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Emotional reunion ends trafficking nightmare

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

NEWARK — Through the work of the Archdiocese of Newark's Catholic Charities' Refugee Resettlement and Human Trafficking programs, a former trafficking victim was reunited with her nine-year-old son on July 26 at Newark Liberty International Airport after more than four years of forced separation.

Inspired by this reunion, officials at Catholic Charities are hoping they will be able to report more happy endings in the near future. The group is involved in seven active cases of trafficking victims waiting to be reunited with their children.

Two years ago Lucy Magambi told her harrowing story to *The Catholic Advocate* (see the Nov. 23, 2005 edition), speaking under the alias "Mary." She came to America in 2003 from Kenya to work for a family in Bergen County as a housekeeper and nanny. She left her young son Brian behind with the hopes of making a new life for them in the United States.

"They were going to pay me \$200 a month. I thought I was going to be rich," she recalled.

However, Magambi was pressed to work tirelessly for little pay, forced into seclusion and was physically assaulted. Two years ago, Catholic Charities arranged for her rescue.

Magambi was trapped in the web of human trafficking, a shadowy crime defined as obtaining commercial labor from a person

using force, fear or coercion. Those coerced into working against their will typically are immigrants from Latin America, Africa and South Asia who fear of being deported. Victims suffer through a lonely, dark, brutal world intimidated by cruel traffickers and virtually cut off from society.

Catholic Charities works to uncover these cases, providing victims with food, shelter, access to health-

care, job placement and legal services. The organization also helps human trafficking victims obtain a T-Visa, which allows them to stay in the United States.

After earning her T-Visa, Magambi anxiously awaited her son's arrival. Now married with an eight-month-old daughter, her whole family is complete and looking forward to a new life in New Jersey.

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'Roe' of landmark Supreme Court case to take part in Respect Life seminar

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

LINDEN — The Archdiocesan Respect Life Office has scheduled a series of programs this fall to coincide with "Respect Life Month" in October.

The featured event in the series is the "Life Issues Seminar," which will be held Saturday, Oct. 13 at St. John the Apostle Parish, 1805 Penbrook Terrace. Norma McCorvey—who was "Roe" in the landmark 1973 Supreme Court case *Roe vs. Wade* that legalized abortion in the United States—will give the highlight presentation.

Other speakers on the program include David Bereit, the national director of the American Life League's STOPP International (Web site: www.all.org/stopp), and Father Mariusz Koch, C.F.R., an archdiocesan priest who has served as campus minister at Seton Hall University, South Orange. He is currently developing a center for priests' retreats.

Archbishop John J. Myers will open the Oct. 13 seminar with a Mass at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon. The program begins at 12:35 p.m. with an opening prayer by Father Joseph Meagher, the director of the

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Heritage Tour to visit historic Orange-area churches

Four-parish excursion to roll Oct. 20

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

AREA — The Archdiocese of Newark will host its semiannual Heritage Tour on Saturday, Oct. 20, with an all-day bus excursion that will visit four treasured churches in South Orange, East Orange and Orange.

The tour program includes stops at Our Lady of Sorrows, South Orange; Holy Name of Jesus, East Orange; and St. John and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Orange. The archdiocesan office of Property Management Administration organizes the event.

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Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, located amid the vintage gas lamps on Prospect Street in South Orange, will be one of the stops on the archdiocesan Heritage Tour, which will be held Oct. 20. Our Lady of Sorrows features exquisite wood carvings and stained glass windows. Other stops on the fall tour include Holy Name of Jesus, East Orange, and St. John and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Orange. Call Ursula Rivera at (973) 497-4132 for more information.

Advocate photo — M. Gabriele

Seizing and celebrating teachable moments in life

Thoughts on the Latin Mass, Doctrine of the Church and various misinterpretations

In the past month, a lot has been written and said about the two most recent announcements from the Vatican: the Holy Father's letter permitting wider use of the Latin Mass, and the document from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on the Church.

My office has received letters and phone calls about both items, and I have to say that, as often happens, the secular media has made far too much of the announcements. As a result, they have riled up Catholics and non-Catholics unnecessarily.

In fact, if I were to believe some of the letters and calls I have re-

ceived, I'd say it might be time for all of us to start preparing for another round of religious warfare among Christians that would make the time of the Reformation look tame. Fortunately, this isn't the case. Let's look at the two announcements and what they really mean.

The Latin Mass

First, the wider use of Latin Mass (see *The Catholic Advocate*, July 18). What did the Holy Father really say? Why did he say it?

Simply put, Pope Benedict XVI said that any priest who wishes to celebrate Mass privately using the pre-Vatican II liturgy in Latin, which we now call an "extraordinary form" of the liturgy, can do so without receiving permission from his local bishop. Up to now, any priest who wished to celebrate the traditional Mass in Latin publicly needed that permission.

Nowhere in his letter did the Holy Father say that Latin Mass would replace Mass in the vernacular or local language. In fact, the pope very strongly emphasized that Latin could not replace the local language. The priest celebrant must know Latin and know the rubrics of the extraordinary form. The pope said it could be offered only on Sunday or Solemnities.

Most emphatically, he said that for Latin Mass to be offered publicly, the parish had to ensure that it could gather a stable community of worshippers willing to participate in the liturgy under the older

form, which, by the way, remained as a valid form of liturgy even after the changes in the Mass took place back in 1965. The decision about public Mass pertains to the pastor. He also said emphatically that this permission does not in any way soften, lessen or diminish the reforms of the Second Vatican Council.

There had been strong speculations regarding the pope's reason behind this permission. He acknowledged that it is his desire to bring back into the Church some people who have felt uncomfortable with the reforms, but who

Sincerely in the Lord

truly wanted to remain Catholic. One group in particular, based in France, has been in schism with the Church almost since the time of the Second Vatican Council.

The hope is that, through an offer of reconciliation that includes permission to celebrate Mass in the extraordinary form, this group could eventually return to union with the Church. Time will tell, because this group still has issues with some of the reforms of the Second Vatican Council—reforms that will not be rescinded.

For the most part, however, the wider permission is seen really as an opportunity for people who feel that they can find a greater spirituality in the extraordinary form of the liturgy. In this respect, providing the wider permission can in some ways be likened to Rome accepting the charisms, the special gifts of the Holy Spirit, of a particular religious community or movement.

The Franciscans, the Benedictines, the Dominicans, the Carmelites and their communities all express their senses of spirituality in slightly different ways. Yet they are all Catholic and in communion with the universal Church. In fact, one little bit of history worth noting is that, before the Second Vatican Council, when the entire Latin Rite Catholic world celebrated Mass in Latin, these different religious communities often celebrated slightly different forms of the Latin Mass. Those differences reflected certain elements of their spirituality and made the Mass unique to them.

But it was still the same Mass.

The universal Church today has many forms of liturgy that its priests celebrate. Each of the Eastern rite churches that is in union with Rome celebrates its own form of liturgy, exercises its own traditions and uses a language different from Latin. Former Episcopalian or Anglican parishes that have rejoined the Church in recent years under the Pastoral Provision worship using an approved Anglican form of liturgy. And every week, the people of this great archdiocese celebrate the liturgy in some 20 different languages, including Latin. Some may view this as a cacophony; I view it as a joyful sound.

Truth is, the vast majority of Catholics enjoy the celebration of Mass in the local language and that's as it should be. In our own experience with Latin Mass, some groups have become smaller after a time. For some,

the novelty of the extraordinary liturgy may wear off or they begin to understand and appreciate the reasons behind the liturgy we use today. For those who do remain with Latin Mass, it is an expression of their particular devotion.

