently gathered in San Francisco, reaffirming the requirement for people to understand that local awareness and parish-level action is strategically connected with the global calling to help others.

Msgr. Robert J. Fuhrman, director of the archdiocesan Pontifical Mission Societies office the past 14 years as well as the office of the Propagation of the Faith, was among the attendees at the annual conference. The Archdiocese of Newark, under Msgr. Fuhrman's leadership, is among the most productive in income for the general fund of the Propagation of the Faith.

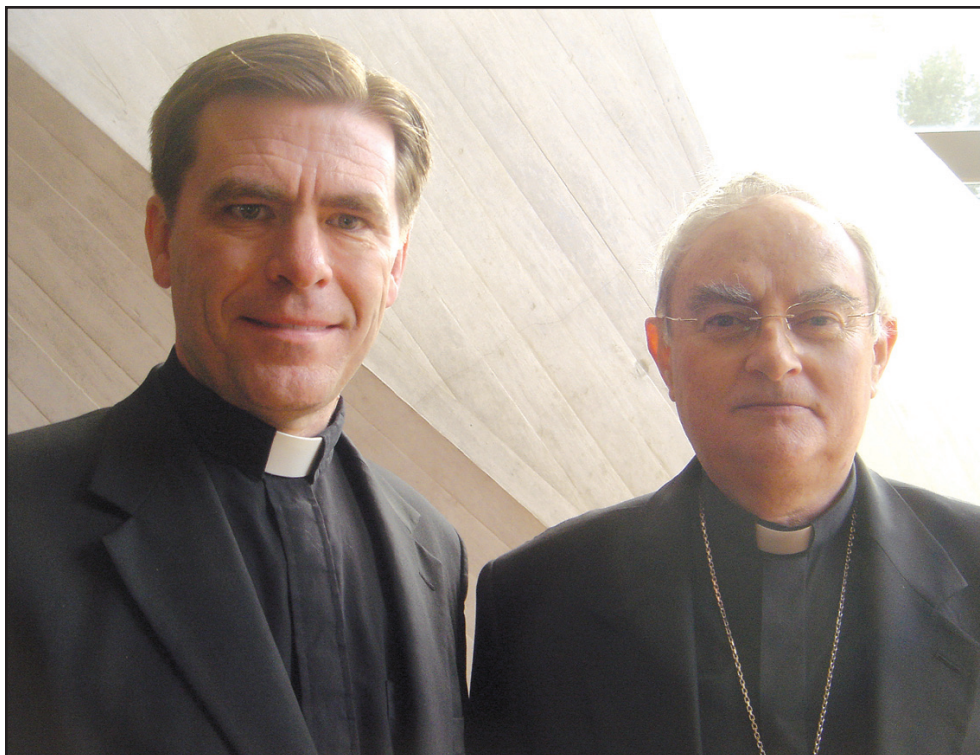
Sister Arline Zurich, O.S.B., who coordinates the Pontifical Mission Societies program for the Church in Newark, also attended the three-day meeting. Keynote speakers at the conference included diocesan directors from Zambia, Ecuador and Ireland along with a seminary rector from Sri Lanka.

A major theme of the San Francisco con-fab, explained Msgr. Fuhrman, who is also the pastor of Saint Gabriel the Archangel Parish in Saddle River, was the idea of linking the local and international aspects of missionary work. "A little does accomplish a lot," Msgr. Fuhrman declared. "One person from a parish here (in the Archdiocese of Newark) can change lives forever, can feed souls far away."

The Pontifical Mission Societies is the umbrella organization for three distinct groups: the Society of the Propagation of the Faith which supports the missions and helps spread the Gospel; the Society of Saint Peter the Apostle that works with mission seminaries along with priestly and religious formation worldwide; and the Holy Childhood Association, which is involved with children's apostolates here and abroad.

Reflecting on the work of the Pontifical Missions Societies, Msgr. Fuhrman said "many good people sacrifice for the missions. They may wonder where their money goes, what is accomplished. The fact is that where people suffer, the Church is present and, through our missionaries in the field, we are also present. In Rwanda and elsewhere the faith is ultimately the only hope for the people. We are needed to give them that hope."

When asked to cite luminaries in the missionary field, Msgr. Fuhrman said he was particularly impressed with the career and work of Archbishop Henryk Hoser, the international



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Msgr. Robert Fuhrman (left) is pictured with Archbishop Henryk Hoser at the Pontifical Mission Societies' annual conference held this earlier year in San Francisco. Msgr. Fuhrman described Archbishop Hoser—a witness to the infamous Rwandan Genocide of 1994—as "a quiet, heroic figure in the Church's mission field."

president of the Pontifical Mission Societies (Web site: www.missionsocieties.org.uk) and adjunct secretary of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. Archbishop Hoser was a featured speaker at the conference and Msgr. Fuhrman met with him.

Before entering the seminary of the Pallottine Order, Archbishop Hoser studied medicine at the Warsaw Medical Academy in his native Poland. He practiced medicine and was on the academy staff prior to pursuing the priesthood.

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Archbishop Hoser was ordained in 1974 and a year later went to the troubled African nation of Rwanda as a missionary priest. Rwanda is the African continent's most Catholic country with 65 percent of

its 8 million inhabitants identifying themselves as Catholic.

Rwanda's turbulent history of ethnic tension and violence includes the slaughter of more than 500,000 during a three-month period in 1994. This horrific episode later became known as the infamous Rwandan Genocide. Author Immaculee Ilibagiza—a survivor of the genocide—delivered a presentation on her experiences earlier this year at Caldwell College (see *The Catholic Advocate*, May 9).

During the genocide, then-Father Hoser remained in the country. He was a pastor and medical missionary and founded a center for health and family services in the capital city of Kigali. He also supervised a Center for Family Action program and established other efforts to combat AIDS and help the mentally ill.

Archbishop Hoser, ordained an archbishop a dozen years ago, has held several leadership positions in the Pallottine Order. Msgr. Fuhrman described Archbishop Hoser as "a quiet man but a heroic figure in the Church's mission field. He is a man of faith and courage. I am happy to have him leading the way for our missionary effort."

Last year Msgr. Fuhrman, who celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination, participated as a speaker at the first "Church in Mission" forum, which was held at Seton Hall University, South Orange, under the auspices of the World Mission Committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Pontifical Missions Societies (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Dec. 6, 2006).

Contact the archdiocesan office of the Propagation of the Faith at (973) 497-4372 for more information on the work of the Pontifical Mission Societies.

Fund-raising norms issued for country

WASHINGTON (CNS) — With Vatican approval, the head of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has issued national norms governing all Church-related fundraising appeals. “Fundraising appeals are to be truthful and forthright,” says the opening line of the norms. The norms spell out rules of transparency, accountability, procedures to be followed and oversight over fundraising campaigns by appropriate Church authorities. Bishop William S. Skylstad of Spokane, WA, USCCB president, sent out a decree promulgating the fundraising norms June 8. The same day he issued another decree establishing new national norms for the leasing of church-owned properties. Both decrees take effect Aug. 15. The bishops adopted both sets of norms in November 2002. Msgr. Ronny Jenkins, USCCB associate general secretary, told Catholic News Service that the long delay between the bishops’ vote and the Vatican’s approval was “to allow time to introduce and discuss the two norms with religious organizations...who would be affected.”

Bishops challenge Catholic politicians

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholic bishops, including Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli of the Paterson Diocese, have challenged Catholic politicians from both parties on the issue of abortion. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin of Providence, R.I., criticized Republican presidential candidate and former New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani for saying he is “personally opposed” to abortion but would not impose that view on others. Bishop Serratelli recently took issue with 18 Catholic Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives who denounced Pope Benedict XVI’s statement en route to Brazil, which said that politicians who support abortion should not receive Communion. The House members said the pope’s words “offend the very nature of the American experiment,” but Bishop Serratelli said the politicians were refusing “to allow the pope freedom of speech and the Church freedom of religion. Now how American is that?” Bishop Tobin’s criticism of Giuliani came in a May 31 “open letter” published in *The Rhode Island Catholic*, the Providence

diocesan newspaper. Bishop Serratelli’s comments on the Catholic Democrats came in a June 7 column in *The Beacon*, the Paterson diocesan newspaper.

Anti-racism focus termed historic

WASHINGTON (CNS)—In what one participant called “truly a moment of historical significance for the U.S. Church,” two-dozen leaders of national Catholic organizations recently gathered outside Washington for two and a half days of training on how to recognize and dismantle institutional racism. That assessment of the gathering came from Sister Anita Baird, director of the Office for Racial Justice in the Archdiocese of Chicago, a member of the Midwest Catholic Anti-Racism Network and a Daughter of the Heart of Mary. Funded by a grant from the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, the training drew representatives of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Campaign for Human Development, National Black Catholic Sisters’ Conference, Mexican American Cultural Center, Pax Christi USA and other groups.



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ANNIVERSARY IN ASSISI—Pope Benedict XVI greets children during a pilgrimage to Assisi, Italy, June 17. The trip marked the 800th anniversary of the conversion of St. Francis.

Pope appeals for calm in Middle East

ASSISI, Italy (CNS)—On a pilgrimage to the birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi, Pope Benedict XVI appealed for peace in the Middle East and a return to “responsible and sincere dialogue” to end armed conflicts. The pope’s one-day trip on June 17 marked the 800th anniversary of the conversion of St. Francis—a figure the pope described as a one-time “king of partying” who learned to make space for God. The pope made a point of praising the 1986 interreligious gathering in Assisi,

an initiative of Pope John Paul II, as “a prophetic intuition and a moment of grace.” Such dialogue is an essential part of Christianity, but must be carried out without weakening the Christian duty to spread the Gospel, he said. The papal visit to the central Italian hill town of Assisi came during heightened tension and violence in the Middle East, especially in the Palestinian territory of Gaza, which was taken over by Hamas militia forces in mid-June.

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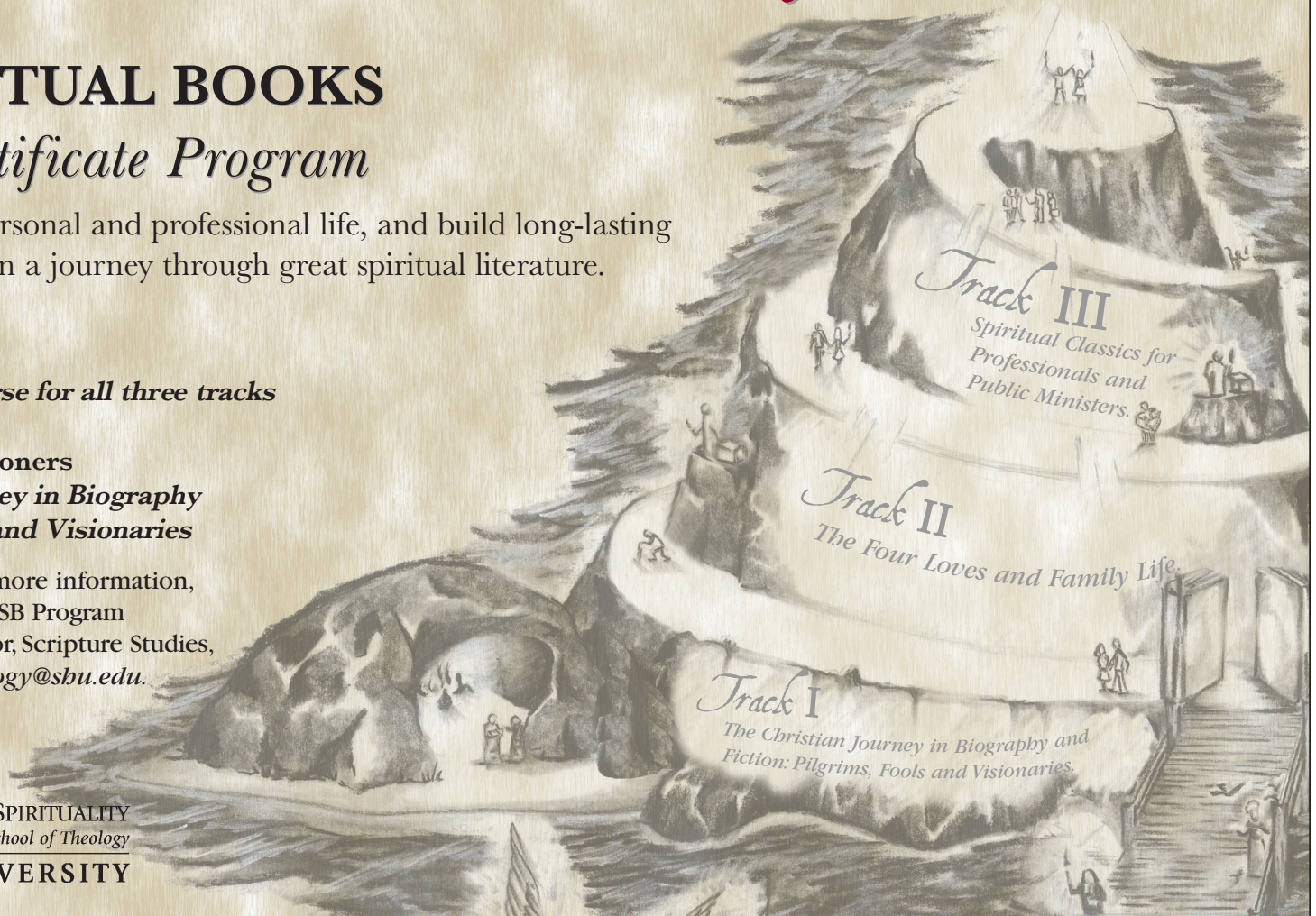
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The Archdiocese of Newark announced today that low cost, nutritious school meals and/or milk will be available to all children enrolled in the Catholic schools listed below. In addition, meals and/or milk will be provided free or at a greatly reduced price to children from households whose gross income is at or below the amounts listed on the household size and income scale which appears below. Applications for Free and Reduced Price Meals or Free Milk will be sent to the households of all children enrolled in the schools listed.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FREE MEALS OR MILK			REDUCED PRICE MEALS		
	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	13,273	1,107	256	18,889	1,575	364
2	17,797	1,484	343	25,327	2,111	488
3	22,321	1,861	430	31,765	2,648	611
4	26,845	2,238	517	38,203	3,184	735
5	31,369	2,615	604	44,641	3,721	859
6	35,893	2,992	691	51,079	4,257	983
7	40,417	3,369	778	57,517	4,794	1,107
8	44,941	3,746	865	63,955	5,330	1,230
Each Additional Household Member	+4,524	+377	+87	+6,438	+ 537	+124

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(As announced by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Foster children may be eligible for free or reduced price meals and/or free milk.

Application forms are available at your child's school and application can be made at any time during the school year. If a household member becomes unemployed, or the household size or income changes during the school year, parents are encouraged to contact the school so that all children receive the proper benefits.

For the school officials to determine eligibility, the household must provide the following information listed on the application: names of all household members; household income received by each household member; type of income; frequency of income such as weekly, every two weeks, twice a month, monthly or annually; and the signature and social security number of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct.

The information provided by parents on the application will be kept confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility.

The school will advise parents of their child's eligibility within 10 working days of receipt of the application. Any parent dissatisfied with the eligibility determination may contact the school to request an informal conference or may appeal the decision by requesting a formal hearing. Parents may call the school for further information on the program.

Once determinations are completed, school officials are required to verify a minimum of three percent of the approved free and reduced price applications on file.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) policy, the schools listed below are prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, or retaliation.

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Name of School	Town in which School is located
St. Peter	Belleville
Our Lady Help of Christians	East Orange
St. Joseph School	East Orange
Blessed Sacrament School	Elizabeth
St. Genevieve School	Elizabeth
St. Patrick High School	Elizabeth
Hillside Catholic Academy	Hillside
St. Leo/Sacred Heart School	Irvington
Our Lady of Czestochowa	Jersey City
Our Lady of Mercy School	Jersey City
Our Lady of Victories	Jersey City
Resurrection School	Jersey City
Sacred Heart School	Jersey City
St. Aloysius Elementary School	Jersey City
St. Aloysius High School	Jersey City
St. Joseph School	Jersey City
St. Nicholas School	Jersey City
St. Patrick and Assumption/All Saints School	Jersey City
Sts. Mary and Elizabeth Academy	Linden
Blessed Sacrament School	Newark
Christ the King Preparatory	Newark
Ironbound Catholic Academy	Newark
Link Community School	Newark
Queen of Angels School	Newark
Sacred Heart School	Newark
St. Mary School	Newark
St. Michael School	Newark
St. Rose of Lima School	Newark
St. Vincent Academy	Newark
Good Sheperd Academy	Nutley
Visitation Academy Interparochial	Paramus
St. Augustine School	Union City
Our Lady of the Lake	Verona

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June 28
College of Saint Elizabeth, Morristown, Saturday Fast Track program, 6-8 p.m., (973) 290-4115.

July 1
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Scotch Plains, Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) inquiry session, 1 p.m., also July 2 at 7:30 p.m., (908) 889-2100.



July 2
Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell, Brother Martin P. Burns Golf Classic (originally scheduled for June 4), White Beeches Golf and Country Club, Haworth, noon, call Marge Millus at (201) 634-4142.

July 10
Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth, “Eating Disorders,” 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., (908) 994-5138.

July 11
Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth, “Breast Health,” 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., (908) 994-5138.

July 12
The Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Teresa, Jersey City, summer luncheon, Breakers on the Ocean, Spring Lake, 1 p.m., cost: \$45, call Katherine T. Crossan at (201) 689-1471.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Newark, 117th Annual Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, runs through July 16, 6-11 p.m., (973) 589-2090.

July 17
Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Verona, bereavement group, also Aug. 7 and Aug. 21, 7:30 p.m., call Joan Stern at (973) 239-9113.

The Catholic Advocate will publish only one issue next month on July 18. Bi-monthly publication resumes with the Aug. 8 edition.

Other
LifeNet and Sprint and Truth are co-sponsoring “Waiting, Dating and Mating: The When, Who and What God’s Calling You To,” five consecutive Sunday sessions through July 22, 4-6 p.m., \$60 for five sessions at **St. John the Apostle Parish,** Linden. Call Enza Cerami at (732) 264-1865 or enza19@hotmail.com.

Catholic Cemetery Masses
All masses are at 9:30 a.m. For more information call (866) 773-7526.

July 6
Good Shepherd Chapel, Colonia

July 10
Gate of Heaven Chapel, East Hanover

July 11
Holy Cross Chapel, North Arlington

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY MINISTRY

Reverend Joseph A. Mancini, parochial vicar of St. Stephen Parish, Kearny, has been appointed director of Emmaus House, Newark, with residence at Emmaus House, effective Aug. 15, in addition to his responsibilities as executive director of CYO/Youth and Young Adult Ministries for the Archdiocese of Newark.

Reverend Brian K. Muzas, parochial vicar of Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington, was appointed to membership in Seton Hall University’s Priest Community, South Orange, effective June 20.

Reverend Marc A. Vicari, director of Emmaus House, Newark, has been appointed Vicar for Family Life, effective Aug. 15 with continued residence at Emmaus House in addition to some of his responsibilities as chaplain and director of the Newman Center for Rutgers, New Jersey Institute of Technology and Essex County College all in Newark.

PAROCHIAL VICARS

Reverend Javier Aracil, S.D.B. was appointed parochial vicar of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Elizabeth, effective June 4.

Reverend Antony John Berchmans was appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Saddle Brook, through June.

Reverend Charles S.M. Borromeo has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Assumption Parish, Roselle Park, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Melchor Joseph C. Braga has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Ascension Parish, New Milford, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Thomas Corraya has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison, through Aug. 31.

Reverend Richard Crager, S.D.B. has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Elizabeth, effective July 1.

Reverend John Crasta has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Holy Trinity Parish, Fort Lee, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Julio O. Gaddi, Jr. has been appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Henry Parish, Bayonne, July 1 through Sept. 1.

