

# Faithfully sharing a hope for ethical, moral cures

BY ARCHBISHOP JOHN J. MYERS

Much has been written in the media about the Nov. 6 bond question that would authorize the State of New Jersey to spend \$450 million to support stem-cell research (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 10 edition). Because there continues to be much confusion over the nature of stem-cell research, the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey, in concert with the Trenton-based New Jersey Catholic Conference, have sought in the time leading up to this election day to clarify for Catholic voters the Church's teaching related to stem-cell research.

The Catholic Church has been committed to the care and healing of the sick from its very beginning. When Jesus commissioned the Apostles to "go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). Jesus also told them that those who believed in his name should be healers ("They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover," Mark 16:18). In America, Catholic hospitals and Catholic Charities have continued that apostolic mission and are at the leading edge of care for the ill, those who are poor and especially those who are uninsured or underinsured.

Following this tradition to be healers, the Catholic Church strongly supports adult or non-embryonic stem-cell research and treatment. In New Jersey, our Catholic hospitals are a major source for the collection of cord blood, placentas and amniotic fluid—all of which are rich in non-embryonic stem cells. Earlier this year, the Elie Katz Umbilical Cord Blood Program was established in Allendale (see *The Catholic Advocate*, March 21). This facility will collect biological material that will be used to pursue adult stem-cell research. Catholic HealthCare Partnership of New Jersey, based in Princeton, organized the state's Catholic hospitals to support this leading-edge facility.

Adult stem cells already have helped thousands of patients with life-threatening diseases and debilitating conditions. Over 70 clinical uses of adult stem cells have produced successful treatments for conditions such as diabetes, lupus, multiple sclerosis, corneal regeneration, Crohn's disease and immune deficiencies.

In contrast, embryonic stem-cell research has yet to provide a single successful clinical treatment. Moreover, harvesting embryonic stem cells requires the destruction of human embryos. The Catholic Church holds that human

## Sincerely in the Lord



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Earlier this year, Archbishop John J. Myers—pictured here wearing a research lab coat—attended the opening of the Elie Katz Umbilical Cord Blood Program in Allendale.

life begins at conception and must be absolutely protected from the moment of conception. As such, the Catholic Church can never support embryonic stem-cell research, which requires the destruction of innocent human life.

Recently the five dioceses of the Catholic Church in New Jersey, in partnership with the New Jersey Knights of Columbus, began a statewide educational initiative on stem-cell research geared to inform fellow Catholics and other interested citizens on the difference between adult and embryonic stem-cell research and the implications of human cloning.

Through regular articles in our diocesan newspapers and other resource materials, and a DVD entitled "The Science of Stem Cells: Finding Cures and Protecting

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Lives," which is being shown in parishes across the state, the New Jersey bishops are fulfilling their responsibility to assist our people to form their consciences properly on this significant public policy. This informative video also is available for viewing online by visiting the archdiocesan Web site ([www.rcan.org/life](http://www.rcan.org/life)).

We share the hope that stem-cell research will lead to cures of debilitating diseases. Adult stem-cell research has a proven track record of making that hope a reality. On the other hand, embryonic stem-cell research has not helped one single human being. We speak out against embryonic stem-cell research and the allocation of monies for research which, in our judgment, fails to respect the sacredness of human life at its beginning.

Although the intent of the bond question is to provide funding of embryonic stem cells, it does provide for some funding of research into adult stem cells. Certainly, our hope is that all funding would be devoted to adult stem cells because of the moral dilemma that embryonic stem-cell research causes, and because of the proven result that adult stem cells have generated. If the bond question passes, the state has both a fiscal and a moral responsibility to direct this massive funding into areas that are ethical and moral, and sure to bear results without harming innocent human beings.

Our state is living in a time when resources are scant and our needs are becoming more overwhelming every day. A scan of local newspaper headlines will show most dramatically that the state's infrastructure (bridges, roads and tunnels) needs attention; people are less able to meet the cost of living; schools are not meeting the challenges of educating our young; and many other ills faced by our society. State and federal budgets are tight, yet these problems will cost billions of dollars to solve.

I pray that the people of New Jersey will understand and support the Catholic Church's respect for life especially for the most vulnerable among us, and let their elected representatives know that, if they empower our state to enter into financing stem-cell research, New Jersey must concentrate its efforts on research that produces true benefits instead of another series of promises.

(Editor's note: A version of this column appeared in the Oct. 14 edition of *The Record* newspaper, a unit of North Jersey Media Group Inc. Archbishop Myers is the president of the New Jersey Catholic Conference.)

## Stewardship

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Separately, the Office of Development also will sponsor a training session on Friday, Nov. 2, noon to 2 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave., to assist those involved with the Archbishop's Annual Appeal (AAA).

Catholic stewardship reflects an intentional, faith-based commitment that includes the giving of time, talent and treasure to show gratitude for blessings that come from God. The underlying philosophy of stewardship also provides spiritual illumination, helping individuals to establish moral priorities.

"When you give (to the

Church) from your substance rather than your abundance, a conversion takes place," Carla Gonzalez, executive director of the archdiocesan Office of Development, said. "You begin to act on a belief that security lies in your relationship with God and not in material possessions."

Gonzalez wrote a commentary piece in the Oct. 10 edition of *The Catholic Advocate* that explained how the concept of stewardship can help Catholics, especially young adults, reconnect with the Church.

"Today's young adults need to be involved in their parishes to make sure there will be a Church for future generations," she wrote.

Contact Lynn Gully, the associate director of stewardship and

special projects for the archdiocesan Office of Development, at (973) 497-4589 for more information on Stewardship Day. Details on the event also are available on line at the Web site: [www.rcan.org/stewardship](http://www.rcan.org/stewardship).

Father John J. Galeano, parochial vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Jersey City, will serve as the keynote speaker for the Spanish-track segment of the Nov. 3 Stewardship Day conference. Active in the Hispanic community, Father Galeano recently produced and directed a play ("Mi Cristo Roto"—"My Broken Christ"), which was staged at the Ritz Theater in Elizabeth.

Mary Higgins Clark, bestselling author of suspense novels

and an active member of the Catholic community, will serve as the keynote speaker for Stewardship Day.

As a separate but related event, the Nov. 2 AAA training program in Newark is designed to familiarize pastors and volunteers with important stewardship aspects of the AAA and serve as an opportunity for parish representatives to learn fund-raising techniques to grow their appeal and, in turn, receive higher rebates.

Lunch will be provided at the training session. Admission is free, but registration is necessary to attend. Contact Ken Di Paola, associate director, AAA/capital campaigns, by phone at (973) 497-4332 or via e-mail at [di-paolke@rcan.org](mailto:di-paolke@rcan.org) to register.



Father John J. Galeano



# Liturgical music must evolve: Pope

ROME (CNS)—The Church’s “ancient treasure” of liturgical music should not remain frozen in time, but evolve with appropriate modern-day adaptations, Pope Benedict XVI said.

Sacred music and song are a “necessary and integral part of

solemn liturgy” that “stir hearts and lift them” to such heights that one can experience, “in a manner of speaking, the same intimacy of the life of God,” he told staff and students of the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music.

During an Oct. 13 visit to inau-

gurate and bless recently restored areas of the institute, the pope recalled Pope John Paul II’s observations that sacred liturgical music has three defining characteristics, “holiness, true art, universality,” enabling it to be offered to “any people or type of assembly.”



The Second Vatican Council affirmed that the Church’s sacred musical tradition “is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art,” Pope Benedict said, quoting from the council’s Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy.

Church authorities and institutes must work hard at “wisely guiding the development of such a discriminating genre of music, not ‘freezing’ the treasure, but seeking to insert valid modern-day changes into the past heritage in order to obtain a synthesis worthy of the high mission reserved for

this divine service,” he said.

The pope said he was certain the institute, working in harmony with the Vatican’s Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, would continue to make contributions toward a renewal of sacred music’s wealth of “precious traditions that is suitable for our times.”

Founded in 1910 by Pope Pius X, the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music promotes the study of liturgical music from various cultures and historical periods. It offers degrees for church musicians and teachers of liturgical music.



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

*If you already have a Will and decide that you would like to include a provision for a charitable bequest to the Archdiocese or your parish, you need not redo your entire Will. Simply prepare a Codicil (a written change or addition), have it witnessed and attached to your Will.*

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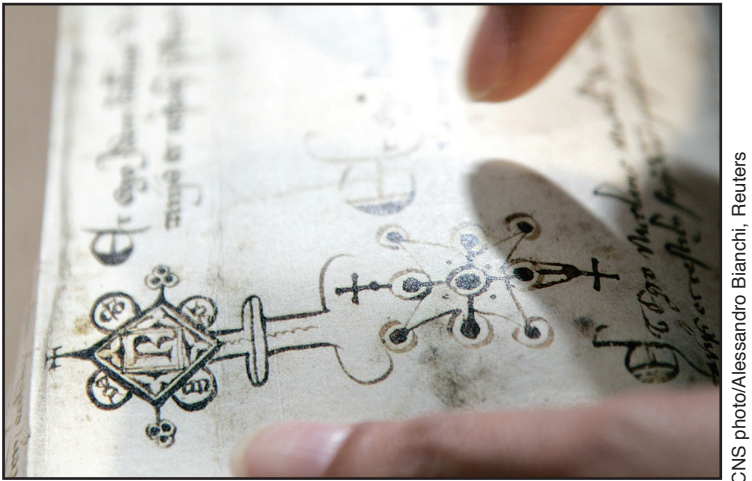
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A Scrinium publicist reads a replica document in which Pope Clement V absolved the Knights Templar of charges of heresy. The replica was shown in Rome Oct. 9. A reproduction of the Latin-language minutes of trials against the Knights Templar in 1308 is being published by the Vatican Secret Archives at the end of October. Only 799 numbered copies of the 300-page volume will be sold and are destined for top libraries and medieval scholars.

## Vatican to publish a book on Knights Templar trial

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The Vatican is publishing a collector’s edition of documents on the Knights Templar, the medieval crusading order that became the focus of legends and mysteries.

The book, published by the Vatican Secret Archives, will reproduce original parchment texts preserved in the Vatican, including a large folio discovered six years ago that details a papal investigation of the order.

Titled “*Processus Contra Templarios*” (“The Trial Against the Templars”), the elaborate volume will cost around \$8,400. Only 799 copies will be put on sale, according to the Scrinium publishing house, which publishes Vatican Archives’ material. An 800th copy will be presented to Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 25 by a panel of Vatican officials, church historians and researchers.

According to Scrinium, the volume contains the complete acts of the original hearing against the Templar order. The order was founded in Jerusalem in 1118 and during the Crusades it grew in influence and power. In the early 1300s, after an investigation ordered by Pope Clement V, the knights were charged with heresy and their assets seized. The pope eventually dissolved the order and many members were burned at the stake.

The centerpiece of the new volume is a large document discovered in 2001 by a Vatican Archives’ researcher. Called the “Parchment of Chinon,” it is a report on the early phase of Pope Clement’s investigation, when the pope had apparently absolved the knights of heretical charges and hoped to resolve their situation by reforming the order.

Through the centuries, the story of the Knights Templar has been connected with the legend of the Holy Grail—the cup said to have been used by Jesus at the Last Supper, which was believed to hold miraculous powers.

Some believed the Knights Templar had discovered the grail and were holding it in Jerusalem, a legend that was elaborated upon in the popular novel “*The Da Vinci Code*.”