On Questions Regarding Certain Aspects of the Doctrine of the Church

The misinterpretations that have arisen from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith document *Questions Regarding Certain Aspects of the Doctrine of the Church* have me even more perplexed.

This document was developed to help clarify a document from 1995 called *Ut Unum Sint*, on ecumenism, and a subsequent document from 2000 called *Dominus Iesus*.

Both documents form the basis for how the Church is to engage in dialogue with other faith groups. And while the progress that the Church has made in dialogue with other groups has been strong, it is important to remember that all dialogue begins with an acknowledgement of differences and that it has to proceed with certain givens.

For the Catholic Church, the given is this: Jesus Christ established His Church on earth. Everything that Jesus intended for His Church—the fullness of truth and sacramental life—is found within the Catholic Church. The words that the document actually uses to describe this are "subsists in." By using the specific term "subsists in," the Church ac-



BY MOST REVEREND
JOHN J. MYERS
Archbishop of Newark

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knowledges that other churches and faith communities possess elements of truth and sanctification. However, the Church holds the fullness of truth and sanctification that Jesus intended. This is what we, as Catholics, believe. We recite it each week at Mass in the Creed: "one holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church."

Some of the misinterpretation stems from the language used in the document—language that has a very definitive meaning within the Church that is different from general, everyday usage. For example, the document uses the term "faith communities," rather than "churches," for the Christian communities that have arisen since the Reformation. In Catholic usage, "church" has a very specific meaning. A church possesses true sacraments and above all—through apostolic succession—the sacrament of Holy Orders and the Eucharist. These elements do not exist in the communities formed since the Reformation. They do exist in the Eastern rite churches.

Another word in the new document that has a specific Church meaning, but a wider, less restric-

tive general meaning, is "defect." In everyday language, someone hears this word and thinks: "It's broken, throw it away" or "it's just not good." In the language of the Church, however, defect means simply that an element is not present.

Does this latest document from Rome mean that dialogue and ecumenism is dead? Certainly not! In fact, in this archdiocese—indeed, throughout the state of New Jersey—the depth of dialogue and the progress in understanding and cooperation among the many churches and faith communities is very strong, and expected to continue. No one should ever show disrespect for another's sincerely held beliefs.

There always will be differences in theologies, differences in practices, and differences in outlooks. It is important for all involved in dialogue to know and acknowledge those differences. Sometimes, clarifying them creates new challenges, but those challenges now are placed within their proper theological context to be discussed and examined with greater fruitfulness.

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Trouble finding your way? Maybe you've been looking in all the wrong places

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

"People come over to our table and they sit with us and they drink with us and they talk with us. They tell about the big, terrible things they've done and the big, wonderful things they'll do. Their hopes and their regrets; their loves and their hates. All very large, because nobody ever brings anything small into a bar."

—Soliloquy by Elwood P. Dowd, played by James Stewart, from the classic 1950 movie "Harvey."

JERSEY CITY — Archbishop John J. Myers brought something very large into the Grand Banks Café on a Tuesday night in July: a spiritual concept of self discovery that challenges a person to "give themselves away" in order to discover the roadmap for a life journey.

Speaking to an attentive Theology on Tap crowd of more than 70 people, Archbishop Myers said the Christian process of self-discovery goes beyond the internal contemplation of one's emotions and desires. Instead, he sug-

gested that, to "find your place in this world," those in attendance should consider the "sincere gift of self," a declaration made during the landmark Second Vatican Council.

"You know yourself by giving yourself away in loving ways," he said. "It's not enough to look in the mirror. You must look into the mirror of other faces."

True inner awareness develops when a person steps outside the comfort zone to recognize "the needs of others and the world around us." The first step of this faithful odyssey is to be "deeply convinced that God cares how we live our lives," he said. "Stay in relationship with God on these matters. When I work with my seminarians, I teach them a simple prayer: 'Lord, help me to be who you want me to be.'"

While this rigorous soul searching is demanding, the journey is rewarding, he reassured the audience. As people take stock of their gifts, spiritual vocations and paths are illuminated. "You have to work hard and commit yourself to a process of growth. Before you can 'give yourself away' you first must know what



Archbishop John J. Myers

you are giving. You need a certain objectivity and honesty about yourself. I can't tell you how to live your life or what God's plan is for you. I can only offer some principles and a few examples. Then we can talk."

Dressed in short sleeves, the archbishop—who celebrated his 66th birthday on July 26—held up a small piece of yellow scrap paper at the start of his presentation, demonstrating to the crowd that "I didn't bring a lot of notes with me tonight." He said the date of this session—July 24—marked the sixth anniversary of his appointment as Archbishop of Newark. Seizing the moment, the Theology on Tap organizers presented the archbishop with a cake at the end of his talk to celebrate the anniversary.

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—Archbishop Myers

"Thank you for your interest in serious questions about life," he told the gathering, offering a special word of encouragement to the young adults in the room. "We need your gifts in our Church, in society and in the world."

There was a full slate of Theology on Tap sessions throughout the four counties of the archdiocese during the month of July, featuring presentations by bishops Edgar M. da Cunha, John W. Flesey, Dominic A. Marconi and others.

Plainfield-based RENEW International's Theology on Tap series promotes the spiritual growth of Catholic adults. The outreach program involves informal discussions on topics of faith in neighborhood taverns and other informal social settings. St. James Parish, Arlington Heights, IL, of the Archdiocese of Chicago, hatched the series in June 1981.



Advocate photos — M. Gabriele

More than 70 pilgrims attended the July 24 Theology on Tap session ("Finding My Place in This World") at the Grand Banks Café in Jersey City. Mary Gene Del Rosario and George Tality, parishioners at St. Aloysius, Jersey City, organized the program. Sister Loretta DeDomenicis, director of parish outreach and young-adult ministry for the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny, provided the overall coordination of the Theology on Tap events in July.

Stem-cell research remains a hot topic

WASHINGTON (CNS)—As the U.S. Senate considers whether to try to override the presidential veto of a bill permitting federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research, a new bill in the House of Representatives would promote stem-cell research and clinical trials that do not involve the destruction of human embryos. The Patients First Act, introduced by Republican Rep. J. Randy Forbes of Virginia and Democratic Rep. Dan Lipinski of Illinois, is supported by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), according to Richard M. Doerflinger, deputy director of the USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, because “it will promote stem-cell research that is helping patients now in clinical trials, or showing real benefits in animal trials. The hype and public debate over embryonic stem cells has unfortunately diverted attention away from medical research that is already working, using stem cells that pose no moral problem.” Meanwhile, the topic of stem cells continues to make news in New Jersey. Gov. Jon Corzine signed

legislation on July 26 that will ask voters in November to approve spending \$450 million over 10 years for embryonic stem-cell research. Earlier this year, Father Joseph Kukura, president of the Princeton-based Catholic HealthCare Partnership of New Jersey, unveiled the Elie Katz Umbilical Cord Blood Program facility in Allendale, part of an ongoing statewide effort to encourage Catholic hospitals to donate cord and placenta blood to further adult stem-cell research (see *The Catholic Advocate*, March 21).

No transfer granted for St. Patrick's Day

WASHINGTON (CNS)—In contrast to the decision of the Irish bishops' conference to request Vatican permission to move the liturgical celebration of St. Patrick's Day in 2008 to avoid a conflict with Holy Week, the feast day “will not be commemorated liturgically” in most U.S. dioceses next year, according to the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for the Liturgy. Because March 17 falls on the Monday of Holy Week next year, the Irish bishops' conference re-



GOING TO THE WELL—Women carry water home from a well in Geles, an Arab village in the Darfur region of Sudan. The ACT (Action of Churches Together) Caritas Darfur Emergency Response Operation (Web site: www.act-intl.org/actcaritas), a cooperative effort of the world's Catholic and Protestant communities, has provided wells and a variety of other services in the village. While ACT-Caritas is focused primarily on responding to the needs of Darfur's internally displaced people—most of them Africans—it also is helping Arab villages, many of them host communities, as a contribution toward reconciliation and peace.

