Newark school part of growing Cristo Rey network

WASHINGTON (CNS)— Christ the King Preparatory School in Newark, the first Catholic high school to open in the city since 1964, is one of seven new innovative Cristo Rey schools being launched this fall throughout the United States.

While many Catholic schools in the nation's inner cities have been struggling to stay open due to declining enrollments and skyrocketing expenses, the Cristo Rey program in these same neighborhoods are quietly gaining momentum.

There are now 19 schools operating nationwide in the Cristo Rev network. In addition to the Newark facility, other new Cristo Rey schools opening in September include Baltimore; Birmingham, AL.; Indianapolis; Minneapolis; Omaha, NB.; and Washington. Next year new Cristo Rey schools are slated to open in Detroit, Brooklyn, NY, and Chicago.

Kevin Cuddihy is the principal of the Newark school, while Father Edward Glynn, S.J., serves as president (see The Catholic Advocate, Aug. 22 and Jan. 24). The Newark

school opened Sept. 4 and welcomed a freshman class of 111 students. Christ the King is located at 239 Woodside Ave.—the site formerly occupied by Our Lady of Good Counsel elementary school.

The Cristo Rey schools, which mean "Christ the King" in Spanish, serve low-income high school students coast to coast. They are based on the model of Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, which opened in 1996 in a predominantly Hispanic Chicago neighborhood.

Before this Chicago school

opened, Jesuit Father John Foley, the school's president, sought the advice of a management consultant on ways to make the school affordable. School officials developed a work-study program where students could offset tuition costs and gain practical business experience by working entry-level jobs five days a month and attending school for extended days and school year.

The Chicago school opened with 80 sophomores and juniors in an old gym; today it has more than 525 students in two buildings. Five years after it opened, the Cristo Rey Network was formed to replicate the Chicago school across the country.

To belong to the network, schools have to meet tough standards, including serving "only economically disadvantaged students" and making no exceptions to the work-study requirement. They also must be explicitly Catholic in mission and have Church approval.

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Faith eases pain, heals 9/11 wounds

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Rumors of a bomb scare were percolating throughout the South Tower and employees were told to evacuate the building. In fact, American Airlines Flight 11 had struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center at 8:45 a.m.

Twelve miles away, Pfluger-Murray's mom, Carol Lee Murray, was having breakfast at home in Montclair. Murray and her daughter, at the time, were parishioners at Immaculate Conception Parish in Montclair.

As the clock ticked and the horrific sequence of events began to unfold, the experiences of daughter and mother reflected the extremes of despair and faith, fear and courage, remorse and thankfulness, spiritual pain and healing from that fateful Tuesday morning.

"It was a darkness worse than death," Carol Lee Murray said, recalling her emotions six years ago when she was certain her daughter had perished. "Throughout my life I had never been without hope. That day I walked the edge of despair, but my God didn't allow me to enter it.

Although Pfluger-Murray and most others in the South Tower still were not fully aware of the gathering danger, she and Jen left the conference room and took the stairs to the 103rd floor to make sure Aon team members were evacuating. She bumped into her boss and mentor Chris, who mentioned he heard that a "small plane" had just hit the North Tower.

Pfluger-Murray gathered her belongings and convinced Jen to ride the elevator with her. Chris

did not join them, saying that he wanted to take one last look around the office before leaving.

The elevator doors opened to a scene of confusion on the South Tower's 78th floor sky lobby. Now genuinely alarmed, Pfluger-Murray and Jen got into another elevator and rode the 30-second descent to the main lobby. They exited to even more dis-

orienting pandemonium and walked towards the concourse between the towers.

There was a loud roar. The building began to shudder and debris was falling. People were screaming and panic filled the lobby. Many exits were blocked, but the two women were able to leave the building through a set of doors near 5 World Trade Center.

United Airlines Flight 175 had just rammed the South Tower. The time was 9:03 a.m. One hundred and seventy five Aon employees—including Pfluger-Murray's dreds of others.

Pfluger-Murray said, describing her experience at Philip the Apostle Parish, Clifton.

the center of the 9/11 maelstrom while admitting to harboring feelings of survivor's guilt. "I went to a lot of the funerals and memorials," she said. "There were questions like: "Why did you live and not my husband or wife? My answer is: I don't know. I don't have an answer. Why did I do what I did that morning? What made me leave the building?"

Covered in dust and hobbled by blistered feet, she ran from Ground Zero, made her way to the East River of Manhattan and then walked north. Eventually, she crossed the Hudson River and reached the Hoboken train station.

Meanwhile, stunned neighbors came to Murray's home as they watched the repeated, gruesome video images of the jet striking the South Tower. When the building collapsed at 10:05 a.m., Murray was convinced that her daughter was killed. About 20 minutes later the North Tower imploded.



dear friend Chris-died Carol Lee Murray (left) and her daughter, Donna that day along with hun- Pfluger-Murray, shared their spiritual journey to contribute to the 9/11 healing process. They continue to "It was surreal," mourn for those who were lost six years ago. Murray serves as the director of Family Faith Formation at St.

> The pain I felt when I saw that building come down..." Murray said, her voice trailing off as she briefly relived the moment of terror while being interviewed in her daughter's Nutley townhouse. "No mother should ever have to go through something like that."

Frantic moments passed, but there was no word from her daughter. At the height of Murray's emotional distress, Pfluger-Murray's best friend Debbie called out: "It's Donna! It's Donna! She's on the phone. She's alright."

Most cell phones were jammed that day, but Pfluger-Murraywhile walking north through Manhattan-somehow was able to get through to her mother. Murray, hearing her daughter's voice, collapsed with the phone in her hand.

Hours later, when Pfluger-Murray returned safely Montclair, a tearful reunion be-

tween mother and daughter took place on Murray's front lawn. Later that evening, they attended an impromptu prayer vigil at Immaculate Conception.

"It wasn't until I pulled into my mother's driveway and ran out of my car and into my mother's arms that everything hit me," Pfluger-Murray said. "Up to that point, I was in a survival mode."

Six years later, Murray has noticed signs of spiritual and emotional healing for her daughter. Murray also has taken stock of her own healing as well. She recently completed a graduate degree at Caldwell College and today works as a pastoral

minister, serving as the director of Family Faith Formation at St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Clifton.

As tragic as that day was, I can say 'thank you' to God for His blessings," Murray said. "God will heal you where you are."

Pfluger-Murray, still employed at Aon, was promoted earlier this year.

"It's (9/11) on my mind; maybe not everyday," Pfluger-Murray confessed. "There is no rational explanation for why I was spared when so many of my colleagues were not. I believe it was

divine intervention and that God has some greater plan for me.'

For families and friends who lost loved ones on 9/11, the spiritual journey during the last 72 months has been difficult. Faith sustains Catholics and those able to share their odyssey contribute to the healing process for people of all faiths.

Msgr. Timothy J. Shugrue, the pastor of Immaculate Conception, noted that three male parishioners—employees at the financial services firm Cantor Fitzgeraldperished on Sept. 11.

"Those who think that religion sugar-coats reality are sadly mistaken," Msgr. Shugrue said. "We take things for granted. We go through life thinking we're in control. The truth is there are no guarantees in this world, but do we let this reality speak to us? Jesus talked about this in the Gospels.

"It's a most-powerful moment when we truly consider the value of our gift of life," he continued. "Many people (here at Immaculate Conception) have reordered their priorities after 9/11. We struggle with these issues, but we also have faith. There is a hopeful message from God."

Msgr. Robert Wister, professor of Church History at Immaculate Conception Seminary of Seton Hall University, South Orange, said the experience and legacy of 9/11 has forced many in the secular elite of academia and government to take religion seriously.

'Our State Department has learned that you cannot conduct foreign policy without understanding religious faith," Msgr. Wister stated. The painful lessons also have been extended to the upper echelon of academia, he added, saying that many Ivy League universities, which had long banished religion from their fields of study, have since adjusted their curriculum in order to come to grips with the post-9/11 world.

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After considering logistics, Pozza cherishes role as religious educator

Leap of faith sparked shift in her career

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

rom managing logistic operations for multimillion-dollar accounts to managing over 800 children at a summer catechetical program, Mahwah resident and religious educator Gladys Pozza has found that following her heart, creativity and a lot of organization are key to leading a fulfilling spiritual and professional life.

Her work as an educator as well as her recent accomplishments are worthy of review as the Archdiocese of Newark prepares to celebrate Catechetical Sunday on Sept. 16 (see special report on pages 13-19 of this edition). In addition, the archdiocesan Catechetical Office is organizing the sixth-annual Catechist Convocation to be held Saturday, Oct. 20, at Union Catholic High School, Scotch Plains.

Pozza earned a bachelor's degree in transportation and logistics from St. John University, New York, and worked as a logistics operations manager for years before deciding she wanted to try something new, as pastoral associate for family faith formation at St. John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale.

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-Gladys Pozza

world. I volunteered at Church of the Presentation in Upper Saddle River and something drew at my heart. I was on the core team of Small Christian Community and I was involved in a lot of church activities. I just thought I wanted to try something different. I felt I was being drawn to what I was doing," Pozza explained.

This "something different" would lead to Pozza being awarded the prestigious Religious Education Excellence Award for the Mid-Atlantic Region sponsored by the Washington, D.C.-based National Association of Parish Catechetical Directors in 2006 (See *The Catholic Advocate*, April 26, 2006) and the 2003 Golden Jubilee Award presented by the Archdiocese of Newark.

"I really worked hard to get to where I was in the business world but I realized that I had to move on and take a leap of faith. I needed to hear from the Holy Spirit where to go next," Pozza said.

She decided to leave Elmsford, NY-based

Ryder Integrated Logistics in 1999, after working there for five years. Although Pozza was apprehensive, she knew pastoral work was the right fit at the right time for her. "When I quit, I thought I would have mixed feelings, but I knew where I belonged. After I left, I was at peace with my decision and that was a clear indication that I was were I should be."

Pozza worked at St. Lawrence Parish in Weehawken from 2000 to June of 2006. "You can plan and organize, but God taught me to trust in Him."

As pastoral associate for catechetics at St. Lawrence, Pozza served as director of religious education (DRE), director of Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), coordinator of family parish ministry and trainer for eucharistic ministers among many other tasks. While working at the parish, she took classes at Caldwell College and earned a master's degree in pastoral ministry.

Although a fulfilling experience, Pozza made the decision to leave St. Lawrence Parish. "I enjoyed working there, but the distance from home made it inconvenient and my daughter was in her junior year of high school. I wanted to be there for her. I wanted to be closer to home."

