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Pope's book illuminates life of Jesus in Gospels

BY MSGR. JAMES M. CAFONE
Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

As soon as the publication of the Pope's new book, "Jesus of Nazareth," was announced earlier this year (see *The Catholic Advocate*, May 23), the immediate reaction of many Catholics was one of eager anticipation.

Now that the text is available in English, any reader familiar with the work of the theologian Joseph Ratzinger will immediately recognize the quiet insight and disciplined academic style that is a hallmark of the more than 50 books written by the man who is now Pope Benedict XVI. The Holy Father tells us that "Jesus of Nazareth" is an examination of Jesus' public life. His second volume (when it appears) will focus on the birth of Jesus, His passion, death and resurrection.

The pope has given us a deeply personal expression of his own faith in the message of the Gospels. Since he is an intellectual giant whose entire life has been lived in an academic context, this expression is carefully nuanced by the concerns and controversies of contemporary Bible scholars.

But this text should not be restricted to students of the Scriptures. It has a broad appeal and reaches out to embrace a much wider audience. After he had read this book, one of my priest friends who is not an academician enthusiastically said to me: "Any Christian believer who reads this book will immediately accept the truth of the sacraments of the Catholic Church."

The Holy Father begins his presentation with a brief survey of the recent scholarly approaches to the figure of Jesus in the Gospels.

The pope reminds us that the great Catholic authors writing before the mid-20th century presented Jesus as a man from Nazareth who actually walked the roads of

Israel, gathered a following of disciples, and was eventually condemned by the leaders of traditional religion who portrayed him as an agitator against the occupying power of Rome. They perceived Jesus as the incarnate Son of God who made the Divine Being audible, tangible and visible to the people who knew him.

However, Pope Benedict says that a change of attitude developed in the 1950s. Influenced by the philosophy of postmodernism, many scriptural writers began making a distinction between the "historical Jesus" and the "Christ of faith." These authors say that the Gospels were written later than has been previously accepted and are not to be trusted as historical records.

This unfortunate trend has now culminated in the fact that many contemporary scholars hold that the Gospels contain only a small amount of actual historical material and that much of the inspired writing is not a record of what really happened in the life of Jesus. These authors say that the Gospels are primarily an expression of what

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Advocate photo - Melissa McNally

The journey of the Catholic charismatic spiritual renewal movement began 40 years ago at a weekend spiritual retreat in Pittsburgh. Last month members of the movement marked the anniversary with a conference in Secaucus. Charismatics emphasize the Holy Spirit in the Church.

Charismatic movement celebrates the 'fire' of 40 faithful years

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

SECAUCUS—Five thousand Catholics from across North America converged at the Meadowlands Exposition Center June 22-24 for the Conference of Charismatic Renewal, a celebration of the 40th anniversary of the passionate spiritual movement.

The movement began when a group of young people—including Irvington native Patti Gallagher Mansfield—found themselves "on fire" with the Holy Spirit during a spiritual weekend retreat in 1967 at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. As a result, Mansfield and her friends sparked a movement that today includes an estimated 10 million charismatic Catholics in North America and more than 119 million in 235 countries throughout the world.

The conference featured "tracks" with guest speaker presentations and music representing cultural groups involved in the renewal movement, including Filipinos, Hispanics, Koreans

and Haitians. The audience, during the English-language track, sang and danced in the aisles, lifted their arms in prayer. Some were moved to joyful tears during the convention.

"The Duquesne Weekend was based on the Acts of the Apostles and some of us experienced the Holy Spirit in an overwhelming way," Mansfield recalled.

Forty years ago Mansfield and her fellow students questioned why Catholics were not as active and passionate about their faith as other Christian denominations. "I wondered: 'Why aren't we on fire and witnessing the Holy Spirit?' At the heart of charismatic renewal is the experience of being baptized in the Holy Spirit. In this baptism, there is a release of the graces that we Catholics received in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation," Mansfield explained.

Mansfield, who currently lives in Louisiana, is a public speaker, author and a leader in the movement.

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Pope eases restrictions on use of Tridentine Mass

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—In a long-awaited overture to disaffected Catholic traditionalists, Pope Benedict XVI relaxed restrictions on the use of the Tridentine Mass, the Latin-language liturgy that predates the Second Vatican Council.

The pope said Mass celebrated according to the 1962 Roman Missal, commonly known as the Tridentine rite, should be made available in every parish where groups of the faithful desire it.

He also said that while the new Roman Missal, introduced in 1970, remains the ordinary way of Catholic worship, the 1962 missal should be considered “the extraordinary expression of the law of prayer.” This implies no liturgical division, he said, but simply “two uses of the one Roman rite.”

The pope's directive came July 7 in a four-page apostolic letter to the world's bishops titled *Summorum Pontificum*. The new norms will take effect Sept. 14, which is the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. An accompanying personal letter from the pontiff dismissed fears that the decree would foment divisions in the Church or be seen as a retreat from Vatican II.

The pope said the new Mass rite would remain the Church's predominant form of worship. Use of the old missal presupposes a certain degree of liturgical formation and some knowledge of the Latin language, and "neither of these is found very often," he declared.

However, the pope expressed sympathy with Catholics who are attached to the Tridentine rite and uncomfortable with the new Mass. In the post-Vatican II period, he said, excessive liturgical creativity often led to “deformations of the liturgy, which were hard to bear.”

"I am speaking from experience, since I, too, lived through that period with all its hopes and confusion. And I have seen how arbitrary deformations of the liturgy caused deep pain to individuals totally rooted in the faith of the Church," he explained.

The pope noted that many older Catholics have a long connection with the 1962 Roman Missal, but in recent years it has been clearly demonstrated that young people

are also being attracted by the old liturgy. By widening its availability, the pope said, he hoped to make the new and old liturgical forms “mutually enriching.”

The Tridentine Mass has been allowed as a liturgical exception since 1984, but Catholics had to request permission from local bishops, who did not always consent. The new decree significantly altered the bishop's role, maintaining his general oversight on liturgy but removing him from initial decisions on Tridentine masses.

The document said a priest who wishes to celebrate the Tridentine Mass alone “does not require any permission,” and lay Catholics who spontaneously wish to attend such semi-private masses may do so.

Local pastors are to handle more formal requests for scheduled masses, the document said. The text does not require all parishes to automatically establish a Tridentine Mass schedule, but it said that where “a group of faithful attached to

the previous liturgical tradition exists stably,” the pastor should “willingly accede” to their request to make the old Mass available.

In scheduling Tridentine masses, the document said local pastors should balance these special requests with the ordinary pastoral demands of the parish. It offered some guidelines: On Sundays and feast days, parishes may offer only one Tridentine Mass; the old Mass can also be celebrated on weekdays and in particular circumstances such as weddings, funerals or pilgrimages. It said bishops also may celebrate the sacrament of confirmation according to the old rite.