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quested and received permission from the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments to move the solemnity of St. Patrick—Ireland's patron saint—to the nearest Saturday, March 15. But an earlier decision by the Vatican congregation to transfer the feast of St. Joseph in 2008 from March 19, the Wednesday of Holy Week, to March 15 “impedes the transfer of the solemnity of St. Patrick to March 15” in the United States, said an article in the liturgy secretariat's newsletter for April.

NJ 'village' cited for aid to homeless

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The mission of Eva's Village in New Jersey is to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and treat the addicted. The Catholic-run Eva's Kitchen, established in Paterson in 1982 to assist the city's homeless, soon blossomed into Eva's Village, a shelter providing medical care as well as a rehabilitation program. With assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development,

Eva's Village has been able to flourish. It was just one of several faith-based and nonprofit groups whose representatives met near the White House in Washington in mid-July for a round-table discussion on “faith- and community-based partnerships to end homelessness.” The event, sponsored by the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, brought together city officials and nonprofit leaders from around the country to discuss the resources needed in the fight to end chronic homelessness.

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Archdiocese welcomes international adjunct clergy

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

NEWARK—Each summer there are many new faces in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Newark and that is just fine with Father Stanley Gomes.

Those new faces form a rainbow, representing men that, quite literally, come to the archdiocese from around the world.

Father Gomes, archdiocesan director of adjunct clergy, makes it his “top priority” to meet the requests of pastors for priests from abroad to fill in for themselves and their parochial vicars so that they can have a “well-deserved vacation.”

This year, Father Gomes point-

ed out, the Archdiocese of Newark has the most adjunct clergy ever, with 64 priests assigned to local parishes. He expects that number to increase next year.

The program brings a global perspective to the four counties of the archdiocese. This year, in terms of international diversity, the Philippines leads the way with 23 adjunct clergy in the Archdiocese of Newark, followed by India 15, Poland eight, Nigeria four, Bangladesh six and one each from Slovakia, Pakistan, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Honduras, Columbia, Togo and Zimbabwe.

While adjunct clergy come from all corners of the world, most are studying in Rome and Leuven, Belgium, and make the trip to the United States when their schools close for the summer. Adjunct

clergy, Father Gomes stressed, “share and gain pastoral experiences.” And, by way of extension, parishes throughout the archdiocese learn about these men and their respective cultures.

The archdiocese is among the national leaders in utilizing “summer adjunct” priests. That is so, explained Father Gomes, primarily due to the archdiocese’s “great reputation.” The pastors, he added, treat the visiting priests “very well” and parishioners are especially “hospitable and welcoming.”

Some 65 parishes in the archdiocese are participating in the program. There are two main time slots for adjunct priests: June through August and July through September. Most of the dioceses utilizing the program are on either the east or west coasts.

Transportation challenges, primarily lack of a driver license and inadequate public transportation, limits parishes in the other parts of the country, Father Gomes noted, adding that the logistics involved are laborious.

In addition to pastors’ requests, Father Gomes said, the priests contact his office often times simply through “word of mouth.” An initial step in the process is a four-page application that includes recommendations from the priest’s school and his bishop or superior, if the priest is a Religious.

A letter is then sent to the bish-

op containing a vital document called a Certificate of Aptitude. It ensures the applicant is “in good standing and has the ability to work with minors and adults and has no accusations against him.” Farther Gomes explained.

It is “vital and important,” the director of adjunct clergy emphasized, that each priest obtains a “religious worker” visa known as an “R-1” visa. The visitors must also obtain a Social Security number and pay taxes. His office, Father Gomes went on, “meticulously follows every requirements of the federal government.”



Father Stanley Gomes

‘JustFaith’ series starts on Oct. 9

NEWARK—The archdiocesan Human Concerns Office invites all parishioners to participate in “JustFaith,” a program designed to empower and transform people of faith to develop a passion for justice and peace in the world.

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave., Newark. JustFaith participants will meet for 30 weeks—October through June—at the Archdiocesan Center on Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The program will include readings, videos, workshops, speaker presentations, face-to-face encounters with those who are poor and an investigation into the intersection of spirituality and Christian activism.

Contact Kay Furlani, the director of the Human Concerns Office, at 973-497-4341 or via e-mail (furlanca@rcan.org) for more information.

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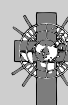


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August 11

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August 15

St. John the Apostle Parish, Linden, Healing Mass, 8 p.m., (908) 486-6363.

August 18

St. Phil's Singles, Livingston, dinner at Bensi, Roseland, 7 p.m., RSVP by Aug. 17, (973) 560-9728.



August 19

Knights of Columbus Council #5427, Washington Township, George Ruh Memorial Picnic, 1-6 p.m., cost: \$20 for adults, \$5 for children, (201) 664-0422.

August 26

Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington, Holy Hour for World Peace, 1-3 p.m., (201) 997-0700.

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

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Reverend John J. Paladino, pastor of the of St. Bartholomew Parish, Scotch Plains, has also been appointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a two-year term effective Sept. 13 and ending Aug. 31, 2009.

Very Reverend Joseph Bejgrowicz, V.F., pastor of St. Theresa Parish, Kenilworth, has been reappointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term effective Sept. 13 and ending Aug. 31, 2010.

Reverend Mariusz Koch, C.F.R., has been reappointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term effective Sept. 13 and ending Aug. 31, 2010.

Reverend Edward Michael Donovan, parochial vicar of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes, has also been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term effective Sept. 13 and ending Aug. 31, 2010.

Very Reverend Carlo Fortunio, V.F., pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish, West New York, has also been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term effective Sept. 13 and ending Aug. 31, 2010.

Reverend John F. Corbett has been appointed director of the Apostleship of the Sea, Stella Maris Chapel, Port Newark, effective Sept. 1.

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Reverend Stephen J. Giorno, S.T., was appointed pastor of Christ the King Parish, Jersey City, effective Aug. 1.

Reverend Monsignor Robert H. Slipe, pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Parish, River Edge, has had his pastorate extended one year ending July 1, 2008.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Reverend Louis Aumaitre was appointed parochial vicar of St. Leo Parish, Irvington, effective July 17.

Reverend Daniel Kyom has been appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Renato Pinero, has been appointed summer parochial vicar of St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish, Bayonne, through Aug. 31.

Reverend Rodelio San Juan has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Most Holy Name Parish, Garfield, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Venusto Suarez has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Guardian Angel Parish, Allendale, through Aug. 31.

Reverend Daisan Yesudas has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, North Bergen, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Jude Likori Omukaga has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Nativity Parish, Midland Park, through Aug. 31.

Reverend Raul Dael has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield, through Oct. 21.



OTHER

Reverend Thomas F. Blind, chaplain at UMDNJ, Newark, was appointed part-time campus minister at Kean University, Union, effective June 20.

Reverend Joseph M. Juracek, O.F.M., parochial vicar at St. Joseph Parish, East Rutherford, was also appointed Faithful Friar of the Knights of Columbus Santa Maria Assembly No. 0663, East Rutherford, effective July 3.

Reverend Matthew Talarico, a member of the Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest, was appointed rector of St. Anthony of Padua Chapel, West Orange, effective July 17.