Since relocating to St. John the Baptist Parish, Pozza is responsible for developing and supervising catechists and family faith formation for the parish through direct management, collaboration and consultation with the pastoral staff.

"Working at St. John's was a learning experience. It is a really large community and I have had an amazing journey this past year.

There are over 500 families involved in religious education with a lot of lay leadership. We have a lot of good things going on here," Pozza said.

Catechetics is defined as the field of religious education in which the Catholic Church's doctrinal and moral principles of faith are taught. Pozza's approach to religious education involves the

whole family, not just the K-8 students in her classes.

"Parents are the primary educators of their children," she said. "One part of the program requires parents to attend two parent faith formation sessions. The parents can attend Cornerstone retreats, bible study or any of our programs. We are meeting people where they are to help create a Catholic home. It is about sharing and learning from each other," she said.

Some parents are reluctant to join in their children's religious education, but they have a change of heart when presented with all the options St. John the Baptist Parish has to



Gladys Pozza, pastoral associate for family faith formation at St. John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale, last year was the recipient of the Religious Education Excellence Award for the Mid-Atlantic Region sponsored by the National Association of Parish Catechetical Directors. Four years ago the Archdiocese of Newark presented her with the Golden Jubilee Award for her work in catechetics at St. Lawrence Parish, Weehawken.

offer. "Parents are the first example of Church; that is where children learn to be a community first. We try to build on that."

Spending quality time with family is lost in modern society, Pozza believes. "It is now countercultural to have family time with your kids. The children have so many activities to get to and sometimes that takes away from the family unit."

The parish's family faith program has increased to 70 families this year from 40 families last year. The parents focus on a home study guide once per week that appeals to multigrade children.

The family is not the only focus of Pozza and her team's programs. "We try to reach out to the community. We have baseball games and other fun ways to incorporate what the children leaned in their religious education classes." The creative aspect of education is attributed to the amount of lay volunteers who are also teachers. Pozza puts her logistics and organization skills to work as coordinator of the alternative summer camp that runs for seven days and involves over 514 children.

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Missionaries of Charity nuns pray at the tomb of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, India, on Aug. 26-the 97th anniversary of Mother Teresa's birth. A new book, Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light, was released Sept. 4, one day before the 10th anniversary of Mother Teresa's death (see related story below). It is a compilation of letters Mother Teresa wrote to her spiritual advisors that illustrate the darkness of soul she experienced for many years.

Book describes spiritual strength and dark nights

VATICAN CITY (CNS)— Vatican officials said a new book detailing Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta's long "crisis of faith" illustrates her spiritual strength in the face of doubt. "This is a figure who had moments of uncertainty and discouragement, experiencing the classic 'dark night' that God gives to chosen people in order to forge them on the road to holiness," said Spanish Cardinal Julian Herranz, a member of the Congregation for Saints' Causes. "These moments of crisis felt by great saints are normal and in line with the Church's tradition," Cardinal Herranz said. The letters are being published in English in the upcoming book, Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light, edited by Father Brian Kolodiejchuk, a member of the Missionaries of Charity order founded by Mother Teresa and the postulator of her sainthood cause.

Effort required to gain salvation

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS)—Salvation through Christ is open to all, but the way is not easy because it requires a real commitment to love and justice, Pope Benedict XVI declared. The pope, speaking Aug. 26 to hundreds of pilgrims at his summer residence outside Rome, said when Christ told His disciples the gate to heaven was narrow he did not mean it was for the privileged few. "Christ's message goes in the opposite direction: Everyone

can enter into (eternal) life, but for everyone the gate is narrow...because it requires commitment, renunciation and mortification of one's own egotism," the pope explained.

Sisters of Mercy to battle poverty

BURLINGAME, CA (CNS) The Burlingame regional community of the Sisters of Mercy took steps to "make poverty history," as the title of one of the sessions of their recent annual convocation put it, by giving their blessing to a new initiative called "Mercy Beyond Borders." In a presentation to the more than 160 sisters and Mercy associates gathered at the Burlingame motherhouse for the Aug. 9-12 convocation, Mercy Sister Marilyn Lacey outlined a proposal for the new nonprofit entity, which she said will address global poverty with the U.N. Millennium Development Goals as its inspiration. "This can be a million-nun movement, which focuses on concrete, small projects," said Sister Lacey, who directed the Diocese of San Jose's Catholic Charities' refugee services outreach for 21 years.

Pope to meet Israeli president

VATICAN CITY (CNS)-Pope Benedict XVI is scheduled to meet with Israeli President Shimon Peres at the papal summer residence in Castel Gandolfo. The Sept. 6 meeting will come just three days after Israeli and Vatican representatives meet in Jerusalem to discuss financial issues related to Catholic institutions in Israel.

St. Cecilia plans Mass for quake victims

BY MELISSA MCNALLY Staff Writer

KEARNY — A Memorial Mass for the victims of the earthquake that struck Peru on Aug. 15 will be celebrated on Sunday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m., at St. Cecilia Parish, 120 Kearny Ave.

Following the Mass, donations for the victims will be collected and sent to the devastated country. Very Rev. Michael G. Ward, V.F., is the pastor of St. Cecilia.

Father Yuvan Alvarez, parochial vicar, said the Mass is important to "show the community that we are with them." The parish community includes a large Peruvian enclave. He added that, to his knowledge, no immediate family members of St. Cecilia parishioners were injured.

Catholics make up 80 percent of Peru's population of 28.7 million people. According to news reports, the death toll from the quake in Peru had climbed to more than 540.

Parish or personal checks to assist in relief services to victims of the earthquake in Peru can be made payable to: Archdiocese of Newark-Peru Relief. All donations should be mailed to: Office of Finance Peru Relief, Archdiocese of Newark, P.O. Box 9500. Newark, NJ 07104-0500.



CELEBRATING LABOR ON SEPT. 7-Msgr. John Gilchrist, second from left, chaplain of the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council, adjusts the sash of Joseph Cioffi, the Labor Council's parade Grand Marshall and the president of Carpenters' Local 1342. The 16th annual "Celebration of Labor" program will be held Friday, Sept. 7. The program begins at 5 p.m. at Newark City Hall with an interfaith service, which will be followed by a march along Broad Street to Washington Park. Pictured with Msgr. Gilchrist and Cioffi are, left and right, Marty Schwartz, president of the Essex County Building Trades Council, and Thomas P. Giblin, president of the Labor Council. Contact Kevin P. Frey at (973) 244-5814 for details on the event.

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Reverend Ezio Antunes, S.D.V.. parochial vicar of St. Michael Parish, Newark, has also been appointed spiritual director of the Legion of Mary, Newark Comitium, effective June 27.

Reverend Carlos Viego, parochial vicar of St. Lucy Parish, Newark, has also been appointed spiritual director of the Hispanic Curia (Legion of Mary) of Essex and Union Counties, effective Aug. 10.

ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY/MINISTRY

Reverend Jason S. Caganap, C.R.M. has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Lodi, effective Aug. 10.

OTHER

Reverend Charles M. Kelly, parochial vicar of Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington, has also been appointed assistant chaplain for the North Arlington Police Department, effective Aug. 7.

Parish to mark 50th anniversary

NEWARK-St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 40 Ludlow St., will mark its 50th anniversary with a bilingual Mass in September and a dinner in October.

The Mass will be celebrated in Spanish and English on Sunday, Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. Special intentions will be for deceased members of the parish, with a call to end violence in Newark.

The anniversary dinner will be held Monday, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m. at the Four Points Sheraton in Elizabeth, located on routes 1 and 9 north. Tickets, available by calling (973) 900-3337, are \$50 per person.

September 8

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Montclair, 100th Anniversary Mass, 6 p.m., (973) 744-1074.

St. Antoninus Parish, Newark, "Awake O Souls, the Call is Radical," 9:30 a.m.- 4 p.m., (973) 623-0258.

September 9

St. Aloysius Parish, Caldwell, Benefit for the Genesis Farm, 2- 5 p.m., (908) 362-6735.



Knights of Columbus Council 5427, Washington Township, annual charity picnic, I-6 p.m., cost: \$20 in advance/ \$25 at gate, (201) 664-0422.

Immaculate Conception Convent Chapel, Lodi, Taize Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, 7-8 p.m., call Sister Marilyn Minter at (973) 473-7447.

St. Casimir Parish, Newark, picnic, noon, cost: \$5/ free for children, (973) 344-2743.

Holy Redeemer Parish, West New York, International Festival, 8 a.m.- 7 p.m., (201) 868-9444.

St. John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale, Annual Memorial Mass, 8 a.m., call Al Murphy at (201) 666-0314.

St. Michael Parish, Union, blood drive, 8:15 a.m.- 3:30 p.m., (908) 686-5271.

September 10

Archdiocesan Center, Newark, Managing Ministry Seminar, 11:45 a.m.- 4:15 p.m., also on Sept. 17, call Annette at (973) 497-4225.

September 11

The Shrine of St. Joseph, Stirling, Annual Ecumenical Candlelight Vigil Service at the Tower of Remembrance, to mark the anniversary of 9/11,8 p.m., call Catherine Bush at (908) 647-0208.

September 12

St. Mark Parish, Rahway, annual tricky tray auction, 6:15 p.m., cost: \$6, call Anna Rovnak at (732) 382-6154.

Archdiocesan Center, Newark, Annulment Information Meeting, 7:30 p.m., (973) 497-4327 or (973) 497-4326 (in Spanish).

September 15

The Shrine of St. Joseph, Stirling, annual Country Fun Festival, 10:00 a.m.- 5 p.m., (908) 647-0208.

St. Margaret of Cortona Parish, Little Ferry, 95th Anniversary, noon- 4 p.m., call Ellie at (201) 641-0883.

September 16

Immaculate Conception Convent Chapel, Lodi, An Evening of Praise, Worship and Song, 7-8:30 p.m., call Sister Marilyn Minter at (973) 473-7447.

September 17

Trinitas Health Foundation, Elizabeth, Golf Classic, Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club, Scotch Plains, 8 a.m., call Doug Harris at (908) 994-5138.

September 19

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

September 20

St. Vincent's Nursing Home Auxiliary, Cedar Grove, annual Member/ Guest Tea, 3:30- 5:30 p.m., (973) 239-8170.

September 23

Parish of the Resurrection, Jersey City, Mass to celebrate the feast of Padre Pio, 4 p.m.; gala reception at the Catholic Café will follow, call (201) 433-9606 or (212) 920-5585.

Other

Archdiocesan Center,

Newark, eight-week course, "The Old Testament and Spirituality" or "The Church: Journeying in the Common," begins Sept 10, Monday through Friday, 7:30-9:30 p.m., call (973) 497-4350.