When a group of the lay faithful “does not obtain what it requests from the pastor,” it should inform the local bishop, who is “earnestly requested to grant their desire,” the document states. If the bishop is unable to provide for this kind of celebration, the matter goes to the Vatican’s Pontifical Commission *Ecclesia Dei*, which is charged with “maintaining vigilance over the observance and application” of the new decree, it said.

Religious orders may offer Tridentine masses in community celebrations in their own oratories. The document also gave bishops the power to erect a “personal

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—*Pope Benedict XVI*

'This liturgy is meant to encourage unity among the people': Archbishop

(Statement by Archbishop John J. Myers on the Apostolic Letter given 'Motu Proprio' by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, on the use of the Roman Liturgy prior to the reform of 1970.)

We have received with great reverence and respect the Holy Father's apostolic letter concerning wider use of the Tridentine Mass as an extraordinary form of liturgy in the Latin Church.

Celebration of the Tridentine Mass has been in place in a few communities in the Archdiocese of Newark for a number of years.

In conjunction with the *Novus Ordo*, or Mass in local language, this extraordinary form of liturgy is meant to encourage unity among the people of this local Church by embracing a diversity of the form of worship, but not the substance.

The Church has long recognized both forms of liturgy as valid and true celebrations of the mystery of the Eucharist.

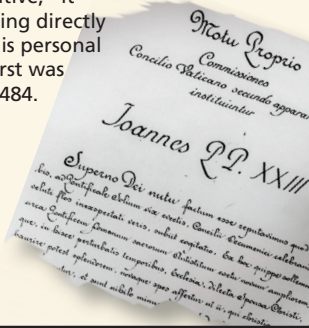
This expansion of available liturgies does provide

Motu Proprio

Latin for “on his own initiative,” it appears in documents coming directly from the pope signifying his personal interest in the topic. The first was issued by Innocent VIII in 1484.

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parish” for celebrations according to the old liturgy.

The text allowed for Mass readings in local languages, even when the 1962 missal is being used (employing a lectionary or book of Mass readings) that has been approved by Vatican. In his personal letter, the pope also suggested that new saints and new prefaces should be inserted in the 1962 missal; that question will be studied by the *Ecclesia Dei* commission.

The publication of the decree came after nearly two years of review. Although it was issued *motu proprio*, a phrase that signifies a pope is acting on his own initiative, Pope Benedict consulted on the question with the world's cardinals and bishops.

French and German bishops—who worried that internal church unity and their own authority could be weakened by creating parallel worshipping communities—voiced the strongest apprehensions on the initiative. Other bishops said the move could be seen as delegitimizing the liturgical reform of Vatican II.

“There is no contradiction between the two editions of the Roman Missal. In the history of the liturgy there is growth and progress, but no rupture,” the pope said. “What earlier generations held as sacred remains sacred and great for us too, and it cannot be all of a sudden entirely forbidden or even considered harmful.”

As for Church unity, the pope told the bishops that he essentially had freed them from having to decide on specific requests for the old liturgy, but was relying on them to maintain communion among their faithful. In particular, he asked the bishops to demonstrate “charity and pastoral prudence” in dealing with and improving the attitude of Catholic traditionalists.

The Roman Missal of 1962 raises an issue in Catholic-Jewish relations. Although the phrase “perfidious (faithless) Jews” was no longer in the 1962 version of the missal, it did ask for prayers for the conversion of Jews and for “the blindness of that people” so they may acknowledge Christ. The new Mass changed that language, asking prayers so that Jews, as the chosen people, “may arrive at the fullness of redemption.”

The pope did not get into specifics about how the new decree might affect the Vatican's difficult dialogue with leaders of the Lefebvrite religious order, the Society of St. Pius X. In his personal letter, the pope told the bishops that fidelity to the old Mass has become an external sign of identity for the Lefebvrite society, but noted that the reasons for their break with the Vatican "were at a deeper level." In a meeting in 2005 with the pope, Bishop Bernard Fellay, head of the society, asked for the restoration of the Tridentine rite as a sign of good will.

In the Tridentine rite, the priest celebrated Mass facing east, which given the layout of most churches, meant he celebrated with his back to the congregation. Since the promulgation of the new Roman Missal, the priest normally faces the congregation. And while Latin is the original language of both liturgical texts, the new missal permits use of the vernacular language to engage full, active participation by the faithful in the liturgy.

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Working for CRS, Garofalo assesses hope, turmoil found in the Holy Land

BY WARD MIELE
 Managing Editor

A spiritual journey that began two decades ago at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Park Ridge has led Thomas Garofalo to the Holy Land.

Garofalo, who participated in youth activities at his parish, has been a representative for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in the Holy Land for the past two years.

A graduate of Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., his first venture onto the international stage came as a student when he traveled to Peru in the late 1980s as part of a university social work program taking part in a reforestation project.

After graduation, Garofalo worked for several years as a research editor for *Reader's Digest*, but the lure of the "compelling issues" beyond the borders of his home country was too strong. Those issues include, he explained, peoples of the world struggling with poverty. Many of them have cultural, political and economic connections to the United States culturally, as well as a desire to immigrate to this country because of its economic opportunity and freedoms.

He went to graduate school at the University of Texas, eventually traveling to Latin America in 1994 to do more social work. The following year Garofalo joined Baltimore-based CRS (Web site: www.crs.org) in its Media Department. For almost three years he was assigned to Cuba. Although CRS has no office there, he visited several times a year working on humanitarian and development assistance programs.

Garofalo said the Catholic Church in that beleaguered island nation is "embattled," but for the first time the Church and government are "talking to each other," with officials there looking to the Church to help in the inevitable transition in Cuba when Fidel Castro, the ailing dictator, dies.

His next destination for CRS was Belgrade, Serbia. Garofalo was there during the tumultuous time following the Kosovo War eight years ago and helped to reopen the local CRS office. Following that assignment, he returned briefly to Cuba.

Working in the Holy Land, he has been involved with CRS humanitarian, food assistance and youth education programs. CRS, Garofalo pointed out, has been in the Holy Land more than four decades and "is part of the landscape."

He interacts mostly with Muslims, who are the majority of the population. Christians, according to Garofalo, account for some 2 percent of those who call the Holy Land home. Of that amount, he lamented, an estimated 5 percent is leaving each year.

CRS sponsors programs in Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza. Since its time in the Holy Land, according to information from spokesman Tom Price, CRS has "represented the solidarity of American Catholics in the Holy Land." Its projects "aim to support peace with justice in this troubled region while responding to the humanitarian and sus-

tainable needs of the Palestinians," he added.

As for the future of Christians in the Holy Land, Garofalo is blunt—"it is up to us." If the exodus of Christians continues, he fears the Holy Land some day could become a place of "museum sites for Western Christians." To avoid that, he stressed, economic conditions have to improve.