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## Campaign by law school to aid academic programs

NEWARK—Seton Hall University's School of Law celebrated the start of its \$25-million "Seton Hall Law Rising" capital campaign on Oct. 13 at the Hyatt Regency in Jersey City.

The launch of the campaign took place with more than half of the \$25 million pledged during the "quiet phase" of the program. Funds raised through the campaign will support need-based and merit-based scholarships, address the demand for improved educational facilities and technology, allow for the expansion of academic programs, increase support for faculty scholarship and grow the law school's endowment.

To date, the campaign has raised more than \$12 million. Donations received include a total \$8.1 million endowment from Schering Plough, Sanofi-Aventis, Bristol-Myers Squibb and Johnson & Johnson for the establishment of The Center for Health & Pharmaceutical Law; a \$1-million gift from Gibbons P.C. for the naming of the Gibbons Institute of Law, Science & Technology; and individual contributions for the creation of new scholarship and academic support programs.

The campaign goals are the result of a strategic-planning process undertaken by the law school and its board of visitors. This review found that Seton Hall Law is a successful law school. It identified the law school's challenges as well, including the need to grow the law school endowment to strengthen student scholarship and faculty-support programs, as well as and enhance its facilities to accommodate the needs of an urban student population.

"Talented students from around the nation come here to earn their law degree," Dean Patrick E. Hobbs said. "Our alumni hold prestigious positions on federal and state benches, in top law firms and at major corporations."

Joseph P. LaSala, Class of 1972, and Patrick C. Dunican Jr., Class of 1991, serve as the co-chairmen for the capital campaign. "Seton Hall Law provided me with a quality legal education that has opened up tremendous opportunities. I feel I owe it so much," LaSala said.



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**A SMILE FOR STUDENTS**—Archbishop John J. Myers toured Christ the King Preparatory School—one of seven new Cristo Rey schools throughout the United States—on Oct. 10. Archbishop Myers visited classrooms and met with students, congratulating them on the launch of the innovative school, which opened in Newark on Sept. 4. The Archdiocese of Newark sponsors Christ the King, which is part of the national Cristo Rey network and endorsed by The Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth and The Marist Brothers of the Schools (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Sept. 18). School administrators include Kevin Cuddihy, principal; Father Edward Glynn, S.J., president; John Neil, director of Corporate Internship Program; Pamela Rauscher, Ph.D., director of admissions; Ed Santana, dean of students; Anthony Nicotera, director of development; Sister Maureen Sullivan, S.C., business manager; and Sister Elizabeth Vermaelen, S.C., assistant to the president.



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## A fresh breeze invigorates all in the archdiocese

Spirited teenagers and young adults are energizing faith communities throughout the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark. As reported in the Oct. 10 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*, young people are getting involved, making their voices heard and making a difference.

The Youth Retreat Center in Kearny represents the hub of this activity, organizing workshops and retreats. Parish youth groups are flourishing at Saint Elizabeth in Wyckoff, led by Gina Marie Alala; Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Jersey City, led by Father John J. Galeano; Saint John the Apostle in Linden,

led by Father Joseph Meagher and Father Phil Latronico; and Immaculate Conception in Montclair, led by Jon W. Bonesteel.

Theology on Tap sessions, like those that featured Archbishop John J. Myers and Bishop Thomas A. Donato earlier this year (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Aug. 8 and Feb. 21) provide informal, inviting venues to mingle and share ideas. Our Catholic schools and colleges are sources of pride.

Are there challenges on the horizon? Sure, but the missed opportunity would be to only contemplate things to come, rather than appreciate the many bless-

ings provided by young people—here and now. Young adults and teens “are not the future of the Church; they are the present.” Gregory Welch, a representative of Plainfield-based RENEW International, offered this observation last year, as quoted in an article by Staff Writer Melissa McNally.

This youthful, faith-based energy offers insights for all age groups in the grand mosaic of the archdiocese. Be engaged, compassionate and considerate. Be strong enough to share an open heart and mind. Be brave enough to make mistakes and try again. Be prepared to embrace the truth, seize the moment and trust in God.

—Michael C. Gabriele

## Campus ministers embrace fidelity, provide an open ear to all students

BY MAUREEN MADIGAN AND TRAVIS LAWMASTER

*Special to The Catholic Advocate*

Catholic Campus Ministry for the Archdiocese of Newark is committed to radiating the life-giving love of Jesus Christ and the mission of the Church to the campuses and young adults we serve. Our mission is to encourage all who are seeking to follow Christ, to allow Him into the center of their academic, intellectual, emotional and spiritual development.

We embrace fidelity to the magisterial teaching of the Catholic Church. Our mission and vision for young adults takes shape through the following areas:

- Providing spiritual, moral, and intellectual development as lived and taught by the Catholic Church

- Inviting the students into a deeper sacramental life

- Developing formation in catechetics, the spiritual life, leadership skills and peer ministry. Such formation would include leading Scripture studies, providing faith formation talks, designing a regimen of leadership formation for volunteer/intern staff and student leaders, and organizing and presenting retreats throughout the year on a variety of topics related to Catholic Christian discipleship

- Nurturing and encouraging students to prayerfully discern what state of life God is calling them to (marriage, priesthood, religious or consecrated life.) Providing ongoing support in the discernment process

- Raising consciousness within the university community concerning the issues of faith and culture in our society by cooperating with and developing programs responsive to these issues

- Developing an ecumenical/interfaith working relationship with other religious groups in Campus Ministry by meeting and visioning with them on a regular basis

- Coordinating social justice outreach and service opportunities for the faith community

- Discerning ways of collaborating together with the faculty, staff and adminis-



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The archdiocesan Catholic Campus Ministry team includes (left to right) Father Marc Vicari, Maureen Madigan, Beatriz Capella and Travis Lawmaster. The ministry team held its annual fall conference Sept. 28-30 on Long Beach Island. Students from across northern Jersey gathered for a weekend of recreation, presentations and workshops on the Jersey Shore.

tration of our campus community with the intent of building up the ministry and representing the Church

- Developing effective ways to nurture and educate students on issues pertaining to the culture of life

Our presence on campuses within the four counties of the archdiocese includes Rutgers-Newark; New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT); Essex Community College, Montclair State University; Ramapo College; Stevens Institute of Technology, Fairleigh Dickinson University (Teaneck/ Hackensack Campus); Kean University; University Medical Dental School of New Jersey and New Jersey City University.

We offer an array of challenging activities and special events to engage students with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ and His Church. It is our goal to engage every student we come across on campus—from the committed Catholic to the skeptical atheist. In addition to working with Catholic

students, we enjoy the opportunity to carry on dialogue with students and groups representing other world religions.

Christian leadership training is at the heart of campus ministry catechesis. Our fall and spring ministry training conferences, our winter conference on developing a prayer life, our vocations retreat in the spring, and finally our weeklong, summer-break conference on Long Beach Island all helps us to lead students toward these objectives.

We also offer students an opportunity to serve in the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Christian pastoral and evangelistic training helps our students grow in their ability to administer spiritual works of mercy such as teaching and counseling other students. Some of the campus ministry teams offer spring break and summer immersion projects in urban ministry to educate students in Catholic social teaching and to give students a chance to meet the needs of the poor.

Campus ministers at the various colleges and universities work closely with their own Catholic core group to integrate the mission and vision of Catholic Campus Ministry that is tailored to the particular needs of that campus. As campus ministers, we discern with prudence what modes of communication to use as tools of evangelization. The search for “community” is number-one need of many college students.

Having daily visibility on campus is another way we gain opportunities to connect with our students. This is a ministry of evangelization and hospitality—always inviting and encouraging students towards a deeper conversion. One example of this visibility and outreach is the arrival of two campus ministers from the Community of Apostolic Sisters of St. John, Burgundy, France at Montclair State University (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Sept. 5).

Archbishop John J. Myers has led the restructuring of Catholic Campus Ministry during the last nine months. Father Jack Baron, the former archdiocesan director of Catholic Campus Ministry, made great contributions to the work of Campus Ministry. Under his leadership Catholic Campus Ministry enjoyed tremendous growth in recent years.

As the Catholic Campus Ministry team pursues its vision, the Lord continues to harvest the lives of many outstanding students. One example is Rutgers-Newark alumnus Brian Honsberger, who graduated in 2006 and has since given much of his time as a volunteer campus minister with the Newman Center in the University Heights section of Newark.

Honsberger is pursuing his vision of establishing a non-profit outreach ministry to the poor. He will be work with Rutgers and NJIT students this year to launch a relief ministry for Newark’s University Heights neighborhood.

Please continue to pray for our students and for all those who serve in the mission field of our college campuses.

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# Giving thanks to God: petition as a form of prayer

**Readings:** Sir 35:12-18; Ps 34; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14.

"I asked for strength that I might achieve;  
I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.  
I asked for health that I might do greater things;  
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.  
I asked for riches that I might be happy;  
I was given poverty that I might be wise.  
I asked for power that I might have the praise of men;  
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.  
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;  
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.  
I got nothing that I had asked for, but everything that I hoped for.  
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered;  
I am, among all men, most richly blessed."

—Prayer of an unknown Confederate soldier

The writer of this text learned a valuable lesson: the important element in prayer is not to ask for the "right things" but to commune with God in the right way. Of course, we find the same lesson in the Gospel. "Your Father knows what you need before you ask him" (Mt 6:8).

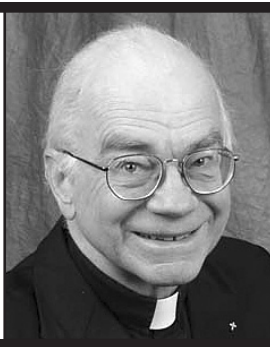
Some people do not sense the need for prayer throughout their lives. All is going well and they can manage on their own.

Drawing on the Law of Moses, the sages of Israel taught that the poor and oppressed are heard by God. "God is not deaf to the orphan's wail, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint" (Sir 35:14, see Ex 22:22). They knew that a sense of emptiness leads a person to seek help from God. The poor cultivate the habit of acknowledging their dependence on divine help, whereas the self-sufficient may not recognize the importance of God in their lives.

## Sunday Readings

30th Sunday  
of Ordinary Time  
(Oct. 28, 2007)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



"The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens" (Sir 35:16). Life takes on new meaning as one serves the Lord; this constitutes a higher level of maturity than that of a person who turns to God only when in need. The prayer of petition should be grounded on a relationship that perdures and the order of creature to Creator is respected. Further progress is made when the person thanks God for the numerous gifts that enable one to accomplish something for God and neighbor during the course of daily life.

The parable of the Pharisee and the publican indicates a high level of sophistication regarding prayer. The Pharisee is portrayed as knowing that the fundamental prayer is the blessing (an act of thanks and praise). Thanksgiving for what we have received should be the basis for an ever-deeper union with God. Unfortunately, this man used the blessing to review his own accomplishments and to make an invidious comparison with the tax collector.

An examination of conscience should indeed end on a

positive note; after confessing our sins we should express gratitude for the abundant graces that are signs of God's love in our lives. However, failure to notice any faults or bad attitudes may indicate laxity or shallowness on our part. A self-righteous attitude may afflict people belonging to any religion or none; those listening to the Gospel should ask if they harbor this manifestation of pride in their hearts. It would be unfortunate to label this attitude as "Pharisaical." It is a general human failing.