Reverend David S. McLaughlin was appointed to residence at St. John Rectory, Newark, effective Aug. 1.

Reverend Eugenio F. Bernas, director of the Apostleship of the Sea, Stella Maris Chapel, Port Newark, has been granted retirement, effective Sept. 1.

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Catholic Cafe to host Padre Pio event

JERSEY CITY—The Catholic Café, an outreach coffeehouse sponsored by the Parish of the Resurrection, will hold “Shouts of the Lord,” an invitation for area poets and musicians to take part in an informal collective performance on Saturday, Aug. 11 at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The café is located at 219 Third St. in Marian Hall—originally part of St. Mary's Parish, which merged into Parish of the Resurrection in 1997. Very Rev. Victor P. Kennedy is the pastor

of the parish, while Theresa Rivezzo is the founder and host of the café.

A special Mass will be celebrated Sunday, Sept. 23, 4 p.m. (rosary at 3:30 p.m.) at Parish of the Resurrection to celebrate the feast of Padre Pio, the Cappuchin mystic priest (1887-1968) who was canonized in 2002. After Mass, the Catholic Café will host a gala reception featuring ethnic food, storytelling and music. Call Rivezzo at (201) 433-9606 or (212) 920-5585 for more information.

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The Vatican has released a document titled "Guidelines for the Pastoral Care of the Road," saying driving can unleash road rage and other immoral behavior, including excess speed, reckless passing, cursing and just plain rudeness.

Warm, heartfelt 'thank you'

Editor,

I write to thank you for the wonderful coverage of my 95th birthday celebration (see *The Catholic Advocate*, June 27). You and your staff did a great job and I am deeply grateful.

At the same time, I want to express through this letter in *The Catholic Advocate* my profound gratitude to so many parishes in the archdiocese that offered masses and prayers for my intention. May God bless everyone involved.

With all good wishes I am sincerely yours,
Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety

(Editor's note: *The Catholic Advocate* would like to thank Msgr. Francis R. Seymour, Very Reverend Charles P. Granstrand, Msgr. Thomas P. Ivory, Msgr. Franklyn M. Casale, St. Martin de Porres Parish, New Haven, CT, and Msgr. John E. Doran for their contributions to the June 27 special report.)

Celebrating the bountiful career of Archbishop Peter Leo Gerety

The pure joy of Archbishop Peter L. Gerety's long and holy life was celebrated with a special Mass of Thanksgiving on July 8 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

For 12 years (1974-1986), Archbishop Gerety — who turned 95 on July 19 — guided his flock in the Archdiocese of Newark during some challenging but equally rewarding times (see *The Catholic Advocate*, June 27).

In addition to issues unique to such a large and diverse archdiocese, Archbishop Gerety also oversaw implementation of a major period of transition in the Church worldwide following Vatican II. This was a herculean achievement by any measure.

Ordained to the priesthood in 1939, the countless souls he nourished and lives he touched are his legacy. Many of them filled the Cathedral Basilica for the Mass of Thanksgiving to help celebrate Archbishop Gerety's birthday.

God has blessed Archbishop Gerety with a long life and blessed the Archdiocese of Newark with his presence.

Honoring archdiocesan jubilarians

Lifetimes of faithful service to God, His Church and its people are being celebrated in the Archdiocese of Newark by this year's jubilarians.

The bishops, priests, Brothers and Sisters chronicled recently in *The Catholic Advocate* have compiled hundreds of years of ministry. Who they are, what they have done and continue to do and their accomplishments are immeasurable.

These special women and men have answered God's call by using their individual talents and commitment in ways that have touched the lives and souls of thousands of Catholics throughout the archdiocese.

Whether it has been the local parish, classroom, area hospitals or a variety of special assignments, these servants of the Lord have made unique contributions. The milestones reached by this year's jubilarians are impressive: from 25 years, to a half-century, to 60 years and beyond. Their dedication is dramatic evidence of faithful service needed in our world.

God bless them all — and thank you.

The Catholic Advocate welcomes letters from readers. Due to space and time limits, there is no guarantee that a letter will run. Readers' opinions do not necessarily represent the opinion of the newspaper or the Archdiocese. All letters must be typed, and are subject to editing. Include name, address and daytime telephone number.

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Faith inspires Claire Pilecki's generous legacy

Claire Pilecki is a woman of great faith who has been on 24 pilgrimages in the last 22 years. Active in her parish as a member of the Altar Rosary Society and the parish council, Pilecki keeps busy helping whenever and however she can.

Throughout her life she has seen and heard things some of us will never see or hear while on this earth. However, for Pilecki, being connected to the unseen as well as the seen world is part of her reality.

It is because of her great faith that she has decided to leave a legacy to the Archdiocese of Newark. Through her bequest, she is a member of the Legacy Circle Planned Giving Society. Earlier this year the archdiocese assembled a new team for its Major Gifts and Planned Giving office, which serves as a resource to aid parishes throughout Bergen, Hudson, Essex and Union counties (see *The Catholic Advocate*, May 23).

Each year, Archbishop John J. Myers invites all members of the Planned Giving Society to join him for a prayer service at the Cathedral Basilica and then afterwards to join him for a reception in his residence (see *The Catholic Advocate*, April 18). It is an annual event Pilecki regularly attended until a car crash two years ago changed her travel habits.

While traveling on the highway, a truck swerved into her path and cut her off. As she described it, the accident "crushed her car like a pancake." She gives the Blessed Virgin Mary credit for her miraculous, death-defying survival of the crash, from which she walked away unharmed.

Now a parishioner of Holy Family Parish in Linden, the recent retiree is active in her church, helping out with baking, carrying the gifts and decorating during the holidays. She also enjoys her time at home, which includes a beautiful outdoor shrine to the Blessed Virgin Mother. The shrine includes a statue not only of Mother Mary, but also St. Michael and an angel, who holds a prayer book, which reads: "pray always."

The decision to leave a bequest was simple for Pilecki, who always says her house is for God. She began believing some years ago that, as Catholics, "we



Claire Pilecki

all have to do things to help the Church to survive."

For her, faith comes naturally and she said her relationship with Mother Mary enriches and strengthens her life. For all that she has been given, she wants to give a portion back to help those that will follow.

Pilecki is just one of the many extraordinary people who make up the 1.3 million Catholics in the Archdiocese of Newark. Members of the archdiocesan Major Gifts and Planned Giving office are grateful to her — not only for her legacy, but also for sharing her story with us.

What is your story of faith? What is your legacy? Write and share it with us. If you remembered your parish or the archdiocese in your will, then please tell us about it so that we can share your story and include you as a member of the Legacy Circle Planned Giving Society.

To leave a legacy, contact Anne DeMesa in the office of Major Gifts and Planned Giving by phone at (973) 497-4048 or via e-mail at demesaan@rcan.org.

(Editor's note: *The office of Major Gifts and Planned Giving is based at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave., Newark, N.J. 07104-0500. Bill Evans is the executive director of Major Gifts. Anne DeMesa is the director of Planning Giving. Theresa Lynch serves as the development coordinator of the Planned Giving office.*)

Contemplating clutter and the angst of letting go

Several weeks ago I went through one of the traumatic events of life. I had to move.

Now, I hadn't paid much attention to the process previous to this move. After all I had only moved four times since my ordination.

Of course, I had some warning. When one priest left our parish to go to another assignment, he told me that he had to rent a storage space for a hundred boxes of books that would not fit in his new quarters.

When my friend Father Charlie McTague went to God (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Feb. 7 and Jan. 24), it took me and his family two months to clean out his rooms, the spaces in the basement where he stored things and two storage lockers that he rented.