Garofalo said he was attracted to CRS because "the Church has a huge role to play around the world preserving human dignity and protecting human rights." CRS programs in the Holy Land, according to Price, address severe unemployment resulting from the ongoing conflict and restrictions on movement, lack of a quality educational environment, immediate food and agricultural shortfalls and what CRS terms "the need for opportunities for meaningful participation of young people in Palestine community life."

Price said CRS' efforts in the region are in support of its "long-term goals of securing justice and promoting a lasting peace for all local people regardless of creed or nationality." Examples of CRS programs include Emergency Humanitarian Aid, Emergency Assistance to University Students, Food for Work and Training, and Palestinian Infrastructure for Needed Employment.

CRS emphasizes building future leaders in Palestine, "empowering youth and guiding them toward constructive avenues of expression by giving them opportunities to positively change their own society." CRS also works with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Catholic Campaign for Peace. The undertaking engages Jewish, Christian and Muslim religious leaders and communities in an effort to promote a "just peace" in the Middle East.

Diocesan bishops and Catholic leaders are called upon to partner actively with local reli-



Thomas Garofalo

gious leaders in the Jewish, Muslim and other Christian traditions with the goal of creating what CRS terms "a shared commitment to the broad outlines of a just resolution of the conflict and to raise a united voice with policy makers and the wider public." CRS helps bridge this dialogue and increase awareness of the humanitarian crisis and the issues affecting peace. It does this by facilitating the flow of information from the region to the USCCB and targeted dioceses.



Catholic Relief Services representative Thomas Garofalo offered a blunt assessment regarding the plight of Christians in the Holy Land and the economic hardships they face. If the exodus of Christians continues, he fears the Holy Land could become a place of "museum sites for Western Christians." Pictured here is a candlelight procession for peace held June 22 in Beit Sahour, the West Bank, which called for unity among Palestinians.

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Vatican '06 budget closes with surplus

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Despite a serious drop in the value of the U.S. dollar, the Vatican's 2006 budget closed with a surplus

of more than \$3.2 million, said Cardinal Sergio Sebastiani, head of the Vatican's general accounting office. While salaries and pension contributions increased, a drop in the value of the U.S. currency was a big reason why the

surplus was so much less than the 2005 surplus of \$12 million, the cardinal told reporters July 6. Most donations to the Vatican and some of its investments are in dollars, yet the Vatican's expenses are mainly in euros.

Dialogue will ease Tridentine tensions

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The head of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs expressed confidence July 9 that any Catholic-Jewish tensions arising from misunderstandings of Pope Benedict XVI's recent apostolic letter on the Tridentine Mass (see page two of this issue) will be overcome by a 40-year history of dialogue. "Our relationships with the Jewish community are deep and abiding, building on the friendships formed over the last 40 years," said Father James Massa, executive director. Pope Benedict relaxed restrictions on the use of the Tridentine Mass, the Latin-language liturgy that predates the Second Vatican Council. The Mass from the Roman Missal in use since 1970 would remain the ordinary form of the Mass, while celebration of the Tridentine Mass would be the extraordinary form.

Pope hopes people find time to pray

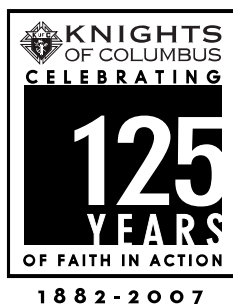
VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Calling vacation time "a gift of God," Pope Benedict XVI prayed that everyone might find time in the summer to rest, pray and enjoy the outdoors. Reciting the Angelus July 8 with visitors in St. Peter's Square, the pope explained that he would spend July 9-27 in a church-owned villa in Lorenzago di Cadore, a small Alpine town in northeastern Italy. "The mountain air will do me good and I can dedicate myself more freely to reflection and prayer," the pope told the crowd. "I hope everyone, especially those who feel a greater need, can take a bit of vacation to fortify their physical and spiritual energies and recover a healthy contact with nature." Pope Benedict said mountain vacations have a special meaning to him because a mountain "evokes the ascent of one's spirit" toward God, which, "unfortunately, daily life tends to drag down."

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SFIC creates scholarship for students in Jersey City

JERSEY CITY—The William E. Simon Foundation and the Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) of the Archdiocese of Newark have formed a partnership to provide funds for children of low-income families whose parents or guardians want them to be educated in Catholic elementary schools here.

The Simon Foundation is providing \$250,000 for the 2008-2009 school year. That amount will increase in 2009 through a joint partnership with the Children Scholarship Fund, one of SFIC’s principle programs.



Lorraine Cunningham

The Jersey City program will be open to approximately 165 students. Families can obtain an application at any Jersey City Catholic elementary school. The eligibility guidelines for the scholarship follow the provisions set by the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program.

“The decision of where to educate one’s child is a pressing concern for parents, many of whom take comfort in the high-quality education that the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Newark provide,” a program spokesman said.

Since 1983, the SFIC has provided over 40,000 scholarships, raising over \$25 million to benefit

children who reside in Newark, Jersey City and Elizabeth. All of the scholarship funds are raised from concerned individuals, corporations and foundations that share the view that many local and national problems can be solved only by making people

responsible and self-sufficient through quality education.

“An essential partner in this effort, the William E. Simon Foundation recognizes the fact that a good education is indispensable in today’s world to open doors to opportunity and advance-

ment,” the spokesman added.

“This will open more doors for children of low-income families,” Lorraine Cunningham, SFIC executive director, said. “It will provide quality education in a safe environment. We’re happy to say that 90 percent of inner-city chil-

dren graduating from Catholic high schools attend college.”

Information about SFIC is available online (Web site: www.sficnj.org) or by contacting Cunningham at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark at (973) 497-4579.