The tax collector exhibited a salutary humility as he entered the Temple. He knew that an act of contrition should follow the self-examination that prepares a person for worship (see Psalms 15:1-5; 24:3-6). His penitential attitude was expressed in the act of beating his breast and in a simple prayer for forgiveness. "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" This admission showed that he needed to turn from some forms of selfishness or other sins. An act

of humility disposes a person for reception of the divine strength that is essential for spiritual progress.

Listeners to the story of Jesus would have been startled, perhaps, to learn that a despised tax collector might be capable of conversion (see

Zacchaeus in Lk 19:1-10). However, the principle of reversal enunciated by Jesus echoes the teaching of Ezekiel. "Up with the low and down with the high!" (Ez 21:31).

Self-exaltation is a danger for Christians who take their faith seriously, so they must make their own the prayer of the first and foremost disciple of Christ. "The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty" (Mary's Cantic in Lk 1:46-55).

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

*An act of humility disposes  
a person for reception of the  
divine strength that is essential  
for spiritual progress.*

# Reading 'signs' that communicate life's blessings

What a wonderful experience the Festival of Faith was last month! It brought together people of all ages, cultures and languages to celebrate through prayer and reflection, presentations and displays, song and dance the many ways our Catholic Faith has made an impact on our lives and the lives of so many others.

Perhaps what touched me the most was being able to watch another language while I was hearing my own. Interpreters engaged by Deacon Thomas Smith, director of the archdiocesan Office of Pastoral Ministry with the Deaf, so beautifully signed the prayer services and major talks for the hearing-impaired members of the congregation gathered before them. I've seen many breathtaking sunsets in my day, but the one so effectively signed during one of the talks outshone them all.



Perhaps I am a little more primed than most people to understand how many of the signs reflect lived experience, because I had taken an elementary course in American Sign Language when I was in the seminary years ago, under the able direction of Msgr. John Hourihan—a long-time proponent for the deaf. He even took us on a trip to Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. (Web site: www.gallaudet.edu)—the only college in the United States specifically for the deaf—to give us a first-hand experience of sign language at work.

I had also spent several years in high school and semi-

## Seeing & Believing

By Rev. Msgr.  
Richard J. Arnholz



nary studying Spanish (not to mention the Latin, Greek, and a smattering of Hebrew required for my classical languages degree). So after my ordination, I had to choose which linguistic direction I would orient my ministry. Given the larger number of Spanish speakers in our archdiocese, I opted for Español, although I did "sign" one of the readings at a wedding a number of years ago for a bride whose parents were deaf. It was uplifting to see their faces come alive as they understood the part of God's Word being shared with them.



Sometimes observing the deaf communicating with one another can seem a bit scary to the casual observer, given all the hand motions and face contortions that are part of sign language. Yet when you really understand the forma-

tion of the letters and words and the passion with which their communication is filled, it is no more curious than watching many other people communicate with each other on a typical television program with the sound turned off. We can easily take for granted the things that are happening all around us, when we look but do not see and hear but not really listen.

One of the dynamic attractions for those of us with normal eyesight is the dazzling display of color of the autumn leaves. God provides this annual gift through the natural process of leaves dying on trees, which remain alive though dormant through the winter chill.



A beautiful image of the marvelous mystery of our own physical death while our soul lives on in the glory of eternity, where life is changed, not ended. We celebrate this victory of Christ in the early November masses in honor of All Saints and All Souls. We recall the lives of God's holy ones while we remember the faith and devotion of those who were and are near and dear to us.

May we strive to notice the ongoing action of God in our lives, as we interact each day with one another and treasure the memory of those who have gone before us in faith.

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## The Living Church

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St. Peter's own experience of the shining face of Christ conveys rich spiritual lessons for us. As explained by Pope John Paul II in his 2003 letter on the rosary, the event of the transfiguration "can be seen as an icon of Christian contemplation...in contemplating Christ's face, we become open to receiving the mystery of Trinitarian life." This mystery introduces us to the depths of divine love, and the manifold expression of that love.

The late holy pontiff also offers us a description of the rosary that is a fitting way to consider all prayer and the goal of Christian formation: "to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of His love." Love and contemplation: these spiritual gifts are the foundation and the support of the pillars of formation.

According to the Program of Priestly Formation (PPF), there are four primary pillars or aspects of formation: spiritual, human, intellectual and pastoral. The recent document on the laity, "Co-Workers in the Vineyard," published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (based in Washington, D.C.) also emphasizes these pillars for the ongoing formation of lay men and women.

In addition to being integral parts of the seminary's formation program for seminarians, these pillars are key facets of Immaculate Conception Seminary's new Institute for Christian Spirituality. The institute is comprised of four programs: Great Spiritual Books, Christian Employment Outreach, Parish Partnership, and Seminary's Theological Education for Parish Services (STEPS). Each program tailors



Dianne M. Traflet

its events to capture the spiritual, human, intellectual and pastoral dimensions of our Christian journey.

The pillar of spiritual formation reflects well Pope John Paul II's plea that "our Christian communities...become 'genuine schools of prayer.'" Certainly, this is an apt way to consider the nature of a seminary—a genuine school of prayer, where students focus on Christ, the model and teacher of prayer.

The seminary's STEPS program, led by Jo-Anne Lieder, D.V.M., M.A.T., offers academic courses along with retreats. These are opportunities to enter into self-reflection without the trappings of self-absorption. In the pillar of human formation, we are led to appreciate the importance of seeing and listening. We recall God's announcement at the transfiguration: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to him" (Mt. 17:5).

Listening is essential to our lives of prayer and in the various ways we serve the Church, as Father John Russell, O.Carm., S.T.D., stressed in a recent presentation, "Listening to Your Call: The Role of Prayer and Ministry to Discipleship." Skills of discernment also have been highlighted in presentations by Julie

Burkey, M.A.P.M., as she helps individuals in the institute's Christian Employment Outreach program discern their gifts and talents and "Find the Work They Love."

This pillar of formation reminds us that we are a community striving together to contemplate the face of God and "it is good that we are here." Appreciating the communal dimension of our faith, we wish to better communicate and collaborate with one another. We strive to master the art and heart of silence, which is not an easy endeavor in a technological age that glories in instant messages.

As exemplified by the Great Spiritual Books Program meetings—led by Gregory Glazov, D. Phil., assistant professor of biblical studies—we learn the nature of "true conversation." This is a dialogue that bears no resemblance to sound bites or stilted interviews. Rather, it is an authentic adventure of honest, trusting, give and take, with unexpected, unscripted, unrehearsed rhythm, speed and substance.

The pillar of human formation is further stressed in the seminary's Parish Partnership Program's "Prayerfully Speaking" workshops, led by Diane Carr, M.A., program coordinator. Here, students learn the skills of facilitating retreats, leading Bible study and witnessing to their

*In the process of formation, there comes a realization that God is doing something beautiful for us and in us. He is shining His radiant beauty upon us and desires that we be transformed by the experience. We may have been content with a 'snapshot,' but God desires a masterpiece.*

faith in a variety of religious settings. Presenters speak from their own experience and prayerful preparation on how to introduce others to the face of God. In this pillar of intellectual formation, we learn about Christ; but more than that, we "learn Him," as Pope John Paul II emphasized.

The pillars of spiritual, human, and intellectual formation urge us to minister to others with a love that comes from experiencing the depths of divine love. Gazing upon Christ in Scripture and in meditative prayer allows for the Christian journey to be more than a series of random acts of kindness; instead, steps in the journey are deliberate acts of love, em-

powered, driven and directed by God.

When Pope Benedict XVI was asked why he chose the theme of love for his first encyclical, he responded: "I wished to underline the centrality of faith in God, in that God that has assumed a human face and a human heart." He explained his hope "that faith might become a vision-contemplation that transforms us."

It is more than an esoteric hope; it involves a committed and loving response to God's call to intimacy. This is the stunning realization of Christian formation—God desires to draw us nearer to His heart where we can hear His voice and appreciate His loving gaze upon us. And there, close to His heart, we truly can pray in gratitude: "Thank you, Lord. It is good that we are here."

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## The Pope Speaks

Pope Benedict XVI



## Pope writes encyclical on the virtues of hope

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI has completed his second encyclical, a meditation on Christian hope, Vatican sources said. The text, tentatively titled "*Spe Salvi*" ("Saved by Hope"), is about 65 pages.

No release date has been set for the document. The working title comes from St. Paul's letter to the Romans, in which he wrote: "For in hope we have been saved."

The encyclical is said to explore the Christian understanding of hope, with reference to modern philosophy and the challenges of disbelief. The pope spoke about the importance of the virtue of hope in 2005, when he addressed Mexican bishops on their visits to Rome.

"Confronted by today's changing and complex panorama, the virtue of hope is subject to harsh trials in the community of believers. For this very reason, we must be apostles who are filled with hope and joyful trust in God's promises," the pope told the Mexican bishops.

Hope means reminding Christians that God never abandons his people and is alive and active in the world, he said. "In contemporary society, which shows such visible signs of secularism, we must not give in to despair or a lack of enthusiasm in pastoral projects," he said.

## Fr. Joseph Mancini

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Traditionally, youth-oriented programs in dioceses had been designed for those of high school age. That, however, is changing. Father Mancini said that parishes now have expanded the program to the junior high school level.

Part of his ministry is to help parishes with whatever program they have dealing with the spiritual needs of teenagers and young adults. His priestly responsibility is to challenge the talent and potential of young people. His style, he said, is to encourage young people to become involved with projects at the local parish level.

"Young people are an important part of the Church of today," he stressed, recalling that, as a young man, he was involved in his parish and benefited tremendously from the "great examples" of a life answering the call of Christ. Father Mancini also wants to challenge young people to think less of themselves and more of others while battling what he feels is the "negative" influence of the secular media.

Ordained to the priesthood six years ago, Father Mancini attended Immaculate Conception Seminary on the South Orange campus of Seton Hall University.

His first inkling of the priesthood came as a fifth grader. At that point, he explained, being a priest was "a mystery" to him. A major influence was an uncle who is a member of the Vincentian Order. As a youngster Father Mancini would visit his uncle in Michigan and was struck how he and his "brother priests were happy and content with peace-filled lives" serving the local immigrant population.

He formally decided to pursue the priesthood as a high school senior. He was particularly impressed by a visit from then-Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, who told the students that he "needed them, the Church needed them and God needed them."



# Parish commemorates 150 years of warmly welcoming immigrants

BY MELISSA MCNALLY  
Staff Writer

On Nov. 19, 2006, Holy Family Parish in Union City began the festivities of the 150th anniversary of its birth. In a solemn Mass, Msgr. Thomas Donato, Regional Bishop of Hudson County, presided over the inauguration of the jubilee year. All those who once belonged to Holy Family were invited to join in the celebration of thanksgiving to God for the extraordinary history of the parish.