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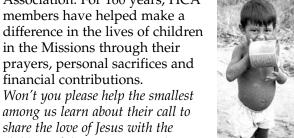
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A growing number of young men have been joining the Knights of Columbus on college campuses.

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A growing number of young men are joining the Knights of Columbus as the organization celebrates its 125th anniversary this year.

Parents thankful for son's vocation

Editor

We thank you for the wonderful profiles of the newly ordained priests printed in of *The Catholic Advocate* (see May 23 edition).

However, we would like to make a correction regarding our son, Father William F. Benedetto. Although he was born in Clara Maass Hospital in Belleville, he is a native of North Arlington and has been a lifelong member of Queen of Peace Parish in North Arlington.

We would like to thank our pastor, Msgr. William Fadrowski, the priests, and the parishioners of Queen of Peace for the support, prayers and encouragement they gave our son as he pursued his vocation to the priesthood. We would also like to thank Msgr. Robert Coleman and Msgr. Thomas Nydegger, rector and vice-rector respectively of Immaculate Conception Seminary for their hard work, dedication and example in giving the Church of Newark many holy, faith-filled and devoted priests.

May God continue to bless them in their work.

Deacon & Mrs. William R. Benedetto North Arlington

Students, teachers, principals prepare for the new school year

With justifiable pride in the impressive academic achievements of its students, the archdiocesan school system is again well prepared to maintain those high standards with the new term.

The Catholic Advocate, in its Aug. 22 edition, provided a glimpse of the people, programs, accomplishments and events that will shape the new school year. As always, our coverage of schools will continue in the weeks ahead.

Highlighting the 2007-08 school year is the truly historic opening of Christ the King Preparatory School in Newark. Its 111 students are part of an exciting and unique experiment for the archdiocese and New Jersey's largest city. The school in Newark joins six others opening their doors this fall bringing the total of Cristo Rey schools nationally to 19.

The first new Catholic high school to open in Newark since 1964, Christ the King is part of the nationally acclaimed Cristo Rey model. Using an innovative Corporate Internship Program, inner-city young people attend classes four days a week and on the fifth day work at entry-level jobs provided by sponsoring companies and corporations.

Allow us to offer a heartfelt tip of the hat to the Cristo Rey sponsoring firms. It is a true win-win situation desperately needed in a struggling city.

Reflecting the vibrant diversity that is the Archdiocese of Newark, a dozen new principals are at the helm. Their solid educational credentials and experience will serve students well.

Another highlight of the unfolding school year is state approval of the archdiocese as a Supplemental Educational Services provider. Addressing a crucial need, the after-school tutoring program is for disadvantaged public school students in low-income areas. The focus will be on the basics of reading, language arts and math.

Although each school year is unique, teachers and students alike know they are on the cusp of an exciting and challenging educational adventure in the Catholic tradition of excellence.

College students yearn for deeper spiritual wisdom

BY MSGR. ROBERT SHEERAN Special to The Catholic Advocate

hat makes young people tick?
This question, of course, preoccupies parents, teachers and university presidents, too, like myself

Having been at Seton Hall University (SHU) for more than a quarter of a century, including the past 12 as president, I've observed many thousands of undergraduates come through our gates seeking degrees and career paths. Clothing styles change, hairstyles come and go, but some things remain constant.

Down deep students are also pursuing consciously, or sometimes unconsciously, the true purpose and the deeper meaning and direction of their lives. I've noticed this among the many changes over the years.

We are between the "then" years—when I was in school and college—and today. But there is something happening with college graduates. There is a deeper, more conscious and more public desire to make spirituality and faith an important part of their lives.

Over the past few years, those who track the attitudes of undergraduates (such as UCLA's Higher Education Research Institute annual survey of

more than 100,000 freshmen) report that they have a significantly higher level of interest in spiritual involvement than at any time in recent memory. Surveys as well as anecdotal experience from many of us in higher education attest that this is true.

A larger swath of our undergraduate population is becoming much more vocal and public about their faith and their desire to live lives of real Christian faith and—at SHU's campus—those who want to live a genuinely Catholic faith.

I was thinking of this recently as I spoke with one of four 2007 graduates who are committed to a special and new type of evangelization work on campuses across the country. It's called FOCUS—a coalition of young missionaries with a special charism of living the Christian life and serving on campuses across the country.

New religious congregations such as the Order of Saint John, of recent French origin, have sent two brothers and two priests to our SHU campus in South Orange to help minister among our students. They include two Americans, a Brazilian and a Mexican, representative of the new face of American Catholicism. The number of students who are involved in our Division of Volunteer Efforts,

known as DOVE, continues to increase each year.

I remember back in the 1960's reading an issue of *Time* magazine titled, "Is God Dead?" That article caused wide discussion around the country and many people thought in the middle of the 20th century that religion was ebbing. There can be no doubt that it is not.

Interest in religion, commitment to religion—in fact, you might call it another one of America's waves of "great awakenings"—is, in the view of many of us, taking place these days.

Further, there is no doubt that on the global scene religion plays a role that would have been relatively inconceivable just a couple of generations ago. Faith and the revival of religious awareness is one of those phenomena; such as the revolution in health sciences and the reality of globalization, which permeate and increasingly transform our society.

What does all of this mean? It means that some of the seeds in our Catholic Church planted by others—Pope John Paul II and by the Second Vatican Council—are starting to bear perceptible fruit.

There is still much work to do. The surveys reveal that, while many students are religious, the level of com-



Msgr. Robert Sheeran

mitment among Catholics is less than that among Protestants in many areas. This is something that should cause us to redouble our efforts.

As the Lord Himself noticed long ago, the harvest is rich but the laborers are few.

(Msgr. Robert Sheeran is the 19th president of Seton Hall University, South Orange.)

Recalling rigors, time pressures of the Latin Mass

The Holy Father, in a "Moto Proprio" ("of his own accord") recently has given permission for the return of the Tridentine Latin Mass or (see The Catholic Advocate, July 18).

Many folks are happy about that permission. Some young people enjoy that liturgy because of the sense of the "holy" that it brings. Some older people desire it because of a certain nostalgia. I can appreciate both opinions because I offered that liturgy for seven years of my priesthood.

But allow me to bring a dash of realism into the picture. Let me bring you back to a typical Sunday in an urban parish of the pre-Vatican II era as I recall it.

First of all, remember that Sunday morning masses usually were scheduled at 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 o'clock and the last Mass had to begin by noon. That gave the priests just 50 minutes to offer the Mass. We had to get the people in and out of the church.

When we priests started Mass with "Introibo ad altare Dei," ("I will go to the altar of God") we had to move into

high gear verbally. After the epistle when we came to the Gospel, (said on the left side of the altar,) another priest climbed into the pulpit to read the Gospel simultaneously in

Recall also that, at that time, there were no bulletins, nor were there sound systems in church. So the priest had to "announce" the masses for the

week—that is, the time, intention, and donor for every single Mass. We read so quickly that we sounded like tobacco auctioneers. We also had to read the banns (proclamations) of marriage—three weeks for each couple. After that we read every announcement for every event that was taking place that week in the whole parish, including the school.

The sermon, as we called it then, could be no longer than five minutes at best. If it was any longer, the priest

Voices By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist

would hear about it because there would be chaos in the parking lot after the Mass as people tried to enter and leave the church at the same time.

The "Credo" brought everyone to their feet. The priest, of course, at the altar said everything. The people followed in their missals if they had one. There was

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no "prayer of the faithful."
At the "Sanctus" there were bells and a thunderous sound of people thumping their breasts and a banging sound as they put down the kneelers to kneel for the Canon.

At the Consecration, the priests of the parish who were not celebrating the Mass—there were

Eucharistic Ministers at that time—poured out onto the altar. There was the sound of shuffling feet as the people came up the aisle to kneel for communion at the altar rail.

Meanwhile, the priest celebrant continued on as he offered the Mass. The priests, at that time, were supposed to say before every recipient: "Corpus Domini nostri Jesu Christi custodiat animam tuam in vitam aeternam. Amen." ("May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ guard your soul into eternal life.")

Actually, with rows of people kneeling there with their tongues out, it often meant that the one prayer could cover as many as five recipients. When the priest at the altar had received Communion, he then joined in distributing Communion.

At the end of Mass after the final prayer, the priest turned to the people and said: "Ite Missa est," ("Go, the Mass is ended.") But the Mass was not at an end. The celebrant returned to the Gospel side of the altar to recite the prologue of the Gospel of Saint John. (Jn I: 1-14)

Then he knelt at the foot of the altar to say three Hail Marys, the Hail Holy Queen, and a prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel. As these last prayers were being said by the priest facing the altar, a horde of intrepid souls were sneaking out of the church to be first in line at the neighborhood bakery for their buns.

The priests at that time could not eat or drink anything until after they had offered Mass. Therefore, the priest who had the noon Mass was famished and thirsty by 1 p.m. All of the priests were exhausted from a morning of intense and sometimes frantic activity.

So, while the Tridentine Mass can be a beautiful experience if it is performed properly, the necessities of time and service made the average Sunday morning a time of tension and pressure for the average priest.

The Eucharist was, and still is, the center and heart of the Mass. Our Lord touches souls by His presence. And that remains the true mystery of Holy Mass. It was just a little sad that we who celebrated the Holy Mystery had so little opportunity to savor its beauty.

While the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered in the Tridentine liturgy can be magnificent, solemn and holy, it rarely had a chance to manifest its glory. Let's hope that if the Tridentine Mass is celebrated in parishes today it can be offered with fitting solemnity and in a peaceful unhurried atmosphere.

(Msgr. John Gilchrist is the pastor emeritus of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison.)

Applauding Ripken's respect for craft of baseball

'Men at Work," George F. Will began his celebration of baseball defense with a tale of Cal and Bill Ripken turning a rally-killing double play while their father watched from the visitors' dugout in Toronto and concluded with an appropriately blue-collar ending:

"After the third out the two Ripkens ran off the field, same pace, arms held in the same position, forearms cocked slightly above parallel to the ground, eyes straight ahead, looking into the dugout. They ran past their father, the third-base coach. It was just another night on the factory floor for the Ripken men...'

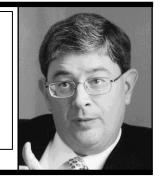
Cal Ripken's induction into the Hall of Fame last month, along with Tony Gwynn, the San Diego Padres' hitting machine, was a cleansing moment in baseball's ongoing season of shame.