Reverend Grzegorz Holub, S.D.B. has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, Harrison, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Felix Wilson Jambil has been appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Stephen Parish, Kearny, through Aug. 31.

Reverend Marek Jodkowski has been appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Jersey City, through Aug. 31.

Reverend Eugene Newman Joseph has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Our Lady of Peace Parish, New Providence, through Sept. 15.

Reverend Yeon Jun Kim was appointed parochial vicar of Korean Martyrs Parish, Saddle Brook, effective June 15.

Reverend Jose Rivera has been appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Mary Parish, Plainfield, through Aug. 31.

Reverend Monsignor Rodrigo F. San Pedro, parochial vicar of Corpus Christi Parish, Hasbrouck Heights, was appointed parochial vicar of St. Leo Parish, Elmwood Park, effective June 20.

Reverend Albino K. Sorker has been appointed parochial vicar of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Scotch Plains, through May 31, 2008.

Reverend Czeslaw Zalubski, S.D.B. has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Michael Parish, Bayonne, through June 1, 2010.

CHAPLAIN

Reverend Robert B. Stagg, pastor of the Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, was also appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Presentation Council No. 6033, Upper Saddle River, effective May 29.

Archives yield lasting insights into a faithful 'man of prayer'

BY ELINOR G. WALKER

Special to The Catholic Advocate

(Editor's note: The following article, written by Elinor G. Walker, originally was published in the July 23, 1986 edition of The Catholic Advocate. Msgr. John E. Doran, who served as a secretary for Archbishop Peter L. Gerety, was interviewed by the newspaper 21 years ago to gain insights on the archbishop's daily routine as well as his inner qualities as a spiritual leader. Msgr. Doran, who currently serves as the Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the archdiocese, recalled this article and wanted to share it with readers.)

Msgr. John Doran, who has served Archbishop Peter L. Gerety as secretary since 1979, describes him as "a very holy man who is deeply spiritual. A day never goes by that he doesn't faithfully celebrate Mass and read the Divine Office. As busy as he is, the spiritual routine is never cut into."

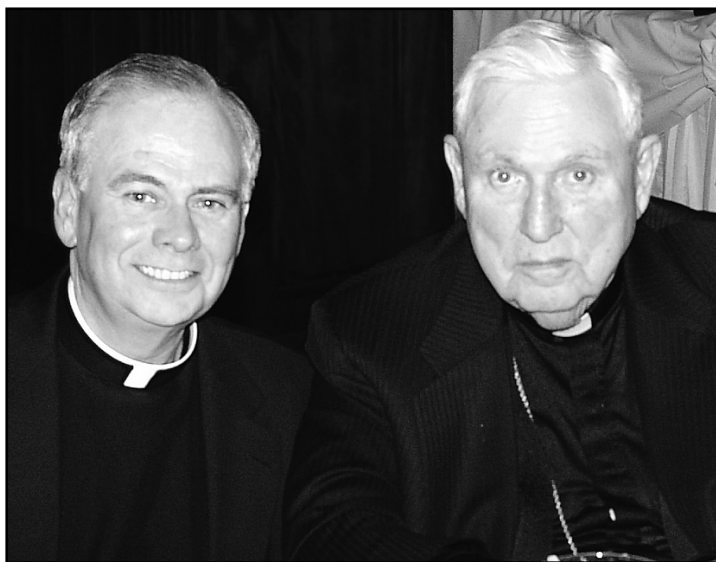
"He keeps a daily holy hour before the Blessed Sacrament and is deeply devoted to Our Lady and says the rosary every day," Msgr. Doran continued. "Though he follows this routine daily, he often varies it, but only in language."

He explained that the archbishop, who is fluent in Spanish and French, often celebrates Mass and prayers in these languages. Even when traveling, he said, Archbishop Gerety never deletes his prayers from his schedule.

On weekends, Msgr. Doran generally served as driver as the archbishop traveled from parish to parish to officiate at observances. "As we went from event to event, the archbishop would say vespers out loud in the car so I could join in," Msgr. Doran said. The two also often said the rosary together in the car.

"He would make his intention of the day for a priest who was sick or for the family of a priest who had died or for institutions in the diocese that faced a crisis," Msgr. Doran said. "When he was away from the archdiocese, his intentions at Mass were for the people of the archdiocese."

Msgr. Doran described the daily routine of Archbishop Gerety as much "like the pope's." He rises at 5:30 or at 6 a.m. The first thing he does is go into the chapel and begin the early hours of the office



Msgr. John E. Doran (left) and Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety are pictured at the 14th annual Business and Labor Recognition Dinner, held last March at Mayfair Farms in West Orange.

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before the Blessed Sacrament.

"In nice weather, he would take a walk in Branch Brook Park (next to the Cathedral) and continue his meditation. By 8 a.m., when we would have breakfast, he had been up several hours. At 9 a.m., he would arrive at the chancery for work."

The first thing Archbishop Gerety did each day was to personally go through the volumes of mail he received, with the assistance of Paula Flynn, his secretary. The archbishop would see to it that all mail received an answer and would consult with the vicars or bishops when it was necessary to

suits," Msgr. Doran said. "He was constantly reading. He loves to read theology and history and subscribes to many of the theological journals, both American and foreign. He has also continued his study of French, Spanish and Latin and the most recent language he has learned, Portuguese."

As a result, the dinner conversation at the rectory of the cathedral has been "stimulating," Msgr. Doran said. "The archbishop was always informed and open." The topics of conversation ranged from theology to world conditions. Msgr. Doran compared the community of at least seven priests who live at the rectory to "a mini-seminary," and commented on the number of exciting guests from Church and state that were often at table.

Msgr. Doran, said that in his early years at the cathedral, as an associate pastor, the young priests felt comfortable to talk about their concerns in the parish at the dinner table and the archbishop listened but "let them do their own thing."

Any anxiety the young priests had about living with an archbishop were quickly dispelled, Msgr. Doran said. He recalled how in those early days, one of his duties was to turn off the lights at night in the chapel in the cathedral.

"I would go into the chapel and find him (Archbishop Gerety) kneeling there before the Blessed Sacrament. This inspired me to stay and pray. He never knew I was there. He is a man of prayer, an active person who will remain active as a churchman."

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He was constantly reading.'*

—Msgr. John E. Doran

assure that those who sought his help received a response.

During the morning, the archbishop kept appointments and often lunched at his desk so he could continue his work. In the afternoon, Msgr. Doran said, there were more appointments and then the archbishop scheduled visits to sick priests in the hospital or "someone who needed to be cheered up."

For all of his obligations, Archbishop Gerety managed to find time to continue his considerable education. "He always inspired me with his intellectual pur-

Church reaching out to women with PPD

On what should be among the happiest days in their lives, the gift of a child from God, between 11,000 and 16,000 women in the Garden State become victims of Postpartum Depression (PPD) each year.

The Catholic dioceses of New Jersey are joining the fight to help these often isolated, bewildered and desperate women.

In a news conference May 25 at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark, the state's Catholic dioceses announced the launching of a unique program. Among the speakers was Mary Jo Codey—the former First Lady of New Jersey, a PPD victim and ardent advocate for educating the public about the affliction.

"Speak Up When You Are Down" will train priests, deacons, Religious and lay professionals in the 684 parishes of New Jersey on how to recognize the signs and symptoms of perinatal mood disorders, especially PPD. The first session in the Archdiocese of Newark will be in the Archdiocesan Center. Training will focus on the signs and symptoms of PPD and treatment resources. With early identification of the condition, proper intervention at the outset of symptoms can properly treat PPD. Those symptoms range from mild depression to total despair. It is believed PPD is the result of both biological and psychosocial factors.

The disease—and it is a disease the same as cancer or diabetes—affects between 10 to 15 percent of new mothers and possibly as many as 24 percent of inner-city moms. That second statistic is especially relevant for the Archdiocese of Newark.

As the New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC) has pointed out, a core ministry of any parish is to support families. As was stressed at the news conference, PPD is an illness that affects the victim and her family. According to the NJCC, because a "fundamental tenet" of Catholic teaching is that each life is sacred, it places "particular emphasis on the dignity and rights of the family."

The training of clergy, Religious and lay staff is critical because they are often the first ones to whom an individual or family turns in time of trouble. "Speak Up When You Are Down" will equip parish personnel to become an invaluable and possibly life-saving resource when PPD strikes.

The PPD offensive among the state's dioceses is the first in New Jersey by any faith group. It is groundbreaking and it is needed.

Congratulations to graduates

Whether it is a diploma from eighth grade, high school or college, graduation day signals a major transition in a student's life.

This is an exciting and often retrospective time of year for graduates and their families. Hard work hitting the books has paid off and now it is full speed ahead to the next level with all the challenges and rewards implicit in such a major milestone.

With a Catholic education, students from schools throughout the Archdiocese of Newark are superbly equipped to meet those challenges and reap the rewards in this much-anticipated important next step in their young lives.

The quality of schooling in archdiocesan schools speaks for itself. Academic honors abound throughout the school system. And there is more—from stunning athletic achievement, to a myriad of extracurricular activities to student programs reaching out to their respective communities. Catholic schools nurture the body and soul well beyond the confines of classroom walls.

Congratulations to our graduates on a job well done.

Weighing old, new liturgy and sense of the sacred

A few days ago I read in the newspapers and I heard on the radio and television of a “*Moto Proprio*,” a declaration, about to come from Pope Benedict XVI that would grant permission for priests like me to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass according to the old pre-Vatican II Tridentine Rite.

I offered that Mass in Latin for almost seven years of my priesthood. I would have no problem returning to the majesty and dignity of that ancient liturgy. In fact, our own choir has been singing the Latin Gregorian chant at our noon Mass for the last three years. It is truly beautiful.

The old liturgy does have certain shortcomings. Primarily, for me, it is the fact that the Liturgy of the Word is in the Latin tongue and there are, comparatively, very few varied scripture passages. The people should hear the Word of God in their own language and it is good to hear the complete Word of God.

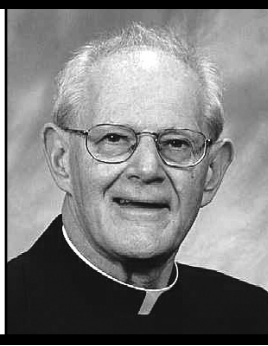
Why, might we ask, is the present pope now offering us the option of returning to the Mass that was formally ratified by Saint Pius V in 1570?

I have an insight that I would like to share with you. The Congregation for Divine Worship is the agency in Rome that has the last word in decisions pertaining to worship and the sacraments. Cardinal Francis Arinze is the prefect of the congregation—the group that makes the recommendations. The Holy Father has the final say.

On Dec. 10, 2005, the Holy Father appointed Bishop Albert Ranjith Patabendige Don as Archbishop Secretary to the Congregation. Archbishop Ranjith is from Sri Lanka. He has had a long career as a bishop, secretary to the “*Propaganda Fide*,” and papal nuncio. He is a good friend of Cardinal Arinze and he worked with then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (now Pope

Voices

By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist



Benedict XVI) for several years.

His appointment means that he reflects the mind of both men—the cardinal and the pope. So what he says will give an insight into the thoughts of those in the Vatican who make decisions on Divine Worship.

I now give some of his words taken from an interview with two magazines: *Vatican* (February 2007) and *30 Days* (September 2006), and also from his speech on a book by Uwe M. Long: “Turned to the Lord, Orientation in Liturgical Prayer.” Here are some quotations:

“There is a rising call for a restoration of the Tridentine Mass. It is not so much a matter of the Tridentine Mass or of the *Novus Ordo* (the present order of the Liturgy). It is a question of pastoral responsibility and sensitivity. If the Tridentine Mass is the way to achieve an even better level of spiritual enrichment for the faithful, then the shepherds should allow it. Pope John Paul II in his statement to the bishops, *Ecclesia Dei adflicta*, 1988, made a personal appeal to the bishops to be generous in this matter.”

“The result expected from the liturgical reform has not shown itself.”

“There has been criticism of the fact that, before the council, the faithful didn’t really participate in the Mass but were passively present or engaged in personal devotions. But do the faithful today really participate in a more spiritually elevated or personal way? Hasn’t it happened that many have gone away and that the churches have emptied? What reform are we talking about? In a secularized world, instead of seeking to raise hearts toward the greatness of the Lord, the effect has been that of lowering the Divine Mysteries to a trivial level.”

“The Mass of Saint Pius VI cannot be considered abolished by the new so-called Missal of Paul VI.”

It is apparent that the Holy See is responding to two separate but equivalent pressures. One is the numbers of people—strangely enough, even among young people—who feel an attraction to the sacred character of the early Latin Mass. Recently, almost 40 English-speaking scholars petitioned the Holy See for “a continued use of the classical Roman liturgy.” They were not all Catholic.

The second is more pragmatic. The cardinal very clearly feels that the faithful of the Western Church have left the practice of the faith not merely from secular interests, but in the archbishop’s own words, “a deep crisis of faith coupled with a drive for meaningless liturgical experimentation and novelty have had their own impact in this matter.”

Somehow the new rite has left many of the laity with an indifference toward our liturgy. They are less than inspired by the Sunday ceremonies.

The pope seems to agree with that opinion. That is why he is about to give permission for the old liturgy to make a comeback.

(Msgr. John Gilchrist is the pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison. He recently celebrated 50 years in the priesthood.)

Two anniversaries, two battles of epic consequence

June 4, 2007, marked the 65th anniversary of the Battle of Midway, the pivot of World War II in the Pacific. A quarter-century later, on June 5, 1967, the Israeli Air Force destroyed its Egyptian counterpart in one lightning blow, thus making possible an Israeli victory in the Six-Day War—the event that set the stage for the past 40 years of Middle Eastern history.

Both anniversaries offer important moral lessons to ponder.

A new book by Jonathan Parshall and Anthony Tully, “*Shattered Sword*,” offers an engagingly (if sometimes excessively) revisionist history of Midway. Against the conventional telling of this tale—in which sharp-eyed American signals intelligence, the strategic and tactical acumen of Admiral Raymond Spruance, the dithering of Admiral Chuichi Nagumo, and the heroic self-sacrifice of three U.S. Navy torpedo squadrons—were the key factors in the battle, Parshall and Tully emphasize the ways in which Japanese technical, strategic, and command incapacities played a large role in the destruction of four enemy aircraft carriers by U.S. Navy Dauntless dive-bombers, a blow from which the Japanese Navy never recovered.

The conventional story of the American David taking down the hitherto invincible Japanese Goliath is not quite right, our authors suggest.

Yet there is something to be remembered, on this anniversary, from the conventional account of Midway and it’s the image of those three American torpedo squadrons from Hornet, Enterprise, and Yorktown, flying obsolete Douglas Devastators, boring in on their targets, being shot down one by one by Japanese Zeros—and so disrupting Japanese flight operations on the (unscathed) target carriers that the subsequent dive-bomber attacks of the Dauntlesses

The Catholic Difference

by George Weigel



could change the course of history in two engagements lasting perhaps 10 minutes each.

The lesson? If freedom is not free, and it isn’t, then free peoples will always have to raise up men capable of stretching courage to its outer limits, often paying the ultimate price in the process.

Twenty-five years later, as Michael Oren narrates in “Six Days of War,” the State of Israel was in dire peril. Egypt had imposed a blockade of Israel’s only outlet to the south, the port of Eilat. A Soviet disinformation campaign falsely claimed that Israel was massing troops on the Syrian border, preparing an attack, even as Egypt (having thrown U.N. peacekeepers out) was remilitarizing the Sinai and concluding a military pact with Jordan, thus surrounding Israel.

Seven other Arab states began sending troops to Egypt, Syria, and Jordan, anticipating a vast slaughter of Jews and the State of Israel being driven into the sea and out of existence. The U.N. was, as usual, useless, and President Lyndon Johnson’s efforts to raise an international task force to open a passage to Eilat failed.

Alone, Israel took the hard decision to strike first—to crush the Egyptian air force in one blow and thus make possible an effective defense against the ground attack that was certainly coming. The Israelis begged Jordan’s King Hussein to stay out of the fight.

In consequence, Jerusalem was united under a Jewish flag for the first time in two millennia. Much would flow from Jordan’s loss of the West Bank, including, much blood.

The lesson? Sometimes, it is morally imperative to shoot

first—not just strategically wise or tactically advantageous, but morally imperative.

Even given the military gamble involved, for the Israeli government not to have ordered a pre-emptive attack on the Egyptian air force to even the odds on national survival would have been an act of moral irresponsibility.

That correct “just-war” decision ought to be remembered—not because it provides a universal template, but because it makes a crucial moral point: faced with certain aggression, responsible public authorities need not wait for the aggressor’s first blow to fall.

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

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September 'Festival' to celebrate Catholic identity, offer outreach

BY CHRISTY GUERRA

Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

NEWARK—The Archdiocese of Newark will host the "Festival of Faith" on Sept. 29, a celebration of Catholicism that will be held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St.

The festival, which begins at 10 a.m. and ends with a Mass at 6 p.m., will include music and cultural celebrations at Barringer High School as well as events at the Archdiocesan Center. The high school and the center both are located adjacent to the cathedral.

The event is designed for parishioners from the Archdiocese of Newark to celebrate their Catholic identity. It also will serve as an invitation for Catholics who have drifted away from the Church to rediscover their faith. The festival will provide an opportunity for those unfamiliar with the teachings of the Church to participate and learn more about the gift of Catholicism.

"The Festival of Faith reflects our desire to stimulate and energize the faith and enthusiasm of all God's people in the Archdiocese of Newark," said Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, Regional Bishop for Essex County, who will serve as the main celebrant of the day's closing Mass. "It also celebrates the richness of all cultures represented throughout our archdiocese and the fact that our faith makes us all one Church," he said.

The event will feature presentations in English and Spanish, encompassing all areas of Catholic life and the role it plays in the lives of the faithful. Speakers slated to take part in the event include Sister Theresa Rickard, O.P., the director of RENEW International, Plainfield; Damon Owens, the founder of Joy-Filled Marriage NJ (Web site: www.joyfilledmarriagenj.org), a non-profit organization providing training, resources, and support for engaged and married couples; Father Michael A. Saporito, the pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Maplewood, who has an extensive background in

Catholic traditions, doctrine and contemporary spirituality; and Sister Marilyn Minter, C.S.F.F., a certified spiritual director who has worked with diocesan vocation offices throughout New Jersey as well as in Philadelphia and Wilmington, DE.

The day will provide an opportunity for participants to express their faith through popular Catholic devotions, such as a multilingual recitation of the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

In recognition of the importance of the beauty of diversity to Catholicism, the festival will feature music and traditional dances from various cultures around the world.

Admission to the event is free. For more information, please call Liliana Soto, coordinator of the archdiocesan Office of Evangelization, at (973) 497-4353, or via e-mail at faithfest@rcan.org. Media organizations that wish to cover the event should contact the archdiocesan Office of Communications at (973) 497-4187.

The Pope Speaks

Pope Benedict XVI



'Christian orthodoxy' saint draws praise

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Continuing our catechesis on the great teachers of the ancient Church, we turn today to Saint Athanasius of Alexandria.

Athanasius is venerated in East and West alike as a pillar of Christian orthodoxy. Against the followers of the Arian heresy, he insisted on the full divinity and consubstantiality of the Son with the Father, and defended the faith of the Church as expressed in the Creed of the Council of Nicaea. The Arian crisis did not end with the Council; indeed, for his resolute defense of the Nicene dogma, Athanasius was exiled from his See five times in 30 years. His many writings include the treatise *On the Incarnation of the Word*, which defends the full divinity of the Son, whose incarnation is the source of our salvation: "He became man so that we could become God." Athanasius also wrote a celebrated *Life of Anthony*, a spiritual biography of Saint Anthony Abbot, whom he had known personally. This popular book had an immense influence in the spread of the monastic ideal in East and West. Like Anthony, Athanasius stands out as one of the great figures of the Church in Egypt, a "lamp" whose teaching and example even today light up the path of the entire Church.