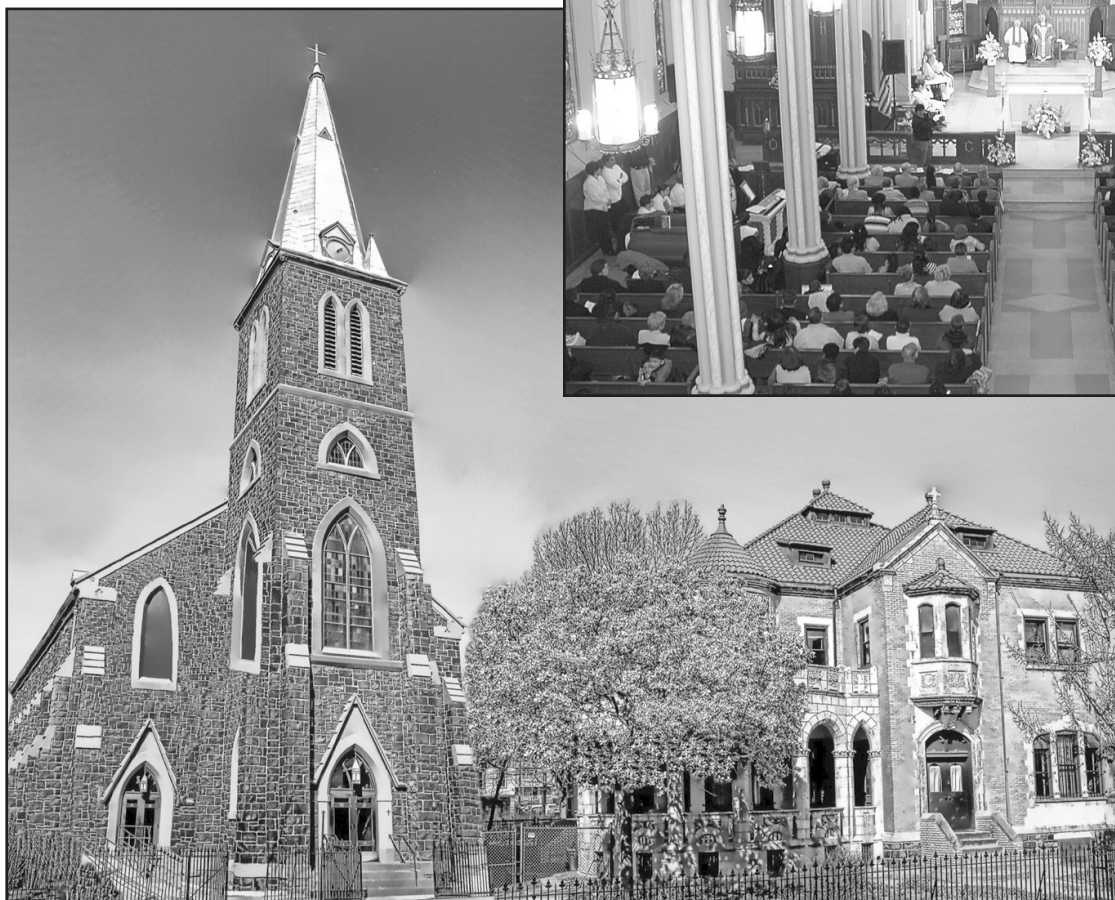
Established in 1857 to serve a group of German immigrants, Holy Family Parish later attracted other European immigrants and incorporated many ethnicities. The history of the parish is tied to Father Joseph Grieff, who served three generations of the community from 1884 through 1941.

Father Grieff was instrumental in the construction of the buildings that remain the pride of the parish: the church, in 1887; the school, in 1897; the lyceum and the rectory, in 1906; the Park Theatre, in 1931. In addition, the high school was established in 1925.

He began the presentation of the "Passion Play" in 1915, with members of Holy Family Parish. The production continues to be the longest-running Passion Play in the United States and is a source of great pride for such a small parish to have maintained this Christian tradition, which was established by the founding German community.

The 1960's saw change in the neighborhood and the composition of the parish. Many Hispanic immigrants, especially Cubans, brought a new dynamic to the parish. Union City was the city, besides Miami, that had the highest concentration of Cubans in the United States. Msgr. William J. Reilly was pastor of the parish in the 1990's and aided the new immigrants in adapting to the country.

Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, in 1997, conferred the parish and the new Centro Guadalupe—an archdiocesan center for pastoral and formation of Spanish leaders, to the Order of



Holy Family Parish celebrated the opening of its jubilee year with a Mass on Nov. 19, 2006. There will be a special Mass on Nov. 18, 1:15 p.m., for the closure of the jubilee year. To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the parish, a capital campaign has been launched to raise funds for the renovations and repairs of the various buildings.

Augustinian Recollects. Centro Guadalupe occupies what used to be the parish school and was inaugurated on Dec. 12, 1998. Father Jose M. Juango O.A.R., dedicated his life to launching Centro Guadalupe, which tended to the Hispanic community and made it possible for the formation of leaders.

2003. "Our parish community is enriched with a very strong presence of people from different countries in Latin America. Though smaller in numbers, we also have very active groups from India and the Philippines. There is a remarkable spirit of collaboration among the different ethnic groups," Father Legarra said.

Church repairs included new lighting, painting, refurbishment of the pews and new kneelers. The stained glass windows have also been restored. Repairs to the roof have been completed and the exterior of the building has been returned to its original beauty.

Preparations for the parish's jubilee year have inspired the congregation, according to Father Legarra. "I have been in the parish as a pastor for four years. I have seen the growth of the community in numbers and in enthusiasm. The celebration of the 150th anniversary and the Capital Campaign has revitalized the parish.

"The youth group is a new group and is growing," Father Legarra continued. "Last year they enacted the Passion Play. Right now, we have 18 members. Father Alberto Fuente is the spiritual director and coordinators are Marco Ramirez, Delfino Manzarrón and Adriana Molina."

Throughout the decades, Holy Family Parish has undergone many changes, but the commitment to the community has re-

## Holy Family, Union City

Father Antonio Lasheras, O.A.R., took over the helm of the parish in 1997 and began fortifying the integration of the different nationalities and repairing the different buildings of the parish. The International Festival, now in its 10th year, was born under Father Lasheras' leadership. The festival is an opportunity for the diverse ethnic groups that comprise the parish to celebrate their cultural roots, while integrating into the country that has received them.

Father Francisco "Paco" Legarra, O.A.R., arrived at Holy Family as pastor in September

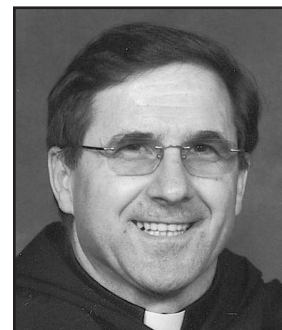
Having different cultures under one roof fosters a sense of welcome inherent to the Holy Family Parish tradition. "We are active in community service such as feeding the poor and homeless Monday through Friday. Every evening we have Alcoholic Anonymous and Drug Addicts Anonymous meetings," Father Legarra explained.

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the parish and the 100th anniversary of the rectory, a capital campaign began in order to raise funds for the renovation and repair of the different buildings that comprise the parish.



The first regular Spanish Mass was celebrated at the parish on Oct. 7, 1973. The arrival of new immigrants from Central and South America has transformed the identity of the parish, which is home to approximately 900 families, with 90 percent of the congregation of Spanish origin.

### Meet the Pastor



Rev. Francisco "Paco" Legarra, O.A.R.

**Birthday:** Aug. 4, 1950  
**Hometown:** Pamplona, Spain  
**High School:** Saint Augustine, Valladolid, Spain  
**Seminary:** Saint Joseph, Lodosa, Spain  
**Undergraduate:** Marcella, Spain  
**Graduate School:** Valladolid University, Spain  
**Ordination:** July 14, 1974  
**Hero:** St. Francis Xavier  
**Favorite Saint:** Saint Augustine  
**Favorite Sport:** Racquetball  
**Favorite Food:** Paella  
**Favorite Subject in School:** History  
**Favorite Movie:** *The Mission*  
**Last Book Read:** *The Shoe Maker's Gospel*  
**Occupation if I Weren't a Priest:** History Teacher

mained constant at the parish. "Holy Family Church has always been open to those in need," Father Legarra said.

(Holy Family Parish is located at 530 35th St. in Union City; phone: (201) 867-6535.)

Submitted Photos



# 'Jack' Myers, father of archbishop, succumbs at 89

NEWARK—M.W. (Jack) Myers, 89, of Earlville, IL—the beloved father of Archbishop John J. Myers—died on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley, IL.

Born on May 24, 1918, in Earlville, he was the son of Emil and Laura Myers and graduated from Earlville High School in 1936. Jack Myers served in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and in the Army Air Corps in the South Pacific during World War II. On Oct. 19, 1940, he was united in marriage to Margaret (Peg) L. Donahue at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Utica, IL. She was "the best thing" that ever happened to him, he often would say.

Jack Myers was a farmer and self-employed milkman in Earlville for many years. He retired from Borg-Warner Chemicals in 1984. He was a member of St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church in Earlville,



M.W. (Jack) Myers

the American Legion, and the Mendota Elks Club. He will be remembered for his sense of humor, cheerful disposition and always having a good story or joke to tell.

He is survived by his seven children: Most Rev. John J. Myers; Lawrence (Phyllis) Myers and William (Barbara) Myers both of Ottawa, IL; Mary Margaret (Joseph) Didier of Sugar Grove, IL; Elizabeth Myers of Peoria, IL; Loretta (Edward) Malley of Yorkville, IL; and Donald (Cindy Lou) Myers of Bloomington, IL; 18 grandchildren, Chris, Mark, Bill, John, and Tim Myers, Maribeth Hoffman, Denise and Dawn Didier, Deborah Schaefer, Margaret Joray, Kathryn, Blake and Anya Malley, Zoe and Madison Myers, and Brad, Shawn and Matt Guelde; and 28 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Peg, his parents, his brothers George, Robert and Edward, his three sisters Eleanor, Madeline and Virginia, and one daughter-in-law, Elaine Whittaker Myers.

A funeral Mass was held on Oct. 20 at St. Teresa of

Avila Catholic Church, with Archbishop Myers officiating. Burial followed in St. Teresa Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Hanley-Turner-Eighner Funeral Home, also in Earlville. Memorials may be directed to St. Teresa's or the Illinois Veterans' Home in LaSalle, IL. For further information or to sign the online guest book, go to [www.TurnerBurkhartFH.com](http://www.TurnerBurkhartFH.com) or call the funeral home at (815) 246-6491.

People throughout the Archdiocese of Newark mourned the death of the archbishop's father. "It is my sad duty to write to you about the passing of the archbishop's fa-

ther, Jack Myers," Msgr. John E. Doran, archdiocesan Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, said in a prepared statement issued on Oct. 18.

"A number of us from the Archdiocesan Center will be with the archbishop for the funeral, and I will express the sincere sorrow that I know we all feel over his loss," Msgr. Doran continued. "I would ask each priest in the archdiocese to include Jack Myers in your daily Mass remembrances and to include a prayer for the repose of his soul in the general intercessions at Mass. Please ask the Holy Spirit to provide the Myers family with strength as they face the passing of their patriarch."

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8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.;
- Keynote Speakers: John K. Roth (Founding Director, Center for the Study of the Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights, Claremont McKenna College, CA and James A. Young (Chair, Judaic and Near Eastern Studies, University of Massachusetts, Amherst)
- Many outstanding international, national, and New Jersey scholars, educators, and religious leaders from U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, World Trade Center Memorial Museum, New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education
- 5 p.m. Supper Reception for attendees courtesy of Sunrise Kitchens Caterers/ShopRite of Caldwell

- **Dedication of the New Home of the College of Saint Elizabeth Holocaust Education Resource Center; 6:45 p.m.**
- **Kristallnacht Commemoration: 7:30 – 9:15 p.m.;**
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  - Awards to Survivors and Second Generation Who Spoke at CSE Over Past 18 Years
  - Greeting by Stuart Rabner, Chief Justice, N.J. Supreme Court
  - "Absence of Presence – Presence of Absence," by Dr. Michael Berenbaum, American Jewish University
  - Hazamir Teen Choir of New Jersey

### Thursday, November 8, 2007:

- **Interfaith Dialogue: "Congregations Share Wisdom and Faith: A Model for Our Time;"**  
7:30 – 9:15 p.m.;
- Monsignor Edward Ciuba, Pastor, Notre Dame Church, North Caldwell
- Rabbi Alan Silverstein, Rabbi of Congregation Agudath Israel, West Essex



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## Official Appointments



Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

### ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY/MINISTR

**Deacon Gregory Quinn** has been appointed director of prison ministry for a period of three years, effective Oct. 1 and ending Oct. 1, 2010.