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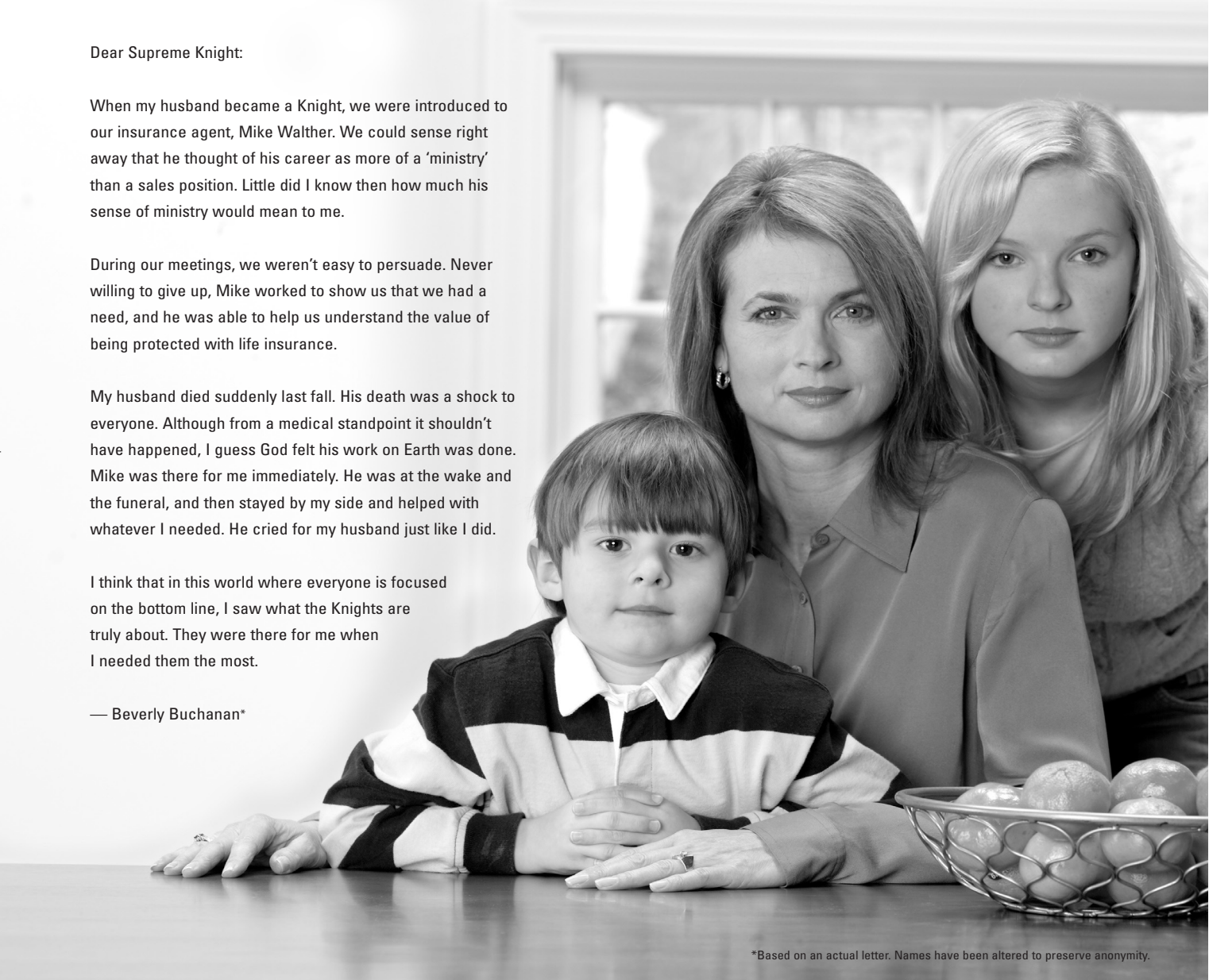
When my husband became a Knight, we were introduced to our insurance agent, Mike Walther. We could sense right away that he thought of his career as more of a ‘ministry’ than a sales position. Little did I know then how much his sense of ministry would mean to me.

During our meetings, we weren’t easy to persuade. Never willing to give up, Mike worked to show us that we had a need, and he was able to help us understand the value of being protected with life insurance.

My husband died suddenly last fall. His death was a shock to everyone. Although from a medical standpoint it shouldn’t have happened, I guess God felt his work on Earth was done. Mike was there for me immediately. He was at the wake and the funeral, and then stayed by my side and helped with whatever I needed. He cried for my husband just like I did.

I think that in this world where everyone is focused on the bottom line, I saw what the Knights are truly about. They were there for me when I needed them the most.

— Beverly Buchanan*



*Based on an actual letter. Names have been altered to preserve anonymity.

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Reverend Monsignor Ronald J. Rozniak, pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, and vicar general for the Missio Sui Juris in the Turks & Caicos Islands, has also been appointed Episcopal Vicar for Health Care and Social Concerns, effective immediately, for a duration deemed necessary by the Archbishop.

ADMINISTRATOR

Reverend Gregory Fishel, S.D.B., parochial vicar of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Elizabeth, was appointed administrator effective June 20.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Reverend Giovanni R. Argarin was appointed parochial vicar of St. John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale, effective July 1 through December 2007.

Reverend Grzegorz Podsiadlo, S.D.S. was appointed parochial vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Bayonne, effective July 1.

Reverend Andrzej Wasko, S.D.S. was appointed parochial vicar of St. Adalbert and Ss. Peter & Paul Parishes, Elizabeth, effective July 1.

Reverend Jose Helber Victoria, newly ordained, was appointed parochial vicar of St. Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff, effective July 1.

Reverend Jose Antonio Ciordia, O.A.R. has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Augustine Parish, Union City, effective Aug. 1.

Reverend John F. Gordon has been appointed parochial vicar of Holy Family Parish, Nutley, effective Aug. 15.

Reverend Kazimierz Torla was appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, Linden, effective June 21 to Aug. 31.

Reverend Paul Abhulimen was appointed summer parochial vicar of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, North Bergen, effective July 1 to Aug. 31, 2007.

Reverend Sujan Amurutham was appointed summer parochial vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, effective July 1 to Sept. 3, 2007.

Reverend Almas Archangelus was appointed summer parochial vicar St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Jersey City, effective July 1 to Sept. 30, 2007.

Reverend Antony John Berchmans was appointed summer parochial vicar of Madonna Parish, Fort Lee, effective July 1 to Oct. 5, 2007.

Reverend Erwin D. Bombaas was appointed summer parochial vicar of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City, effective July 1 to Aug. 31, 2007.

Reverend Angelo Antonio J. Brucal was appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Linden, effective July 1 to Aug. 31, 2007.

Reverend Jozef Buzniak was appointed summer parochial vicar of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Irvington, effective July 1 to Aug. 31, 2007.

Reverend Nemer De Castro Chua was appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Leo Parish, Elmwood Park, effective July 1 to Aug. 31, 2007.

Reverend James C. Cruze, C.S.C. was appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff, effective July 1 to Aug. 31, 2007.

Reverend Paul A. Cuisson was appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York, effective July 1 through October 2007.

Reverend Emmanuel J. Essiet was appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Luke Parish, HoHoKus, effective July 1 to Sept. 30, 2007.

Reverend Lastborn Foto was appointed summer parochial vicar of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, East Orange, effective July 1 to Sept. 30, 2007.

Reverend Jacob Swapan Gomes was appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Catharine Parish, Glen Rock, effective July 1 to Aug. 31, 2007.

Reverend Anton Saman Hettiarachchige was appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Michael Parish, Palisades Park, effective July 1 to Sept. 15, 2007.

Reverend Joselito I. Jopson was appointed summer parochial vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield, effective July 1 to Aug. 31, 2007.

Reverend Matthew Kallinkel was appointed summer parochial vicar of St. James Parish, Springfield, effective July 1 to Sept. 30, 2007.

Reverend Shashi Bhushan Kullu was appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Mary Parish, Dumont, effective July 1 to Sept. 30, 2007.