Father Charlie was a saver. He had plans for everything and the books, magazines, clippings from newspapers were to remind him of his plans. He also had mementos of trips all over the world.

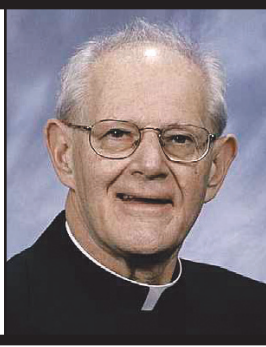
But now it came to be my turn. I envied Father John Merity. When we were in Saint Cecilia's, his rooms were literally filled to a height of about five feet with stuff of all kinds. John was a "pack rat" by nature.

Since Msgr. Joseph Carroll was building a new rectory, Father John happily allowed the bulldozer to bury everything he didn't want in the rubble of the old rectory. He started life fresh.

How do priests accumulate "stuff"? Let me explain.

Voices

By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist



Most priests live very simply. However, we are professionals. It is necessary to keep up with theology and events in the world of religion. We subscribe to religious magazines. They pile up. We buy books. They pile up.

Christmas and birthdays come. People don't know what to give us. So they give us books and clothes. We can't wear all the clothes. But we can't give them away for two reasons. First, people remember their gifts. They might ask if we ever wore or used them. Secondly, after a lot of years, if you give a gift

away to someone, you might make the mistake of giving the gift to the same person who gave you the gift in the first place.

There are no pockets in a shroud. You truly can't take it with you. Don't let the desire for things use you.

So, sweaters, shirts, pants, cuff links, handkerchiefs and knickknacks and toys of all kinds pile up. You feel guilty if you give the gifts away. So somehow you find a place for everything. And some things you truly treasure, not because of their value, but because of your regard for the donor of the gift.

Finally, the fateful day arrives. The letter comes from the chancery. It says: "move—vacate the premises." So, in my case, I went from four rooms to two rooms. Groan!

Thank God, I have an army of nieces and nephews who came to help out. And we distributed all my earthly possessions between two houses.

But it gave me pause to think. Now, I realize what the words "consumer society" really describe. Secondly, it gave me the opportunity to understand fully the meaning of the statement that "there are no pockets in a shroud." You truly "can't take it with you."

It also gave rise to a meditation on the words and life of Jesus who said to his followers: "Do not carry a walking staff or traveling bag." Jesus went through life using only the necessities: food and clothing.

We are all wayfarers on our trip to eternity. We can use things and enjoy things. But a materialist is a sad creature. In the end, he or she must leave everything.

It is so foolish to become attached to things. As my grandmother told me a dozen times: "There will be money when you're dead." Use it for good now. Use everything for good. Don't let the desire for things use you.

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

Lord, please don't hear these prayers: a reprise

While back, I noted with a touch of asperity that the "Prayer of the Faithful" too frequently deteriorates into serial sermonettes—an AmChurch innovation without foundation in the Church's liturgical tradition.

I was particularly scornful of petitions that politicize the liturgy by promoting, as self-evidently desirable objects of the Lord's attention, various planks in the Democratic platform. The same objection would, of course, apply to petitions drawn from the Republican playbook; but given the ambience from which most mass-produced liturgical "aids" emerge these days, that's not likely to be a big problem any time soon.

It is, perhaps, an unhappy indicator of this column's influence that things on the petition front have arguably gotten worse. Moreover, numerous readers have asked me to revisit the issue, so here we go again.

Try these two gems, to which I was recently subjected; they were taken from a canned set of petitions for weekday Mass:

"For a transformation of world vision, which will put the needs of human beings before capital gain and create policies that manifest Jesus' love for the poor, let us pray to the Lord..."

"For the leaders of the United Nations, may they effectively design programs to provide aid to the people who experience the greatest suffering, let us pray to the Lord..."

I trust the Lord wasn't listening.

The first petition cited is soft socialism masquerading as intercessory prayer. It ignores the fact that incorporation into global markets is the key to economic development and the empowerment of the poor, as post-World War II Western Europe and Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea, post-Cold War east/central Europe, and now India demonstrate. In his 1991 encyclical, "Centesimus Annus,"

The Catholic Difference

by George Weigel



John Paul II stressed that the moral obligation of the wealthy is to bring the global poor into those "capital-gain" driven networks of productivity and exchange that our petition-writer deplors. So why set "capital gain" over/against "Jesus' love for the poor," as if the two were mutually exclusive?

As for those "leaders of the United Nations" who are the objects of the second petition's concern, anyone familiar with the actual functioning of the U.N. might suggest that U.N.-related petitions to the Almighty would be better directed at ending the rape of children by U.N. "peacekeepers" in Sudan. Or perhaps our (private) prayers might seek the conversion of the hearts and minds of the "leaders of the United Nations," so that, having read the scientific evidence, they're moved to abandon their salvation-through-latex approach to the AIDS pandemic.

As for "people who experience the greatest suffering," they're far beyond the reach of "U.N. leaders," for the greatest suffering in this world is moral and spiritual, and alleviating that is not, the last time I looked, a mandate of the U.N. Charter. In any case, none of this belongs in the people's common prayer at Mass.

These petitions are not, in fact, prayers. They may be expressions of conventional liberal pieties. They may be guilt-trips aimed at suburban congregations. They may even be subtle advertisements for the Carter Center. But they're not prayers of the sort envisioned by the Second Vatican Council, when it mandated that, in the reformed liturgy, "intercession will be made for holy Church, for the civil authorities, for those oppressed by various needs, for all mankind, and for the salvation of the entire world." (Which raises another question: When was the last time you heard a petition that used the phrase "holy Church," or that invoked the divine mercy "for the salvation of the entire world"? Not recently, I bet.)

What to do? The answer, as I suggested before, is austerity: the integrity of the liturgy requires us to use simple, even formulaic, petitions: for the universal Church; for the local Church; for civil authorities; for special local needs; for peace; for Christian unity;

for the salvation of the world; for the dead—and leave it at that.

Like the refugees at the beginning of "Casablanca" who look longingly, and heavenward, at that overflying DC-3, we wait. And wait. And wait.

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

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Former World Food leader calculates hunger's pain

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS)—Some 850 million people in the world, half of them children, are hungry every day. A sixth of the world's population is hungry, malnourished and lives in poverty. Every day, 25,000 people, including 18,000 children, die of malnutrition.

Those sobering and heartbreaking statistics can be eliminated if more individuals, churches, community organizations and companies support poverty-relief efforts in the United States and abroad, according James Morris, who served as executive director of the United Nations' World Food Program.

Morris, who resides here, served as the 10th executive director of the world's largest food aid organization from 2002 to 2007. Last year the World Food Program fed 88 million people in 78 countries with \$2.9 billion in contributions.

He shared compelling stories about his international humanitarian ministry in a talk on "Connecting to Children: The Importance and Responsibility of Living in a Global Community and How Nutrition Impacts Kids" at St. Joan of Arc Parish and School.

Reflecting on visits to impoverished countries, Morris said relief organizations and their supporters are slowly making progress in alleviating hunger. "But the fact of the matter is—in this rich world, this smart world, this techno-

logically able world—there is no excuse for those numbers," he said. "To think that 25,000 human beings die every day of malnutrition—75 percent of them children—and more people are dying of hunger, of malnutrition, than die of malaria, tuberculosis and HIV combined, it's shameful, it's sinful, it's reprehensible, it's unacceptable."