### DEAN

**Very Rev. Philip J. Waters, O.S.B., V.F.**, pastor of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church, Newark, has been reappointed dean of the Central Newark Deanery (Deanery 20) for a period of five years, ending Sept. 9, 2012.

### PAROCHIAL VICAR

**Reverend Christito Carmona** has been appointed temporary parochial vicar of the Parish of Sacred Heart, Rochelle Park, effective Oct. 29 through Nov. 29, 2007.

**Reverend Raul R. Gaviola** has been appointed parochial vicar of the Parish of St. Mary, Dumont, effective Oct. 15.

**Reverend Daniel Kyom** has been appointed temporary parochial vicar of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Maywood, effective Oct. 1 through Dec. 15.

## October 25

**Trinitas Hospital**, Elizabeth, "Blood Pressure: High or Low and What You Should Know," 4:30-6 p.m., call (908) 994-5138.

## October 26

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel School**, Tenafly, "Dancing for Our Stars: A Benefit for Our Children's Education," at Villa Amalfi, Cliffside Park, 7 p.m., call Maria Margiotta (201) 406-8768.

**Sacred Heart School**, Lyndhurst, "Trunk or Treat," 7-9 p.m., cost: \$7, call Ann Marie Incalcaterra (201) 531-0040.

## October 27

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish**, Orange, Mass of the Holy Shroud, 11 a.m., call Carla Guerriero (973) 668-1076.

**The Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Teresa**, Jersey City, fall luncheon at the City Grill, 1 p.m., cost: \$45, call Ann McGovern (201) 332-3540.

**St. Phil's Singles**, Livingston, games night, 7:30 p.m., cost: \$3 with a game/\$5 without, call Frank (973) 340-4001.

**Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**, Mahwah, Parish Mission, through Oct. 31, call (201) 529-3517.

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**, North Bergen, holiday craft and gift sale, 3-6 p.m., also on Oct. 28, call (201) 869-7244.

**Lumen Center**, Caldwell, "Take Time Out! Who Me?" workshop, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., cost: \$25, call (973) 403-3331 ext. 25.

**St. Mary Parish**, Rahway, "All Hollow's Eve" dinner dance and masquerade party, 6:30-10:30 p.m., cost \$22 in advance/\$25 at the door, call (732) 388-0082.

## October 28

**The Chinese Catholic Spiritual Center**, New Brunswick, pilgrimage to The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C., bus leaves from Asian Food Center, 1723 Route 27, Edison, at 8:30 a.m., cost: \$40, call Billy Huang (848) 391-8244.

**SS. Peter and Paul Parish**, Elizabeth, tricky tray, 3:30 p.m., cost: \$3, call (908) 352-2271.

**Bergen Catholic High School**, Oradell, open house for boys and their parents, 1-3 p.m., call (201) 261-1844.

## October 29

**Holy Family Parish**, Nutley, Rosary Society meeting, 7:45 p.m., call Joyce Ritacco (973) 235-0668.

## October 30

**Notre Dame Parish**, North Caldwell, Women's Day retreat, "Forgiveness: A Way to Freedom and Peace," 9 a.m.-3 p.m., call Anna Graziano (973) 226-0979.

## October 31

**St. Joseph Parish**, New Milford, breakfast buffet to benefit New Hope for Children, 8 a.m.-

1:30 p.m., cost: \$6 for adults/ \$3 for children, call Mary Anne Olsen (201) 262-7544.

## November 1

**Link Community School**, Newark, "A Taste of Newark," tickets: \$100 for patrons/\$250 for benefactors, call (973) 642-5343.

## November 2

**Union Catholic High School**, Scotch Plains, "A Night of Comedy," 7 p.m., cost: \$20, call (908) 889-1600 ext. 310 or 303.

**Archdiocesan Center**, 171 Clifton Ave., Newark, Archbishop's Annual Appeal training session for pastors and volunteers, noon-2 p.m., call Ken Di Paola (973) 497-4332.

**Women Against MS (WAMS)**, luncheon featuring celebrity hairstylist Oscar Blandi, 11:20 a.m.-2 p.m., at Westmount Country Club, West Paterson, cost: \$150, call Sylvie Meyers (201) 967-5599 ext. 212.

**Sacred Heart Parish**, Bloomfield, rummage sale, 6-9 p.m., through Nov. 4, call Nancy Plate (973) 743-4061.

## November 3

**Lumen Center**, Caldwell, "Sacred Soil of My Soul," 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., cost: \$35, (973) 403-3331 ext. 25.

**St. Joseph of the Palisades School**, West New York, open house, 10 a.m.-noon, call (201) 864-9700.

## November 4

**The Guild for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace**, Englewood Cliffs, "Autumn Fest" luncheon/tricky tray auction, noon-4 p.m., at The Empire Club, Little Ferry, cost: \$40, call Sister Agnes Fox (201) 692-1181.

**Immaculate Conception Convent Chapel**, Lodi, Taize

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, 7-8 p.m., call Sister Marilyn Minter (973) 473-7447.

## November 5

**College of St. Elizabeth**, Morristown, 18th annual "Kristallnacht" commemoration, honoring Holocaust survivors and their children, 7:30 p.m., call Dr. Sepinwall (973) 290-4351.

## November 6

**St. Agnes School**, Clark, "Parent to Parent" video-based program, 7-8 p.m., through Dec. 11, call (732) 381-0850.

## November 7

**Holy Spirit Parish**, Union, "Holy Hour for Life," 7:30-8:30 p.m., call (908) 964-7653.

**Caldwell College**, 9 Ryerson Ave., "Women and Priestly Ordination," presentation by Sister Sara Butler, noon, call (973) 618-3931.

## Other

**Seton Hall University (SHU)**, South Orange, "Essex Catholic High School on Broadway" exhibit, history of the high school, 1957-2003, second floor of Walsh Library, through mid-January 2008, call Tom Murray (732) 530-7152.

**Caldwell College**, 9 Ryerson Ave., will hold its 33rd annual Holiday Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 17, and Sunday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proceeds will benefit The Friends of Caldwell College Scholarship Fund. Call Sharon Kievit, (973) 618-3547 for information.

**St. Joseph Parish**, Bogota, bereavement ministry for children in grades K-8, through Nov. 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m., call Deacon Walter Lynn, (201) 342-6300.

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# Australians yearn to 'reaffirm' their faith

BY NANCY WIECHEC  
Catholic News Service

SYDNEY, Australia (CNS)—As momentum gathers for World Youth Day 2008, Sydney's cardinal said his main concern was the spiritual preparation of young Australians.

"The most important challenge is the spiritual and religious preparation," Cardinal George Pell said regarding the July 15-20, 2008 event, which is expected to draw up to a half-million people from around the world. "I am very much an en-

thusiast for the religious potential of World Youth Day."

Australian young adults and clergy told a group of visiting international journalists in late September that they feel religion slipping away in their culture. Recent statistics appear to confirm this perception. Nineteen percent of Australians did not claim a religion in a 2006 census—up 2 percent from the previous count.

"An increasing minority of Australians are tempted to believe that you can live a good life without God," Cardinal Pell said. "There's an erosion of

faith and practice."

Nick Seselja, 23, called Australia's Church a "sleeping giant" ready to be awakened. Patrick Langrall, 19, said many parts of the country suffer from a "spiritual drought." They also said they were encouraged by their own faith experiences as well as the preparations for the event. Bringing together such large numbers of people has an impact, Langrall added. "It encourages you to witness your faith a lot stronger in the years to come," he said. "People need that reaffirming of faith."

Sydney Auxiliary Bishop Anthony Fisher, the coordinator of the 2008 event, said the great dividend of World Youth Day is "a greater connection and commitment to God and the church."

The Australian Church has established a comprehensive catechesis program that will extend to July 2008. It includes a monthly e-pilgrimage newsletter that can be downloaded from the Web site



Cardinal George Pell

www.wyd2008.org. The World Youth Day song "Receive the Power," released earlier this year, has been downloaded more than 45,000 times.



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**CELEBRATING 150 YEARS**—As part of the festivities marking 150 years of the Benedictine Order's presence in New Jersey, St. Mary's Abbey in Morristown (Web site: [www.osbmonks.org](http://www.osbmonks.org)) will sponsor a free concert on Sunday, Nov. 11 at 3 p.m. Kathy McNeil (left), principal organist at St. Mary's Abbey, and John Martin, adjunct music instructor at Delbarton School (Web site: [www.delbarton.org](http://www.delbarton.org)) will perform works by Ravel, Faure, Tomasi, Tchaikovsky and Gershwin. The concert will be held at Delbarton Fine Arts Center, 230 Mendham Rd., Morristown. Contact Jessica Fiddes at (973) 538-3231, ext. 3054, for details.

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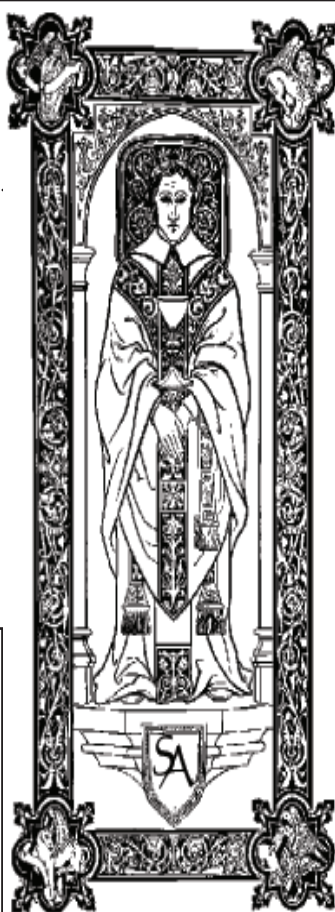
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# Caldwell forum offers a female view of ordinations

CALDWELL—The Department of Theology and Philosophy of Caldwell College will sponsor a lecture on Wednesday, Nov. 7, noon, in the Alumni Theater of the Jennings Library titled: “Women and Priestly Ordination,” featuring

ing Sister Sara Butler, M.S.B.T.

Sister Sara’s talk will focus on the Church’s teaching regarding the reservation of priestly ordination to men and address the objections most frequently lodged against it.

She has authored a book entitled “The Catholic Priesthood and Women.” Copies of Sister Sara’s book will be available at the college on the day of her lecture. The public is invited to attend the program.

Sister Sara currently teaches dogmatic theology at St. Joseph’s Seminary in Yonkers, NY, and previously taught at Mundelein Seminary, St. Mary of the Lake University, IL.

She chaired and concurred in the determination of a task force of the Catholic Theological Society of America, which concluded in 1978 that available evidence favored the admission of women to priestly ordination, unless it should come to pass in further study of theological anthropology and the nature of the “pastoral office” that an obstacle had been overlooked.