Yes, the steroid use is way down (as is the musculature of players I won't mention). But the memory of decadelong cheating lingers and festers, the wound made worse by denial on the part of some and scurrying-for-the-high-grass on the part of others. Seeing Ripken and Gwynn, two regular guys, enter the Cooperstown aristocracy on the merits, period, was a happy reminder of better days.

Or at least the pious memory of better days. For cheating has been part of baseball from the git-go: corked bats, scuffed balls, spitters. Still, there was something different about the steroid scandal, no matter how hard it may be to define that difference. Traditional baseball skullduggery was both clandestine and out-in-the-open: the corked bat broke and the batter was ejected; the thumbtack or Vaseline on the brim of the pitcher's hat was spotted, and he, too, got

The Catholic Difference

by George Weigel



Ripken redefined the position

of shortstop; a throwback who

exemplified the cardinal virtue

of fortitude.

the heave-ho from the men in blue. Crime, trial, verdict, and punishment were there for all to see. The steroid scandal was about furtive injections in the

dark recesses of the clubhouse, and then getting caught by urinalysis. The

"yuck" factor was higher, reflecting a sound moral intuition about the higher gravity of the offense.

Anyway, this is supposed to be a column about Cal

Ripken, not about steroids. Cal, as everyone in the State of Maryland calls him, was the son of a lifelong baseball man.

Cal Ripken, Sr. gave both of his baseball-playing sons something even greater than instruction and support: a respect for the game. It's the same respect the brothers Ripken now try to teach youngsters at their baseball academy in Aberdeen, MD-a respect built on hard work, sound fundamentals, and the slow development of that sixth sense called "baseball smarts."

A lot of which is, alas, in short supply in today's pastime. The corruptions of baseball in 2007 are not just (or perhaps even primarily) chemical. How many times have you seen a bunt properly laid down in recent years? Or a hit-and-run smoothly executed? How often have you watched a multimillion-dollar-per-year player forget how many outs there were in the inning or fail to run out a ground ball?

Money—lots of it, showered on people too young to know how to handle it—has something to do with this. But so does a decline in respect for what Will called, aptly, the "craft of baseball."

Cal Ripken, Jr., could be mulishly stubborn: had he listened to batting coaches, his lifetime average might have been 20 points higher. But no matter how mired in a sometimes-self-perpetuated slump he was, you always sensed his respect for the game, his de-

termination to live the work ethic his father had taught him. In other words—a good man, in moral as well as sporting terms.

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

Sept. 29 'Festival' offers platform to joyfully explore spiritual gifts

BY CHRISTY GUERRA

Special to The Catholic Advocate

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

The festival, which begins at 10 a.m. and ends with a Mass celebrated by Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, Regional Bishop for Essex County, will include music and cultural celebrations at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave. (located adjacent to the Cathedral) and nearby Barringer High School.

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

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

The festival will feature presentations given in both English and Spanish, encompassing all areas of the Catholic life and the role it plays in the lives of the faithful. Speakers include Sister Theresa Rickard, O.P., the director of RENEW International, Plainfield; Damon Owens, the founder of Joy-Filled Marriage NJ (Web site: www.joy-filledmarriagenj.org), a non-profit organization providing training, resources, and support for engaged and married couples; Father Michael A. Saporito, the pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Maplewood, who has an extensive background in Catholic traditions, doctrine and contemporary spirituality; and Sister Marilyn Minter, C.S.F.F., a certified spiritual director who has worked with diocesan vocation offices throughout New Jersey as well as in Philadelphia and Wilmington, DE.

Presentations to be given include "Catholic and Loving It!," which focuses on the joy of Catholic living; "The Eucharist: Changing Me to Change the World," concentrating on the significance of the Blessed Sacrament; and "Living the Mystery: Christ's Love in the Flesh," a meditation on the gift of marriage and Christ's message to the world through the sacrament. The other presentations include topics such as the magisterium of the Church and a social-justice imperative on the reconciliation process in Rwanda.

The day also will provide an opportunity for participants to express their faith through popular Catholic devotions, such as a multilingual recitation of the rosary and a sung presentation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. The Sacrament of Confession will be made available along with a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration to pray for peace in the City of Newark and throughout the world.

The festival also will feature live music and traditional dances from various cultures around the world.

Pope decries abuse of God's creation

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—God gave people the duty to take care of the earth, but they "often abuse creation and do not exercise" their responsibility to be stewards of

nature, Pope Benedict XVI said in his Aug. 29 general audience.

Citing the teaching of St. Gregory of Nyssa, the pope condemned as criminal the suspected arson attacks that have hit parts of Europe.

Pope Benedict returned briefly to the Vatican from his papal summer villa at Castel Gandolfo for the weekly audience and talked



With the sun beating down on St. Peter's Square and temperatures nearing 90 degrees, Pope Benedict XVI wore a "galero" as he held his weekly general audience on Aug. 29.

about St. Gregory, the fourth-century bishop and doctor of the Church. The pope told the estimated 12,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square that St. Gregory underlined how God molded human nature to be suitable for carrying out the responsibility of safeguarding creation.

But in order to "truly exercise" this responsibility as stewards of nature, St. Gregory said humanity must cleanse itself of sin and be "penetrated by God and live in God's light," the pope noted. Life must not be wasted going after pointless or fruitless things, but rather should be spent searching for the divine light that helps humanity discern what is "truly useful," good and true, he declared.

Sisters hope to engage hearts at MSU

We are here mainly for the

Catholic students of Montclair

State, but we are open to speak

with students of all faiths, to help

open the door to their hearts and

satisfy their thirst for the truth.'

-Sister Faustine of Jesus

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their duties will encompass Bible studies, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programs, as well as to serve as a "praying presence" on the campus. She said they also will participate in Sunday masses, which will be held at 8:30 p.m. in the MSU Student Union building, Café C. The first Mass of the new school year will be held on Sept. 9. Pizza and refreshments will follow Mass. Bruce Mauro serves as music director.

The daily garb for the Sisters—a gray habit and veil—no doubt will spark curiosity among students, but they acknowledged that their attire is an integral part of their presence on campus and, in turn, part of the learning process for the MSU community.

They emphasized they will strive to connect with one "person" at a time, rather than

deal with an arbitrary assortment of "individuals" from a given community. In explaining this subtle distinction, which will be at the core of their ministry, they pointed to the 1998 encyclical ("Faith and Reason") of Pope John Paul II.

"We are children of the John Paul II generation," Sister Faustine said. "This encyclical is a guiding light for us. He wrote that people have lost their sense of what it is to be a human being because they have lost their sense of God. As campus ministers, we want to give our lives to the Lord in a very true way. We will try to touch the heart of each person we meet. We want to know what makes you, you." She said they also will give witness to fraternal charity and the spirit of St. John—the "beloved" disciple of Jesus.

Their initial tour of duty at MSU will be three years.

Nearly 17,000 students attend the university and around 40 percent are Catholic, according to estimates by officials at the Newman Center. In a separate development, MSU (Web site: www.montclair.edu), a secular institution, is reviewing plans to develop a campus spirituality center for students of all faiths, which may open in the spring of 2008.

Though currently immersing themselves in the diverse culture of the Garden State, the Sisters also have

visited communities in Texas, North Dakota and Illinois as part of their comprehensive American experience. Princeville, IL, was a significant stop on their tour, for this represents their point of connection with Archbishop Myers—the former bishop of the Diocese of Peoria, IL.

In the early 1990s, Archbishop Myers became acquainted with Father

Marie Dominique Philippe (who died last year), a French Dominican priest who was the founder of the Brothers of St. John—a community of men Religious, and a community of women Religious, the Apostolic Sisters of St. John. Both communities have as their mission the evangelization of young people in college settings. Another community of women Religious, the Contemplative Sisters of St. John, also was founded.

Archbishop Myers invited Father Philippe to send members of the Brothers to work with students at Bradley University in Peoria. A group of Contemplative Sisters of St. John soon followed. The charism or spiritual gifts of the community is based on the experience of St. John with the Blessed Mother at the foot of the Cross. Pope John Paul II

had encouraged Father Philippe to take up this work.

"I was deeply moved by Father Philippe's dedication to ministering to the needs of young people in college, by the spirituality of the members of the group and by the eagerness with which students at Bradley embraced the presence of these priests on their campus" Archbishop Myers said. "So when I learned a few months ago that some of the Apostolic Sisters were available to work, I encouraged them to take up their ministry here in the archdiocese."

While the Newman Center will be the headquarters for their campus activities, the two Sisters will reside at the St. Joseph Parish rectory in East Orange. They are joined at the rectory by their prioress, Sister Anne of Jesus, who also hails from France, and Sister Theresia Maria, who comes from the Netherlands.

There are 150 Sisters in the community of the Apostolic Sisters of St. John (Web site: www.stjean.com). The four Sisters at the East Orange rectory are the only members of this community in North America. The community was founded first for Brothers in 1975 and then for Sisters nine years later. According to information on the group's Web site, the origins of the community can be traced to the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, where several French students were studying with Father Philippe.

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DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY—Sister Mary Laurentine Sacilowski, C.S.S.F. is celebrating 75 years of service with the Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice this vear. Born Jeanette Sacilowski on March 18, 1911 in Bayonne, Sister Mary Laurentine entered the order in 1931 and made her first profession on Aug. 28, 1934. A resident of Our Lady of Lourdes Hall at the Felician Sisters' Infirmary, Lodi, her teaching assignments in the Archdiocese of Newark included: Saint Anthony, Jersey City; Our Lady of Czestochowa, Jersey City; Saint Casimir, Newark; Most Sacred Heart, Wallington and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bayonne. Sister Mary Laurentine also worked at Felician College as a library aide.



Serra members gear up for convention

EAST RUTHERFORD — Serra International's District 22 is sponsoring the group's Mid-Atlantic convention, which will run Sept. 14-16 at the Meadowlands Sheraton Hotel.

Archdiocesan participants at the event will include Most Rev. Bishop Edgar da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark; Msgr. Robert Coleman, rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange; Father Andrew Apostoli, C.F.R., from EWTN and noted theologian Msgr. James Turro, a member of Magnificat magazine's editorial staff.

Liturgies will be celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers; Most Rev. Arthur Serratelli, the Bishop of the Paterson Diocese; and Most Rev. Thomas Donato.

Among the many activities, convention members can tour of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on Saturday, Sept. 15, 10 a.m. A Mass will follow the tour.

Serra District Governor Joseph F. Pagano and Paul C. Tully are serving as the co-chairmen for the event. Contact Alex Paszkiewicz at (973) 736-2219 or Rose Marie Deehan at (973) 762-6180 for information and reservations.