Reverend Tomasz Lisiecki was appointed summer parochial vicar of Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, Harrison, effective July 1 to Sept. 30, 2007.

Reverend Nixen Raj Jainus Xavier was appointed summer parochial vicar of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Scotch Plains, effective July 1 to Sept. 30, 2007.

Reverend Maciej Mieteck was appointed summer parochial vicar of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Irvington, effective July 1 to Aug. 31, 2007.

Reverend Anando S. Mondol was appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Joseph the Carpenter Parish, Roselle, effective July 1 to Sept. 15, 2007.

Reverend Randy Odchigue was appointed summer parochial vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, effective July 1 to Aug. 31, 2007.

Reverend Christopher Gnana Prakasam was appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills, effective July 1 to Aug. 31, 2007.

Reverend Antonio L. Ricarte was appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Oradell/New Milford, effective July 1 to Sept. 30, 2007.

Reverend Celso D. Singson was appointed summer parochial vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Rochelle Park, effective July 1 to Sept. 30, 2007.

Reverend Richard Tan was appointed summer parochial vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Nutley, effective July 1 to Aug. 31, 2007.

Reverend Imlus Tete was appointed summer parochial vicar of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, effective July 1 to Sept. 30, 2007.

Reverend Ambrose Ukaonu, C.M.F. was appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Rocco/St. Brigid Parish, Union City, effective July 1 to Sept. 30, 2007.

Reverend Midyphil B. Billones was appointed summer parochial vicar of Assumption Parish, Emerson, effective July 4 to Sept. 30, 2007.

Reverend Amadeo C. Alvero was appointed summer parochial vicar of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, effective July 15 to Sept. 30, 2007.

Reverend Maria Alphonse Raj, S.D.B. was appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Demarest, effective July 17 to Sept. 20, 2007.

Reverend Wilson Sanchez Cruz has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Ss. Joseph & Michael Parish, Union City, effective July 27 to Aug. 26, 2007.

CAMPUS MINISTER

Reverend James N. Chern was appointed Campus Minister at Montclair State University with residence at the Newman Center at Montclair State University, Montclair, effective July 1.

PASTOR EMERITUS

Reverend Monsignor John J. Gilchrist has been designated Pastor Emeritus of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison, effective immediately.

RELEASED

Reverend Jose Manuel De La Pena, released from pastoral service in the Archdiocese of Newark for pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese of Boston, has been extended for an additional period of two years, effective June 19 and ending June 19, 2009.

Reverend Carlos Flor, released from pastoral service in the Archdiocese of Newark for pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese of Boston, has been extended for an additional period of two years, effective June 19 and ending June 19, 2009.

Reverend Christoph Lintz, released from pastoral service in the Archdiocese of Newark for pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese of Munich, has been extended for an additional period of three years, effective Sept. 1, and ending Sept. 1, 2010.



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The Living Church: review of pope's book

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Christians came to believe about Jesus after the passage of time. So, in this context, the Gospels are a presentation of "the Christ of faith," which developed later and influenced the sacred authors so deeply that they perceived and presented Jesus as divine.

The pope strongly rejects these interpretations, which create a difficult situation for Christian faith by giving the impression that we know very little about who Jesus actually was and what He actually said. Condemning such attitudes, the pope says they lead to a situation in which "intimate friendship with Jesus, on which everything depends, is in danger of clutching at thin air" (xii).

Benedict finds the foundation for his own interpretation in the Gospels' narration of the relationship that Jesus had with God. The pope contends that the connection Jesus had with His Father is the true center of His personality and we cannot understand Jesus unless we take this relationship seriously. He says that unless we take this relationship seriously, the Jesus of the Gospels makes no sense at all. Unless He is seen in the context of communion with His Father, Jesus remains unintelligible. Developing his interpretation from this simple but essential perspective, the pope maintains the historical context of the four Gospels in which Jesus is presented as the One sent by the Father and anointed by the Holy Spirit.

We are cautioned that Jesus was not merely a teacher of moral living or a preacher of social reform. Instead, the pope presents Jesus as the Son of God incarnate, who established a community of believers and enabled them to extend the truth of His word and the power of His presence through all time and place, through its preaching and its sacramental ministry.

The pope has decided to study the Gospels in a topical way, using the framework of the 10 topics that form the titles of the chapters of this book. The first thing he wants to make clear is his conviction that the Jesus of the Gospels and the real historical Jesus are one and the same. Once he has convinced the reader of this all-important truth, he then focuses on 10 aspects of Jesus' life that the Gospels present to us as an invitation to our belief. These are: The Baptism of Jesus, The Temptations of Jesus, The Gospel of the Kingdom of God, The Sermon on the Mount, The Lord's Prayer, The Disciples, The Message of the Parables, The Principal Images of John's Gospel, Two Milestones on Jesus' Way—Peter's Confession and the Transfiguration—and Jesus Declares His Identity.

One of the Holy Father's most important themes is to demonstrate the fact that Jesus is the key to our understanding of the entire Bible. He is the new Moses who leads His people to the Promised Land of true freedom and intimacy with God, our loving Father. This is the same God who spoke to Moses from the burning bush in the desert; the same God who divided the waters of the Red Sea and led His people to safety; the same God who fed His people with manna in their desert wandering.

Christ's prayerful intimacy with His Father is understood in the context of Moses having spoken "face to face" with God. In Jesus, the continuity between the Old Covenant and the New is complete and unequivocal. In the Beatitudes Jesus shows us that the Ten Commandments demand much more than an external conformity with the Law and bring us into intimate union with the One who legislates. The destructive

anger of Moses in the face of his people's infidelity and idolatry is transformed by Christ's obedient acceptance of His Father's will. The treachery and venality of Judas, the utter brutality of the soldiers, the lack of compassion and the rejection by the people are all reversed by the constancy, generosity, sensitivity and compassion of Jesus. The fear and trembling induced by Sinai are transformed by the serene appearance of Jesus and the "do not be afraid" spoken to His disciples in the upper room after His resurrection.

Pope Benedict uses the principal images of John's Gospel to illustrate what John wants us to know and to believe, for our knowledge and for our faith. These images are straightforward and uncomplicated: the vine, water, wine, bread and the shepherd.

In Jesus, God's anointed has led the Twelve Tribes of Israel in the person of the 12 apostles out of slavery into the freedom of the Children of

God, namely, the freedom to obey God's commandment of love and mercy. The waters of the Red Sea are an image of the waters of Baptism. Sent by the owner of the vineyard, the Son who was rejected and murdered becomes the vine and we become the branches. The wine and the bread are miraculously multiplied and become the food and drink of the world. The good shepherd leads his flock out of slavery and the desert of selfishness to the faithful obedience that leads to resurrection and life.