Later, Sister Sara’s participation in the Anglican-Roman Catholic Consultation in the United States and her role as a consultant on the Bishops’ Committee for a Pastoral Letter on Women’s Concerns convinced

her that the analysis proposed by the Catholic Theological Society of America Task Force was seriously deficient.

Three years ago Sister Sara was appointed by Pope John Paul II to the Vatican’s International Theological Commission—one of the first two women ever named to the commission. On April 20 the commission published the document “The Hope of Salvation for Infants Who Die Without Being Baptized,” which discussed the Church’s historical teaching on limbo and the fate of unbaptized infants in light of pressing contemporary pastoral concerns (see *The Catholic Advocate*, May 9).

Caldwell College (Web site: [www.caldwell.edu](http://www.caldwell.edu)) is located at 9 Ryerson Ave. Call (973) 618-3931 for more information on the Nov. 7 program.



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**ENJOYING A NEW DAY**—Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark’s New Day Community, a program that enhances the quality of life for developmentally delayed adults, held its annual summer camp in August at Merry Heart, Hackettstown. New Day provides education and socialization activities. Pictured at camp are (seated, left to right) Mark Conniff, Connie Pak, Richard Tucker, Joey Urban (standing) Mike Olo and Alex Farrell.

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## Immaculate plans concerts to mark 150th anniversary

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Immaculate Conception’s renowned Chancel Choir will perform on Friday, Nov. 2, 7 p.m. In addition, there will be an organ concert on Friday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m. Admission is free for both musical events. Call the parish at (973) 744-5650 for details.

The choral concert will present the “Requiem of Gabriel Fauré” as well as other works by English composer Herbert Howells. Sean Taylor, graduate assistant to famed choral conductor Robert Page of Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, will serve as the conductor.

The organ concert will feature former parish organists Chris McElroy and Renée Anne Louprette, joined by Preston Dibble, current organist and parish music director.

Immaculate Conception will celebrate its 150th anniversary with a gala reception on Saturday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m., at the Montclair Art Museum (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 10). Msgr. Timothy J. Shugrue is the pastor of Immaculate Conception.

## Web site offers information on war issues, moral choices

NEWARK—As the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan continue to be a topic of conversation and concern on the national and local scene, young people in the Archdiocese of Newark have begun discussing the role of conscientious objection and what the Church teaches about this complex moral issue.

For those wishing to learn more about the Church’s position, the Social Development and World Peace office of U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Washington, D.C., has established a new Web-based resource: ([www.usccb.org/sdwp/peace/consciencewar.shtml](http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/peace/consciencewar.shtml)).

This Web site contains information from many documents issued by the USCCB and the Universal Church to help those weighing important decisions of conscience.

Immediately prior to the start of the Iraq war, the USCCB issued this statement: “We pray for all those most likely to be affected by this potential conflict, especially the suffering people of Iraq and the men and women who serve in our armed forces. We support those who risk their lives in the service of our nation. We also support those who seek to exercise their right to conscientious objection and selective conscientious objection, as we have stated in the past.”



# All Saints All Souls A Season of our Faith



## Sacred days trace Church traditions, offer inspiration

BY FR. THOMAS A. DENTE  
*Special to The Catholic Advocate*

Fall is a favorite time of the year for many people. People enjoy the cooler weather, the changing colors of the leaves and share a sense of new beginnings as children head off to school. The autumn days also hail the final weeks of the Church's longest liturgical season: Ordinary Time.

As Advent approaches, there are some special observances which mark these final days of the Church year: Nov. 1, the Solemnity of All Saints; and Nov. 2, the Commemoration of All Souls.

According to the tradition of the Church, there are literally thousands of people given the title "saint." Today, there is a somewhat lengthy and complicated process for a person to be officially declared a saint, but the origins of sainthood come from the devotional practices of the Church itself.

The earliest saints were all martyrs, such as St. Peter. When Christians were martyred, their bodies were laid to rest, and Christians would come to visit their burial sites to pray. By coming in great numbers and remembering these holy people year after year, the Church recognized the special status of these men and women as saints in heaven.

Christians would gather most especially on the anniversary of the death of the martyrs and in later centuries other holy men and women to celebrate the Eucharist and remember the lives of these special people. As Christians continued to gather on the anniversaries of the deaths of these holy



Father Thomas A. Dente

people, their celebrations became official dates in the calendar of the Church year.

The short definition of a saint is someone who has made it into heaven. Today, the Church recognizes well over 7,000 "official" saints, and no doubt many of our own ancestors who have "died and gone before us, marked with the sign of faith," are now enjoying the company of Christ and the angels in heaven.

Obviously there are not thousands of saints celebrated each year in our local parish churches. We celebrate the saints who are universally recognized such as Peter and Paul (June 29) and Francis of Assisi (Oct. 4). As Americans, we also celebrate saints from our own country such as Elizabeth Ann Seton (Jan. 4) and Mother Cabrini (Nov. 13).

With all of these saints, how can the Church be sure to cover them all? Ingeniously, the Church gives us Nov. 1, the Solemnity of All Saints. It is the Church's way of commemorating all the saints of the Church, giving due recognition

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February	Valentine Mass	5	6	1
March	Easter Memorial Mass	11	12	14
April	Mass for Converts	1	2	4
May	Mothers’ Memorial Mass	6	7	2
June	Fathers’ Memorial Mass	3	4	6
July	Independence Day Mass	1	2	11
August	Parents’ Memorial Mass	5	6	1
September	Sept 11 Memorial Mass	9	10	12
October	Grandparents’ Memorial Mass	7	1	3
November	All Souls Mass	4	5	7
December	Children’s Memorial Mass	2	3	5

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**Significance** Catholic Cemeteries encourages frequent visitation and prayer for the dead. We seek to foster an environment in which *love is remembered, hope is rekindled, and faith is awakened and strengthened*.

We serve families best when we help them anticipate needs that are part of the reality of death.

In the Archdiocese of Newark, we look upon the arrangement of burial space not as a business transaction, but as a teaching moment, an opportunity for growth in faith.

When individuals and families acknowledge the issues surrounding mortality and begin to make burial plans, it is a *graced moment* in which our faith can and must be integrated if we are to be true to the service we render.

In our contact with families, we represent the larger Church; we represent the pastors and parish communities to people who vary widely in the degree of their involvement in Church life.

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**Service** The services offered by Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark must always be seen as putting faith into action.

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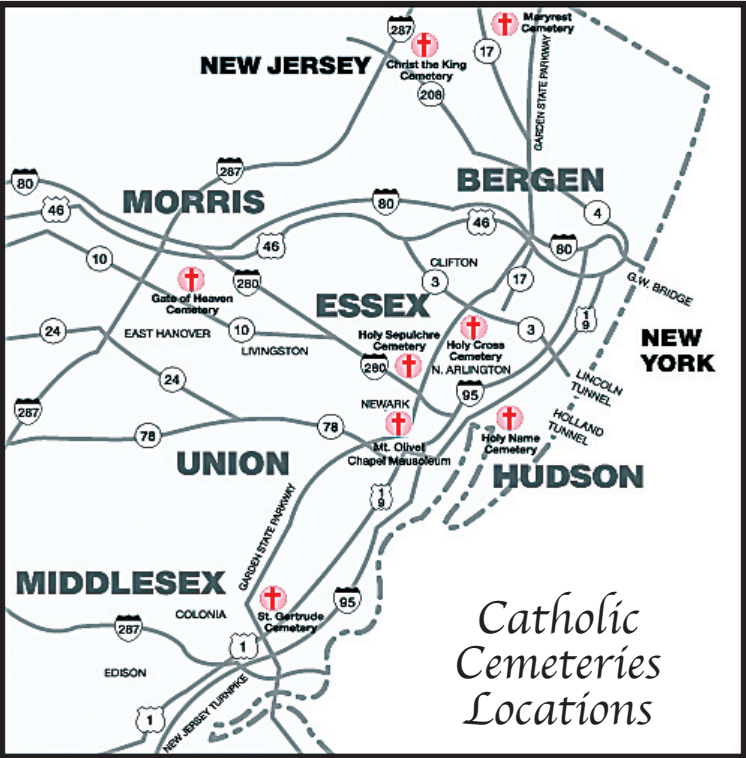


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# Cemetery Sunday honors deceased, strengthens faith

BY MARK LAZAROSKI

Special to The Catholic Advocate

**A**s a sacred place, a Catholic cemetery serves the faithful and witnesses the Good News of Jesus Christ and the hope we share in the resurrection to the entire world. It is a place where the signs and symbols of our Catholic faith are displayed with reverence and pride.

An integral aspect of the Catholic cemetery ministry is to provide for the spiritual needs of our families. As part of the fulfillment of this commitment, we will gather as a community on Cemetery Sunday—Nov. 4—to pray for the souls of the deceased buried in our cemeteries.

Living members of the Catholic community on Cemetery Sunday will honor the lives of the dead

*The Church honors the burial of the dead as a Corporal Work of Mercy. Catholic cemeteries, as sacred resting places, give public witness to the Communion of Saints, which joins the faithful on earth with all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.*

to renew our own belief in “the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.”

Catholic cemeteries reflect Catholic beliefs and Cemetery Sunday offers a comforting atmosphere in which love for family and friends is remembered; hope is rekindled; and faith is awakened, renewed and strengthened.

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# Church traditions

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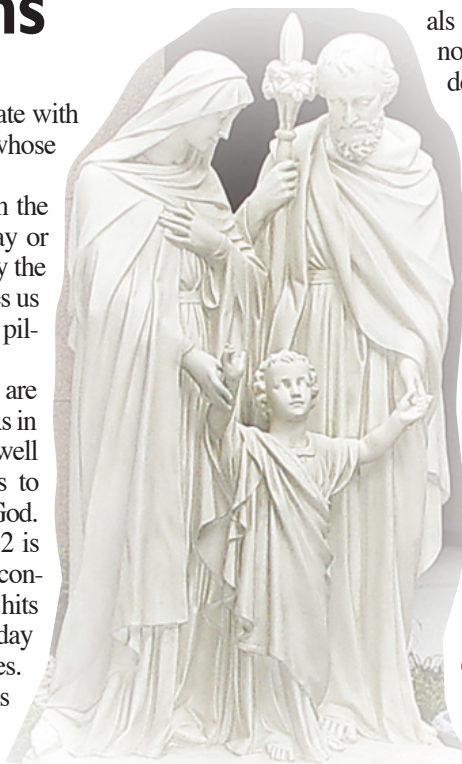
to the fact that there are many we do not celebrate with a particular feast day and there are many whose names we do not know.

All Saints Day is a holy day of obligation in the United States except when it falls on a Saturday or Monday. On All Saints Day, we are reminded by the prayers at Mass that the glory of the saints, "gives us inspiration and strength as we hasten on our pilgrimage of faith, eager to meet them."

The saints are our friends in heaven and they are not dispassionate to our existence here on earth. As in life, the saints are still concerned about our well being, and they wish to strongly encourage us to reach the goal that they have attained: unity with God.

The Commemoration of All Souls on Nov. 2 is another special day for the Church in which we consider those who have gone before us. This day hits closer to home for many of us because on this day we remember all the dead—especially loved ones.

On All Souls Day, the Church recognizes communally the sorrow of its losses. But more importantly, as a community of faith, this day



of remembrance declares (as one of the prefaces for funerals states): "Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed, not ended. When the body of our earthly dwelling lies in death, we gain an everlasting dwelling place in heaven."

Even though it is not a holy day of obligation, All Souls Day is a very popular day for people to go to Mass and to visit cemeteries to remember their beloved dead. It is a time to ask God to receive into paradise those who have died and still await the kingdom and to ask those who have made it into heaven to pray for us.