Monastery schedules discernment weekend

ELIZABETH—St. Walburga Monastery next month will hold a discernment weekend and monastic live-in for women considering the vocation of a Benedictine Sister.

The discernment weekend, July 6-8 for women over the age of 18, will feature group sessions, time to pray and reflect and opportunities to meet the Benedictine Sisters. The monastic live-in is a weeklong program beginning July 6. Call (908) 353-3028 to register.



NEW SEMINARIANS ASSEMBLE—Archbishop John J. Myers and Father Brian Plate, the director of the archdiocesan Vocations Department (seated, left to right), recently welcomed five men to the Archdiocesan Center in Newark. The men have been accepted by Archbishop Myers to be new seminarians for the Archdiocese of Newark. The quintet includes (standing, left to right) Gilberto Duarte, Rafael Gonzalez, Juan Alexander Ortega Ortiz, Omar Hernandez and Renato Esposito. The five men will enter either St. Andrew's College Seminary or Immaculate Conception Seminary in the coming fall semester.

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An Italian heritage nourishes a faithful community

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

The first Mass ever celebrated in Garfield was in a barn on Clark Street, near Farnham Avenue. In 1901, a priest simply known as “Father Po” was sent to Garfield in response to the request of Italian families in the area.

The church, then without a name, began expanding when Father Po moved the congregation to a store on Westminster Place owned by Raffaele Fusco. After deliberation, the store/church finally received its name in 1904 after the famous shrine located 2,300 ft. above sea level in Avellino, Italy, near Naples—the Shrine of the Madonna di Montevergine.

In Fusco’s store, a butcher shop, was born Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish.

A temporary chapel was built in 1904 in the newly purchased property on Frederick Street and Grenelle Avenue (now MacArthur Avenue). To care for the increasing number of

parishioners, a basement church was built in 1907 on the corner of Frederick Street and the present MacArthur Avenue. It was used until 1927 when the present structure was erected. The outer structure of the older church still stands. The façade emulates the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome. Bishop John J. O’Connor blessed and dedicated the new church on Nov. 27, 1927.

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish has survived two fires. The first, in 1940, almost ruined the building except for the rear and outer structures and the sidewalls. One year later, another fire began after lightning struck the steeple.

Reconstruction of the building was finally completed in 1942, without the cupola over the sanctuary and the columns along the aisles. A new bell tower was built and the church boasts beautiful stained glass windows.

As the church building was renovated, parishioners grew in number. Today, the parish has 1,300 registered families and 25 percent are Italian-speaking. An estimated 35 percent of parishioners are adults between the ages of 30-59. New members account for 10 percent of the parish community, which Father Peter J. Palmisano—the current pastor—describes as “close-knit.”

Joanne Briglio is a lifelong parishioner. “I remember as a child growing up and going to church with my parents and grandparents. Now I can understand the love they had for Mount Virgin. By their example, I now have the same faith and pride in my parish community.”

As a parishioner for over 40 years, Dan Tummillio has his share of fond memories. “Mount Virgin is my second home. As a child, my father would take me to the gymnasium on Saturday mornings to roller skate with the Filippini Sisters, which is how they got their exercise. Once I grew older, I was given the privilege of being pulled out of school to help shovel the snow in the church parking lot. Now as an adult, I participate in other ways, like opening the church each morning, that has been passed down though my family.”

“I would say that the parishioners’ faith has also been renovated, as shown in the growing attendance and participation in the parish’s activities,” Father Palmisano said. “We now look forward to continuing the spirit of New Energies with St. Leo Parish (Elmwood Park), Most Sacred Heart Parish



Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish had humble beginnings in a barn and then a butcher shop. The current church was renovated in 1942 after surviving two fires. Named for the Shrine of the Madonna di Montevergine near Naples, Italy, Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish originally served the Italian-American community.

Our Lady of Mount Virgin, Garfield

(Wallington) and St. Anne Parish (Fair Lawn).”

A feeling of camaraderie and a sense of community unite the parishioners at Our Lady of Mount Virgin.

The community spirit is enhanced during special feasts, religious celebrations and devotions. Every week, there are devotions to the Sacred Heart, rosary, Padre Pio, St. Jude and eucharistic exposition. A special celebration honoring St. Joseph each year incorporates a dinner and dance fundraiser. In August and September, an Italian feast is prepared by parishioners and a live band highlights the festivities.

The annual feast strengthens the bond of Italian heritage between parishioners and priests. “Mount Virgin is a family-oriented parish in which a percentage of the parishioners are highly active. This can be proven by the annual Italian feast, which shows great teamwork among the parishioners,” participant Michelle Vernuccio said. “Mount Virgin is comprised of tradition, caring families, multiple ministries and parish organizations who reach out to the poor, needy and sick,” parishioner Terry Qautrone said. “The parish has taught me the impor-



A colorful procession through the streets of Garfield is a grand tradition that takes place during Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish’s annual Italian feast, which is held in September. In addition to delicious food, the annual feast strengthens the bond of Italian heritage between parishioners and priests.

tance of life as a good and faithful steward.”

Several ministries, such as Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), the stewardship program, welcoming committee and ministry to the sick strive to include all members of the congregation into the faith community. Pat Nunno, who works with funeral ministry, finds fulfillment

in helping fellow parishioners during their troubled times.

“Funeral ministry brings me so much satisfaction. Meeting with families at the most painful time in their lives, helping them to plan their final tribute to their loved one, the Funeral Mass. Families have voiced comfort in choosing their hymns and readings,” Nunno said.

Ministering to the community is one way the parish encourages a deeper spirituality. “Mount Virgin has served as a powerful beacon of spiritual growth and Catholic inspiration to its parishioners. The parish continues to prepare its people to carry on the work of Christ,” Quatrone said.

An all-encompassing approach to spiritual and building a faith community is what draws generations of families to Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, many parishioners said. “If I ever had to make a decision to relocate my home again, the first consideration would be the distance to Mount Virgin,” Andrew Kaczynski said.

(Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish is located at 188 MacArthur Ave., Garfield; phone: (973) 772-2295; Web site: www.mountvirgin.com)

Meet the Pastor



Rev. Peter J. Palmisano

Birthday: April 29, 1958

Hometown: Hoboken

High School: St. Peter’s Preparatory School

Seminary: Immaculate Conception

Undergraduate:

St. Peter’s College

Graduate School:

St. Peter’s College

Ordination: May 29, 1993

Hero: My father

Favorite Saint: St. Augustine

Favorite Sport: Swimming

Favorite Food: Italian

Favorite Subject in School: Literature

Favorite Movie:

Madea’s Family Reunion

Last Book Read:

When God Winks

Occupation if I Weren’t a

Priest: Teacher

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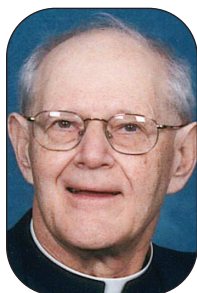
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Rev. Msgr. G. Thomas Burns

Born: July 5, 1931
College: Seton Hall University
Seminary: Immaculate Conception, Darlington
Date of Ordination: May 25, 1957
Assignments: St. Cecilia, Kearny, parochial vicar; St. Raphael, Livingston, pastor; Essex Vicariate, dean

Rev. Michael J. Feketie

Born: Sept. 20, 1931
College: Seton Hall University
Seminary: Immaculate Conception, Darlington
Date of Ordination: May 25, 1957
Assignments: Holy Spirit / Our Lady Help of Christians, East Orange, parochial vicar; St. Francis of Assisi, Ridgefield Park, parochial vicar; St. Augustine, Union City, parochial vicar; St. Joseph of the Palisades, West New York, pastor; St. Mary, Rahway, pastor
Foreign Language: Spanish

**Rev. Msgr. John J. Gilchrist**

Born: Sept. 20, 1929
College: Seton Hall University
Seminary: Immaculate Conception, Darlington
Date of Ordination: May 25, 1957
Post-Graduate: master's degree, Biblical Studies, Immaculate Conception Seminary; master's degree, Judaean-Christian Studies, Seton Hall University
Assignments: St. Mark, Rahway, parochial vicar; St. Cecilia, Kearny, parochial vicar; St. Nicholas, Jersey City, parochial vicar; Our Lady of Fatima, North Bergen, pastor; Hudson North, dean; Commission for Interreligious Affairs, chairperson; Archdiocese of Newark, Vicar for Pastoral Life; Archdiocese of Newark, Presbyteral Council; Archdiocese of Newark, Board of Consultors; Holy Cross, Harrison, pastor

Rev. Msgr. Ricardo Gonzalez

Born: June 29, 1932
Seminary: Orsense Diocesan Seminary, Galicia, Spain
Date of Ordination: June 29, 1957
Assignments: St. Patrick/Immaculate Heart of Mary, Elizabeth, parochial vicar; St. Joseph of the Palisades, West New York, parochial vicar; St. Nicholas, Jersey City, parochial vicar; St. Boniface (Resurrection), Jersey City, pastor; Archdiocese of Newark, Presbyteral Council; St. John, Orange, pastor
Foreign Language: Spanish

**Rev. Robert J. Halliwell**

Born: Nov. 27, 1931
College: Seton Hall University
Seminary: Immaculate Conception, Darlington; The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.
Date of Ordination: May 25, 1957
Post-Graduate: master's degree in divinity; licentiate in sacred theology
Assignments: St. Luke, Ho Ho Kus, parochial vicar; Bergen Regional Medical Center, Paramus, chaplain; Archdiocese of Newark, prison chaplain; St. Anthony, Northvale, parochial vicar

Rev. Msgr. Thomas A. Kleissler

Born: June 12, 1931
College: Seton Hall University
Seminary: Immaculate Conception, Darlington
Date of Ordination: May 25, 1957
Post-Graduate: master's degree in education, Iona College; master's degree in divinity, Seton Hall University
Assignments: Our Lady of Mercy, Park Ridge, parochial vicar; Archdiocese of Newark, Presbyteral Council; St. Ann, Newark, administrator; "Beyond Renew" Program, Plainfield, administrator; RENEW International, Plainfield, director

**Rev. Salvatore T. Malanga**

Born: April 2, 1931
Anniversary: 50 years
College: Seton Hall University
Seminary: Immaculate Conception, Darlington
Date of Ordination: May 25, 1957
Post-Graduate: master's degree in sacred theology, New York Theological Seminary; doctorate in pastoral ministry, New York Theological Seminary
Assignments: Our Lady of Libera, West New York, parochial vicar; Holy Family, Nutley, parochial vicar; St. Joseph, East Orange, parochial vicar; St. James, Newark, pastor; Our Lady of Sorrows, Garfield, pastor; St. Augustine, Union City, parochial vicar; St. Anthony, Newark, parochial vicar

Rev. Benedict P. Militello

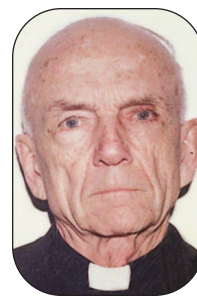
Born: Jan. 6, 1932
College: Seton Hall University
Seminary: Immaculate Conception, Darlington
Date of Ordination: May 25, 1957
Assignments: Madonna, Fort Lee, pastor; Our Lady of the Assumption, Bayonne, parochial vicar; St. Philomena, Livingston, parochial vicar; St. Joseph, Jersey City, parochial vicar; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Jersey City, pastor; Hudson Region, deaneries 8, 9 and 14, dean; St. Anne, Jersey City, parochial vicar; St. Anthony, Northvale, parochial vicar; St. Joseph, Jersey City, administrator; Most Holy Name, Garfield, pastor

**Rev. John G. Netta**

Born: Sept. 16, 1931
College: Seton Hall University
Seminary: Immaculate Conception, Darlington
Date of Ordination: May 25, 1957
Assignments: St. Anthony, Newark, parochial vicar; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Jersey City, parochial vicar; Our Lady of Mercy, Jersey City, parochial vicar; St. Genevieve, Elizabeth, parochial vicar

Rev. Paul J. Nolan

Born: Nov. 25, 1928
College: Seton Hall University
Seminary: Immaculate Conception, Darlington
Date of Ordination: May 25, 1957
Assignments: St. Joseph of the Palisades, West New York, parochial vicar; St. Vincent de Paul, Bayonne, parochial vicar; St. Mary (Resurrection), Jersey City, parochial vicar; St. Charles Borromeo, Newark, parochial vicar; St. Lucy, Newark, parochial vicar; Assumption and All Saints, Jersey City, administrator; Bergen County Sheriff's Department, Hackensack, chaplain; Hudson County Correctional Center, South Kearny, chaplain; Essex County Jail Annex, North Caldwell, chaplain
Foreign Language: Spanish



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Bishop Arias marks journey spanning 55 faithful years

NEWARK — Most Reverend David Arias, O.A.R., D.D., Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Newark, this year is celebrating the 55th anniversary of his ordination.

He was ordained a priest in Barcelona, Spain, at the International Eucharistic Congress on May 31, 1952. His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, appointed then-Father Arias as Auxiliary Bishop of Newark in 1983, where he became Vicar for Hispanic Affairs and Regional Bishop of Hudson County.

He was born July 22, 1929, in Mataluenga, Leon, Spain; attended high school and college at St. Rita College in San Sebastian, Spain; and then joined the Order of Augustinian Recollects.

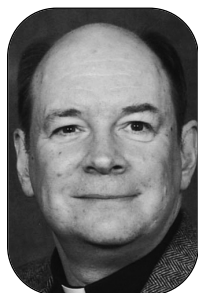
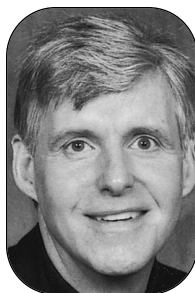
Bishop Arias has served as a member of several national committees of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C.

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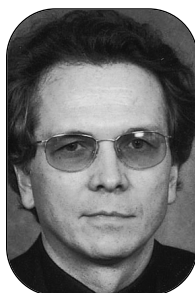
~ 25th ~

Rev. John Ranieri**Born:** July 30, 1956**College:** Seton Hall University**Seminary:** Immaculate

Conception, Darlington

Date of Ordination: Oct. 30, 1982**Assignments:** St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Jersey City, parochial vicar; Hudson County Correctional Center, South Kearny, chaplain**Foreign Languages:** Russian, German**Rev. Frank J. Rocchi****Born:** Aug. 4, 1949**College:** St. Francis College, Loretto, PA**Seminary:** St. Francis Seminary, Loretto, PA; Toronto School of Theology**Date of Ordination:** May 29, 1982**Post-Graduate:** master's degree in divinity, Toronto School of Theology; master's degree in religious education, LaSalle University, PA**Assignments:** St. Henry, Bayonne, parochial vicar; St. Anne, Jersey City, parochial vicar; Immaculate Heart of Mary, Maplewood, pastor; Good Shepherd, Irvington, pastor**Rev. Alexander Santora****Born:** July 10, 1952**College:** St. Peter's College, Jersey City**Seminary:** Immaculate

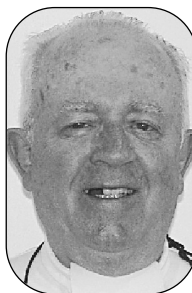
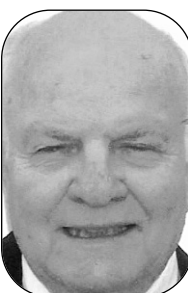
Conception, Mahwah

Date of Ordination: Oct. 30, 1982**Post-Graduate:** master's degree in divinity, Immaculate Conception Seminary; master's degree in education, Montclair State University; master's degree in journalism, Columbia University, NY**Assignments:** St. Aloysius, Jersey City, parochial vicar; Jersey City Police Department, chaplain; Archdiocese of Newark, Presbyteral Council; Hudson County Correctional Center, South Kearny, counselor; Kean University, Union, campus minister; St. Joseph, Hoboken, administrator; Our Lady of Grace, Hoboken, pastor**Rev. Tadeusz Trela****Born:** Oct. 5, 1957**College:** Catholic University of Lublin, Poland**Date of Ordination:** June 12, 1982**Post-Graduate:** master's degree in theology, Catholic University of Lublin; licentiate in sacred scripture, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome**Assignments:** Our Lady of Czestochowa, Jersey City, parochial vicar; Sacred Heart of Jesus, Irvington, pastor**Foreign Language:** Polish

Brothers

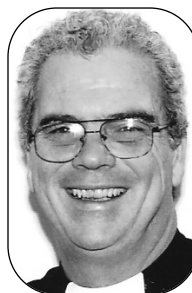
Marist Brothers of the Schools

~ 60th ~

Brother Alfred George, F.M.S.**Born:** May 20, 1929**Date of Profession:** July 26, 1947**College:** Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY**Post-Graduate:** master's degree in education, University of Santo Tomas, Philippines**Assignments:** Marist Brothers' Schools, Philippines; Roselle Catholic High School, Roselle; speaker for Missionary Cooperative Plan**Brother Martin Healy, F.M.S.****Born:** May 7, 1929**Date of Profession:** July 1, 1947**College:** Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY; Assumption College, Worcester, MA**Post-Graduate:** master's degree in theology, St. John's University, Queens, NY;**Assignments:** Roselle Catholic High School, Roselle; Lacordaire High School, Montclair; Academy of

St. Elizabeth, Convent Station; Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth, chaplain

~ 25th ~

Brother Owen Ormsby, F.M.S.**Born:** May 12, 1956**Date of Profession:** Sept. 8, 1982**College:** Fordham University, NY**Post-Graduate:** master's degree in biblical studies, Fordham University; master's degree in school administration, St. Peter's College, Jersey City**Assignments:** Queen of Angels School, Newark; Marist High School, Bayonne; Roselle Catholic High School, Roselle

Sisters

Missionary Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception

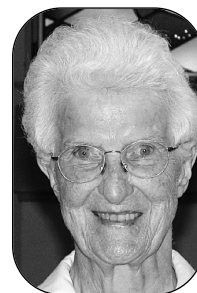
~ 75th ~

Sister M. Redempta Power, M.F.I.C.**Born:** Dec. 30, 1912**College:** Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA**Post-Graduate:** licentiate in sacred science, Regina Mundi Pontifical Institute, Rome, Italy; master's degree in sacred science, Saint Mary College, Notre Dame, IN**Date of First Profession:**

Aug. 25, 1932

Assignments: Our Lady of the Angels Convent, Tenafly, in residence; various assignments in secondary education in Massachusetts, New York, Egypt, Italy and Ireland

~ 70th ~

Sister M. Ibar Aylward, M.F.I.C.**Born:** Oct. 28, 1915**College:** Boston State College, MA**Date of First Profession:** Dec. 8, 1937**Assignments:** St. Francis Academy, Union City, primary education; various assignments in Illinois, New York and Egypt**Sister M. Concepta Gillen, M.F.I.C.****Born:** Jan. 15, 1918**College:** Le Moyne University, Syracuse, NY**Date of First Profession:** May 8, 1937**Assignments:** Our Lady of the Angels Convent, Tenafly, Internal Ministry; various assignments in primary education in Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania, Egypt and Ireland**Sister Catherine Henry, M.F.I.C.****Born:** Dec. 22, 1915**College:** College of Saint Catherine, St. Paul, MN**Date of First Profession:** Dec. 8, 1937**Assignments:** Our Lady of the Angels Convent, Tenafly, local minister; St. Francis Academy, Union City, administrator; various assignments in Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York and Ireland

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*His Excellency,
The Most Reverend Andrew Pataki, JCL, DD,
together with
the Presbyterate and Faithful of the
Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic
extend best wishes to
Archbishop Peter Gerety
upon his
95th birthday.*

*May God grant Archbishop Gerety
Peace, health and happiness
for many blessed years*

Msgr. Thomas A. Kleissler
Founder and President of RENEW International

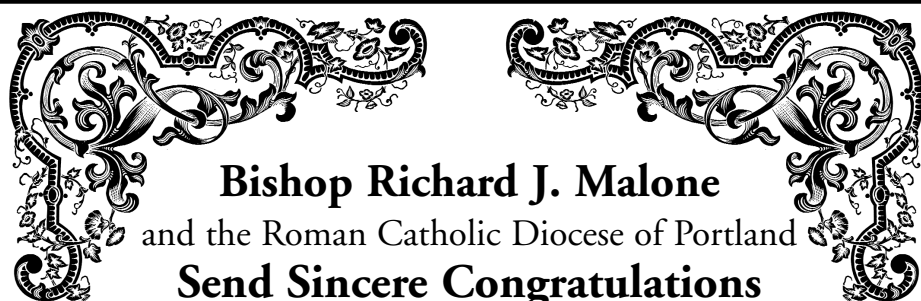
Archbishop Peter L. Gerety
"The Father of RENEW"

Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha
RENEW International Board of Trustees

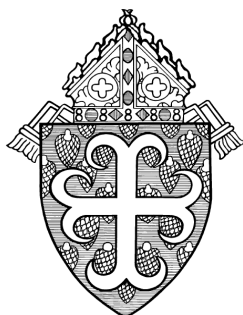
and all the 2007 Jubilarians

In thanksgiving
for your years of dedicated service
to God's people.
May God continue to bless you
and your ministry.