Anyone who desires to follow Christ more faithfully will find a wealth of insight in this book. I recommend the daily reading of a page or two in a quiet place. The Holy Father's words will quickly draw the mind and heart into prayerful meditation.

Let me close this brief review with some excerpts from the homily given by the Pope on the Feast of Corpus Christi in 2007. The Holy Father considers the Gospel of St. Luke and its account of the miracle of the loaves and the fishes. "It contains," he said, "an explicit invitation for each individual to make his or her own contribution. The five fish and the two loaves represent our contribution, poor but necessary, which He transforms into a gift of love for everyone."

"The Eucharist is, then, a call to sanctity and to the giving of self to others, because each of us is truly called, together with Jesus, to be bread broken for the life of the world. This is a mystery that is beyond our understanding, and we should not be surprised if even today many people struggle to accept the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist."

"The Eucharist remains a 'sign of contradiction,' and it cannot be otherwise, because a God who becomes flesh and sacrifices Himself for the life of the world throws human wisdom into crisis. Yet for each generation of Christians the Eucharist is the indispensable nourishment that sustains them as they cross the desert of this world, made barren by ideological and economic systems that fail to promote life; a world dominated by the logic of power and possession rather than by the logic of service and of love; a world in which the culture of violence and death often triumph. But Jesus comes out to meet us and gives us assurances: He Himself is 'the bread of life.'"

(Msgr. James M. Cafone, S.T.D., is a member of the Religious Studies Department of Seton Hall University, South Orange, and of the editorial advisory board of The Catholic Advocate.)

Opus Dei vicar marks feast day of founder



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Msgr. Thomas G. Bohlin, the vicar of Opus Dei in the United States, celebrated Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Ridgewood on June 23 to commemorate the feast day of Opus Dei's founder, Saint Josemaria Escriva. Msgr. Bohlin is a native of Westwood and works in Manhattan. Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Josemaria in 2002 and described him as the "patron saint of ordinary life." Opus Dei (Web site: www.opusdei.org) is a Catholic institution that helps people come closer to God in their work and everyday lives. Saint Josemaria Escriva founded Opus Dei in Spain in 1928 and died on June 26, 1975.

Charismatic movement

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She also is a recipient of the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* papal medal. In her book, "As by a New Pentecost," she lists some of the effects of the baptism in the Holy Spirit, including a deepening awareness of the presence and love of God and the lordship of Jesus Christ; a new power and desire to witness; spiritual manifestations of charismatic gifts such as the gift of tongues; and a call to serve the needs of others.

In June of 2006, Mansfield was asked by the Pontifical Council for the Laity to thank Pope Benedict XVI on behalf of all the ecclesial movements and new communities before a crowd of 400,000 people in St. Peter's Square in Rome. In her speech, Mansfield exclaimed: "Holy Father, thank you for loving us. Thank you for your constant support and encouragement."

Here at the Conference of Charismatic Renewal, Mansfield's presentation ("The Lord is Alive Internationally") recalled her experiences throughout the world where the renewal movement is flourishing. She said that of the millions of Catholics who define themselves as "charismatic," only a small percentage reside in North America. The renewal movement has a large following in Asia, Africa and South America.

"In poorer countries, there is a great hunger for spiritual life. Some people have no other recourse but Jesus," Mansfield said. "Our society (in America) has become so secularized."



Patti Gallagher Mansfield

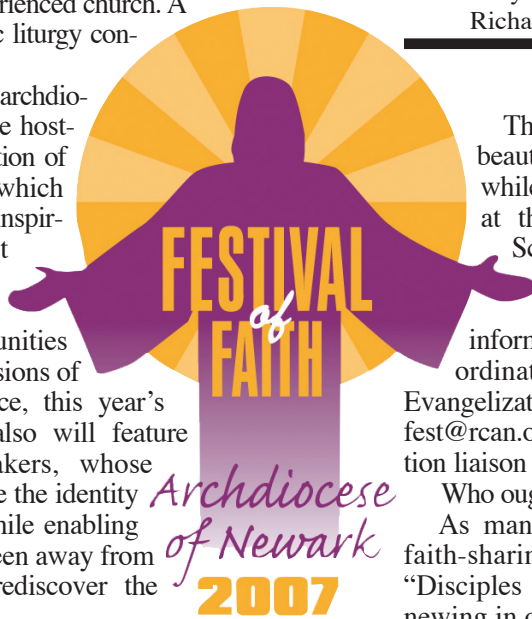
Festival to celebrate treasure of Catholic faith

Nine years ago, the archdiocese sponsored a marvelous gathering at the old railroad station at Liberty State Park in Jersey City. People from all four counties came on the vigil of Pentecost to celebrate the rich diversity of cultures and customs of the many ethnic communities, which make our parishes their spiritual home.

Through a variety of displays, food booths, and song and dance, people from many lands reflected their expressions of how they experienced church. A multilingual eucharistic liturgy concluded the day.

On Sept. 29, our archdiocese will once again be hosting a daylong celebration of our Catholic Faith, which should be every bit as inspiring as that Pentecost observance years ago.

In addition to providing many opportunities for the cultural expressions of ethnic song and dance, this year's "Festival of Faith" also will feature some dynamic speakers, whose words should reinforce the identity of active Catholics while enabling Catholics who have been away from Church practice to rediscover the treasure of our faith.



Seeing & Believing

By Rev. Msgr.
Richard J. Arnhols



The festival will be a day of devotions at our beautiful Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, while also featuring presentations and activities at the Archdiocesan Center, Barringer High School, and on the streets in between. Food and religious articles will also be available for purchase. Admission is free and more information is available from Liliana Soto, the coordinator of the archdiocesan Office of Evangelization at (973) 497-4353 or via e-mail at faithfest@rcan.org. Each parish should have an evangelization liaison who would be happy to register you.

Who ought to come to this unique event? Everyone! As many parishioners have learned through the faith-sharing processes of "Why Catholic?" and "Disciples in Mission," evangelization starts by renewing in ourselves both our knowledge of and com-

mitment to our Catholic faith. Thus active Catholics will find much to celebrate.

At the same time, our love for our faith should also move us to invite others—both active and inactive—to rediscover just how deeply rewarding a closer relationship with Jesus and the Church can be. Non-Catholics, especially those who may be thinking about the possibility of becoming members, or others who just like to learn more about what makes a Catholic "Catholic," should surely come and see.

All of us need to be reminded of the central place our Catholic faith should have and what a difference it makes in our lives. We are bombarded through the secular media with all sorts of opinions and lifestyles, many vastly different from the mind and heart of Christ. Sometimes, it can seem like our faith is leading us in an entirely different direction than many people are going. And so it may!

Truth always seeks the good. Many people tend to seek temporary "goods" that please for a short time, but never quite seem to truly satisfy. Faithfulness to Jesus—the Way, the Truth, and the Life—always helps us identify the emptiness of passing joys and the fullness of life in complete union with Him.