Felician says: 'Older is Better'

LODI—Felician College is ready to welcome back its "seniors" with a new fall schedule of activities for its "Older is Better" program.

The 13-week fall program begins Sept. 13. Now in its 25th year, the program is designed to foster and support lifelong learning for men and women age 55 and older. Courses will include history, music, literature, art and theology, taught by Felician's faculty and staff.

The group meets on Thursdays in Obal Hall. Mass is celebrated at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch, an informational program, and coffee and conversation in the dining hall. Contact Elizabeth Barca at (201) 355-1302 for a schedule of events and membership information. New participants are welcome.

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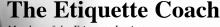
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Cristo Rey network expands

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at least 13 religious orders have now committed to sponsoring them, providing staff members and financial support.

Salesian Father Steve Shafran, president of the new Don Bosco Cristo Rey School in suburban Washington, said a key part of the Cristo Rey schools is their affordability. "We know Catholic education works," he said, based on "hundreds of years of experience." The problem is that the cost of a Catholic education has "not made it accessible to some segments of the population."

Ninety-six percent of Cristo Rey graduates enrolled in a twoor four-year college program last year and the network's fouryear dropout rate for the 2006 class was 2.6 percent compared to 30 percent nationwide. Today there are 5,000 students are getting an education from a Cristo Rey school and the network's current "12 by 12 campaign" aims to have 12,000 students by 2012. The ultimate goal is college. "We measure our success not by the amount of kids," Father Foley said, "but by the amount going to college."

The Corporate Internship Program (CIP) is a cornerstone of the Cristo Rey education system. For example, at the Newark school, students attend classes four days a week and one day a week work at an entry-level job to gain business experience.

Corporations that contract the schools for student workers pay about \$27,000 for each full-time-equivalent job, which covers nearly 70 percent of the tuition of the four students who share that job. Tuition is in the \$2,500 range, depending on the location, and tuition assistance is available. More than 90 percent of students attending the Cristo Rey schools are minorities; the average student's family income is \$33,000 for a family of four.

To further offset costs, the network relies on corporate donors, including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation which gave the Cristo Rey Network a \$6-million grant last year, adding to its previous investment of \$9.9 million.

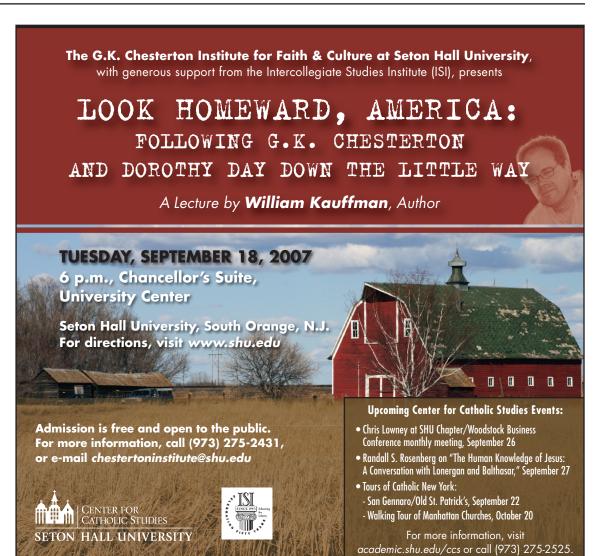


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Arrrrrgh! Seton Hall University's Pirate mascot visits with youngsters at the Newark Boys and Girls Club. The university's men's basketball team will open its 2007-08 season at the new Prudential Center in November. The team recently gave away 200 basketballs and other prizes to young people at the club's Broadway Unit.

Ahoy, mates: Pirates plan move to Prudential Center

NEWARK—Approximately 200 members of the Boys & Girls Club of Newark were the first beneficiaries of the Seton Hall University (SHU) men's basketball team's move to the new Prudential Center in November.

SHU, which has adopted the theme "The Pirates Are Coming!" recently gave away 200 basketballs and other great prizes to young people at the club's Broadway Unit. In addition to meeting the SHU Pirate mascot, the youngsters heard from the Pirates' all-time leading scorer Terry Dehere and SHU Director of Athletics Joe Quinlan, both of whom spoke passionately about the importance of education.

This event was the first of several that are taking place within the next three months as part of a community effort to commemorate the team's move to the new arena. The program will focus on non-profit organizations with youngsters in grammar schools and middle schools and include visits by Quinlan, Men's Basketball Coach Bobby Gonzalez and both current and former Pirate players.

'Seton Hall is very excited about playing at Prudential Center in Newark," Quinlan said. "We decided that one of the first ways to show our appreciation is to give back to thousands of young people in the area. This is a great-looking basketball that is sure to build future Pirates fans. Seton Hall is looking forward to being an active and positive participant in the Newark community."

The blue and white ABA-style basketball is a version of Anaconda Sports' collegiate basketball called "The Rock." It also has a Pirates basketball logo. The Pirate will distribute the ball to the youngsters at all of the sites. He will be arriving in his new custom-wrapped Pirates van.

SHU will play its first home game at Prudential Center in mid-November and will have a home schedule that features contests with Big East Conference rivals including Connecticut, Notre Dame, Louisville and Syracuse.

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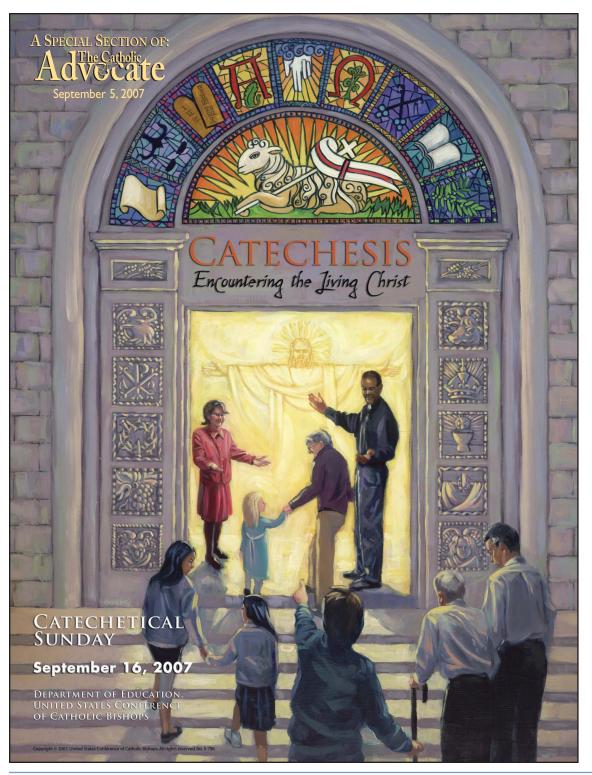
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Catechesis—bridging the distance between God and His people

Building a relationship and intimacy with Christ

BY RON PIHOKKER

Special to The Catholic Advocate

ridges have suddenly been thrust into our consciousness with the terrible, abrupt and unforeseen recent collapse of the I-35W bridge over the Mississippi River in Minneapolis.

Something we so often take for granted—how many bridges do you regularly cross in your daily travels? How necessary they are and yet how little we think of them and the ingenuity needed to build them.

Catechesis is a kind of bridge, too. It connects us and spans the distance between ourselves and our God. It is all about a relationship—the relationship of the individual with the person of Jesus Christ.

Catechesis is nothing less than that. It is not simply about knowledge, although real knowing helps to bring us into intimacy with Jesus. It is not simply about our own experience of God in our lives, although this is often a starting point for reflection and a place upon which to build—a foundation, a prism through which we

can come to see and appreciate all the many and varied aspects of faith in Christ and how it touches the very fiber of our lives. Catechesis is all about relationship and intimacy with Christ.

Paraphrasing the National Directory for Catechesis, Catechesis is a very special moment within evangelization—a very remarkable one — in which conversion to Jesus is formalized and provides the basis for adhering to Him. It provides an apprenticeship in the whole of Christian life—to a life of discipleship. Thus it becomes the goal and the focus for the catechist to bring those to whom they minister into a living, dynamic and intimate relationship with Jesus and to help them to deepen that relationship throughout their lives.

On the third Sunday of September each year (this year on Sept. 16) the bishops of the United States set aside a special day to draw attention to this most vital and important of the Church's ministries, through the designation and celebration of Catechetical Sunday. This year's theme for Catechetical Sunday is: "Encountering the

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Catechist Convocation to echo multicultural spirit

BY ELIZABETH FOER

Special to The Catholic Advocate

ncountering the Living Christ" is the theme for the sixth-annual Catechist Convocation to be held Saturday, Oct. 20, at Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains.

Parish catechetical leaders, catechists, Catholic School teachers, youth ministers, priests, deacons, music ministers as well as all other parish ministers and parents as the primary religious educators of their children are cordially invited to attend this event, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark's Catechetical Office.

The convocation begins at 8:15 a.m. with a prayer that will echo the multicultural spirit of the day as hymns, readings and prayers for the event will be offered in English and Spanish.

Each registered attendee can participate in three workshops

throughout the convocation, which is slated to conclude at 3:35 p.m. All workshops run one hour and 15 minutes. There are 41 English workshops and 17 Spanish workshops. A certificate toward an area of certification will be given for each workshop attended.

The list of workshops includes "Effective Time Management Means More Energy for Ministry" in which one will learn to set realistic goals and conquer procrastination. Deacon John Flanagan of the Trenton Diocese will present this workshop. "Virtual Space, Real Religion: Using the Internet for Adult Faith Formation" led by Terri Miyamoto from Staten Island, NY, should prove helpful to those who work in the area of adult faith formation.

Sister Caroljean Willie, S.C., a world-renowned speaker, will address "Multicultural Spirituality for a Multicultural Church." Sister Caroljean will examine the changing demographics of dioceses throughout the country—a factor that is having an impact in the Archdiocese of Newark. This session will offer a basic understanding of the nature of culture and the role it plays in education and worship.

Other workshops will focus on the use and role of mass media with regard to faith-based issues. Father Thomas A. Dente, the director of the archdiocesan Worship Office, will present a session entitled "Encountering Christ...at the Movies." Reminding us that the Gospels give us different perspectives of Jesus Christ, Father Dente will examine how movie producers see at Jesus from different perspectives. The session will include big-screen depictions of Christ, what Jesus taught and how he lived.

Another workshop in this area is "Videos with a Message." Mary Jean Conroy and Pat Pula, two archdiocesan catechetical leaders, will deliver



Elizabeth Foer

a presentation on "Nooma" videos and their uses. The name Nooma is an English phonetic spelling of the Greek word "pneuma," which is commonly translated to "spirit" or "breath." Pneumatology refers to the study of the Holy Spirit. Nooma, (Web site: www.nooma.com) is

a nonprofit producer of faithbased films on DVD format, is based in Grandville, MI.