Morris said he finds hope in the many good people and ministries that help the poor. "I've grown to love this remarkable church and wonderful school," he said of St. Joan of Arc Parish. "In the most generous Christ-like way for the last five years, (students, parishioners and staff members) made a special effort to generate resources so that the school each year fed 50 children around the world. Probably these kids were in Africa, and because of the generosity of students here the lives of those children will never be the same—all for the better—and now they have a chance.

"If every congregation in the world and every school did what this place has done, we would be a lot further along in solving the problem of world hunger," he said.

The Catholic Church has "a wonderful relationship" with the World Food Program and "has supported us financially" for years, he said. "If there is a unifying principle of all the great faiths of the world, it's the responsibility of those who have to take care of those who have not. We

know the scriptural reference: 'I was hungry and you fed me. All the great religious doctrines are replete with the absolute mandate that we have to do something about this.

"The Catholic Church has been a remarkable partner for the World Food Program, in part through Catholic Relief Services and Caritas, but also through lots of diocesan missionaries all over the world," Morris said.

During meetings with Pope Benedict XVI and Pope John Paul II at the Vatican, Morris said, he thanked the pontiffs for the role of Catholic missionaries around the world—Sisters, Brothers, priests and laypeople—who do extraordinary work in impoverished countries.

Morris and wife Jackie lived in Rome during his five-year leadership of the U.N. World Food Program. It was hard to leave the program, he said, but they are happy to be home again. Their daughter, Jennifer Schaefer, is an assistant principal and resource center coordinator at St. Joan of Arc School. He now serves as a consultant for the Indiana Pacers and helps Riley Hospital for Children, the Gleaners Food Bank and the Boy Scouts, all in Indianapolis, as well as assisting Indiana University in Bloomington.

In his former post, Morris said, he focused on understanding and addressing the dimensions and magnitude of the critical problems of world hunger and extreme poverty in every country.



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After being separated for more than four years, Lucy Magambi welcomed her son Brian from Kenya at Newark Liberty International Airport on July 26. The Catholic Charities' Refugee Resettlement and Human Trafficking programs worked tirelessly for years to help reunite the mother and son.

Reunion ends nightmare

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Debbie Marulanda, the director of Catholic Charities' Refugee Resettlement Program, along with other Catholic Charity workers, was present for the emotional reunion of Magambi and her son. "It is rare that the horror story of human trafficking has a happy ending," Marulanda said. "No words can truly express how touching that moment (at the airport) was. I was the first person to recognize Brian."

There are currently seven cases at Catholic Charities of trafficking victims waiting to be reunited with their children. All of these victims are women from Central America (Honduras, Mexico, and Guatemala), waiting for T-Visas.

"Immigration Services is working hard for these victims and with pressure from the Department of Health and Human Services, getting a T-Visa is taking less time. Now it takes about a year," Marulanda said.

The Catholic Charities'

Refugee Resettlement Program is serving 10 new cases from January 2007 and 48 old cases from 2006. Meanwhile, the group's Human Trafficking Program is serving 11 new cases from January 2007 and 25 old cases that date back to 2006. Most of the trafficking victims are females from a prostitution raid that took place in Union City in May of 2006.

"Most of these women came to this country through the border and were forced into prostitution," Marulanda explained. "Some of them were forced to have abortions and they were constantly humiliated. The worst part is that they had no one to turn to in America—no one to listen to them, no shoulder to cry on. They felt like they were abandoned."

Today, these women have found jobs and Catholic Charities is helping them restart their lives. The victims' traffickers pled guilt and will soon be sentenced for their crimes. Catholic Charities

staff members held a picnic for these victims on July 14 as a way to celebrate how far they have come in realizing their dreams.

"I admire these women. They went through such a difficult situation and they are working hard to repair their lives from nothing to something," Marulanda said. "At the picnic, they were laughing, sharing their stories and catching up because the last time they saw each other was at the raid. I am confident that these women will be able to get their lives together," Marulanda explained.

Magambi is settling in with her son and is grateful for what Catholic Charities has done for her. "It was so nice to see him again," she said.

"I was so excited and speechless. I have a new family now. To my surprise, Brian is adjusting quite well; he's in summer camp. He loves his sister Allison very much."

Anyone with information about suspected human trafficking is encouraged to call Catholic Charities' human trafficking hotline at (866) 999-9007.

Heritage Tour

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Tickets for the tour are \$45 per person, which includes lunch. Contact Ursula Rivera at (973) 497-4132 to register. Information also is available online (Web site: www.rcan.org); go to "Archdiocesan Departments and Ministries" in the upper left corner of the Archdiocese of Newark's home page. Scroll down and

click on "Property Management" then, "Patrimony Project" then, "Upcoming Events." Space on the tour is limited and early reservations are encouraged.

Once considered the "bedroom of New York" for their popularity among Manhattan's executive set as desirable communities for establishing residences, the City of Orange and the surrounding communities of South, East and West Orange that would grow out of it were

nationally known for their well-appointed business districts, palatial estates and hundreds of stately Victorian homes. The region also was home to the historic laboratory and workshop of inventor Thomas Edison. The care and expense so evident in the area's residential architecture is also to be found in the regions collection of religious structures.

The tour begins with a continental breakfast and check-in, 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m., at the

Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave., Newark, where secure parking will be provided. Tour buses—all climate-controlled with a lavatory—will depart promptly from the Archdiocesan Center at 8:30 a.m. Buses are slated to return to the Archdiocesan Center around 4:30 p.m.

Msgr. Robert Wister, professor of Church History at Immaculate Conception Seminary of Seton Hall University, South Orange, along with Troy

Joseph Simmons, architectural historian and patrimony manager for the Archdiocese of Newark, will lead the tour. They will provide expert commentary on the history and significant architectural features of each parish.

Earlier this year the Heritage Tour traveled through Hudson County to visit historic churches in Hoboken, Jersey City and Bayonne (see *The Catholic Advocate*, March 21).



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NOBLE SIR KNIGHTS—Sir Edward Gaffney, Sir Michael C. King and Sir Eugene Colgan (left to right) became members of Saint Isaac Jogues Assembly in Montclair at a Knights of Columbus exemplification ceremony, which was held at the Parsippany Hilton on April 22. The trio recently became Fourth-Degree Knights. Sir Edward is the admission chairman for the Montclair Knights of Columbus Council 1277; Sir Michael serves as a Knight in the Order of Malta; and Sir Eugene is known as Montclair's most famous school teacher.

World Youth Day '08 opens registration 'Down Under'

NEWARK—Registration for World Youth Day, set for July 15-20, 2008 in Sydney, Australia, opened one year before Pope Benedict XVI will celebrate the final Mass at the gathering for an expected 500,000 people at Randwick Racecourse.

"Registered pilgrims will have priority seating wherever places are limited. So those who want to get the best view possible should complete their registrations early," Danny Casey, event chief operating officer, advised in a press release. Registrations can be made via the Internet at www.wyd2008.org.

Two years ago, parishes throughout the archdiocese organized trips to World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany.

The press statement said more than 125,000 international pilgrims from 200 countries are slated to attend World Youth Day in Australia, with the United States and Italy expected to send the biggest contingents. It's estimated that up to 500,000 people will take part in at least one event during the week.

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Respect Life seminar

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archdiocesan Respect Life Office and a parochial vicar at St. John. Jim Sondey, the chairman of the archdiocesan Pro-Life Commission, will welcome seminar attendees.

The Respect Life Office must receive registration forms for the seminar no later than Friday, Oct. 5. General admission is \$10; students and parish pro-life contacts are \$5. Call the Respect Life Office at (732) 388-8211 for details. Michelle Krystofik is the associate director of the Respect Life Office.