Our archdiocesan Festival of Faith offers us a special opportunity of fervent spiritual renewal and strength. Put it on your calendar now. I hope to see you there. Even more importantly, so does Jesus!

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

Providing hospitality to the 'strangers' among us

Readings: Gn 18:1-10; Ps 15; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42.

Whether in a municipal parking lot in Manhattan or on the streets of a city in the Middle East, one finds people eager to help the visitor, often with a hand outstretched for a "tip."

In areas of the Middle East not frequented by tourists, however, the stranger will enjoy a marvelous experience of hospitality and any effort to reimburse will be rejected. "It is my duty to help the stranger."

This generosity is part of an ancient tradition expressing the golden rule. The Torah (Law) of Moses expresses this ideal clearly: "You must befriend the alien, for you were once aliens in the land of Egypt" (Dt 10:19).

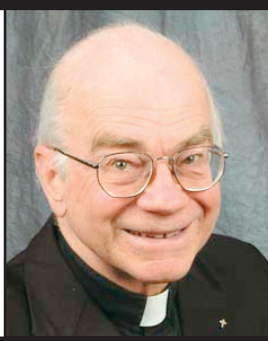
This principle is based on the realization that anyone might be a stranger on some occasion and would find that hospitality may save a life. Moreover, the doctrine that every human being is created in the divine image brings another dimension to the duty of receiving the stranger. "Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels" (Heb 13:2). The allusion is to the example of Abraham, who exhorted three passersby to stop for a meal. Later he realized that God had manifested himself and would fulfill the promise of a child for Sarah, Abraham's elderly wife. "Because of his faith and hospitality, a son was given to him in his old age..." (1 Clement to Corinthians 10:7).

The attitude we have towards strangers is an aspect of the spiritual life that contributes to our eternal destiny. "These are the things of which one enjoys the fruits in this world and the principal in the world to come: honoring parents, practice of loving kindness...visiting the sick, hospitality to strangers, offering a dowry for a poor bride, attending the dead to the grave, devotion in prayer and making peace between people; but the study of the Torah excels them all" (Babylonian Talmud Shabbath 127a).

Sunday Readings

16th Sunday
of Ordinary Time
(July 22, 2007)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



The parable of the sheep and the goats with its judgment scene reminds us that Jesus presented the same message. He was building on the teaching that each person is in God's image to declare that Jesus Himself experiences the beneficence or neglect shown toward others. "I was hungry and you gave me food...a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, sick and you cared for me" (Mt 25:35-36).

There was a lesson to be learned by those who failed to respond to the human needs of their neighbors and yet Jesus did not exalt activity over being in the divine presence. "Do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven" (Lk 10:20).

Jesus certainly appreciated the hospitality of Martha and no doubt thanked her for the service she offered. Her complaint about Mary's seeming idleness, however, led to an important lesson. Other Jewish teachers would extol the study of God's Word in the Torah ("Law of Moses") above even the most

generous deeds of service because these constitute imitation of God. How can one imitate the divine signs of love without constantly striving to learn from the examples given in the Scriptures?

As the disciples slowly began to appreciate the message of Jesus, indeed His very person, He conveyed a new experience of God's Word. Women as well as men were called to become listeners in order to absorb the Master's teaching. "The only thing necessary" of which Jesus spoke (Lk 10:42) is the intimacy with him that places all else in proper perspective. "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all other things will be given to you besides" (Mt 6:33).

In the early Church, this passage was used to compare the celibate life consecrated to God with the response of others, pitting Mary against Martha as two "states of life." In later times, the contemplative community was identified with Mary and congregations of religious engaged in various apostolic activities were like Martha. Although this passage may serve such a

purpose, the original intention of the Gospel was not to make such distinctions. Rather, the challenge should touch all Christians; we all need to place prayer and quiet reflection on God's Word ahead of the multitude

of activities in which we are engaged.

To serve God and neighbor effectively, every Christian needs to listen intently at the feet of Jesus and to stand at the foot of the cross. Only then can we "fill up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the Church" (Col 1:24).

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

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African clergy conference develops plans for a forum in Clark Aug. 2-5

CLARK—"Faithfulness to Our Call" is the theme of this year's African Conference of Catholic Clergy and Religious in the U.S. (ACCCRUS) forum to be hosted by the group's New Jersey chapter and the Archdiocese of Newark Aug. 2-5 at the Crown Plaza Hotel and Resort.

Father Anselm I. Nwaorgu, Ph.D., pastor of Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Newark and president of ACCRUS, described the group as an organization of immigrant priests and Religious from Africa. "Migration is an uprooting disorder," Father Nwaorgu said. "There is an associated loss of traditional institutions and rupture in the traditional socio-cultural family ecology. There is also the immersion into new cultural parameters and systemic realities that are different from the immigrant's worldview."

Executive members of the group are scheduled to arrive at the conference site on Wednesday, Aug. 1. The following day, registration is scheduled from 1 to 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. A gathering ritual takes place at 8 p.m., followed by a discussion of last year's ACCRUS Communiqué.

Father Nwaorgu will give the welcoming address on Friday, Aug. 3, at 8:30 a.m. Sister Joanna Okereke, H.H.C.J., coordinator of the Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees, a department in the office of Migrant and Refugee Services of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), will give an address, followed by Most Rev. Edgar da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark. Archbishop John J. Myers will give a presentation that day, as well as celebrate Mass at



Father Anselm I. Nwaorgu

6 p.m. at Father Nwaorgu's parish.

"I am truly grateful to Archbishop John J. Myers for his support and blessings," Father Nwaorgu said.

Another highlight of the Friday morning session will be a discussion led by Most Rev. Joseph Perry, Episcopal Vicar for Vicariate VI of the Archdiocese of Chicago, who will speak on "Serving Two Masters, at the Crossroads." The afternoon talk, "Celibacy and Chastity, Our Response Today" will be presented by Bishop Martin Muny of the Gwer Diocese in Africa.

The agenda for Saturday, Aug. 4 includes clergy and women Religious group meetings, a review of the group's constitution and ratification and a general election.

Father Nwaorgu said such gatherings are "important because they afford us the opportunity to re-examine ourselves and our mission; to ask new questions as to what we need to do so that our ministry and apostolate as missionaries may be valuable, appreciated and rewarding. They give us that forum to experience the supportive network of communal socialization and by that mix generate resources and share ideas in ways that can help us maximize opportunities in the direction of ministerial effectiveness."

Another benefit of the conference, he explained, is that it "provides us with a platform for collective advocacy in terms of our needs and the sometimes inevitable challenge to adverse and aversive pressures that mitigate our work as missionaries."

Contact Father Nwaorgu at (973) 824-6548 or (973) 848-9199 for more information on the event.