Sr. Theresa Rickard, O.P., Director
and Staff



Bishop Richard J. Malone
and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland
**Send Sincere Congratulations
and Best Wishes
To Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety
On the Joyous Occasion of his 95th Birthday**



*We are Grateful for Your Leadership and Wisdom
During Your Episcopal Ministry in Maine
and Pray for God's Continued Blessings
Upon You*



May our Lord, Jesus Christ
continue to bless

Archbishop Gerety, as he celebrates his
95th birthday
and

We pray and give thanks to our Jubilarians.
Your faith and life's work are an inspiration to all.

Bower & Company
Kearny

Dominican Nuns
Union City

**Blessed Sacrament/
St. Charles Borromeo Church**
Newark

J. T. Murdoch Shoes
Bloomfield

Christ the King Church
Hillside

**Keil-Bobkens &
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Fairview

**Collins-Calhoun
Funeral Home**
Rutherford

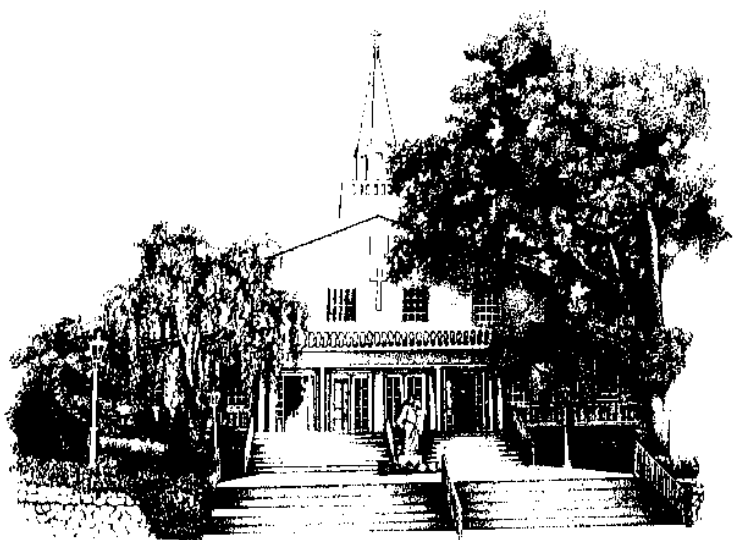
**Our Lady of Sorrows
Church**
Garfield

Community of God's Love
Rutherford

Vainieri Funeral Home
North Bergen

Congratulations to all our priest jubilarians.
Happy Birthday Archbishop Gerety!
Lasting good health to you all.

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish
Saddle River



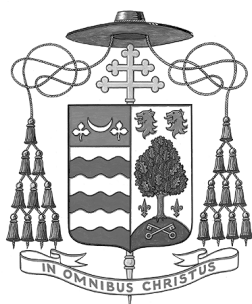
May we add
our voices
to the joyful chorus
congratulating
**Archbishop
Emeritus
Peter L. Gerety**
on his 95th birthday

**Congratulations to
all 2007 Jubilarians**

Your wisdom
and
achievements
continue to
inspire us.



**Most Rev.
Thomas A.
Donato, D.D.**
and the entire
parish
community of
St. Henry
Bayonne



Archbishop Peter Leo Gerety
Happy 95th Birthday

*from your "first sons" in the Newark Presbyterate
ordained May 31, 1975*

*Father Donald F. Cialone Father Patrick W. Donohue
Father Raymond R. Filipski Father Arthur F. Humphrey
Father Thomas B. Iwanowski Father William P. Lesak
and Father Robert B. Stagg.*

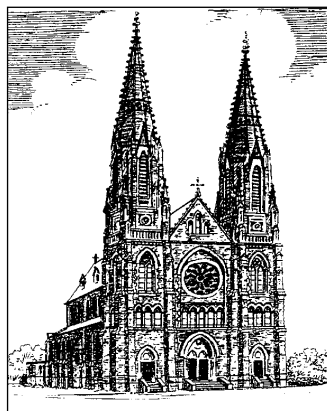
*Witnessing through ministry and service
that we are "In omnibus Christus" !*

Galatians 3:28

*The Parish Family of
The Immaculate Heart of Mary /
Saint Patrick's Church
in Elizabeth*

Wish to congratulate and offer their prayers to
Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety on his 95th Birthday
and all Jubilarians 2007.

May God continue to bless all of you and your ministry.



**Rev. Fabio Roy De Jesús
Brenes-Chaves, Pastor**

**Rev. Justino Cornejo-Castillero,
Parochial Vicar**

Staff and Parishioners

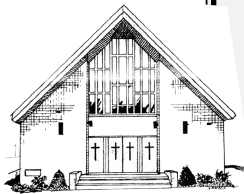


The people of
St. Michael's Church
in Bayonne congratulate

Bishop David Arias

on 55 years of service to God's people.

Ad Multos Annos



Archbishop Gerety

**On this joyful occasion
of your 95th birthday,
we salute you and thank you
for your many years of service**



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Montclair

Rev. Msgr. Timothy J. Shugrue



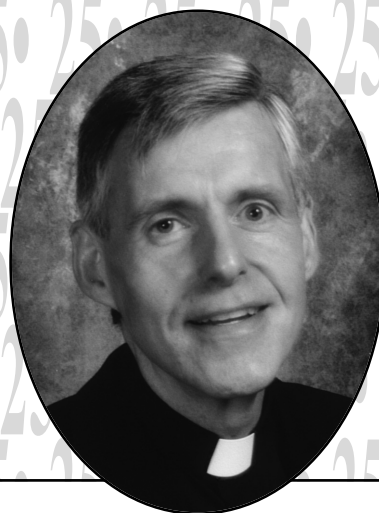
*We pray and give thanks for
Archbishop Gerety on this special
birthday.*

*We are proud of your years of
service.*

You continue to inspire us.

***Our Lady of Mercy Parish
Park Ridge, New Jersey***

*Congratulations to all our
Jubilarians.*



With love & pride,
The Good Shepherd Family
congratulates

Father Frank Rocchi

on his 25th Anniversary!

Good Shepherd Parish
954 Stuyvesant Avenue, Irvington, NJ 07111

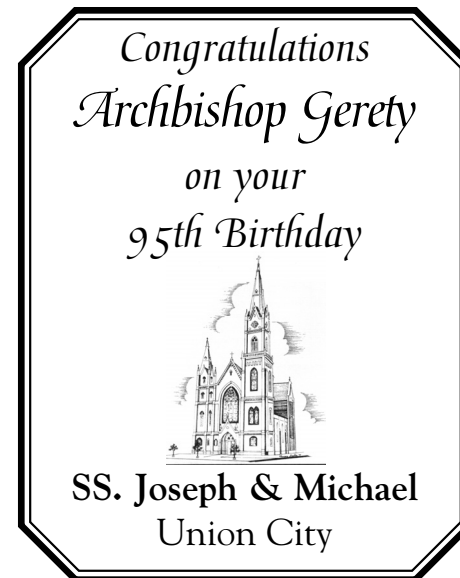
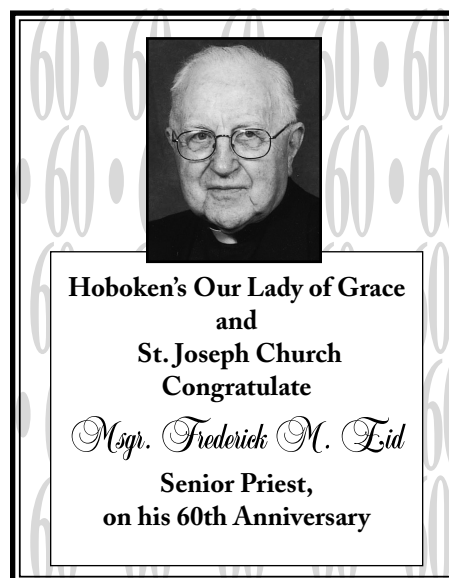
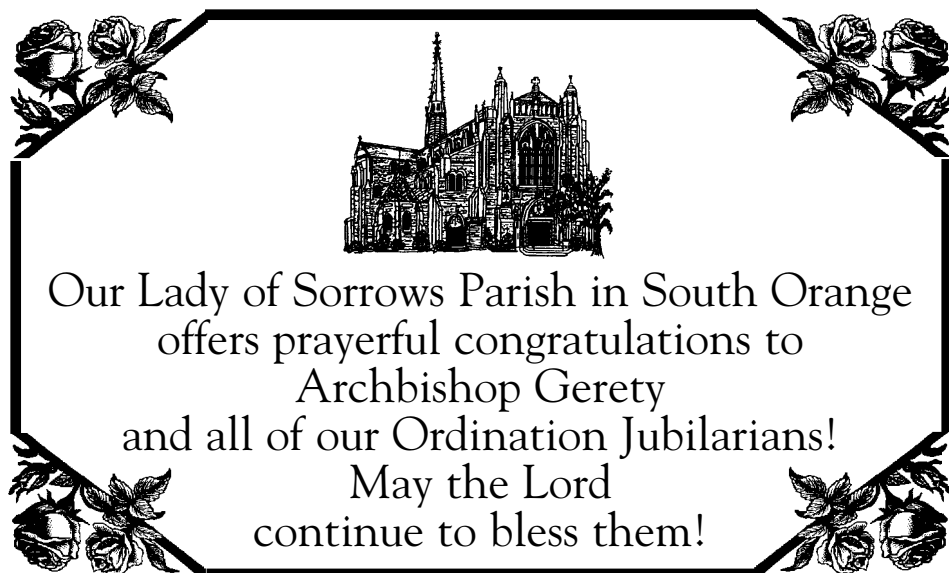
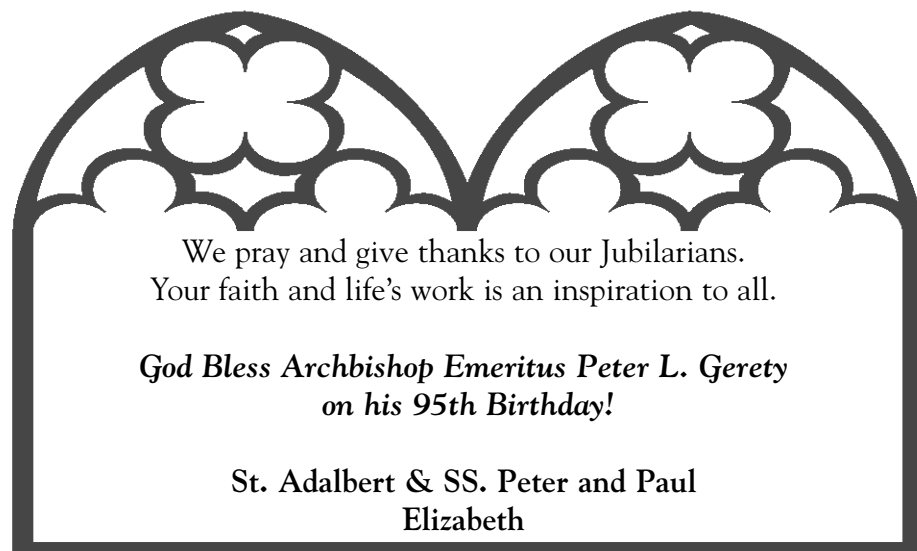
With affection and gratitude the Parish Community of
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament
Roseland
Congratulates our Pastor

Rev. Theodore Osbahr

on his 40th Anniversary in Priestly Ministry



We extend our congratulations to all the other celebrants.



**Congratulations to
Archbishop
Peter L. Gerety
and
to all Jubilarians 2007**



The Serra Club District #22
To Support Vocations to the
Priesthood and Religious Life

The Marist Brothers

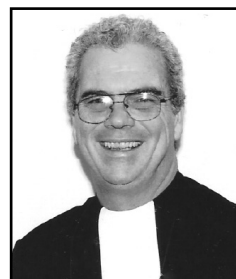
*Offer a heartfelt "thank you"
in honor of their Jubilarians*

Brother Owen Ormsby, F.M.S.

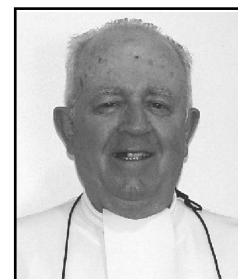
Brother Alfred George, F.M.S.

and

Brother Martin Healy, F.M.S.



Brother Owen Ormsby, F.M.S.
Anniversary: 25 years



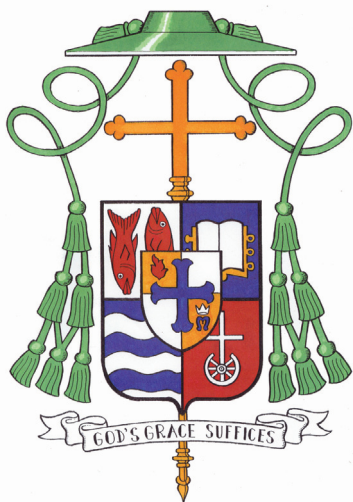
Brother Alfred George, F.M.S.
Anniversary: 60 years



Brother Martin Healy, F.M.S.
Anniversary: 60 years

*Your many years of devoted service
are an inspiration for our faith.
May God continue to provide you
with His blessings.*

Congratulations and Best Wishes to
Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety
 & the Jubilarians of the
 Archdiocese of Newark



From
Most Reverend Paul G. Bootkoski
 and the Priests, Religious and People
 of the Diocese of Metuchen

Cardinal Justin Rigali
 and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia



extend prayerful
 best wishes to
 Archbishop Emeritus
 Peter L. Gerety
 on the joyous
 occasion of his
 95th birthday.



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



The Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio
Bishop of Brooklyn

and
the Clergy, Religious and Lay Faithful
of the Diocese of Brooklyn

Join in congratulating
Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety
on his 95th birthday
and the priests celebrating
their Jubilees in 2007

May Almighty God bless them abundantly
for their faithful and generous ministry
among the People of God
entrusted to their pastoral care

A faithful friendship, a blessed 33-year voyage

BY MSGR. FRANCIS R. SEYMOUR
Special to The Catholic Advocate

It was April Fool's Day, Monday, April 1, 1974. I was an assistant chancellor of the archdiocese at that time and three priests called me that day to verify a news report they heard. The report was that Bishop Peter L. Gerety of Portland, ME, had been named Archbishop of Newark.

I told all of them I was certain there was no truth to the report and since it was April Fool's Day, that's probably what prompted such news. With the greatest of confidence I assured them it could not be true because Archbishop Thomas A. Boland, then Archbishop of Newark, had not retired yet and he gave no indication of doing so anytime soon, even though he was 78 years old.

Need I tell you how greatly surprised I was the next day to learn that the news report was indeed true. Somehow the news service carrying that report released it a day ahead of time by mistake and so the news spread rapidly.

Archbishop Gerety called Archbishop Boland that day and said he would like to come down to Newark to meet him and go over the matters of transition. Archbishop Boland readily agreed and was thinking that possibly his successor would get there in a week or two.

He was astounded when Archbishop Gerety suggested the very next day for their meeting. He gulped and said, "Sure, come on down." That day Auxiliary Bishop Joseph A. Costello and Monsignor John J. Ansbro, our Vicar General, went to Newark Airport to bring Archbishop Gerety to the chancery office, which at the time was located on Mulberry Street in Newark.

When he got off the elevator on the second floor, I was standing there with Msgr. Joseph A. Beggans and Father (later Bishop) Robert F. Garner. Archbishop Boland was standing outside his office down the hall and someone motioned to Archbishop Gerety that Archbishop Boland was waiting for him.

He replied that first he wanted to say hello to these monsignors standing nearby. Father Garner spoke up and said that Msgr. Beggans was the only monsignor there and that he and I were not monsignors. Very quickly, our new archbishop said to us: "Well you are both monsignors *in petto*." ("In petto" is a Latin term for appointments that are kept secret for a time.) That was the first time I met the man for whom I have been working on and off for the past 33 years.

That initial visit set the pattern for almost weekly visits for the next three months until his solemn installation on June 28, 1974. A few days after that first visit, his priest secretary in Portland, Rev. Stephen Concannon, called our chancery. Since I was the only priest at his desk at that particular moment I took the call. Father Concannon wanted us to know of the new archbishop's plans to come to Newark the next week. From then on I became his interim secretary. I met him at the airport each week and set up appointments with the people he wanted to meet.

From the very beginning I saw a man who had an agen-

da for action. Archbishop Boland was much more passive and made no demands on his staff. When he gave us work to do, he left it up to us to get it done in our own good time. Archbishop Gerety made it clear he wanted everything done immediately. One of the reasons was his reputation for efficiency. He also wanted time to relax and enjoy his deep passion for sail boating.

Archbishop Boland was in the office virtually every day, even Saturdays when the office was closed. He rarely took vacations. Archbishop Gerety left the office as soon as his work for that day was ended. He also took frequent vacations. In fact in the first summer after his installation, he came to the office only one or two days a week. He let us know that even that was by way of exception since he wanted to get acquainted with his new diocese.

However, while he was away he would call each day and the mail with days before cell. He authorized appropriate responses were made of necessity of the

we would go over him. This was in the phones and e-mail. us to give appropriate responses to requests that him and the business office went on as smoothly as if he were there.



Archbishop Peter Gerety (left) and Msgr. Francis Seymour enjoyed the festivities as guests of honor at the 53rd Archbishop's Vocation Fund Dinner, which was held last month in West Orange. Msgr. Seymour praised Archbishop Gerety as "a man who had an agenda for action." Advocate photo - Ward Miele

Once that first summer of his acquaintance with the Archdiocese of Newark was over, Archbishop Gerety moved full speed ahead. He had several meetings of the priests in different areas of the archdiocese to present a general outline of his plans and to answer their questions. He went to meetings of virtually all of the archdiocesan agencies and institutions and commissions.

He made it quite clear that he was attending those meetings only so he could introduce himself to those working in those groups. He told them he would not be a working member of any committee because his role was to receive their recommendations. It was not to go to their meetings and work things out.

When Archbishop Gerety arrived in Newark, he faced a diocese with an enormous debt that was growing steadily. Very quickly he put together the Archbishop's Committee of the Laity. This group was composed of business and financial leaders in the community. By and large he followed the advice they offered and within nine years the entire debt was paid off. Of course, to reach that stage he had to cut back several programs and freeze hiring of employees and other distasteful but necessary steps.

However, he always had a vision of what he wanted to accomplish. He was not one to simply solve an immediate crisis and then move on to the next one. He wanted to know what all the implications were of the problem at hand. He further wanted to know how possible solutions would af-

fect the future. Putting it all together with the recommendations he received, he moved forward with his decision.