Another workshop session is "Media and Morality—Using the Media to Teach the Moral Message." Joseph F. Wilson, a teacher at Paramus Catholic High School, helps us see movies as great discussion starters and case studies to help students become aware that choices have consequences and that those consequences effect our relationships with not only God, but with others and with ourselves.

"Using Technology to Enhance Religious Education" and "Software and Your Parish—Welcome to the 21st Century" are two workshops that will provide catechists with guidance on the use of databases. There also will be workshops for catechists who work with the deaf, with children who have special needs, adolescents and adults.

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Adult faith formation—a lifelong task

A bit closer to the kingdom

BY GENE TOZZI

Special to The Catholic Advocate

dult faith is a vibrant force throughout the Archdiocese of Newark.
A parish in northern Bergen County offers "Catholicism 101" to parents and other interested adults.

A few miles down the road a lay pastoral associate leads a group in prayer at the beginning of Little Rock Bible Study session. In Union County a team meets through the year to prepare for their parish's annual "Men's Cornerstone" retreat experience.

Across the county a group

gathers for a series of presentations on topics from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Young adults gather at a restaurant in Bloomfield for a "Theology on Tap" discussion on "Living Our Faith in a Secularized Environment" led by a bishop.

A deacon at a Hudson County parish leads a session in Spanish for catechumens, adults seeking to be baptized as Catholics. In an Essex County parish groups gather in homes for "faith sharing" based on the Sunday scriptures.

These are just a few examples of catechesis (religious education) directed toward adults that occur daily throughout the parishes of the Archdiocese of Newark. In a recent year over 22,000 persons were reported by parishes to have participated in a variety of opportunities for adult catechesis.

In their 1999 document "Our

Hearts Were Burning Within Us," the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops described some of their hopes for adult catechesis. They chose to speak of it as "adult faith formation" to suggest that this was something much broader than an instructional session, "book learning" or a lecture series, although these all have their place.

Adult faith formation is intended to bring participants to a deeper sense of conversion to Jesus, more active membership in the Church community and the motivation to go out and make our world a better place, a bit closer to the "kingdom of God," which Jesus preached.

The bishops encouraged each parish to designate an "adult faith formation leader" and "adult faith formation team" to spearhead this



Dr. Gene Tozzi

important work. Some parishes have hired professionally trained full time pastoral associates for adult faith formation to insure that quality programs are offered to their parishioners. Others may have part time or volunteer leaders.

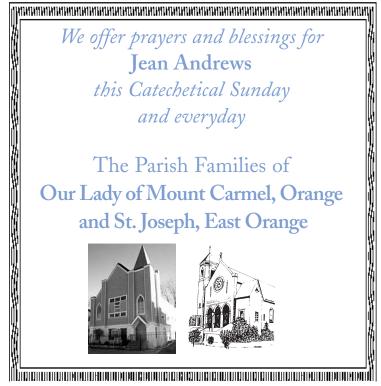
In fact, a wide variety of priests, deacons, religious, lay staff and volunteer catechists lead different elements of adult catechesis in parishes. In one sense, adult faith formation is the work of the whole parish community as all parishioners give witness to their faith, supporting one another.

The staff of the Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark stands ready to assist parishes in planning, training and hiring for adult faith formation. The office also operates an e-mail network to disseminate information to those interested in adult faith formation opportunities.

(Editor's note: Dr. Gene Tozzi is the associate director for adult and family catechesis for the Archdiocese of Newark. He can be reached by phone at (973) 497-4288, or via e-mail: tozzieug@rcan.org.)

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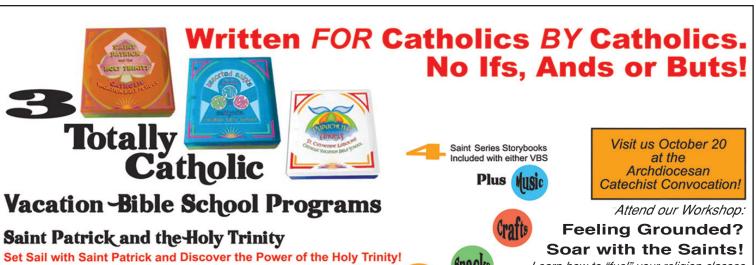


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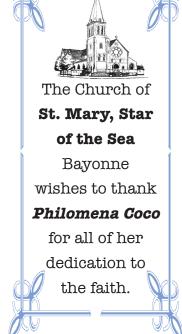
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Spiritual bridge, lifelong commitment

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Living Christ." How appropriate a theme when we consider the task of catechesis as "bridging" our relationship with Christ.

In the Archdiocese of Newark, the task of catechesis belongs first of all to Archbishop John J. Myers, who is the chief catechist of the Archdiocese of Newark, and through him to the pastors and with them more than 10,000 catechists of all kinds, both professional and volunteer, in our parishes and schools who assist in this ministry of making God's word known and loved.

In order to assist catechists in this most critical ministry for the life of the Church, the archbishop delegates oversight responsibility and resourcing of this ministry to the vicariate for education under the leadership of Rev. Kevin Hanbury, Ed.D., the vicar for education and superintendent of schools, and, within the vicariate, to the staff of the Catechetical Office of the archdiocese.

It is the task of the Catechetical Office to support the work of catechesis in all its manifestations from early childhood through the senior years of adulthood, since achieving intimacy with Christ is a

lifelong task and to do so respecting all of the various languages and cultures represented in the archdiocese.

As it is impossible to give what we ourselves do not have, it is the task of the catechist, first of all, to deepen his or her own sense of intimacy with Christ. In order to facilitate that deepening relationship of the catechist with the Lord, one of the principal tasks of the Catechetical Office is in supporting the recruitment and formation of catechists.

The office, first of all, assists pastors in finding and placing qualified professional parish catechetical leaders to serve parishes as directors of religious education/pastoral associates for catechesis and supports catechetical leaders through on going programs of orientation and in-service formation opportunities.

Beginning in the summer and throughout the year on a monthly basis, new catechetical leaders are gathered together for programs to introduce them to the processes that define and structure catechesis in the archdiocese. Programs that address sacramental preparation, catechist recruitment and formation, the catechetical curriculum, as

well as safety issues, administration and the use of media and the Internet in catechesis are presented. At the same time, seasoned catechetical leaders receive in-service formation and training opportunities to keep them current with the latest developments in the ministry.

One of the most important formation events offered in the archdiocese each year is the Catechist Convocation, which will take place on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Union Catholic High School. At this yearly event, many workshops in both Spanish and English will be offered for catechists and parish catechetical leaders as well as an opportunity to pray and enjoy each others' company together as catechists, see the latest resources from the various religious education publishers and be recognized for their considerable contribution



Ron Pihokker

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But this is only the beginning. The Catechetical Office presents many opportunities for adult faith formation and catechist certification and enrichment throughout Bergen, Hudson, Essex and Union counties. In addition to formation

and certification programs for volunteer catechists and in-service programs for catechetical leaders, adult formation programs such as 'Spotlight on the Catechism," (see other articles in this special supplement for details), the office provides regular meetings and programs throughout the year with catechetical leaders, such as our yearly "Gathering," which this year will be held on Nov . 7 at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark.

The Catechetical Office is also busy collecting data on all the various programs offered in our parishes, overseeing and providing a resource for the selection of catechetical texts, materials and audiovisual resources, offering advice to pastors and Parish Catechetical Leaders (PCL) who call for assistance and helping parents address their questions and concerns and representing the archdiocese with other diocesan and national catechetical leadership.

A bridge is a great image for the catechetical ministry. Please do whatever you can in your parish to help support that bridge and let it be a constant means of connection for you and your family with the Lord, Jesus and His Church.

(Editor's note: Ron Pihokker is the director of the archdiocesan Catechetical Office.)

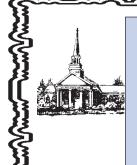
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Catechesis:

Derived from the Greek word "katechein," which means "to teach." It is the process of teaching the Catholic faith.

Catechetics:

The field of religious education in which the Catholic Church's doctrinal and moral principles of faith are taught.



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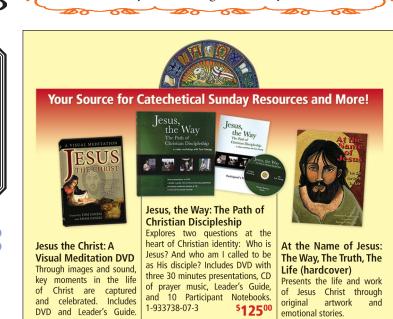
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Pozza considers logistics, recalls her 'leap of faith'

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"The summer program is all lay-run. It is so amazing and a real presence of community. The parishioners wanted a religious education program in the summer because it does not compete with regular school activities," Pozza said. There were two different sessions: one in the morning and another in the afternoon, from Monday through Friday with children in both the parish center and St. John the Baptist Academy.

The kids loved it. They got up early and were excited to be here," she said. "The catechists took off work and the parents did a car pool and took alternate days off. They had a system."

Traveling around both buildings with walkie-talkie in hand, Pozza made sure that the operation ran without a hitch. Some programs, such as the music ministry, were run by young volunteers who fostered a bond with the youngsters.

The music program was run by a teenager and at the family liturgy, there were people standing because the church was so packed. The whole place roared with music. At the end of the liturgy, there was thunderous applause and it was so spiritually moving. There was such energy in the church and we all had tears in our eyes," Pozza said.

Parent volunteers keep the summer program afloat by donating their time and talents. "Parents do what they can. Some are nurses and functioned as the 'school nurse;' some brought coffee and breakfast for the catechists. It really was a team and an excellent example of Church," Pozza noted. The children also had an ice cream social, the Knights of Columbus held a barbecue and the confirmation students had a "Little Angels" program where they took care of the younger students.

In the future, Pozza is focusing on more community outreach. Movie nights are being planned for the different grades as well as a mentorship program for volunteers who would like to be catechists.

"It is hard for me to be there for everyone. Mentoring other catechists for each grade is some-



As a pastoral associate, responsibilities for Gladys Pozza (back row, third from left) at St. John include developing and supervising catechists and family faith formation for the parish through direct management, collaboration and consultation with the pastoral staff. Her associates at St. John include: (back row, left to right) Daine Bellin, Kathy Breitenbach, Lisa Innaccone, Jeralynn DellaPesca, Olivia Carbonaro (front row, left to right) Debra DiPiazza, Mary Ellen Breen and Carolyn Dentato.

thing I would like to do. I am blessed with a wonderful team of catechists who are parents. The numbers are amazing: we have 200 volunteers including aides and volunteers. All the gifts and talents are there, it's just a matter of bringing them together and

empowering everyone to work together and use them.