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FUN IN THE SUN—Good Shepherd Academy at Holy Family Parish in Nutley celebrated the end of another successful school year with a colorful carnival. Students and teachers enjoyed a fun-filled day, which was sponsored by the academy's Home School Association. Blow-up rides, slides, games of skill and tasty food were all part of the festivities. Sister Domenica Troina is the principal of Good Shepherd Academy.

Correction: Bloustein names

NEWARK—The Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars listed in the June 27 edition of *The Catholic Advocate* for Seton Hall Prep in West Orange were incorrect. The correct names are: Nicola A. Aversa, Matthew S. DeLuca, Joseph B. DeMarzo, Gregory W. Eng, Steven R. Fischer, Kelly T. Fleming, Owen J. Keogh, Evan T. Lee, Matthew F. Mullaney, Andrew R. Orr, Anthony G. Papetti, Kevin A. Ryan, Kristofer R. Salazar, Chris L. Sosa and Tuan A. Trinh.

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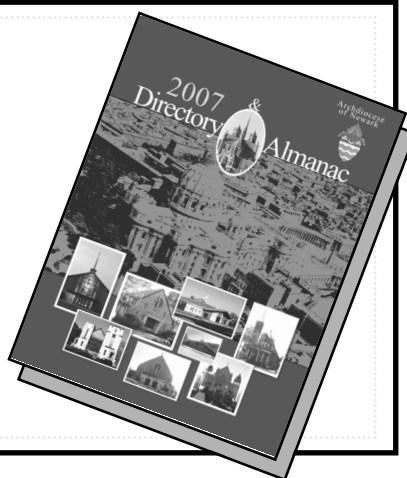
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NORTH ARLINGTON — The French Boys' Choir, comprised of members from schools, colleges and universities in the Lille area of northern France, will present a free concert on Sunday, July 22, 4 p.m., at Queen of Peace Parish, 174 Ridge Rd.

Formed in 1972, the choir travels throughout Europe and North America. It has performed at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and The White House. The group sings regu-

larly at European music and choral festivals. In addition to live concerts, the choir also has an active recording schedule and appears often on television and radio.

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Advocate photo — M. Gabriele

MAJOR LEAGUE ALL STARS—The Catholic Cemeteries office of the Archdiocese of Newark held its second annual "Baseball Day" fund-raiser on June 19 at Yogi Berra Stadium, adjacent to the campus of Montclair State University. The box score for the day included 48 sponsors, 22 funeral directors and more than \$31,000 raised, which is earmarked for a planned 9/11 memorial at Holy Cross Cemetery in North Arlington. The major league event attracted more than 200 spectators. Players included (left to right) Daniel R. Simone, Jr., the president of the New Jersey State Funeral Directors Association, Manasquan; Andrew P. Schafer, the executive director of Catholic Cemeteries, and James A. McLaughlin Jr. of McLaughlin Funeral Home in Jersey City.

'Theology on Tap' sessions to feature Archbishop Myers, Father Larry Evans

AREA—The remaining "Theology on Tap" discussion sessions in July will feature Archbishop John J. Myers, Father Larry Evans, parochial vicar at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City, and Most Reverend Dominic A. Marconi,

Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus, at locations throughout the archdiocese.

The capstone of the popular series will be Archbishop Myers' presentation: "Finding My Place in This World" at the Grand Banks Café, 75 Montgomery St.,

Jersey City, on Tuesday, July 24, at 7 p.m.

The schedule also includes: Sunday, July 22, Father Evans, "Spirituality in the Workplace," 7 p.m., The Office, 619 Bloomfield Ave., Montclair; Monday, July 23, Allan Wright, "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner: Inviting Christ Into Our Homes," 7 p.m., Allendale Bar and Grill, 67 West Allendale Ave., Allendale; and Wednesday, July 25, Bishop Marconi, "Finding Ways to Connect with God," 7 p.m. at The Crow's Nest, 309 Vincent Ave. and Route 17 South, Hackensack.

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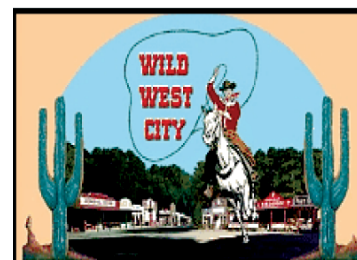
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Hospital staffers 'share' experience with Immaculate Conception students

Mentors offer healthcare career advice

MONTCLAIR — Fifteen Immaculate Conception High School seniors recently participated in the Senior Hospital and Research Experience (SHARE) program at nearby Mountainside Hospital.

Under the program, doctors, nurses and staff literally "share" their experience by mentoring students one day a week. The program is an annual "externship" that provides the students with the opportunity to explore careers in the healthcare field.

Students who apply to the SHARE program are evaluated and matched up with mentors in healthcare areas. Meeting once a week, students follow and observe their mentors during the hospital day. In addition, the students perform hands-on tasks under the observation and tutelage of their professional advisors.

"I am considering a career in nursing and have been working with nurses in the intensive care unit, where they have really kept me busy," student Roald Go said. "Seeing how caring and professional they are has made me even more enthusiastic about the field."

Another student, Berkhat Bhatti, said he is looking at a career in pharmacy. The Mountainside staff put him to work inserting medications in the correct packages, checking expiration dates and entering the names of the medications and the patients in an Excel spreadsheet.

Grace Kern, a teacher in the high school's religion department, has been running the program since its inception in 1998. Students previously traveled to St. Joseph's Hospital in Paterson before SHARE moved to Mountainside Hospital, which is within walking distance of the school.

"The staff of Mountainside has been so generous with their time. Our students willingly take on the challenges and that's what makes the program so special," Kern said. She estimated that about 94 percent of former SHARE students go on to college, with many choosing to enter healthcare fields. To date, this year's participating students have been awarded more than \$1.1 million in scholarship money.



Submitted photo

Immaculate Conception High School students participated in the SHARE program at Mountainside Hospital, where they are mentored by healthcare professionals. Grace Kern (far right), a teacher in the high school's religion department, serves as a moderator for the program. Grettel Muscato, manager of Community Services at Mountainside Hospital, praised Kern and the Immaculate Conception High School students for their participation in SHARE.

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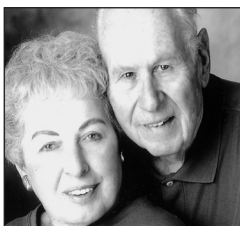
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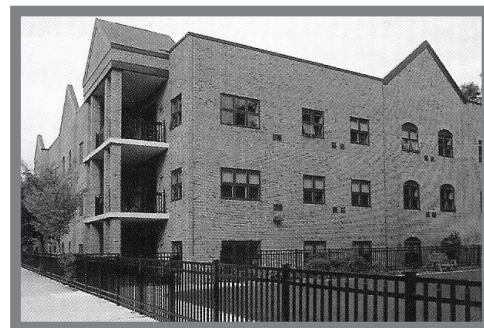
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