His attitude of consultation and seeking advice from experts in certain fields was one he followed all his life. When he was only ordained a priest for three years, his bishop in Hartford, CT, gave him the responsibility of founding the first African-American parish in the state of Connecticut. He immediately started searching for people to help him in this endeavor. Before long, he put together a group of business leaders to help him raise money for this parish. The parish is St. Martin de Porres in New Haven, CT, and it is still in operation.

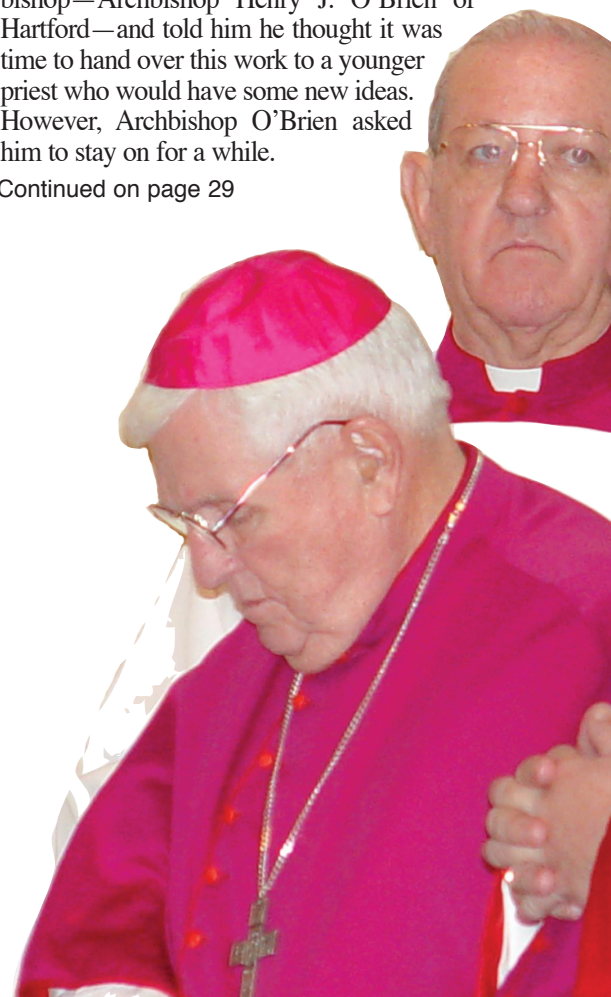
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A few years after getting the New Haven parish started, he decided to open a grammar school. He went to the bishop and asked permission to build a convent. The bishop told him he didn't have any religious sisters yet so why would he build a convent.

Father Gerety said he would not be able to get a group of sisters to come there unless he had a convent for them. This convinced the bishop and the convent was built.

During his years at St. Martin's Parish, he traveled all over the state of Connecticut to speak at Sunday masses about his work in New Haven. He was thus able to receive financial support from those parishes to enable him to carry on his mission. He truly enjoyed his ministry there but after 24 years, he thought he was getting stale. So he went to his bishop—Archbishop Henry J. O'Brien of Hartford—and told him he thought it was time to hand over this work to a younger priest who would have some new ideas. However, Archbishop O'Brien asked him to stay on for a while.

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HIBERNIANS GATHER

— Eilish R. Harrington (left), the founding president of the Pirates of Irish Persuasion & Extraction (PIPE), Seton Hall University's Irish cultural society, and Mark Cantine (right), treasurer of PIPE, visited Archbishop Gerety earlier this year at his St. John Vianney residence in Rutherford. Harrington said the archbishop "regaled us with stories of his Irish heritage, saying that his ancestors emigrated from counties Kerry and Meath—some as early as the 1850s. We are inspired by Archbishop Gerety's zeal for life and by his dedication to the Church. We pray that he will receive a multitude of blessings on the occasion of his 95th birthday. To our fellow Hibernian, we say: *"Ad multos annos!"* (for many years.)"

Advocate photo — Ward Miele



Among Archbishop Gerety's prized possessions at his residence at St. John Vianney in Rutherford is a stone engraving of comments he made in April 1975, shortly after he was assigned to Newark, in which he committed himself to the formation of parish councils. He remarked at the time that this pledge could be put in stone—and it was!

Advocate photo — Ward Miele

Archbishop reflects on his ministry

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Archbishop Gerety recalls fondly that he became a bishop right after the sweeping changes enacted by the Second Vatican Council. It was a time he described as "a new era in the history of the Church" at both the "divine and human" levels.

Vatican II, he explained, was a time when the Church embraced what Pope Paul VI called a "new attitude toward the world" shifting from a "defensive" approach in favor of embracing what it had previously resisted. One of the most important changes, he noted, was a shift in the "top-down" mindset in the Church that had emphasized the authority of the hierarchy in favor of a focus on the hierarchy as servants.

Looking back on his days at the helm of the Archdiocese of Newark (from 1974 to 1986), Archbishop Gerety said he particularly enjoyed assisting with that (post-Vatican II) "change of attitude in the Church, fostering the servant nature of the Church's authority." It was a time, he said, when lay people became involved with a variety of new organizations taking their responsibility in the mission of the Church. It was also a time, he continued, when the liturgy "improved tremendously," centering on increased participation among lay people.

A vivid example, he pointed out, was formation of parish councils and similar programs. In fact, one of his prized possessions is a stone tablet inscribed with a pledge he made in his early days in Newark when he said in an April 18, 1975 speech: "I am totally committed to parish councils by April 15, 1976." He remarked to the effect that that commitment could be put in stone—and it was by some of the people who attended the presentation.

Born on July 19, 1912, Archbishop Gerety credited his

parents as one of the major influences on his decision to become a priest. Another source of inspiration, he recalled, was the clergy of his boyhood parish, St. Joseph's in Shelton.

His Connecticut hometown had no Catholic school so he attended the local public schools. His mother, whose primary concern was a Catholic education for her children, was active in many organizations with Catholic and Protestant members—a situation her son now sees as the foreshadowing of today's ecumenical movement. He had, Archbishop Gerety said nostalgically, "many wonderful Protestant friends."

The future archbishop entered St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT, and he was selected to study abroad at St. Sulpice Seminary in Issy, France. Following his ordination, then-Father Gerety returned to the United States and was assigned to St. John the Evangelist Parish in New Haven, CT. There, in addition to his parish duties, he ministered to the sick at Yale New Haven Hospital.

He was assigned to St. Brendan's Parish in New Haven in 1942. The move was made necessary because Archbishop Henry O'Brien had established an interracial social and religious center to minister to the community's black Catholic population.

He served as director of the center, then known as the Blessed Martin de Porres Center, from 1942-56. In 1956 the center became St. Martin de Porres Parish and then-Father Gerety was named its pastor. As a result of this experience in the Elm City, he continued this ministry and outreach to the African-American community when he arrived in Newark.

On March 4, 1966, Pope Paul VI appointed him Titular Bishop of Crepudula and co-adjutor with the right of succession to Bishop Daniel J. Feeney of Portland, ME. He was

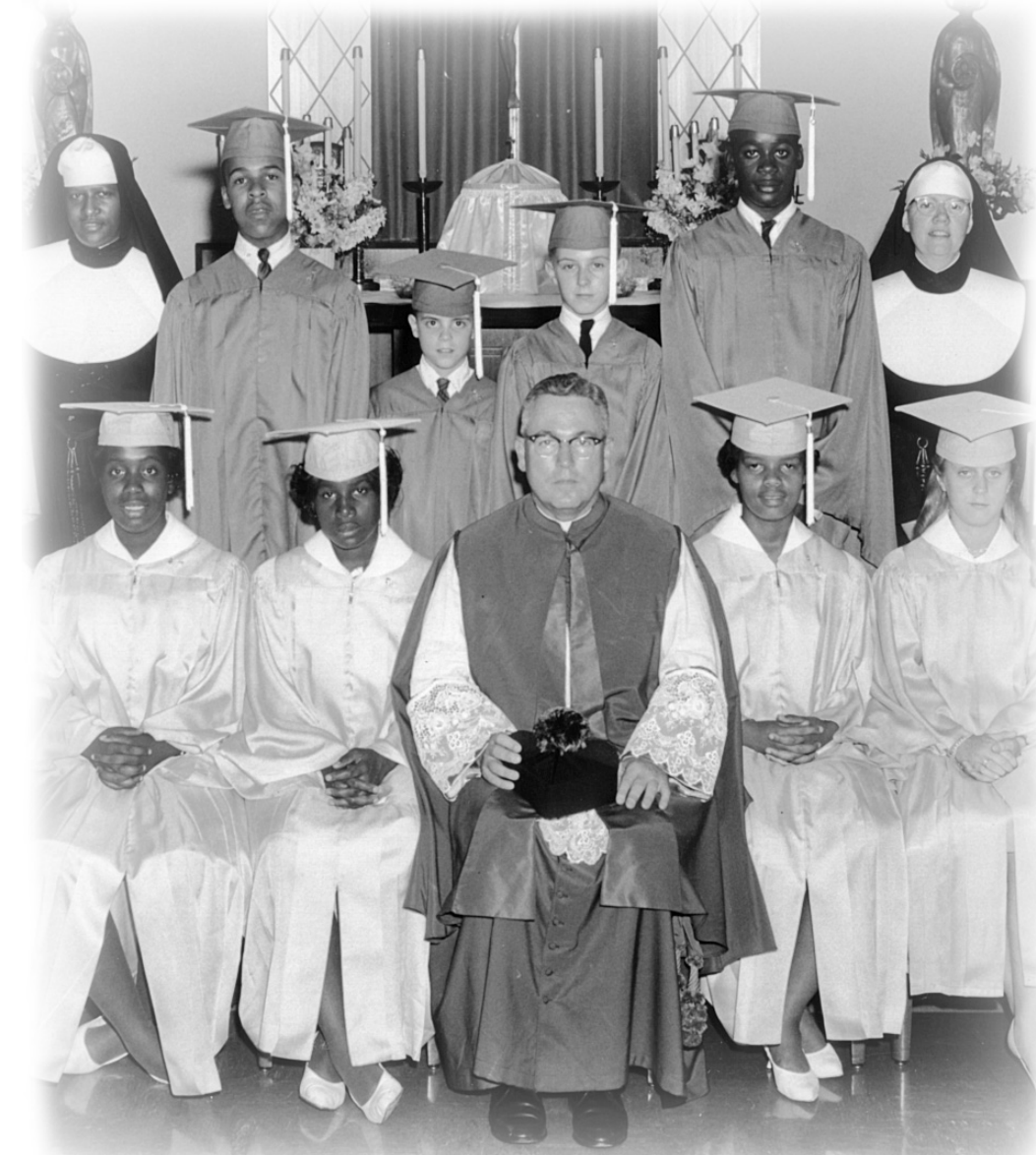
ordained to the episcopacy on June 1, 1966 in St. Joseph Cathedral in Hartford. His formal accession to the Portland See was on Sept. 15, 1969 on the death of Bishop Feeney. Archbishop Gerety arrived in Newark in April 1974.

His long life, Archbishop Gerety said, has strengthened his faith and his belief that in faith the Holy Spirit constantly guides the Church. The Holy Spirit, he stressed is "the soul" of the Church. The Church in Newark, he pointed out, "really and truly was able to put flesh" on many of the reforms established by the Second Vatican Council. His predecessor, Archbishop Thomas A. Boland, Archbishop Gerety stressed, was "one of the fathers" of the Second Vatican Council.

Relaxing at his residence at St. John Vianney in Rutherford, Archbishop Gerety reflected on the many changes in society he has witnessed during the last 50 years. He noted the "change of attitude toward women" that resulted in moves towards equality, which has proved to be "enormously beneficial."

The June 4, 1986 edition of *The Catholic Advocate* carried a page-one story that Archbishop Gerety formally announced his resignation, with then-Metuchen Bishop (now Cardinal) Theodore E. McCarrick appointed to lead the Archdiocese of Newark.

"The reasons for my action in submitting my resignation are very simple," Archbishop Gerety wrote 21 years ago. "It is well known that a bishop must resign at the age of 75. I will be 74 years old next month and I told the Holy Father in my letter of resignation that for the good of God's Church and for my own peace of mind, I believe it is time of a younger man to take over the reins of office here in Newark. I have done my best and I am very happy now to step aside."



GRADUATION DAY— Then-father Peter L. Gerety (center) is pictured with the St. Martin de Porres School Class of 1964. The photo was provided by the New Haven, CT, parish, where Archbishop Gerety served from 1942 to 1966. Mary Payne, the parish secretary, said the archbishop was a local champion of the Civil Rights movement in the 1960s. He was the founder of the New Haven chapter of the Urban League and was a member of the Connecticut State Committee on Race and Religion and the National Catholic Conference on Interracial Justice. Payne said Archbishop Gerety remains part of St. Martin de Porres and is loved and respected by the parishioners.

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Secretary shares notes on high-energy boss

BY VERY REV. CHARLES P. GRANSTRAND

Special to The Catholic Advocate

The appointment of Bishop Peter L. Gerety as the third archbishop of Newark was announced in grand fashion by Msgr. Harold Darcy to the Senate of Priests during their annual study days.

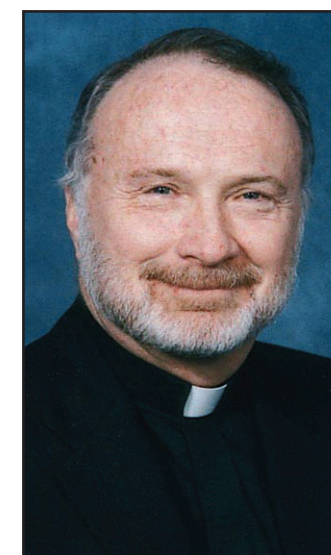
This occurred on a Monday evening, April 1, 1974, which led some wags among the priests to ask if this was an April Fools' joke. I learned very quickly that not only was the announcement true, but the new archbishop would bring great energy and intellectual curiosity as chief pastor of our archdiocese.

Naturally, the priests wanted to know more about this bishop, who was born in Connecticut but had family roots in North Jersey. A priest friend brought to my attention a Christmas Pastoral Letter written by Bishop Gerety to the Church of the State of Maine, "The Challenge of Peace."

The vigor of this message was a great indicator of the thinking and leadership of our new archbishop. On the evening of Labor Day at the end of the summer of 1974, while at my parish—St. Mary's in Nutley—I received a telephone call from Msgr. Theodore Bonelli, longtime secretary to Archbishop Thomas Boland.

Msgr. Bonelli informed me that the new archbishop wanted to see me the next morning at 9 a.m. I explained to him I had the 9 a.m. Mass but would come to the Cathedral Rectory immediately afterward, thinking to myself, "What have I done?"

Soon after arriving at Archbishop Gerety's private study and receiving his warm welcome, I discovered that this was really a job interview. The archbishop wasted lit-



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tle time in advising me: "I would like you to be my priest secretary." Before answering, I asked some questions about what was involved with the position, also making it known to the archbishop that I did not have the stenographic skills of Msgr. Bonelli.

Still not sure I was right for this new responsibility, I said: "I think I must tell you that I am very happy at St. Mary's." I always remember his prompt and positive reply, "Well, I was happy in Portland."

Enough said. It was my first of many experiences of Archbishop Gerety as a true man of the Church, serving God's people with all of his energy and talent.

The first weeks and months working as a member of the archbishop's staff were both exciting and exhausting. I wondered if I could keep up with the pace of this man, who was 30 years my senior. This experience was shared with Father John M. Byrne, the new chancellor of the archdiocese, who had come to his new responsibility after 19 years in parish ministry. John brought with him great gifts of calm, gentle humor, and a prayerful spirit.

It was quite an ongoing experience for both of us, learn-

ing about the multiplicity of responsibilities of an archbishop of such a complex archdiocese, but we came to enjoy what we called "teachable moments with PLG" (Peter Leo Gerety), as the archbishop asked a multitude of questions when we brought issues or requests to his attention.

One of the benefits of being Archbishop Gerety's secretary was the opportunity to meet family, friends, and colleagues from the Hartford and Portland dioceses. I remember fondly a visit to St. Martin de Porres Parish in New Haven, CT. St. Martin's was started in 1942 by the then-Father Gerety to serve African-American Catholics of New Haven.

The parishioners of St. Martin's welcomed their former pastor with great affection. Now I could match up the warmth and faith of the people with the stories about their struggles and accomplishments that Archbishop Gerety liked to tell. Clearly, my new archbishop had invested himself completely for 27 years as a parish priest in the care of his parishioners.

The first months of Archbishop Gerety's stewardship in Newark demanded his attention to the financial and organizational needs of the archdiocese. He directed that a thorough audit be accomplished as quickly as possible and the archbishop convened a topflight group, the Archbishop's Committee of the Laity, to consult with on these matters.

The archbishop's openness to informed advice and willingness to make hard decisions fit into one of his often-used pastoral principles: "It's the bishop's responsibility to keep things on the rails."

For me this principle worked well in harmony with the archbishop's observation in response to the cautions

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Captain navigated rough currents courageously, with a steady hand

BY MSGR. THOMAS P. IVORY
Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

Church historians will record many significant events in the life and ministry of Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety, but unless they were present with him on a beautiful summer day a few years ago, they would have missed a key incident, which provided an insight into his leadership style.

The archbishop has been an experienced sailor since his youth and we were enjoying the summer breezes when the sailboat engine got tangled in the net of an unmarked lobster trap. Ordinarily when a sailboat returns to the marina, the sails are lowered because the captain has great control by using the power of the engine.

Since the engine was disabled, the archbishop decided to depend on the sails to bring the sailboat into the dock. Using seasoned navigational skills, he directed his crew and safely brought the sailboat into its proper slip without any damage. For this landlubber, it was an amazing feat!

Reflecting on that event, I would suggest a metaphor for the leadership style of Archbishop Gerety. He served as captain of the ship, steady at the rudder, judging the wind velocity, and directing his crew with various responsibilities. A sailboat captain has to keep the destination in mind, and track when necessary to reach the goal. In mentoring his crew, he inspires a spirit of collaboration.

When Bishop Gerety arrived in Newark from Portland, ME, to become our third archbishop in 1974, he encountered some rough waters. Risking the danger of extending a metaphor too tightly, he assembled some competent crew members (his auxiliary bishops and staff) and began to set the course. Despite the fiscal, racial and ethnic challenges in our archdiocese, he was determined to implement the renewal inspired by the Second Vatican Council. Although he had not been at the council, he embraced the documents and lived in its spirit.

After my first year as the archdiocesan catechetical di-

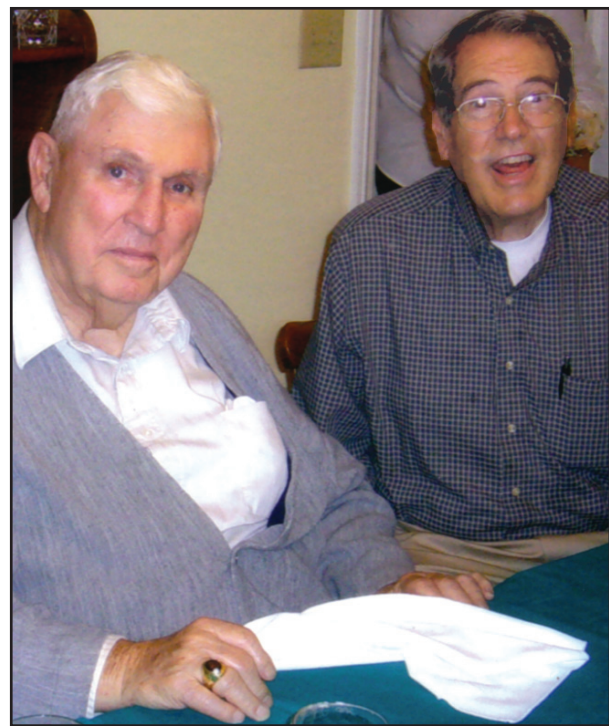
rector, I sent Archbishop Gerety a six-page report, listing past activities and suggesting some new initiatives. When we met to discuss it, he immediately focused on one lengthy paragraph, which recommended a diocese-wide spiritual renewal program to prepare our parishes for the adult catechuminate. With his encouragement and a great deal of collaboration from archdiocesan agencies and volunteer parish ministers, RENEW International was born. Under Msgr. Tom Kleissler's leadership, RENEW programs have spread throughout the world. (RENEW is based in Plainfield.)