Empowering the lay people at St. John the Baptist Parish and encouraging family faith education is far from her former life in the corporate world. However, Pozza views all her experience as an asset to her current job.

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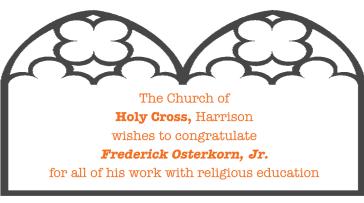
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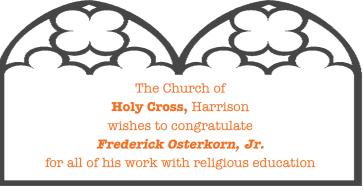
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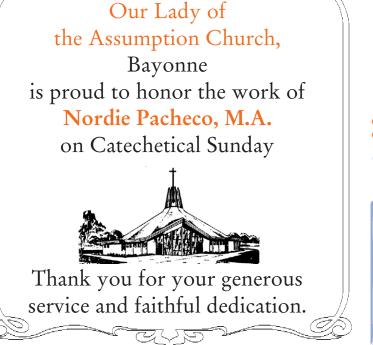




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Catechetical Sunday celebrates 'Feast of Christian Doctrine'

BY DANIEL S. MULHALL Special to The Catholic Advocate

n Jan. 12, 1935 the Congregation of the Council (established at the last session of the Council of Trent in 1563 to oversee the interpretation and norms of that council. and thus the governing body for catechesis) issued the "Decree on the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Instruction," which included this statement:

"In order that the minds of the Christian people may be directed to religious instruction, let a Catechetical Day be established in each parish, if this has not already been done. On this day, let the Feast of Christian Doctrine be celebrated with as much solemnity as possible."

This decree led to what we now know as Catechetical Sunday. This year's celebration (Sept. 16) marks the 72nd consecutive year that a catechetical day has been officially held in the United States.

Catechetical Sunday is officially celebrated on the third Sunday of September, although numerous dioceses throughout the United States choose to celebrate the occasion at a different time throughout the year.

The Committee on Catechesis of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Washington,

choose the theme for Catechetical Sunday each year. The theme chosen for 2007 is "Catechesis-Encountering the Living Christ" The theme chosen for 2008 is "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church.'

With the current reorganization of the USCCB, the committee will be renamed in January 2008 as the Committee for Evangelization and Catechesis.

The USCCB Department of Education once again has produced a resource to assist parishes and dioceses in the celebration of Catechetical Sunday 2007, a tradition dating to the early days of the National Center for the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (founded in Washington, D.C. in May 1935 by Archbishop Edwin V. O'Hara).

Fran Gregory created the artwork for Catechetical Sunday 2007. It depicts an open church doorway with Christ in the background and people being welcomed into the Church.

This artwork illustrates the idea that catechesis serves as a doorway through which people encounter Christ within the Church. Surrounding this doorway are symbols that illustrate Word and Worship, Sacraments and Christian Witness, a theme developed in Chapter Four of the National Directory for Catechesis.
As Bishop Matthew Brady

(the second episcopal director of the National Center for the CCD) wrote in the 1940s: "the human tendency to forget, the human interest and human enthusiasm that easily wane, need a periodic

goad to keep them alive."

Use Catechetical Sunday to commission all those who serve in the essential ministry of catechesis, whether they do so as parents, teachers, catechists, catechetical leaders, secretaries, janitors, aides, pastors, or on advisory boards, committees or commissions.

Take this opportunity to educate the community about the importance of catechesis and their essential role in its successful implementation. Do something to show that catechesis is important to you and to the faith community, to show that catechesis is the way that most people encounter the living Christ.

(Editor's note: Daniel S. Mulhall serves as the assistant secretary for catechesis and inculturation at the USCCB. Parts of this article originally appeared in the magazine Catechetical Leader, July/August 2007.)

Catechist Convocation

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There are workshops in the area of prayer, scripture, music, saints, stewardship, social concerns and sacraments.

Convocation registration forms were mailed to all parishes earlier this year. Forms also can be downloaded from the archdiocesan Web site www.rcan.org. The cost of registration is \$30 if paid and postmarked by Oct. 5. If a parish sends multiple catechists and other ministers a discount will be given after five registrations. Any registration beyond five from the same parish, paid and postmarked by Oct. 5 will be charged \$25. All registrations from the same parish should be mailed in the same envelope to The Archdiocese of Newark, Archdiocesan Center, Catechetical Office, 171 Clifton

Catechumen:

An unbaptized person being formed in Christian faith and preparation for life in the Catholic Church.

Catechumenate:

The process of formation, preparation and education for a catechumen, which involves the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

Cathedral:

From the Greek word "kathedra," which means "chair or throne." The officially recognized church in a given diocese or area where the bishop "sits" or presides, symbolizing the governing authority of that bishop.

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Registration forms submitted after Oct. 5 will be \$35 per person (there is no group rate after Oct. 5). Lunch is included in the cost of your registration.

Contact Elizabeth Foer at (973) 497-4297 (e-mail:

foereliz@rcan.org) or Rocio Pozzo at (973) 497-4285 (e-mail: pozzoroc@rcan.org) (for Spanishspeaking attendees) for more information.

(Editor's note: Elizabeth Foer, M.A., is the associate director, catechist certification and enrichment, for the Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark.)

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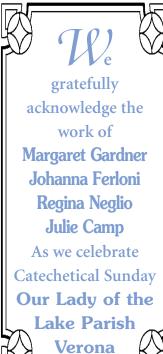
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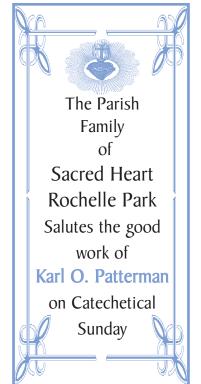
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NCEA executive encourages catechists to use education resources, services

BY DIANA DUDOIT RAICHE Special to The Catholic Advocate

he National Association of Parish Catechetical Directors (NPCD)—established in 1976 by the Department of Religious Education at the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA), Washington, D.C.—advances excellence in catechesis by networking, representing and empowering catechetical leaders.

Regional NPCD representatives help frame national initiatives at executive committee meetings. For example, Sister Adrienne Bradley from St. Anastasia Parish in Teaneck is the NPCD's regional representative for the Mid-Atlantic States.

The NPCD is best known for its convocation, which is held the week after Easter each year in conjunction with the annual NCEA convention. NPCD members plan and deliver ongoing professional development opportunities through keynote-speaker presentations, religious education workshops, small-group gatherings, regional meetings, an issues forum and an annual business meeting.

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Catechetical leaders in the Archdiocese of Newark may contact Sister Adrienne Bradley for additional information about membership or benefits by phone at: (201) 837-3356 or via e-mail at sradrienneb@aol.com.

(Editor's note: Diana Dudoit Raiche is executive director of the Department of Religious Education at NCEA. The NCEA is the largest private, professional education association in the world serving 7.6 million students in all levels of Catholic education.)

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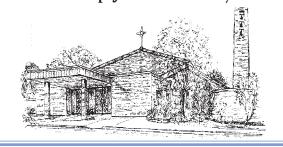
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FRESNO, CA—As a mother, I'll never forget the summer a few years back when my son returned home from a Vacation Bible School (VBS) camp at a local non-denominational church and asked "Mommy, why haven't I been saved?'

If your children have ever attended a program at a Bible-based church, perhaps you can relate to my experience. Vacation Bible Schools are wonderful, uplifting experiences that can enhance a child's spirituality and social skills. However, for Catholic families and Catholic parishes, reCatholic VBS experience may have been either non-existent or greatly limited in the past.

The creators of "Growing with the Saints" (Web site: www.growingwiththesaints.com; phone: 864-599-5697), based in Fort Wayne, IN, set out to create a VBS curriculum designed to meet the needs of Catholic parishes desiring to teach Catholic children the sacred traditions of the Church. The program offers information on saints that is designed to reach children with an experience that is entertaining and in line with Church teachings.

Program materials include a

the five-stage curriculum, which is designed for students of all ages from preschool through grade six. The comprehensive coordinator's guide is designed to help at every stage of the process, from the months prior to the VBS schedule to a complete post-program evaluation.

The curriculum offers music and focuses on teaching children the Catholic concepts of prayer and the Holy Trinity, as well as translating these teachings into our constant call to be missionaries of the Word in our world.

(Editor's note: Lisa M. Hendey, based in Fresno, CA, is a mother of two sons, a writer and serves as a Webmaster of numerous online sites, including www.catholicmom.com.)

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Catechism for Adults, which was unveiled last year by the publishing office of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), continues to be a valuable education resource for an understanding of faith.

The 664-page adult catechism, adopted by the U.S. bishops and approved by the Holy See, is the first official catechism produced by the nation's bishops since the creation of the Baltimore Catechism, first published in 1885 and revised in 1941.

The adult catechism was adapted for the U.S. culture, providing comprehensive and authoritative Church teaching but with a view to the American culture and experience.

It was produced at the request of Pope John Paul II by a commission of cardinals, headed by then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger—now Pope Benedict XVI. When the compendium was completed and released by the Vatican in June 2005, Pope Benedict said it "contains, in concise form, all the essential and fundamental elements of the Church's faith.' Call (800) 235-8722 to order the book.

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new drama written and produced by award-winning actor and director Leonardo Defilippis, will be presented at the Archdiocese of Newark Retreat Center, 499 Belgrove Dr. on Friday, Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

The life of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux would have remained buried in obscurity if she had not written down her own story before dying of tuberculosis at the age of 24 in a French monastery in 1897. Her autobiography quickly circulated around the world and her simple spirituality touched the hearts of millions, making this hidden Carmelite sister one the most beloved saints of all time.

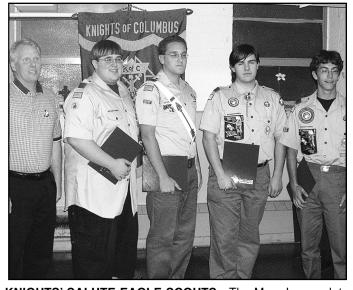
Pope John Paul II recognized this when he, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of her death, named Saint Thérèse a Doctor of the Church only the third woman in history to be so honored.

score, is on its debut national tour presented by Saint Luke Productions of Beaverton, OR. It features actress Dorothy Pawlowski in the title role of an ordinary girl who enters a convent at the age of 15. She discovers a way of life based on humility and simple trust in the mercy of God.