Other events sponsored by the Respect Life Office to mark Respect Life Month include Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, Sept. 28 to 30 at St. John the Apostle's "old convent" McGuinness

Center, 1 Ridgeview Terrace, Clark. The center is named in honor of Msgr. Richard M. McGuinness, a longtime archdiocesan pastor and director of the Respect Life Office, who died Aug. 9, 2006 (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Aug. 23, 2006).

Registration for the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, designed to help those hurt by abortion, is \$100, which includes resource materials and meals. The retreat is limited to 12 people and is strictly confidential. A second Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held Nov. 16 to 18.

There also will be a post-abortion "Healing and Clinical Training" seminar on Friday, Oct. 26, at the St. John's McGuinness Center. There is a \$25 registration fee, which includes lunch. The seminar is geared for priests, sem-

inarians, deacons, counselors, pre-Cana team members and pastoral ministers. Featured speakers include authors Theresa Burke, Ph.D. and Msgr. Michael T. Mannion, who have written extensively on post-abortion healing, and Kevin Burke, a licensed social worker and clinical supervisor.

Contact the archdiocesan Respect Life Office for registration information on all the events.

The Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities for the Washington D.C.-based United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), under the guidance and direction of the Committee for Pro-Life Activities, teaches respect for human life from conception to natural death. Respect Life Sunday (designated each year for the first Sunday of October) was launched by the USCCB in 1972. Cardinal Justin Rigali, the Archbishop of Philadelphia, chairs the USCCB Committee for Pro-Life Activities (Web site: www.usccb.org/prolife/index.shtml).

Knights honor altar servers

RAMSEY—The Knights of Columbus Rev. Patrick Pindar Council 3962 recently held its annual Altar Servers' Appreciation Night for St. Paul Parish.

"They have taken upon themselves to become more involved in their parish and at the same time perform a valuable service to the priests who are celebrating Mass," Deputy Grand Knight Joseph Reap, explained.

After receiving a certificate of

appreciation and religious memento from Msgr. Lawrence Cull, the pastor of St. Paul Parish, and Knights of Columbus chaplain, and Father Nigel Mohammed, altar servers' coordinator, the 25 youngsters and their families were treated to a buffet dinner and an evening of games and raffles at the council hall.

The event was organized by Stephen Adams, Knights of Columbus youth activities director.

Golf outing to support MS center

TEANECK—The Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Center at Holy Name Hospital will hold its 10th annual Charity Golf Tournament and Outing Sept. 17 at White Beeches Country Club in Haworth.

The event is a major fund-raising event for the center. Pro golfer Brett Massingham, who has MS, is returning as the center's national spokesman. Contact Lisa Futterman, director of development, at (201) 837-0727, ext. 125 for details on the event.



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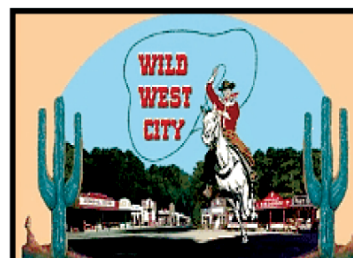
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St. Joseph Regional selects Barry Donnelly

MONTVALE — Barry Donnelly, a career Catholic educator with 30 years of experience as a teacher, coach, business manager and administrator at St. Joseph Regional High School, is the new principal of the 45-year old college preparatory school for young men.

In addition to directing the high school's faculty and academic program, Donnelly will also be responsible for leadership of the school community, board of director relations, strategic planning and implementation, institutional advancement and financial management.



Barry Donnelly

At the end of the school year, John Job, principal at St. Joseph Regional High School (Web site: www.stjosephregional.org), left to pursue studies leading to the priesthood.

"In Barry Donnelly we have an educational leader of outstanding experience, superb academic credentials and excellent personal qualities," Father Kevin Hanbury, archdiocesan vicar for education and superintendent of schools, said. "Barry Donnelly knows St. Joseph's as perhaps no other candidate for this position could, from the multiple perspectives of teacher, leader, coach, and even alumnus and school parent."

"Most important, he emulates and promotes the Catholic identity of St. Joseph's, strengthened by the charisms of the Xaverian Brothers who began the school and the Marist Brothers who serve on the faculty," Father Hanbury continued. "He is well equipped to lead this community in meeting the challenges facing our students and those confronting educational systems today."

Donnelly first joined St. Joseph's in 1977 as a teacher and has held numerous increasingly re-

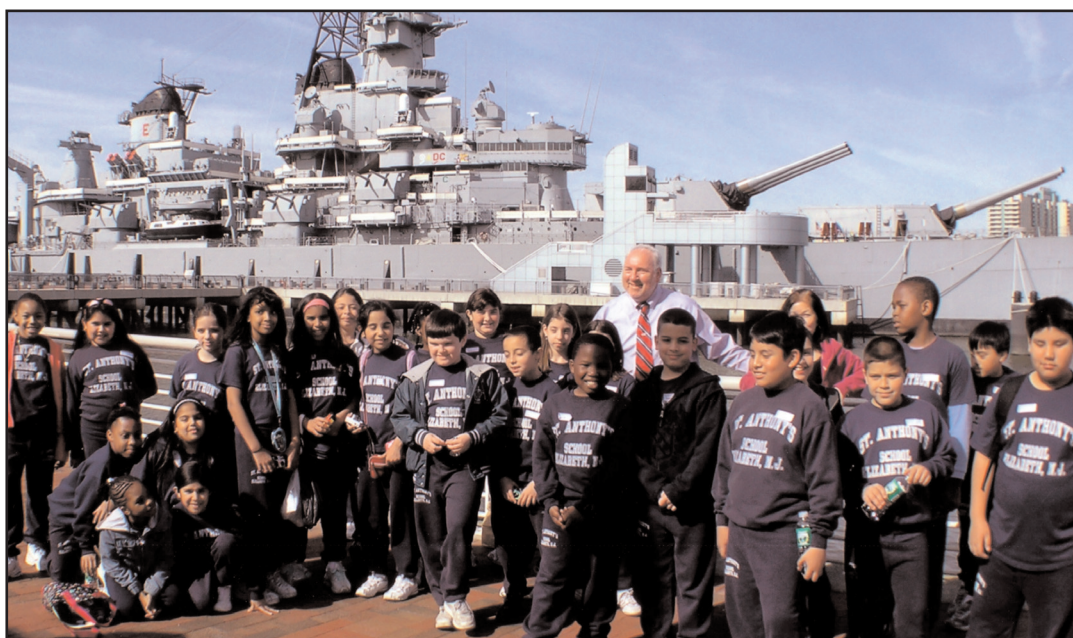
sponsible roles over the years. He has served as an assistant principal and was responsible for administration of the academic programs of the school, grading policies, student eligibility, teacher supervision, the school's Academic Council, and development and implementation of the school's master schedule. He also maintained an active presence in the classroom as assistant principal, teaching two or three classes every year.

He joined the faculty as an English teacher and has taught four class levels—freshmen through senior. Most recently he taught advanced placement English III and the special program for English IV course. As a member of the faculty he developed and taught a senior elective in mass communications. He served as English Department Chair from 1986 through 1993 and again this past school year. In this role, he served on the school's Academic Council and oversaw all departmental matters, including curriculum revision and staff supervision.

Donnelly also served as business manager of the school from 1979 until 2000 and was responsible for financial operations, including control of cash receipts and disbursements and all financial reporting. Working with the school's outside tuition/payroll agent, he oversaw tuition collection, allocation of financial aid and administration of payroll and benefits programs.