That was just the beginning of a consistent focus on spiritual renewal. The spiritual needs of our priests were addressed by the Ministry to Priests Program of Father Vincent Dwyer, and Our Senate of Priests; the archdiocesan Pastoral Council and the Religious Sisters' Council developed as consultative bodies. Vatican II's emphasis on the role of laity was encouraged and respected by his appointment of talented persons to archdiocesan boards and staff.

Returning to my metaphor, Archbishop Gerety as a captain of the ship practiced subsidiarity. He delegated responsibilities and allowed the person delegated to exercise some freedom in making recommendations. We once entered into discussion about one situation, which involved a speaker at our annual religious education convention, and, although he expressed reservations, he supported my choice.

Those of us who served with Archbishop Gerety benefited a great deal from his mentorship. One of his requests was: "Don't bring me a problem unless you can suggest a solution!" That was repeated numerous times and has even come back to me from pastoral team members who have heard me quote the archbishop. His broad sense of our Church's mission has been contagious.

When Father Jack Martin asked me how I thought Archbishop Gerety would respond to his request to minister as a Maryknoll associate priest for several years in Central America, I recall my response: "Well, if it were my decision, I would be selfish and say no because you are too valuable for our archdiocese. But Archbishop



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Msgr. Thomas Ivory (right) last year joined the party to celebrate Archbishop Gerety's 94th birthday. Msgr. Ivory praised the archbishop as the spiritual "captain of the ship," citing his determination to implement the renewal inspired by the Second Vatican Council.

Gerety has a larger vision of church and he will probably say yes." I guessed correctly.

Archbishop Gerety's faithful prayer life, energetic pastoral ministry and vision for the Church challenges our complacency. Since he is so fluent in both French and Spanish, I have become teased for mispronouncing the appropriate article before the masculine or feminine nouns in these languages. Whether in comparatively minor matters such as "le" or "la," or in major global issues of social justice, you can count on an intelligent and reflective observation from this captain of the ship whose ecclesial leadership has been such a blessing for our Church.

(Editor's note, Msgr. Thomas P. Ivory, formerly the pastor of Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, is currently in residence at Saint Joseph's Parish, West Orange.)

Recalling geraniums, deficits and a clear vision of the future

BY MSGR. FRANKLYN M. CASALE
Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

Sailing with Archbishop Peter Leo Gerety in the waters of the Virgin Islands, off the shore of Connecticut or on Cosco Bay, ME, was an education and a pleasure. The first lesson was that Archbishop Gerety was the captain!

He was the one who decided where the boat was headed and how best to get to the destination, but the crew would work as hard as the captain and would be rewarded with a great time and great conversation.

In many ways, that sailing experience with the archbishop was similar to the experience of working with him as a member of his staff. He had vision for the archdiocese and took the staff on a great voyage with him.

The archbishop has a tremendous love of the Church, was deeply influenced by the Second Vatican Council and took seriously the tremendous responsibility he had as a bishop.

When he arrived in Newark in 1974, the administrative problems in the Archdiocese of Newark needed to be dealt with quickly and aggressively. The archbishop attacked the enormous deficit, addressed the archdiocesan administrative structure, reorganized Seton Hall University's board of directors and created an effective system of pastoral governance, with bishops, priests, and the laity sharing responsibility.

The administration soon came to be seen as one of supporting expansion—not in the traditional sense of brick and mortar, but rather in terms of programs. People were formed, served, educated, reconciled and renewed.

Characteristically, Archbishop Gerety was the one leading the way—often leaving the rest of us who worked with him rather breathless. We sensed, however, that he enjoyed the challenge and we, for our part, enjoyed being part of the team.

One evening, as Msgr. John Doran, the archbishop and I were returning to the cathedral residence in Newark around 11 p.m.—following a very long day full of many meetings, activities and a couple of masses—the archbishop uncharacteristically remarked that he was feeling tired. Msgr. Doran, with his quick wit, retorted back to the archbishop: "Archbishop you got me tired around 11 o'clock this morning!" But, when working with the archbishop, it was always a satisfying kind of tired.

As well as having the clear vision for the future, Archbishop Gerety has a sense of perspective and proportion. One day in the early 1980's he started a conversation with me about the mounting federal budget deficit, with the thought that the archdiocese and its people would be negatively affected. He asked me to call Joe Nehila, who, at the time, was the chief financial officer of the archdiocese, to his office.

A lengthy discussion ensued and as Joe and I were about

to leave the office, the archbishop brought up one more subject: the geraniums at his house in Connecticut!

Federal deficits and geraniums were neither too big nor too small to warrant attention if he thought that they were important. When we left the office, Joe said to me: "Monsignor, I'll handle the federal deficit; you handle the geraniums."

The archbishop's unique style for managing was one of delegation, born of confidence in the people who worked with him. He was direct and determined. We always knew where we stood with him. And, oh those questions with which he challenged us! He could pull a question out of thin air. Many times during a session with him, some of us might have felt a certain casual smugness. However, we were reminded that our archbishop was always setting a standard of excellence.

When the credit was given for a job well done, he had the knack of stepping aside so that the accolades would be given among others. The same applied for clearing up the debt, fathering RENEW International, and writing pastorals on new challenging subjects.

Archbishop Gerety is, as the Vatican Council says, one who "exercised his office of father and pastor standing in the midst of his people as one who serves" (Decree on the Bishop's Pastoral Office in the Church, paragraph 16).

We are all proud to have served under him.

(Editor's note: Msgr. Franklyn M. Casale is the president of St. Thomas University, Miami Gardens, FL.)

A faithful friendship

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Little did Father Gerety know that plans were being made to appoint him a bishop. So, he was greatly surprised to receive a letter in 1966 informing him that he was being appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Portland, ME. On many of his subsequent visits to St. Martin de Porres Parish, I heard him say that only the Holy Father could take him out of that parish. He relishes every opportunity he gets to go back there. Surprisingly, there are still a large number of people there who remember him with the greatest of affection, even though he left there 41 years ago.

Incidentally, this parish has a statistic that very few if any other parishes in the country can claim. Since its foundation with Archbishop Gerety as its first pastor, there have been a total of five pastors. All five are still alive!

The Second Vatican Council had closed its final session some six months before Archbishop Gerety became a bishop. Although he was not at the council, it pretty much fell to him to implement all its decrees

in Maine. A few years ago, I was with him at the Episcopal ordination of an auxiliary bishop of Portland. After the Mass, a Portland priest came up to him and said: "Archbishop, I want to thank you for bringing the Second Vatican Council to the State of Maine. Oh, we were kicking and screaming at the time, but we sure are grateful now."

His 12 years as Archbishop of Newark were also marked by much "kicking and screaming." Through it all, he stuck to his vision of the Church and was not deterred in the least. The passage of time has shown us the wisdom of his actions. In his many public appearances these days he is treated like a folk hero. By the grace of God, he has now lived long enough to receive the loving gratitude of the people he served so faithfully, a gratitude that was not so apparent when he was serving as the third Archbishop of Newark.

(Editor's note: Msgr. Francis R. Seymour, based at Walsh Library, Seton Hall University, South Orange, is the archdiocesan archivist.)

High-energy boss

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of many priests: "It's never a good time to ask for money."

In December of 1974, Archbishop Gerety made his official visit to Rome "*ad limina apostolorum*." The highlight, of course, was an audience with the Holy Father, Pope Paul VI. Msgr. Harold Darcy, then the rector of the North American College, helped to arrange a private audience, and the archbishop was delighted that he could speak directly with the pope using French as their common language.

Archbishop Gerety presented the outline of his pastoral plan to meet the needs of the Archdiocese of Newark, including a request for additional auxiliary bishops who would serve as vicars for the four counties. Upon the conclusion of his audience with the pope, I saw him relieved, ready to move ahead, beaming with a tremendous smile. I asked if things went well, and the archbishop told me the pope said, "*Je suis votre avocat*." Even with my high school French, I knew that it must be great to have the Holy

Father as your advocate, or attorney, or spokesman.

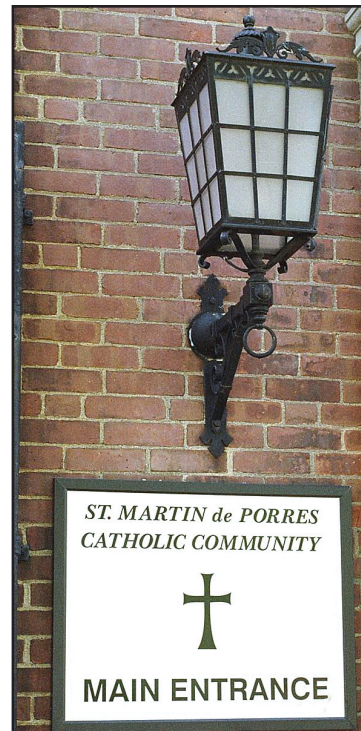
I conclude these birthday reflections with another of the archbishop's favorite pastoral principles: "Do the best you can under the circumstances."

Peter Leo Gerety has been an older brother to eight younger brothers and a story could well be written about the parents as well as the nine sons; their faith, their talents, and their accomplishments.

It was a very humbling moment for me to offer my condolences to the archbishop right before the Funeral Mass of his priest brother, Msgr. John Gerety. The archbishop said to me: "I never thought I would be saying the Funeral Mass for my brother." In his homily, the archbishop spoke with deep faith and love, helping all present by the authentic witness he gave us.

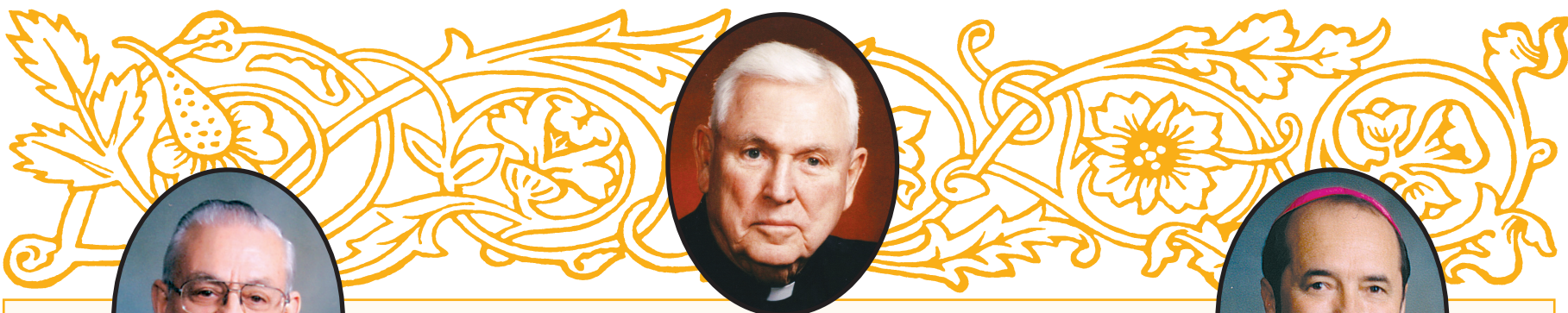
Once more, he was doing the best he could under the circumstances.

(Editor's note: Very Rev. Charles P. Granstrand is the pastor of Our Lady of Mercy, Park Ridge.)

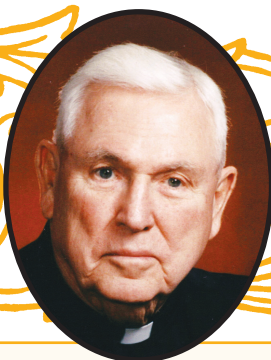


During his years as a priest in New Haven, CT, Archbishop Gerety was involved in an interracial social and religious center that ministered to the community's black Catholic population. In 1956 the center became St. Martin de Porres Parish and then-Father Gerety was named its pastor. He continued this outreach to the African-American community when he arrived in Newark—a ministry that became one of the hallmarks of his career.

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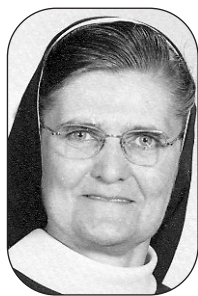
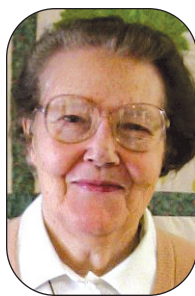
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Sister Marcia Fidishun, O.S.F.

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Date of Profession: Feb. 14, 1982
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Assignments: teacher at St. Stanislaus Kostka, Garfield; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bayonne; St. Casimir, Newark; St. Francis de Sales, Lodi
Foreign Language: Polish

**Sister Mary Firmina Lajewski, C.S.S.F.**

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College: Fordham University, NY
Post-Graduate: master's degree in education, Oklahoma State University; Ed.D. in math in higher education, Oklahoma State University
Date of Entry: June 20, 1932
Assignments: teacher at St. Anthony, Jersey City; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bayonne; St. Theresa, Linden; professor, dean of students and coordinator of long-range planning at Felician College, Lodi
Foreign Language: Polish

Sister Mary Joannette Miescier, C.S.S.F.

Born: Nov. 19, 1913
College: Seton Hall University
Date of Entry: May 7, 1932
Assignments: teacher at St. Michael, Lyndhurst; Sacred Heart of Jesus, Irvington; St. Anthony, Jersey City; Our Lady of Czestochowa, Jersey City; St. Casimir, Newark; Most Sacred Heart, Wallington; St. Francis De Sales, Lodi; Felician School for Exceptional Children, Lodi, aide
Foreign Language: Polish





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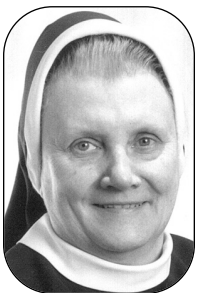
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Sister Mary Agatha Cebula, C.S.S.F.

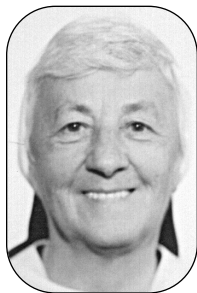
Born: Nov. 4, 1929**College:** Sacred Heart College, Wichita, KS**Post-Graduate:** M.S.N. in Maternal and New Born Nursing, Yale University, New Haven, CT**Date of Entry:** July 16, 1947**Assignments:** teacher at St. Theresa, Linden; St. Anthony, Jersey City; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bayonne; St. James Hospital, Newark, maternity supervisor; Felician College, Lodi, nursing instructor**Foreign Language:** Polish

Sister Mary Anita Janucik, C.S.S.F.

Born: April 4, 1930**College:** Seton Hall University; Temple University, Philadelphia, PA**Post-Graduate:** master's degree in health administration, Temple University**Date of Entry:** July 16, 1947**Assignments:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bayonne teacher; St. Mary's Hospital, Orange, nurse**Foreign Language:** Polish

Sister Mary Charlotte Wszolek, C.S.S.F.

(a.k.a. Sister Mary Theophile Wszolek, C.S.S.F.)

Born: May 16, 1929**College:** Seton Hall University**Date of Entry:** July 16, 1947**Assignments:** teacher at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bayonne; St. Anthony, Jersey City; St. Casimir, Newark; St. Theresa, Linden, teacher in Brazil**Foreign Languages:** Polish, Portuguese

The harvest is great, the job is important, the life is wonderful

BY MELISSA MCNALLY

Staff Writer

NEWARK — For Sister Margaret Thomas McGovern, O.P., Delegate for the Religious of the Archdiocese, this year celebrates 60 years with the Sisters of St. Dominic of Caldwell. Although the decrease in the vowed religious has been well documented, Sister Margaret feels the interest in religious life is on the rise.

"There is so much more opportunity for young people today to volunteer for a segment of time. They are doing God's will that way. A religious vocation is a commitment of one's life and that is hard to do for some young people," Sister Margaret said.

The lack of vowed religious is a reflection of society, Sister Margaret believes, but there are still those with an interest in religious life. For example, Sister Mariette Therese Bernier recently professed her final vows of the Benedictine monastic way of life at Saint Walburga Monastery in Elizabeth (see *The Catholic Advocate*, May 23).

"As the Lord said, the harvest is great but the laborers are few. God still calls people to do His will. He still gives us this grace," Sister Margaret said.

Sister Margaret feels rewarded by the life she has chosen. "This is a wonderful life. It has given me the opportunity to reach out and bring the word of God to people of all ages. I started out teaching in elementary school, high school and then colleges. My vocation has enabled me to be in contact with young people and I see the spirit of God in them. I love making people aware of God's goodness and mercy. I am happy to be a part of that. Working with the religious in the archdiocese is both a blessing and a privilege."

Sister Margaret Thomas encourages more women to join so they can reap the benefits of religious life. "I feel privileged that He has called me," she said. "I encourage others to jump in. There is much to be done for the people of God."



Sister Margaret Thomas McGovern

Sister Mary Fabia Wojtach, C.S.S.F.

Date of Birth: Oct. 2, 1929**College:** Seton Hall University**Post-Graduate:** master's degree in speech pathology, Seton Hall University**Date of Entry:** July 16, 1947**Assignments:** teacher at Most Sacred Heart, Wallington; St. Anthony, Jersey City; St. Stanislaus, Newark; Immaculate Heart, Mahwah; St. Adalbert, Elizabeth; St. Valentine, Bloomfield; Sacred Heart Cathedral School, Newark; Mount Carmel Guild, Archdiocese of Newark; Felician School for Exceptional Children, Lodi**Foreign Language:** Polish

~ 50th ~

Sister Mary Jean Ryder, C.S.S.F.

(a.k.a. Sister Mary John Ryder)

Born: Jan. 24, 1936**College:** Seton Hall University**Post-Graduate:** master's degree in pastoral ministry/youth ministry, Immaculate Conception Seminary,**Date of Entry:** Aug. 26, 1957**Assignments:** teacher at St. Francis de Sales, Lodi; St. Anthony, Jersey City; St. Michael, Lyndhurst; Immaculate Conception High School, Lodi, librarian, Felician College, Lodi, campus min-

istry; St. Francis de Sales, Lodi, pastoral minister; St. Joseph, Lodi, RCIA



Sister Mary Sophie Kaminska, C.S.S.F.

(a.k.a. Sister Mary Philomena Kaminska)

Born: June 19, 1936**College:** Seton Hall University**Date of Entry:** Aug. 26, 1957**Assignments:** teacher at St. Stanislaus, Garfield; St. Anthony, Jersey City; St. Michael, Lyndhurst; Sacred Heart, Irvington; Our Lady of Czestochowa, Jersey City; Most Sacred Heart, Wallington, Felician College, Lodi, library assistant; Felician Sisters' Provincial House, Lodi, reading center teacher and assistant to provincial archivist**Foreign Language:** Polish

~ 25th ~

Sister Judith Marie Blizzard, C.S.S.F.