On All Saints Day we "rejoice in the holy men and women of every time and place" whose prayers bring us God's forgiveness and love while on All Souls Day we are consoled in our loss and our hope is strengthened that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in the resurrection of Christ our Lord.

*(Editor's note: Father Thomas A. Dente was named the director of the archdiocesan Office of Divine Worship in 2005. He is a 1989 graduate of Seton Hall University, South Orange, and received a Master of Divinity degree from Immaculate Conception Seminary in 1993 and a master's degree in liturgical studies from Notre Dame University in 2000. He has taught courses at Felician College and Caldwell College.)*



Mark Lazaroski

## Cemeteries

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Through the centuries the Church has honored the burial of the dead as a corporal work of mercy. Wherever a Christian community formed, sacred ground was set aside where the remains of the dead would await the resurrection of the body on the Last Day. These resting places gave public witness to the Communion of Saints, which joins the faithful on earth with all "those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith" (Sacramentary, "Eucharistic Prayer No. 1").

Catholic cemeteries today are part of this faith-based tradition and serve as sacred burial grounds. They differ from secular cemeteries because they are places where the Church gives witness to her beliefs and teachings surrounding death and resurrection. There the faithful departed rest among others who shared their faith in this life.

An integral aspect of the ministry of Catholic Cemeteries is to provide for the spiritual needs of our families. As part of the fulfillment of this commitment on Cemetery Sunday, we will gather on Nov. 4 to pray for the souls of those buried in our Catholic cemeteries.

*(Editor's note: Mark Lazaroski is the president of the Catholic Cemetery Conference, based in Hillside, IL. The organization helps Catholic cemetery directors and staff members enhance their skills in caring for the deceased and comforting loved ones through ministry, education, networking and service opportunities. Founded in 1949, the conference has 1,200 members throughout the United States, Australia, Italy, Canada and Guam. The organization held its 58th annual conference Sept. 19-23 in Phoenix. Andrew P. Schafer, executive director of the Catholic Cemeteries office for the Archdiocese of Newark, was a featured speaker at the Phoenix conference.)*

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# Funeral Mass on Nov. 1 to celebrate service of the bereavement ministry

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE  
Editor

NEWARK — The second annual Mass for funeral directors, ceme-terians and bereavement coun-selors will be held Thursday, Nov. 1, 3 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St.

Archbishop John J. Myers will serve as the main celebrant for the Mass. A dinner reception will fol-low at Nanina's in the Park, 540 Mill St., Belleville.

The archdiocesan Cemeteries Office, led by Andrew P. Schafer, executive director, will host the Mass, along with other officials from the Archdiocesan Center. Daniel R. Simone, Jr., the presi-dent of the Manasquan-based New Jersey State Funeral Directors Association, will be among the dignitaries attending the Mass.

Representatives of the Catholic Cemeteries group "serve the Archdiocese of Newark in the cor-poral works of mercy in burying the deceased," Schafer said. The Nov. 1 Mass will further demon-strate this ministry as well as the group's ongoing services and out-reach efforts to serve families and funeral directors, he said. For example, each year Catholic Cemeteries sponsors outdoor

masses at various cemetery sites in May during the Memorial Day weekend.

Schafer explained that the fu-neral Mass is designed to honor those involved in the Catholic be-reavement ministry as well as re-inforce the faith-based importance of cemeteries and the three princi-pal parts of the Catholic funeral liturgy: the vigil service; the Church funeral Mass; and the committal service.

As a parallel observance of the corporal work of mercy, Catholic cemeteries throughout the nation will observe "Catholic Cemetery Sunday" on Nov. 4 (see story on page 17).

Catholic cemeteries reflect a long-standing ministry of the Church as demonstrated in the rit-ual of the Order of Christian

Funerals. Throughout the year rep-resentatives from the archdiocesan Catholic Cemeteries office con-duct presentations at parishes on topics such as pre-need planning, the importance of the funeral Mass, honoring the end-of-life-care wishes of a loved one and an assortment of practical matters that families and the funeral homes should consider.

Burial in a Catholic cemetery is a baptismal right for Catholics. "Being buried in the sacred grounds of a Catholic cemetery is an assertion of faith for both the deceased and their loved ones," Archbishop Myers wrote in a re-cent commentary article. "The Holy Scriptures teach that death is part of the natural process to an ul-timate union with God. Because of

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The funeral Mass celebrates the work of the archdiocesan Catholic Cemeteries group to serve families and funeral directors, as well as honor those involved in the bereavement ministry. Outdoor masses held at various cemetery sites each year during Memorial Day weekend are among the group's outreach efforts to support the community. Pictured here are the ciboria used to serve Communion at the memorial Mass held at Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington.

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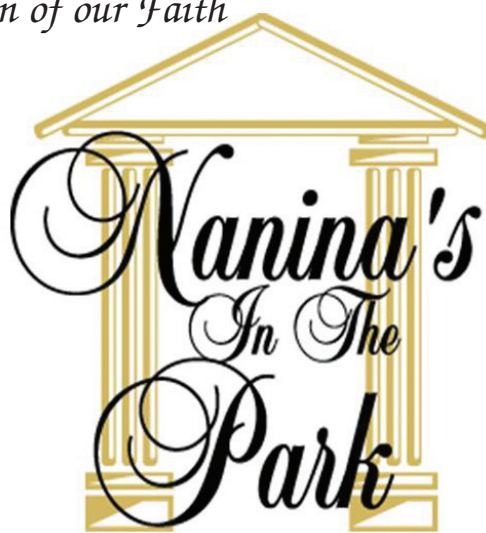
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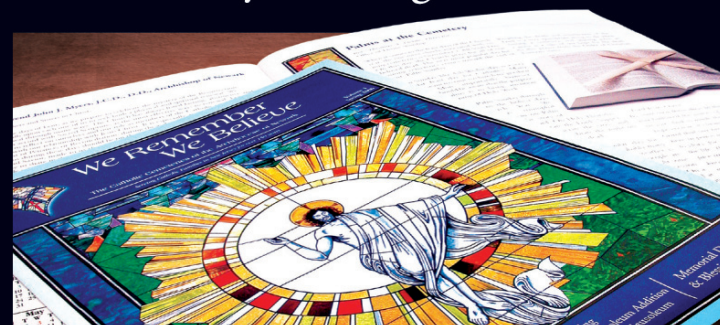
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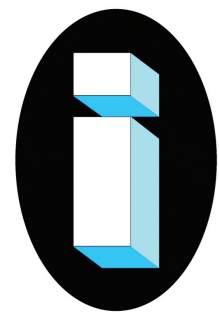
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# Family Life leaders offer insights on remembrance, bereavement

## Heroic lives and the loss of loved ones

BY FATHER MARC A. VICARI  
AND JANET MCCORMACK  
Special to The Catholic Advocate

**T**he first days of November are when the Catholic Church emphasizes and recognizes those who have died and the many saintly contributions that they have made. All Saints Day, Nov. 1, is the solemnity that celebrates and upholds the great men and women whom we know lived heroic and holy lives and are with God in heaven.

Representatives of the archdiocesan Family Life Office, along with Catholics throughout the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark, celebrate this day because these women and men lived saintly lives and have been justly rewarded by being welcomed into paradise. This is the day that we speak of the great communion of saints, which includes all the saints: Patrick, Therese of Lisieux, Anthony of Padua, Lucy and Martin de Porres, Mother Cabrini and many others.

It is a festive day because we celebrate their faithfulness and we are reminded to imitate them who imitated Christ. At the same time, we emphasize that this saintly communion may include



Father Marc A. Vicari and Janet McCormack

those more personally familiar: persons in our lives that also lived heroic and holy lives that very well may be with God in heaven, interceding on our behalf. They may include parents or grandparents, family members, neighbors and other saintly influences. All Saints Day calls attention to the great communion of believers who are very much still in relationship with each other and God, both living and dead.

While All Saints Day is a more festive and celebratory day—ex-

tolling miracles, martyrdom and intercession, the following day—the commemoration of the faithful departed, also known as All Souls Day—can be a bit tempered and even cause sorrow for some. We pray for the souls of the dead whom we do not know are in heaven and at the same time pray for the souls in purgatory whom some day will be with God. All along, we pray with the hope and intention that someday our faithful departed, our loved ones will be with the Lord, enjoying the joys of heaven.

With all the talk of heaven and purgatory, celebrations and festivities, remembering and sometimes lamenting, this time of year and the ensuing holidays can cause many to feel sadness or even anguish. Perhaps it is because of all the fond memories of love that are evoked during these days that a sense of grief and sadness develops causing some to have feelings of emptiness, sadness, melancholy or even depression.

However, it is comforting to believe that death is the entrance to eternal life in the Lord, yet through the physical act of dying, family members and friends are inevitably left behind to grieve the loss of a loved one. The very human process of separating from the deceased and "letting go" is slow and painful work, and mourners often find themselves overwhelmed by unrealistic expectations and powerful emotions.

Finding ways to channel these staggering emotions can result in psychological, emotional, social, physical and spiritual benefit. One of these ways is through ritual, which is why All Saints and All Souls Days are so important and powerful, as they can serve as a venue for healing. Rituals like this can provide support for mourners as they gather to honor and affirm both the physical and spiritual lives of the deceased. Practical rituals help teach the bereaved that the physical loss of their loved one has occurred, but they can still provide appropriate ways for mourners to remain connected to them.

Another valuable tool in grief recovery is the bereavement support group, (see sidebar). These groups permit members to understand that their intense, never-felt-before emotions are indeed to be expected. Mourners are offered emotional and spiritual support and the opportunity to learn new coping skills. They can share common hopes, feelings and concerns without fear of judgment while also finding relief from the sense of emotional and spiritual isolation that grief can bring. Participants can find help with the challenges of daily life after the death of a loved one and even learn about individual grieving styles.

Support groups also offer valuable information as well as education about the grief process and provide care and companionship as the mourner goes from denial into the confrontation with reality and finally into a place of acceptance.

There are local resources available for those who have suffered

the loss of a loved one. The archdiocesan Family Life Office can make referrals to parish-based support groups throughout the archdiocese. The office also sponsors three support groups for parents grieving the death of a child. Trained facilitators who provide information on the grief process and help participants find support through the sharing of experiences run all Archdiocesan groups.

Those looking to obtain infor-

mation about existing parish bereavement support groups in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union counties, or for more information about the parents' groups, can call the Family Life Office at (973) 497-4327. There is hope and help for the journey.

*(Editor's note: Father Marc A. Vicari is the archdiocesan Vicar for Family Life. Janet McCormack is the archdiocesan associate director of Family Life Ministries.)*

## Support groups help ease the pain of loss

Bereavement support groups for families and individuals who have experienced the death of a child are offered by the archdiocesan Office of Family Life Ministries. These programs are open to people of all faiths and the public is invited to attend.

Trained facilitators lead the support groups; in many cases, the facilitators are parents who also have experienced the loss of a child.

There is no registration fee for these programs. Contact the facilitators listed below or call the Office of Family Life Ministries at (973) 497-4327 for details.

#### Support groups for mothers and fathers grieving the death of a child:

- The first Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish (Parish Center), 60 Byrd Ave., Bloomfield. (Meetings begin at 7 p.m. in July and August.) Contact Ann and Jack Muller, (201) 358-8752.
- The third Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at St. Peter the Apostle Parish (Rectory basement), 445 Fifth Ave., River Edge. Call Mary Davis, (201) 265-3688 or (201) 265-5400.