In addition, he has been an integral part of the athletic, extracurricular and academic advancement activities of St. Joseph's. In 1995 and 1996, he served as a member of the steering committee of the school's Middle States accreditation team, and as internal coordinator for St. Joseph's most recent successful reaccreditation process in 2005-2006.

The new principal holds a bachelor's degree in English from Boston College and a master's degree in Educational Administration from Iona College. He completed the Archdiocese of Newark Future School Leaders Program in 1999. The Archdiocese of Newark honored Donnelly with its "Outstanding Educator Award," while the Xaverian Brothers presented him with their "Theodore James Ryken Award for Christian Service." Donnelly is also listed in "Who's Who Among American Teachers."



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ALL HANDS ON DECK—Fourth and fifth grade students at St. Anthony of Padua school in Elizabeth recently visited the Battleship New Jersey Museum and Memorial in Camden and learned about U.S. military history from an expert guide. Sister Charitina Frabizio, the principal of St. Anthony of Padua, said she believes hands-on experience, such as the recent field trip to the battleship, enhances the learning process for students. The ship, which weighs 45,000 tons and measures 887 feet in length, was built in the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard and launched on Dec. 7, 1942. The battleship, which features 16-inch gun turrets, was decommissioned on Feb. 8, 1991. According to information found on the museum's Web site (www.battleshipnewjersey.org) the vessel is America's most-decorated battleship.

Lacordaire taps Morgan for head post

UPPER MONTCLAIR — Lacordaire Academy has selected Brian F. Morgan for the title of "head of school."

The academy chose Morgan for the position following an extensive national search. He has a bachelor's degree from East Stroudsburg University, a master's degree from Villanova University

and a professional diploma in educational administration and supervision from St. John's University.

Morgan spent five years as assistant head of school and dean of studies at the Storm King School in Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY. Before that, the retired U.S. Army officer spent 11 years at the United States Military Academy at West Point,

NY, as an assistant professor. He also served in several progressive administrative academic positions.

Lacordaire Academy (Web site: www.lacordaire.net), in the Dominican tradition, offers co-educational pre-K to 8 grades in its elementary division and grades 9-12 for young women in its secondary division.



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M.A.

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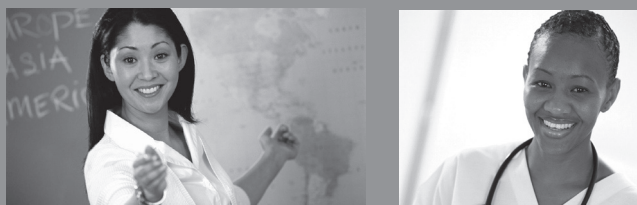
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Gifted Benedictine singers pursue musical dreams

ELIZABETH—Three graduating seniors at Benedictine Academy have demonstrated considerable singing talent on recent CDs. They now hope to use their artistic abilities to explore careers in music.

Ericka Davis, Shariay Simpson and Melyssa Searcy have been blessed with powerful, beautiful voices. Although college is in their immediate future, each remains open to opportunities to perform and record.

Davis has been singing all her life. Her father, Rev. Luke Davis, is pastor of Greater Harvest Baptist Church in Newark. Davis has sung both solo and along with the church choir at Greater Harvest, at Wells Cathedral Logic (Church of God in Christ) also in Newark and has recorded a CD called "That Name." She plans to attend college and major in early childhood education with a minor in music.

Simpson, a South Plainfield resident, also cut a CD and performed the Whitney Houston song "Count on Me." She sang in a production of "The Wiz" at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center's Prudential Hall when she was 12 years old and won first place in a singing audition at the legendary Apollo Theater in New York. Simpson will attend Penn State plans to study to become a pediatrician.

A Newark resident, Searcy's dream is to perform on Broadway. Prior to entering Benedictine Academy, she attended the Cicely Tyson School of Performing and Fine Arts in East Orange for three years and was a student at the Maria Priadka School of Dance in South Orange for eight years. Searcy cut a CD as a midterm project at Benedictine Academy and hopes to have a business career in computers or math.

"Benedictine Academy's philosophy is to encourage every young woman to discover her gifts and talents," Linda Michalski, a campus minister, explained. "The school environment provides the opportunity for students to discover their passion and blossom into young leaders."

St. Luke's Council Knights hand out eight scholarships

WALDWICK—The Knights of Columbus St. Luke's Council 5257 has awarded eight scholarships—six to college-bound students and two to high school students.

Six \$1,000 scholarships from the St. Luke's Council Knights went to area high school seniors Brian Barone, Matt Bernaducci, Christine Fischer, Dan Freeman, Veronica Houghton and John Lamb.

Deanna Doheny and Paige Irwin, who will attend Catholic high schools in the fall, each received a \$500 scholarship.

Officers for St. Luke's Council 5257 include Father Paschal Tsiquaye, chaplain; Vince Gorski, grand knight; Paul Petersen, deputy grand knight; Paul McNichols, chancellor; and Nick Van Ness, treasurer.

Lacrosse coach Haemmerle nets sportsmanship award

ORADELL — Lacrosse head coach Joe Haemmerle of Bergen Catholic High School, is the northern winner of the 2007 Len Roland Award for Sportsmanship from the New Jersey Interscholastic Lacrosse Officials Association (NJILOA). He was selected from a list of more than 75 coaches from northern New Jersey.

“This is an award that we as an organization take very seriously and it speaks volumes

about Coach Haemmerle’s ability to compete at a high level and set a good example for today’s student/athlete,” P.J. Calello, NJILOA secretary-treasurer, said. “In today’s society more than ever, men like Coach Haemmerle are essential in developing not only good athletes, but good people. This award also speaks to the quality of his school and its student body.”

Coach Haemmerle, who won

the award six years ago, started the Bergen Catholic lacrosse program in 1995 and has been the varsity head coach for each of the team’s 13 seasons. His 2007 squad posted its seventh consecutive winning season. The Crusaders reached the championship round of the Bergen County lacrosse tournament, but lost in overtime to Ramapo High School.

Haemmerle completed his 16th year at Bergen Catholic

and serves as the vice principal for technology in addition to coaching lacrosse. An alumnus from the school’s Class of 1986, he taught History and Religion during his first seven years at Bergen Catholic before becoming the director of admissions.

A St. Peter’s College graduate who earned a master’s degree from Seton Hall University, South Orange, Haemmerle was a varsity football assistant coach and assistant athletic director and also

served as the moderator of the school’s Red and Gold Club, the John Brady Memorial Academic Challenge, and Super Dance.

Bergen Catholic (Web site: www.bergencatholic.org), a private, four-year (9-12) college-preparatory high school, is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Brother Lawrence T. Murphy, C.F.C., is the school’s president, while Timothy J. McElhinney serves as principal.



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As part of their preparation to receive the sacrament later this year, the Corpus Christi students raised \$5,200 at a yard sale at the school. The money will

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BUSINESS, LABOR HONOREES—Archbishop John J. Myers (center) last month visited the CYO Summer Day Camp at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny. Joining the archbishop at poolside are Raymond M. Pocino (left), vice president and eastern regional manager for the Laborers' International Union of North America, and Jeff Vanderbeek, chairman and managing partner of the New Jersey Devils professional hockey team. Pocino and Vanderbeek have been selected as the Kearny center's 2008 Business and Labor honorees. The two men will be feted at the 15th annual archdiocesan Business and Labor Recognition Reception on March 4, 2008, at Mayfair Farms, West Orange. Proceeds from the annual reception, which has raised more than \$1.3 million, help support Youth and Young Adult Ministries and CYO athletics. Contact Gerry Ricci-Menegolla, office manager at the Kearny center, at (201) 998-0088, ext. 4154, for more information on the reception.

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