Born: Jan. 31, 1963**College:** Felician College, Lodi**Date of Entry:** Aug. 25, 1982**Assignments:** Immaculate Conception High School, Lodi; Felician Sisters, Lodi, vocation director**Foreign Language:** Polish

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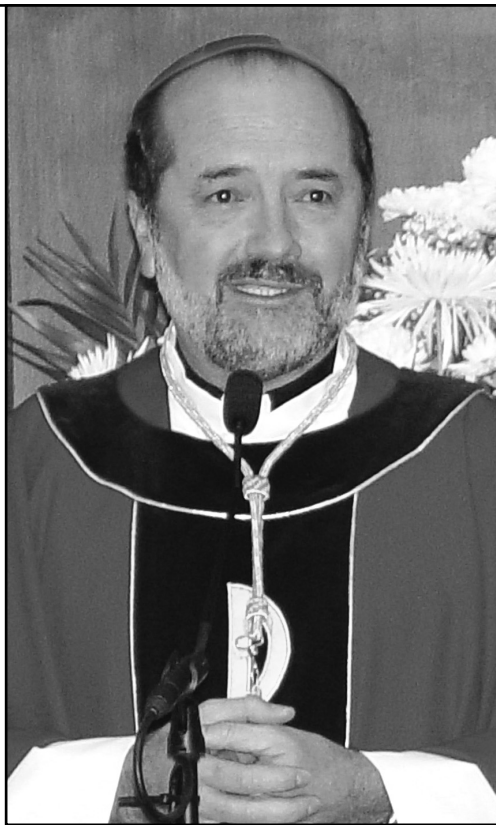
Bishop da Cunha celebrates sterling silver anniversary

NEWARK—Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark and Regional Bishop for Essex County, celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination on March 25 at St. Michael Parish. Archbishop John J. Myers and Archbishop Emeritus Rev. Peter L. Gerety joined in the celebration.

Born in Bahia, Brazil, on Aug. 21, 1953, Bishop da Cunha was ordained to the priesthood for the Society of Divine Vocations on March 27, 1982. After ordination, he served as parochial vicar at St. Michael and director of vocations. He later was tapped as parochial vicar at St. Nicholas Parish, Palisades Park, and vice superior of the local community while continuing his ministry of promoting vocations.

In 1987, he became pastor of St. Nicholas. Seven years later he was named novice master and director of the vocationary that the Society of Divine Vocations maintains in Florham Park. He was appointed pastor of St. Michael in 2000.

His appointment as Titular Bishop of Ugres and Auxiliary Bishop of Newark was announced on June 27, 2003. He was ordained bishop at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Sept. 3, 2003 and was appointed Regional Bishop for Essex County on Oct. 15, 2003.



Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha

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Sisters of St. Dominic of Caldwell

(For the following Sisters, anniversaries are calculated from date of entry)

~ 80th ~

Sister Maura Campbell, O.P.



Date of Profession: Sept. 18, 1929

College: Seton Hall University
Post-Graduate: master's degrees in English and history, Seton Hall University; master's degree in theology/sacred scripture, Providence College, RI; Ph.D. in theology/sacred scripture, St. Mary's Notre Dame; Honorary Doctorate in Human Letters, Caldwell College

Assignments: teacher at Mount St. Dominic Grade School, Caldwell; St. Dominic Academy, Jersey City; Caldwell College, professor and department chairperson in religious studies; Redemptoris Mater Newark Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary, Kearny, philosophy instructor; Caldwell Dominican Sisters, formation director; United Nations, New York City, permanent representative for International Education Office

~ 70th ~

Sister M. Rita Margaret Chambers, O.P.



Date of Profession: Aug. 18, 1938

College: Caldwell College
Post-Graduate: master's degree in English, The Catholic University of America, Ph.D. in English, St. John's University, NY

Assignments: teacher at St. Ann, Newark; Lacordaire Academy, Upper Montclair; Caldwell College, professor; Division for Services to Elderly, Catholic Charities, Newark, director; Served as vicarress on Caldwell Dominican Leadership Council; served in Caldwell College as department chairperson, academic dean, alumni office, and college archives office; author of two books on the history of Caldwell College and Marian Manor Senior Housing Residence in Caldwell

~ 60th ~

Sister Francis Gerald Wirth, O.P.

Date of Profession: Jan. 21, 1949

College: Caldwell College
Post-Graduate: master's degrees in European History and theology, Villanova University, PA

Assignments: teacher at Lacordaire Academy, Upper Montclair; St. Brigid, North Bergen; St. Peter and Paul, Hoboken; Ascension School, New Milford; St. John the Baptist, Jersey City; St. Venantius, Orange; Union Catholic, Scotch Plains; Marylawn of the Oranges, South Orange; St. Dominic Academy, Jersey City; St. Aloysius Academy, Jersey City; St. Aloysius Parish, Jersey City, adult religious education instructor



Sister Marie Frances Kling, O.P.

Date of Profession: Aug. 7, 1933

College: Caldwell College
Assignments: teacher at St. Peter and Paul, Hoboken; Sacred Heart, Dover; Our Lady of Lourdes, Mountainside; Our Lady of Peace, New Providence; Ascension, New Milford and schools in Connecticut and Alabama



Sister Margaret Thomas McGovern, O.P.



Date of Profession: Sept. 7, 1949

College: Caldwell College

Post-Graduate: master's degree in theology, Providence College, RI; Ed.D., University of Santa Barbara, CA; Caldwell College, Honorary Doctor of Education degree.

Assignments: teacher at St. Brigid, North Bergen; St. John the Apostle, Clark; Ascension, New Milford; St. Mary, Rahway; Caldwell College, registrar/dean of admissions; Served two terms on Caldwell Dominican Leadership Council; Major Superior (Prioress) of the Caldwell Dominican Sisters; Caldwell College and Trinity Academy, counselor; novice director for Caldwell Dominican Sisters; Archdiocese of Newark, delegate for Religious

~ 50 years ~

Sister Ann Monica Seemann, O.P.

Date of Profession: June 13, 1959

College: Caldwell College,

Post-Graduate: Overlook Hospital School of Practical Nursing, Summit, nursing diploma; national certification in medical/surgical nursing.

Assignments: teacher at St. John the Apostle, Clark; Mount St. Dominic Grade School, Caldwell; St. Catherine of Siena Convent/Infirmary, Caldwell, nurse; Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, R.N. and intake coordinator for home-care services



Sister Anne Sullivan, O.P.



Date of Profession: June 13, 1959

College: Caldwell College

Post-Graduate: master's degree in scripture and theology, Providence College, RI; ST.D., Immaculate Conception Seminary, Washington, D.C.

Assignments: teacher at St. Aloysius, Caldwell; Lacordaire Academy, Upper Montclair; Mount St. Dominic Academy, Caldwell; Caldwell College, instructor in religious studies; Providence College, resident dean for summer studies; St. Mary, Closter, director of religious education; Nativity, Midland Park; director of religious education; Seton Hall University, adjunct professor of religious studies

Sister Barbara C. Krug, O.P.

Date of Profession: June 13, 1959

College: Caldwell College

Post-Graduate: master's degree in religious studies, Providence College, RI; master's degree in theology, Fordham University, NY; D.Min., Drew University

Assignments: teacher at St. Elizabeth, Linden; St. Boniface, Jersey City; St. Joseph, Union City; St. Dominic Academy, Jersey City; Lacordaire Academy, Upper Montclair; St. Mary High School, Rutherford; St. Cassian, Upper Montclair, director of religious education; Caldwell College, associate professor, Theology/Philosophy dept., department chairperson



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~ 50 years ~

Sister Lois Kikkert, O.P.

Date of Profession: June 13, 1959
College: Caldwell College
Post-Graduate: master's degree in English, Assumption College, Worcester, MA; master's degree in pastoral ministry/church leadership, Fordham University, NY
Assignments: teacher at St. Boniface, Jersey City; St. Ann, Newark; Mount St. Dominic Academy, Caldwell; St. Raphael, Livingston, pastoral associate; St. Virgil, Morris Plains, pastoral associate; editor for RENEW International ministry

Sister Miriam Therese MacGillis, O.P.

Date of Profession: June 13, 1959
College: Caldwell College
Post-Graduate: master's degree in art, University of Notre Dame, Indiana; Notre Dame College, Manchester, NH, Honorary Doctor of Law degree.
Assignments: teacher at St. Joseph, West Orange; St. Dominic Academy, Jersey City; Lacordaire Academy, Upper Montclair; Caldwell College, art instructor; Peace and Justice Education, Archdiocese of Newark, coordinator

**Sister Patricia Mahoney, O.P.**

Date of Profession: June 13, 1959
College: Caldwell College
Post-Graduate: master's degree in guidance/personnel services; St. Bonaventure University, NY
Assignments: teacher at Ascension, New Milford; St. Mary, Rahway; St. Cassian, Upper Montclair; principal; St. Aedan, Jersey City, pastoral associate; Mount St. Dominic Academy, Caldwell, guidance counselor; Caldwell Dominican Sisters, formation director; Served three terms on Caldwell Dominican Leadership Council

Sister Patricia O'Donnell, O.P.

Date of Profession: June 13, 1959
College: Caldwell College
Post-Graduate: master's degree in Secondary English, Jersey City State
Assignments: teacher at St. Paul, Irvington; Mt. Carmel, Boonton; St. Joseph, West Orange; St. Mary, Wharton; Our Lady of Peace, New Providence; St. Dominic Academy, Jersey City; Union Catholic Girls' High School, Scotch Plains

**Sister Alice Uhl, O.P.**

Date of Profession: June 13, 1959
College: Caldwell College
Post-Graduate: master's degree in pastoral ministry, Immaculate Conception Seminary
Assignments: teacher at St. Ann, Newark; Link Community School, Newark; St. Ann, Newark, principal; St. Theresa, Kenilworth; formation director for Dominican Candidates and Novices; St. Aloysius, Caldwell, pastoral associate for catechetics; served three terms on Caldwell Dominican Leadership Council



From Hoboken to Honduras, Msgr. Eid reflects on six decades in priesthood

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

HOBOKEN — Whether it was volunteering for mission work in Honduras or ministry in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Newark, Msgr. Frederick Eid said his six decades as a priest have been “a marvelous experience.”

Ordained by Archbishop Thomas J. Walsh at St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral in Newark on May 31, 1947, he had already retired when he was named a monsignor seven years ago.

Most of Msgr. Eid's active ministry was at Our Lady of Grace Parish in Hoboken, where he is now in residence. Early last month the parish celebrated his 60 years as a priest and 90th birthday.

Commenting on the monsignor's milestones, Father Alexander M. Santora, the pastor who organized the celebration, described Msgr. Eid as “a remarkable man—full of energy and dedication to Christ, the Church and especially Our Lady of Grace Parish where he has ministered nearly four decades. There are few priests who can claim his record or accomplishments now or ever.” Msgr. Eid also served St. Michael Parish in Union, Holy Spirit Parish in East Orange and St. Mary Parish in Jersey City.

Born May 23, 1917, Msgr. Eid grew up in Holy Family Parish in Union City. He received a bachelor's degree in language from Seton Hall University and attended Immaculate Conception Seminary when it was in Darlington.

In 1988, then-Father Eid became chaplain of both the Hoboken Fire Department and Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Following his retirement from active ministry, Msgr. Eid joined the board of directors of Casa de la Cardid del Cobre in Union City.

Msgr. Eid said his two years in Honduras in the early 1960s gave him a new and different insight into poverty. It also exposed him to what he termed “the Latin American concepts of Christianity.”

When then-Father Eid and two other priests went to Honduras, it marked the first time diocesan priests from the United States served in that country and the first time Archdiocese of Newark priests worked in such a capacity outside the United States.

Reviewing other highlights of his long career, Msgr. Eid cited his time with the Black Mission at Holy Spirit Parish in East Orange and Montclair's St. Peter Claver Parish.

Reflecting on the celebration of his recent 90th birthday, Msgr. Eid said such longevity is “a divine gift.” His vocation to the priesthood was a constant presence in his life. Msgr. Eid said his father, who was the director of his parish's Passion Play, was the biggest influence on his decision to become a priest.



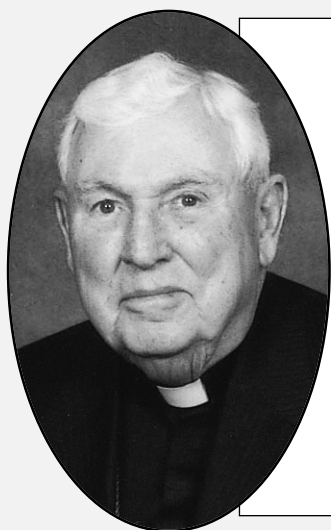
Msgr. Frederick Eid with Aaron Quinn Vermeal at the youngster's baptism last June at Our Lady of Grace Parish in Hoboken.

Submitted photo



Msgr. Frederick Eid has spent most of his priesthood at Our Lady of Grace Parish, Hoboken, where he is now in residence. Pictured here is an interior view of the church, showing the carved wooden “reredos” or altar screen and the apse of the church sanctuary.

Advocate photo — M. Gabriele



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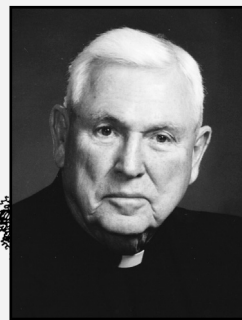
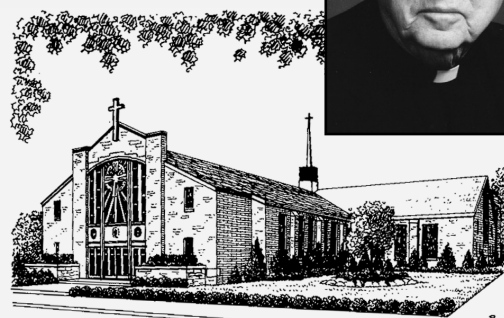
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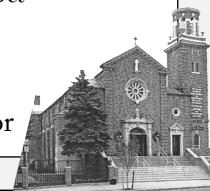
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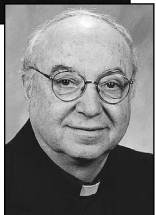
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On the occasion of their golden jubilees, congratulations to our two wonderful priests, **Father Benedict Militello** and **Father Bob Halliwell**. You have both given so much joy to our lives and brought us closer to Our Lord.



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We pray and give thanks to our Jubilarians and Congratulations to Archbishop Peter L. Gerety



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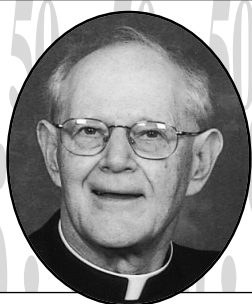
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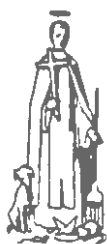
Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety

on celebrating his 95th year of life
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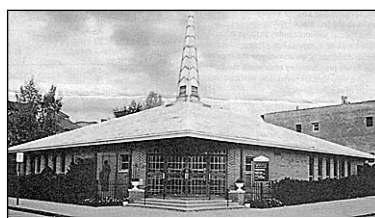
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**Praise and Joy to the
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God's continued blessings
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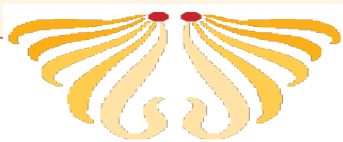
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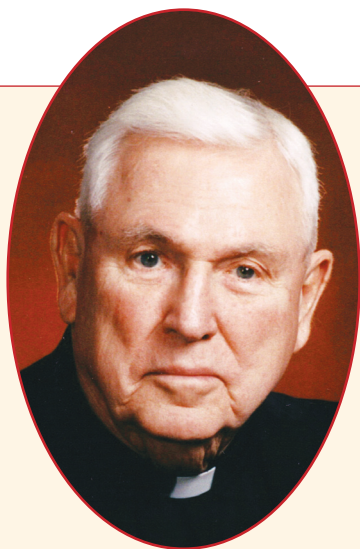
July 19, 2007

Most Reverend Henry J. Mansell
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*The Parish & Community
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*Happy 95th Birthday
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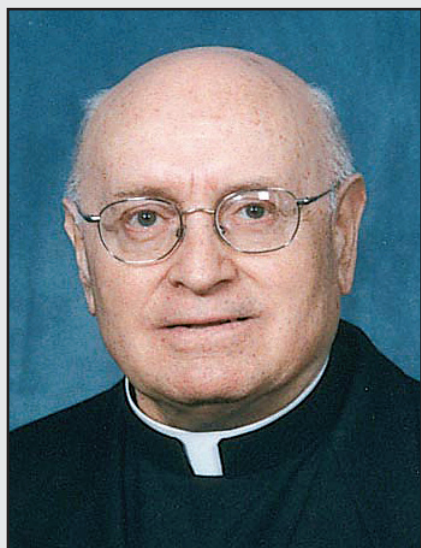
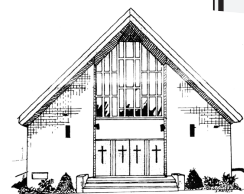


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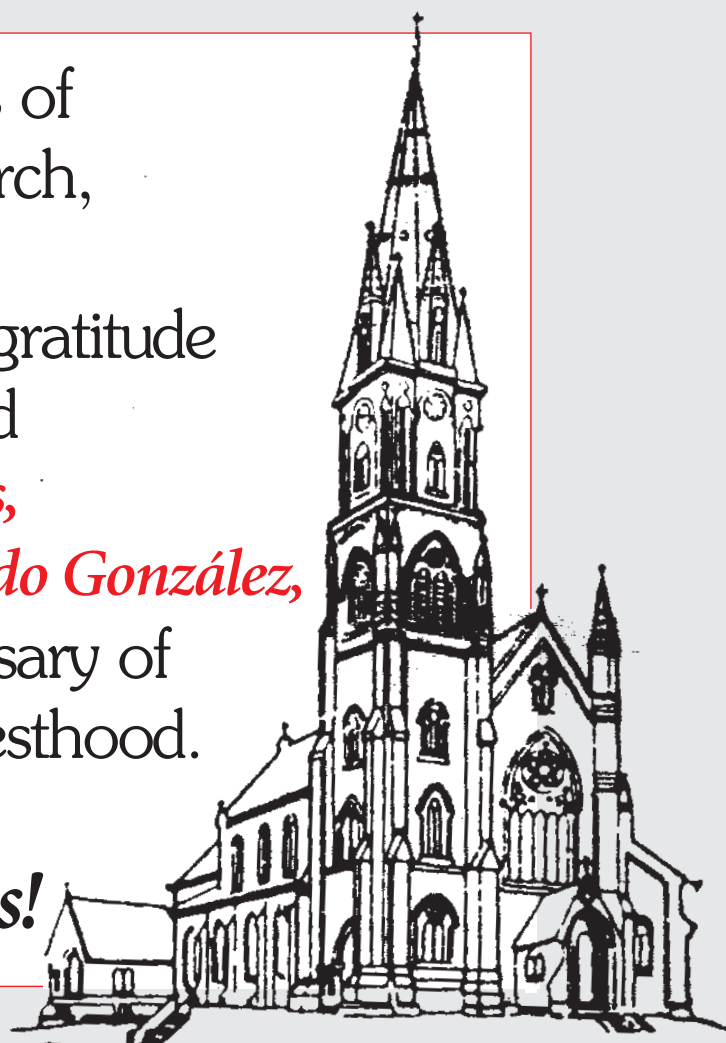
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to their beloved
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Congratulations to the Priests and Religious celebrating a Jubilee in 2007. We celebrate their commitment and dedication to the people of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Happy 95th Birthday to
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Archbishop Emeritus of Newark

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*Happy 25th Anniversary & Ad Multos Annos to
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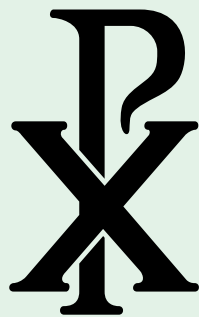
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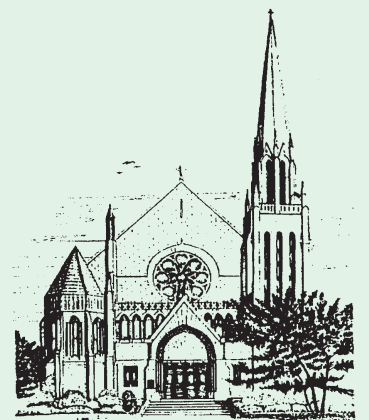
Peter L. Gerety.



May he continue to be
a Shepherd and Guide
as we all seek
to find Christ in all.