The drama is suitable for ages 10 and up. Admission is \$8 per person. For more information, contact the Live Drama Dept. at Saint Luke Productions, (800) 683-2998, ext. 114, or (360) 687-8029. Locally, contact Leanne Christmann at the retreat center at (201) 998-0088, ext. 4145 for performance details.

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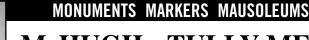
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Salesian rector major plans to stop at Don Bosco and Our Lady of Valley

BY WARD MIELE Managing Editor

AREA — Father Pascual Chavez, rector major of the Salesian Order since 2002, will make two stops in the Archdiocese of Newark during a September tour of three North American provinces.

Based in Rome, Father Chavez will arrive in New Rochelle, NY on Sept, 6. He will make a morning visit to Don Bosco Preparatory School in Ramsey on Friday, Sept. 7 and then will go to Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Orange later that day.

"Focus on Youth" is the theme of his visit to the Salesian-run high school in Bergen County. The rector major is slated to arrive at 9 a.m. and will be greeted by some 2,400 students from Don Bosco Prep as well as nearby Salesian High School in New Rochelle; Mary Help of Christians Academy in North Haledon; and seventh and eighth graders from area Salesian parishes and elementary schools.

The formal program at Don Bosco will be followed by a welcoming ceremony. Father Chavez then will celebrate Mass, marking the opening of the new school year. He will share lunch with school officials and students on the high school baseball field.

"Initial formation" is the focus of his visit to Our Lady of the Valley Parish, where he scheduled to arrive at 1 p.m. On hand will be young men in the initial formation process for the province—candidates, pre-novices, post-novices, practical training and theology students—who will be joined by formation teams from Orange and Port Chester, N.Y. A prayer service will be held at the Orange parish at 4 p.m. followed by a conference and interaction session. A barbecue is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

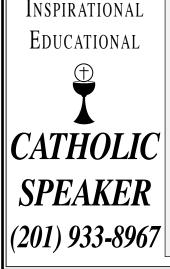
The Salesians (Web site: www.salesians.org) are the Church's second-largest order of religious men while the Salesian Sisters are the largest order of religious women. The Salesian family includes some two-dozen branches of both consecrated and lay. There are 40,000 Salesian priests, brothers, sisters, and lay people working in 120 countries.

According to information on the Web site, when Saint John Bosco founded the Salesians in 1859 his mission was clear: to be a friend to children—especially those who are poor, abandoned and at risk—and in so doing to also be a friend to Christ. He originally called the group the Salesian Society—named after St. Francis de Sales, who was known for his kind and gentle manner. He chose Mary, Help of Christans, as the patroness of the Salesian Society.



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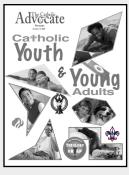
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DEDICATION SCHEDULED—Marist High School, Bayonne, will dedicate its new library/media center on Sept. 18. Marist broke ground on the facility last October (see *The Catholic Advocate,* Jan. 24, 2007 and Nov. 8, 2006). The school has embarked on a capital campaign to support funding for the media center. Contact Bill Attardi, the school's vice president for development, at (201) 437-4544 (ext. 35) for information. The new center includes a state-of-the-art computer lab, an interconnected library system, as well as multimedia presentation capabilities. Robert M. Slaski is the president of Marist High School, while Brother Stephen Schlitte serves as principal.



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Commentary: parents need education on guidelines for secondary schools

BY BROTHER RALPH DARMENTO Special to The Catholic Advocate

NEWARK—"It's only September and we are already preparing for the Catholic secondary school admissions process?" queried an eighth grade parent.

The reality of the situation is that parents seeking a Catholic secondary school education for their children beginning freshman year in September 2008 should already have engaged in the process.

During the last year many parents of sixth and seventh graders attended the High School Expo programs to learn about as many secondary schools as possible. They have visited the schools, connected with their Web sites, spoken with neighbors and friends whose children attend Catholic secondary schools, and have probably received literature from the schools. All of these activities are in preparation for this year, the eighth grade, when students sit for the Cooperative Admissions Examination (COOP) on Friday, Nov. 9.

What more can be done? What should parents do now?

First, it would benefit parents to visit the archdiocesan schools Web site, (www.rcan.org/schools) and learn of the entire Catholic secondary school admissions process. The Web site contains a listing of the schools, their open house information, a complete description of the COOP exam, information for registering for the exam and a link to the responsible agent, Master Computer Systems, for receiving applications. The Web site also contains some background information on the factors to consider in selection the proper Catholic secondary schools.

I encourage all parents seeking a quality Catholic secondary school education for their children to educate themselves in the process by reading and studying brochures, attending open houses and High School Expo programs, learning about the COOP exam and registering their eighth grader to sit for the Nov. 9 administration meet with admissions directors and school administrators.

Last year, nearly 7,000 eighth graders registered for the COOP exam indicating interest in the Catholic secondary schools of the Archdiocese of Newark and/or the Diocese of Paterson. Of that number, nearly 4,200 students are expected to attend one of the 34 schools located throughout the archdiocese. Our schools continue to attract students throughout

the metropolitan area.

Donna Baboulis, president of the Archdiocesan School Council, a graduate the Academy of the Holy Angels (AHA) and proud parent of an AHA alum and two current students, said that "the Catholic secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Newark are known for their adherence to and support of the Catholic faith and tradition, the excellence of their academic programs and the quality of their co-curricular and athletic programs."

Rocio Pozzo, secretary in the archdiocesan Catechetical Office, stated that she chose to send her son to Union Catholic Regional High School in Scotch Plains because of the "care that each administrator and teacher demonstrates for their students, and the way they prepare their students to meet the challenges of the future through a curriculum emphasizing problem-solving."

For further information about Catholic secondary schools, please contact me via e-mail at darmenra@rcan.org or by phone at (973) 497-4260.

(Editor's note: Brother Ralph Darmento, F.S.C., is the deputy superintendent for archdiocesan schools.)

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Sister Louise Cababe, 62; assistant superintendent

NEWARK — Sister Louise Cababe, O.P., longtime assistant superintendent for curriculum and testing for the Archdiocese of Newark, died Aug. 23 while swimming in the waters off San Alfonso Retreat House in Long

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 28 at the chapel of the Dominican Sisters of Hope in Newburgh, NY. Burial was the next day in the Dominican Sisters' cemetery in Newburgh.

Sister Louise came to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools in 1996. During the past 12 years she spearheaded the revision of curriculum, the use of testing for making curriculum-driven decisions and the incorporation of professional development programs linking teaching, learning and assessment. Her contributions included the new report card for elementary schools, the transition to trimester reporting and the World Language curriculum.

Born in Paterson on Sept. 12, 1944, Sister Louise entered the novitiate of the Dominican Sisters of Newburgh on Sept. 4, 1962. She made her First Profession June 22, 1964 and Final Vows May 24, 1970.

A Dominican Sister of Hope, Sister Louise served as a teacher on the elementary and secondary levels, an adjunct instructor the Catholic School Leadership Program at Seton Hall University, and was the

principal of Holy Rosary School, Hawthorne, NY, and Saint Mary's School in New Monmouth. She earned a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Administration from Fordham University, NY, after having received a master's degree in elementary education from Jersey City State College and her baccalaureate from Mount Saint Mary's College, Newburgh, NY.

Sister Louise taught in elementary education at Saint Joseph School in Bayonne (1967-68); Holy Family School in New Rochelle, NY (1968-69); Nativity School in the Bronx (1969-71); Cathedral Elementary School in Raleigh, NC (1971-72); Saint Paul School in Jersey City (1972-75) and Holy Rosary School in Hawthorne (1975-80). She taught theology and math at Pope Pius XII Regional High School in Passaic (1980-82).

Sister Louise was active on the Justice Committee of the Dominican Sisters of Hope and directed a solar panel project at Mariandale Retreat and Conference Center in Ossining, NY. An author of several newsletters and magazine articles, Sister Louise co-authored a teacher's manual for the text, U.S. History Book I and Book II for Grade 8, and penned the article "Sister Moms" that appeared in Review for Religious in 2000. She was chosen for inclusion in the 1992-1993 edition of Oxford's Who's Who. Sister Louise received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Science Foundation.

Within her religious community, Sister Louise took an active role in social justice, environmental and formation issues and programs. She held membership in the National Catholic Education Association, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the American Educational Research Associa-



Sister Louise Cababe, O.P.

tion, NETWORK, and the American Association of University Women. Sister Louise had been cited for her efforts in fostering both a sweatshop curriculum and a Holocaust curriculum in the schools of the Archdiocese of Newark.





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Schafer to address annual Catholic Cemetery confab

NEWARK — Andrew P. Schafer, executive director of the Catholic Cemeteries office of the Archdiocese of Newark, will be a featured speaker at the Catholic Cemetery Conference's (CCC) 58th annual convention and exposition, which will be held Sept. 19-22 at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort & Spa in Phoenix.

Schafer will present "Marketing and Promoting Within the Catholic Parish Community." Joseph Verzi, assistant executive director of the Catholic Cemeteries office, will assist Schafer in the presentation.

Schafer will offer thoughts on marketing as a "combination of strategy, commitment and communications." His talk will include insights on strategies for building long-term relationships and creating an awareness of the ministry of Catholic cemeteries as providing corporal works of mercy to support the spiritual needs of families.

He has served as executive director of the Cemeteries office for seven years and has been employed at the Archdiocese of Newark for more than 20 years. Schafer's responsibili-

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ties include managing nine cemeteries, over 170 employees and more than 7,000 interments each year. In addition, he is overseeing \$50 million in new construction projects at cemeteries throughout the archdiocese.

The chairman of the CCC's Disaster Response and Preparedness Committee, Schafer recently completed courses in land management, general operations and sales and marketing



Andrew P. Schafer

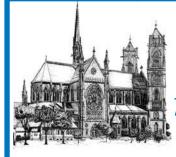
at John Carroll University School of Leadership and Management, Cleveland. He resides in Randolph with his wife, Teri, and their three daughters.

The theme of the CCC's international conference is: "The Catholic Cemetery: Rising

to the Challenge; Promoting Hope; Embracing the Future." The event will address both the spiritual and operational aspects of the ministry of cemeterians.

Founded in 1949, the CCC, based in Des Plaines, IL, has more than 1,200 members

throughout the United States, Australia, Canada, Italy and Guam. The organization provides services, resources and professional development to the more than 7,000 Catholic cemeteries throughout North America



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- With a valid Will, you can direct a special gift to the Archdiocese of Newark or to your parish.

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