**St. John
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**Holy Spirit &
Our Lady,
Help of Christians
East Orange**

*May our Lord, Jesus Christ,
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Archbishop Gerety
as he celebrates his 95th Birthday
and
Congratulations to all
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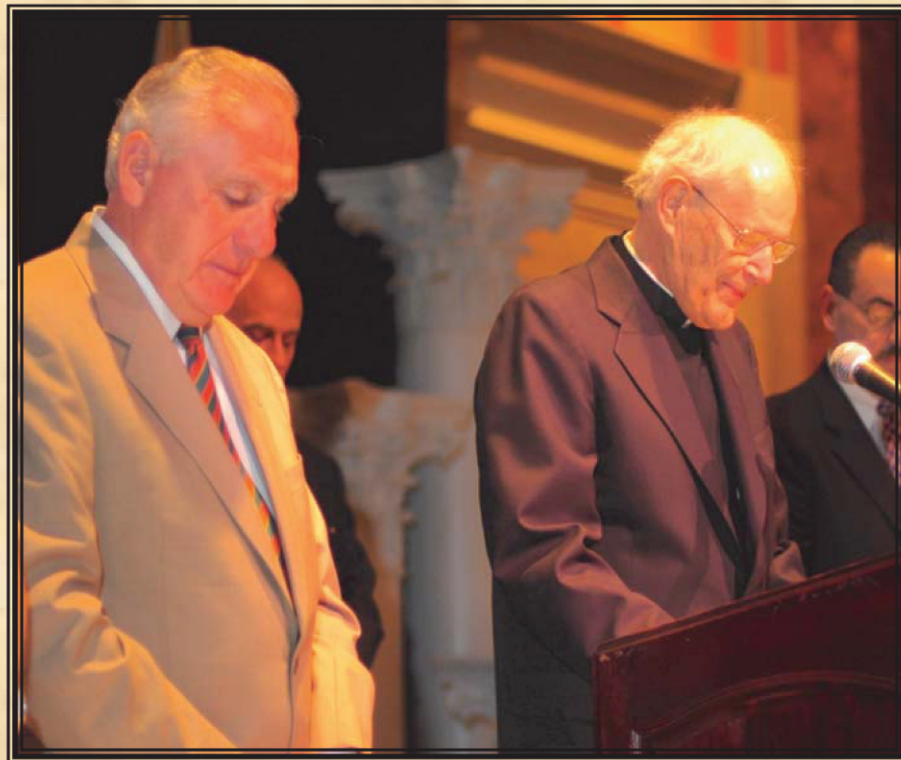
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Twenty-three years ago, President Ronald Reagan (center) demonstrated his innovative spaghetti-twirling skills to Archbishop Peter L. Gerety (right), a humorous moment captured during the 1984 feast at St. Ann Parish, Hoboken. Archbishop Emeritus Gerety, who will celebrate his 95th birthday on July 19, hosted the president during the feast. Also pictured at the supper table is Father Achilles Cassieri, O.F.M., Cap., then-pastor of St. Ann. Reagan, who died on June 5, 2004 at the age of 93, served as the 40th president of the United States (1981-1989). St. Ann, continuing its colorful summertime tradition of food and festivities, will celebrate its 97th annual feast July 20-26.



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Investors Savings Bank executives Ada Melendez Moran (left) and Kevin Cummings (right) congratulate their scholarship recipient Justin Dzedzi, a ninth grade student at Roselle Catholic High School.

SFIC celebrates supporters, students at annual dinner

WEST ORANGE—The archdiocesan Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) held its 23rd annual fund-raising dinner at Mayfair Farms on May 3. The SFIC honored Aéropostale Inc. a supporter of SFIC’s 2007 Basketball Festival (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Jan. 24).

SFIC Board Chairman, Jack Walcott, presented the *Vitae Discimus* Award to James Buford, vice president and director of Intercollegiate Athletics Division for Aéropostale. Aéropostale began its involvement with SFIC two years ago by sponsoring the group’s basketball festival. Other corporate sponsors included Madison Square Garden, Bank of New York, PSE&G, Prudential and Smart Tuition.

Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, was the keynote speaker for the dinner. Mike Quick, Host of MSG’s “New Balance High School Weekly,” served as the dinner chairman and emcee.

Two students made presentations at the event. Christie Perez, a freshman at Holy Family Academy in Bayonne, reflected that by attending the school she was fulfilling her mother’s last dying wishes. “This school will make me into a woman of vision and give me a great education for college,” Perez said.

Kristian Gabot, a seventh grade student from Sacred Heart Elementary School in Jersey City, praised his school, saying that “my friends at public school want what I have, but their parents cannot afford the tuition. I feel badly for my friends.”

The evening also included a short film on SFIC and featured St. Michael’s Grammar School in Newark.

Contact Lorraine Cunningham, SFIC executive director, at (973) 497-4579 for more information on scholarship funds.

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CONTEST WINNER—Sister Nancy Richeter, O.P., of the Chicago-based Catholic Church Extension Society (left) presents a certificate to Elizabeth Yazgi, a 10th grade student at Immaculate Heart Academy, Washington Township, for placing third in Extension magazine's short story contest—a national program chaired by celebrated suspense novelist Mary Higgins Clark. Yazgi received a \$250 prize.

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Bloustein Distinguished Scholars listed for Essex, Hudson counties

NEWARK — The Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Newark has released the names of this year’s Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars in Essex and Hudson counties.

Bloustein Scholars from Bergen and Union counties were reported earlier this month (see *The Catholic Advocate*, June 6).

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 for the honor.

This academic year has 226 Distinguished Scholars who received award offers of \$1,000 annually.

Schools throughout the Archdiocese of Newark have consistently had good showings in the Bloustein Scholars’ listings.

Scholars from secondary schools in Essex and Hudson counties are:

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Mount Saint Dominic Academy Caldwell—
Katherine Baumann, Yvonne Burnett, Kathryn Carnazza, Michelle Mejia

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Saint Vincent Academy Newark—
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HUDSON COUNTY

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Knights’ drive nets \$8,850

WASHINGTON TWP.—Mother Seton Council 5427 of the Knights of Columbus raised \$8,850 in its annual drive to aid developmentally disabled children and adults.

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Theresa Rivezzo, a local artist, songwriter and impresario, opened the Catholic Café last December (see *The*

Catholic Advocate, Feb. 7). The café recently hosted Catholic poet and author James Kurt (see *The Catholic Advocate*, June 6). In addition, there was a "Faith and Film" series in March.

Other area artists and musicians, such as Michael Pfeiffer and Delmira Valladares, have made appearances at the café in recent months. Michael Armstrong serves as a graphic artist for the café. A lecture series is

planned that will address topics such as the environment and social justice from a Catholic perspective.

The café, which provides music, readings, 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, Rivezzo said.

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Julia Rogers wins silver medal in Biology Olympiad

St. Cassian parishioner excels in lab

WASHINGTON (CNS)—High school senior Julia Rogers, a parishioner at St. Cassian Parish in Upper Montclair, this month joined 20 top high school students from around the country for the fifth annual U.S. Biology Olympiad at George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.

She was awarded a silver medal for her performance in the exam portion of the Biology Olympiad. She was one of 12 medal winners and one of four silver medal winners.

Selected from a field of approximately 9,000 high school students who took an open exam, Rogers became a national finalist. From June 2-12, she participated in intensive laboratory exercises and attended lectures on biology topics such as genetics, invertebrate biology and microbiology. She participated in the event last year as well.

Rogers, 18, plans to attend Yale University in the fall and hopes to achieve a double major in math and biology. After college, she wants to pursue a doc-

torate on the application of math to biological studies.

Her long-term goal is become involved in research, however Rogers' interests range beyond science and math. She originally planned to go to a technical school, but later decided she didn't want to miss liberal arts classes. Yale provides the best mix of science and liberal arts opportunities, she said.

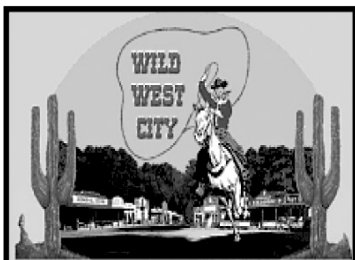
The Biology Olympiad, spon-

sored by the Center for Excellence in Education, was launched five years ago. Joann DiGennaro, the center's co-founder and president, said she started the program because there were no competitions available for high-achieving students in biology.

DiGennaro called the olympiad "extremely strenuous." Participants work from early in the morning until late at night. Rogers admitted the work was hard, but said the program was a great experience, both this year and last.

"It's the kind of things that you

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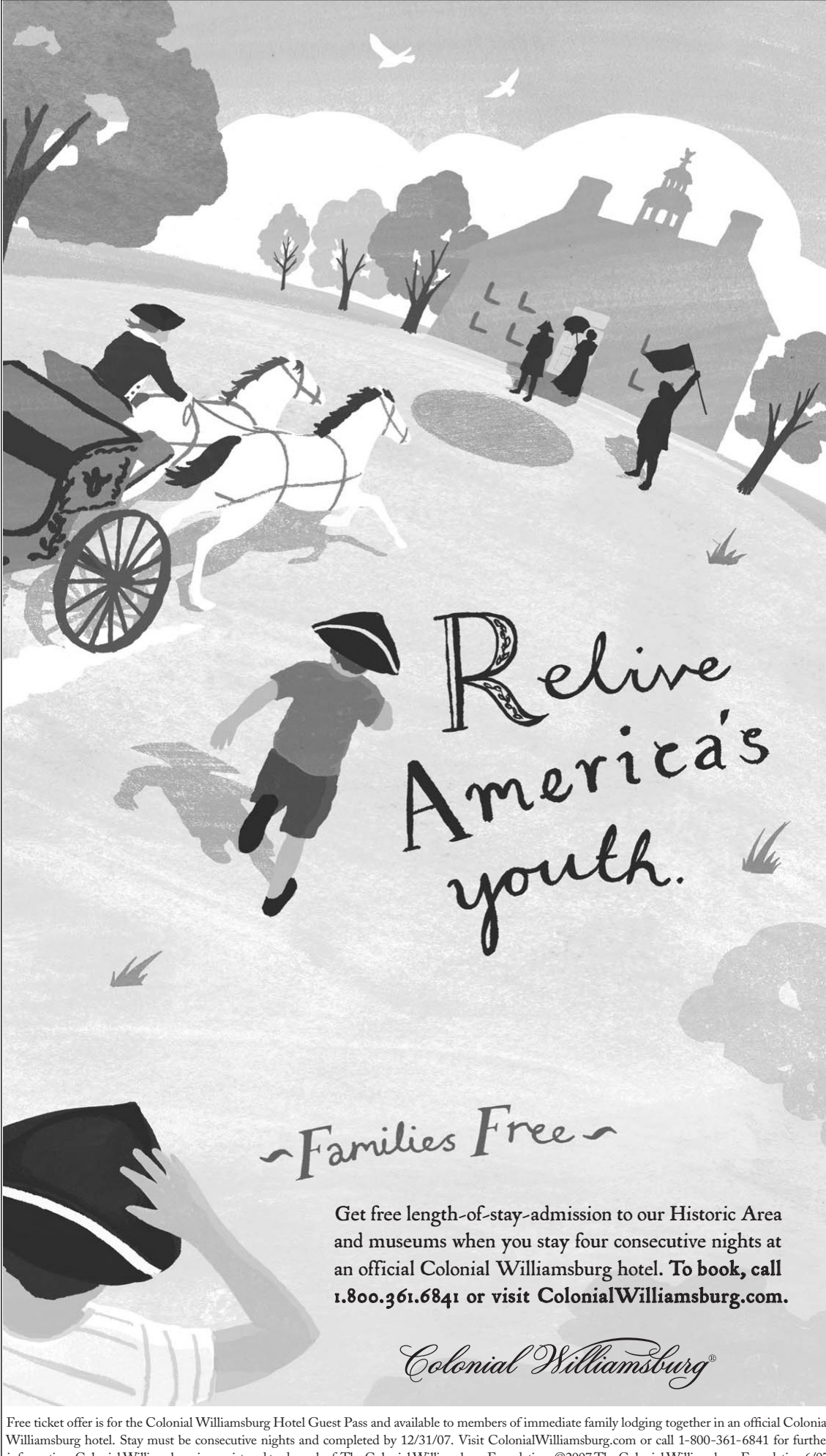
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Breast-imaging specialist joins Dwyer Center staff

NEWARK—Dr. Abike O. Durojaye, a breast-imaging specialist, has joined the staff of the Connie Dwyer Breast Center at Saint Michael's Medical Center.

Dr. Durojaye earned her medical degree from State University of New York Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn. She received her undergraduate degree at City College-CUNY Medical School, New York City.

She served an internship in internal medicine at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore and completed residencies in nuclear medicine at Long Island Jewish Medical Center, New Hyde Park, New York, and at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx. In addition, she completed residencies in diagnostic radiology at Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center and at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark. She is also an instructor in radiology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and a member of the American Association of Women Radiologists.

"We are delighted to welcome Dr. Durojaye," said Felicia Karsos, administrator of Saint Michael's Medical Center. "Her expertise will help her play an instrumental role in advancing the vital mission of The Connie Dwyer Breast Center, the region's leading center of excellence in breast care."

The Connie Dwyer Breast Center at Saint Michael's Medical Center is a state-of-the-art facility providing expert diagnosis and treatment of breast disease and the finest breast cancer prevention, early detection and educational outreach in northern New Jersey. Saint Michael's Medical Center, a 337-bed, regional primary-care teaching and research center is an affiliate of Cathedral Healthcare System, a nonprofit hospital system that also comprises Saint James Hospital and Columbus Hospital in Newark. All are affiliated with Catholic Health and Human Services Corp. and support the mission of the Archdiocese of Newark. More information is available online at www.cathedralhealth.org.



UP 'TIL DAWN—Caldwell College students display a \$11,603 check representing the amount they raised for St. Jude's Research Hospital to benefit children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. The original goal of the drive was \$5,000. The six-month effort culminated with students staying "Up 'Til Dawn" for fund-raising activities. Caldwell College students raised money by organizing bake sales, lollipop sales and "canning" for spare change. Area businesses that supported the students' efforts included Pizza & Sandwich Barn, Cedar Grill & Pizza, Applebees, California Pizza Kitchen, Caldwell Diner and Ottos. Holding the check are members of the Up 'Til Dawn executive board (left to right) T'Shae Sherman, Rebecca Naylor, Barbie Vergel, Katrina Cusack, Jess Fernandez, Ashley Cusack, Patty Messick and Ma'Isah Bohannon.

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Trinitas hosts cancer 'Survivors' Day' event

UNION—Survival of not only the body, but of mind and spirit as well, was the theme of this year's Trinitas Comprehensive Cancer Center's (TCCC) "Survivors' Day" celebration.

More than 100 people, nearly half who were survivors and patients at the TCCC patients, attended the event. Together, these survivors, some who have just begun

medical treatment and others who have finished treatment yet continue to attend this annual event, celebrated life and shared their hope.

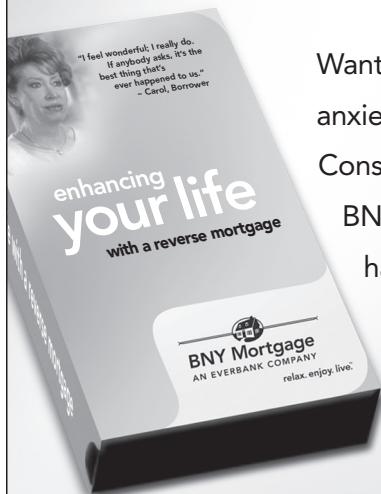
TCCC staff members Jeanette Barefoot, director of clinical operations, Carol Blecher, advanced practice nurse, and Vincent Salerno, MD, medical oncologist/hematologist welcomed the survivors.

"Today it is our privilege as

healthcare professionals to honor you, the survivors, for your strength and courage, and to recognize together, the contributions of your families, friends and loved ones who have been with you along the way," Barefoot said.

Cancer survivors who also serve as volunteers at Trinitas provided one of the highlights of the event when they read moving poems about cancer survivorship. The program also included a presentation about the American Cancer Society's "Relay For Life" event by Doreen Rinaldo, lead radiation therapist who serves as the captain of the TCCC Relay for Life team.

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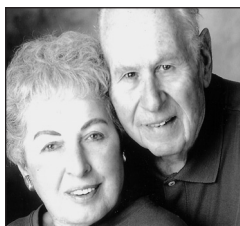
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Nutley parishioner prescribes a plan to aid poor in Alabama

NUTLEY—When teenager Michael Guiliano, a member of Holy Family Parish, helped his physician father dispose of unused prescription drug samples, he realized somebody could probably use them.

He couldn't have been more right.

For the past two years, the medical relief foundation Guiliano created has shipped more than \$500,000 worth of medications and 91,000 drug samples to rural health clinics serving the poor in Wilcox County, AL. The Edmundite Missions supports the work of the clinics for the uninsured poor.

"This medicine goes to people who have no other way to get it," said Kathi Needham, director of HealthLink, a Selma, AL, agency that is affiliated with Students Advocating Medical Equality (SAME). "They are below the poverty line. None of them have insurance and quite often they can't even get together the money to go to the doctor to get the prescription written."

HealthLink receives the packages via UPS, then transports them to the Pine Apple and Vredenburgh clinics in Alabama managed by Dr. Roseanne Cook, C.S.J. This allows uninsured rural patients to have access to medicines that those in larger communities, such as Selma, already have, Needham said.

"We are grateful for the medicines Michael (Guiliano) has been sending. They are needed and valuable and are prescription samples we do not get—at least not in the quantity we need to serve this population," Cook explained.

Guiliano, who just completed his freshman year at

the University of Pennsylvania, is pursuing a degree in healthcare management/finance. At the university's renowned Wharton School of Business, he is developing a database tracking system that can electronically document medication information and accurately send medications to locations "where and when they are needed." Such a system will make it easier to expand and provide services in places such as Mobile, AL, and New Orleans—cities that continue to struggle from the devastation cause by Hurricane Katrina in August 2005. Guiliano has collaborated with Father Richard Myhalyk, S.S.E., Edmundite Missions director, to contact Catholic Social Services for possible distribution into those cities.

Four New Jersey physicians, including Guiliano's father, participate in the program. Giuliano's idea for his medical mission was hatched when he was in junior high school. After school, he spent time at his father's office and noticed that the senior Giuliano sometimes gave medication samples to patients who could not afford prescriptions. He also noticed the care with which expired medicines must be disposed.

"I thought to myself: 'Why am I throwing away valuable medications? These supplies can be used to improve the life of the uninsured in this country,'" Giuliano recalled.

He formed SAME to organize a distribution system. The foundation requires careful documentation to comply with the legal issues of transferring medications from doctor to doctor.



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Michael Guiliano (center) shares prescription drug samples with volunteer Sister Cecil Cusson, D.H.S. (left), and Dr. Roseanne Cook, C.S.J., at the rural health clinic in Wilcox County, AL. Guiliano, a parishioner at Holy Family Parish, Nutley, developed a program to get unused drug samples to the uninsured poor.

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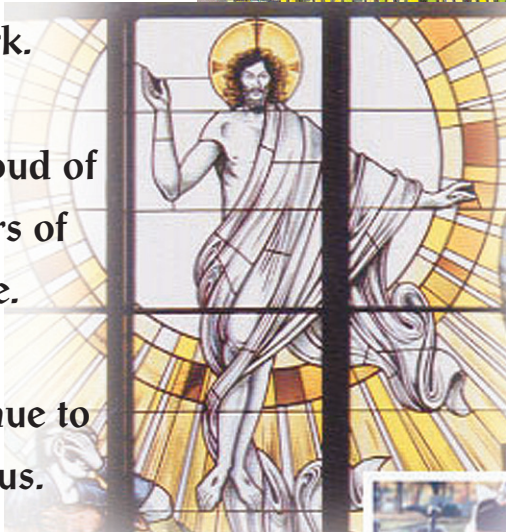


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