#### Support group for fathers only grieving the death of a child:

- Notre Dame Parish (Parish Center), 359 Central Ave., North Caldwell. The next meeting date will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m.

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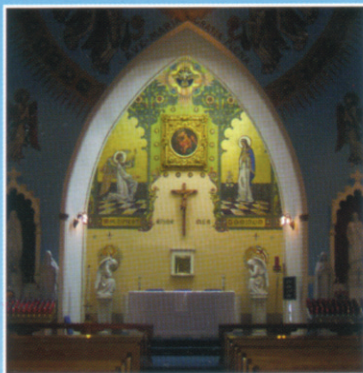
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## Roe reflects

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The Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark and the archdiocesan Pro-Life Commission sponsored the seminar, enti-

tled "We Are Called to be People of Life."

Once the national "poster girl" for abortion, McCorvey today is a passionate Catholic speaker who shares her testimonial in a crusade to end abortion. In recent years, she has traveled throughout the United

States and to many countries, including Mexico and Argentina, opposing abortion and discussing her conversion to Catholicism.

"Norma is a living witness to both the deception of choice and the truth of God's grace," Father Joseph Meagher, director of the

archdiocesan Respect Life Office, said. "She is a witness of a transformed life. She was sold a lie and she bought into it."

Born Norma Lee Nelson in Louisiana, McCorvey was asked by lawyers Sarah Weddington and Linda Coffee in 1969 to be the plaintiff in a case to challenge the Texas state law prohibiting abortion. McCorvey, who was pregnant at the time, was cited as "Jane Roe" in the court case. Ironically, she never had the abortion (her baby, a daughter, was born during the legal battle) and McCorvey later felt as though the two lawyers had used her as a pawn.

"I was just a kid. I was a hippie," she said, recalling her early years in Texas. "I lived in a park in Dallas and sold flowers on a street corner. These two lawyers asked me if I thought women should have a right to their reproductive freedoms. I thought: 'sure, maybe these ladies have something here.' We were wrong."

McCorvey was raised a Jehovah Witness and her father was a preacher. She claimed to have turned away from God at age nine. "My father preached that if you smoke or drank, you were going to hell," she said. McCorvey ran away from home and denounced religion.

"On Aug. 17, 1998, I came to the Catholic Church because God called me to it. I heard God say to me: 'My child, you are soon to be with me.' At first I was scared, but I prayed and thought about it. I was saved by the Blood of the Lamb and I have never been happier."

In the summer of 1997, with the assistance of her friend, Ronda Mackey, McCorvey began her own pro-life ministry, known as "Roe No More," based in Dallas (Web site: [www.leaderu.com/norma](http://www.leaderu.com/norma)). She




**Norma McCorvey**

also attends theology classes at the University of Texas. "I pray and tell my testimony. My journey has been a long but peaceful one."

McCorvey worked in several abortion clinics before being reborn as a Christian and eventually realized that she was part of a practice that hurt women. "I looked in the waiting room of these clinics and saw women who were sacred and you saw the longing in their faces. I thought to myself: 'my God, this is torment!'" She eventually confronted the doctor and the left the abortion clinic.

"I have never had any diplomacy in my life. They chose me to work at abortion clinics because they said I was a 'rough' woman. Now I am rough for Jesus Christ. I like to stay in trouble because that means I am doing something right for the Lord."

Speaking frankly and candidly about her past helps McCorvey form a connection with a young audience. Among the many painful chapters in her life, she confessed to once having a \$2,000-a-week cocaine habit. However, McCorvey has overcome her addictions and hopes her experiences and journey of faith will inspire people to change their lives.



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## Bartholomew garners 'academy' status

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Archdiocese of Newark has designated "academy" status to the school at St. Bartholomew Parish. The designation recognizes that St. Bartholomew Academy, which serves students in Pre-K through Grade 8, has enhanced and enriched its academic program.

"Our transition to an academy

model highlights our continued commitment to value-centered education," Father John J. Paladino, St. Bartholomew pastor, said.

"Our Academy is well positioned to be among the quality Catholic schools in Union County," Sister Louise Lauretti, M.P.F., academy principal said. "Our new offerings will continue

our tradition of quality education."

New additions to the curriculum at the academy include a "Writing Across the Curriculum program" that meets once per week in grades 3 through 5. It integrates topics from other courses of study such as science, math, social studies and religion into writing pieces such as essays,

brochures and research reports. Technology is used in the form of a Mobile Laptop Learning Lab to publish the students' final work.

Performing arts programs will focus on the middle school language arts curriculum and will offer an after-school Drama Club. Students in the club will attend

performances at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, the Paper Mill Playhouse and the Raritan Valley Community Center Theater.

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## Don Bosco gala to salute members of school family

RAMSEY — Don Bosco Prep will honor alumni, faculty members, parents and associates at its sixth annual President's Gala on Thursday, Oct. 25 at the Westmount Country Club in West Paterson.

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In addition to the hall of fame, Don Bosco will bestow several honorary awards. The awards, which will be presented by Don Bosco Director and President Father Louis J. Molinelli, S.D.B., were created to recognize alumni, faculty and parents who have made significant contributions to their professions and their communities, especially the poor.

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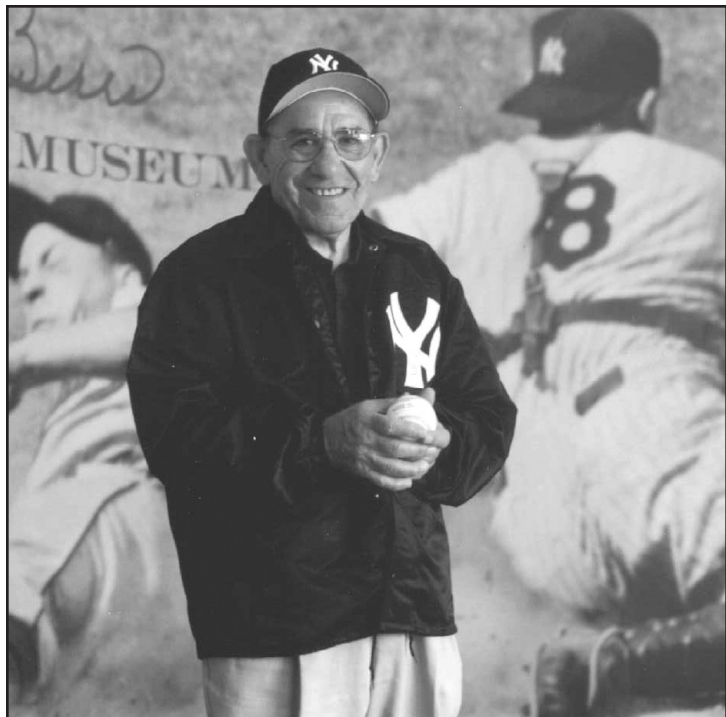
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Yogi Berra, an American icon and a World Series hero during his playing days with the New York Yankees, will receive a "Lifetime Achievement Award" at Immaculate Conception High School's annual hall of fame reception and dinner on Nov. 13. Along with his 10 World Series rings and three Most Valuable Player awards, one of his proudest accomplishments was the founding of The Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center ([www.yogiberramuseum.org](http://www.yogiberramuseum.org)) in Little Falls, on the campus of Montclair State University.

## ICHS to honor Yogi Berra, Sister Maureen on Nov. 13 at hall of fame reception

MONTCLAIR—Immaculate Conception High School (ICHS) will present its "Lifetime Achievement Award" to baseball legend Yogi Berra on Tuesday, Nov. 13, in recognition of his many achievements and contributions to the community.

The 27th annual ICHS hall of fame dinner will be held at Mayfair Farms, 481 Eagle Rock Ave., West Orange. The reception begins at 6 p.m. and includes a photo opportunity with Yogi. Call (973) 744-7445, ext. 26 or 31 for reservations and information.

Yogi and his wife, Carmen, have been parishioners at the Church of the Immaculate Conception for more than 40 years. He is renowned for generously supporting youth organizations and charitable causes, including his own annual golf tournament, which has raised over \$1 million for scholarships, educational programming and special-needs scouts.

He has been a friend of ICHS since January 1964 when he insisted that all proceeds from a testimonial dinner in his honor be given to the event's co-honoree—a severely injured football player named Jim Pascuiti, ICHS Class of 1964.

The evening also will recognize the accomplishments of the ICHS President Sister Maureen Crowley, Class of 1956, on the occasion of her Golden Jubilee. Sister Maureen is a native of Montclair and a product of Immaculate Conception elementary and high school.

For 27 years, Sister Maureen's "labor of love" has been her work as teacher, principal and president of her alma mater. She holds a bachelor's degree in history from the College of Saint Elizabeth and master's degree in educational administration from Seton Hall University.

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# Scholars decipher the meaning of 'Sacred Garments'

## Exhibit at Walsh Library displays exotic vestments

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE  
Editor

SOUTH ORANGE — “The Beauty of Sacred Garments,” a two-month interfaith exhibition at Seton Hall University’s (SHU) Walsh Library Gallery that showcases religiously significant clothing and vestments from Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism and Islam, will conclude on Oct. 26.

The featured program for the exhibit—a forum held on Oct. 10, presented by a distinguished panel

of local scholars representing the four faiths—included Msgr. Robert J. Wister, associate professor of church history at SHU’s School of Theology, who discussed “Vestments in Christian Worship—East and West”; Marehalli G. Prasad, Ph.D., a professor of mechanical engineering at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, who spoke on “Sacred Garments of Hinduism”; Rabbi Asher Finkel, Ph.D., a professor in the SHU Department of Jewish-Christian Studies, who discussed “Sacred Garments of the Jewish

Tradition”; and Mohammed Ali Chaudry, Ph.D., a co-founder of the Islamic Society of Central New Jersey and president of the Center for Understanding Islam, Bernardsville, who offered thoughts on “Sacred Garments in the Muslim Tradition.”

The display, which opened on Sept. 10, focuses on the relationship between sacred garments and the religious observance of the human life cycle, as well as the use of the garments in community worship. The exhibit presents the way in which such exotic, decorative garments enhance the sacred practice of worship.

Co-curators Leslie Meyer and Tova Rothman, graduate students in the Museum Professions

Program, selected approximately 30 objects from a variety of lenders including The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, the Hebrew Institute of White Plains, NY, and The Islamic Society of Central Jersey in Monmouth Junction, as well as a variety of private collectors.

The curators have also chosen sound recordings of various prayers and incantations used in conjunction with the garments, which provide further context for their meaning and use. Additional background materials include pho-

tographs and translations of written materials.

This exhibition has been made possible and is funded in part from a generous grant from Seton Hall University’s Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership and the College of Arts and Sciences. The program also was made possible with assistance from the Msgr. J. M. Oesterreicher Endowment and the Foundation for Judaeo-Christian Studies. Father Lawrence Frizzellis director of the SHU Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies.



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Father Lawrence Frizzell (far left), the director of the SHU Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies, helped to organize the “Sacred Garments” display at SHU. Featured speakers that delivered presentations at the Oct. 10 forum included (left to right) Marehalli G. Prasad, Mohammed Ali Chaudry and Rabbi Asher Finkel. The exhibit offered examples of sacred garments used in religious observances and community worship.

## Symposium to explore ‘dark nights’

PISCATAWAY—*The Catholic Spirit*, the weekly newspaper of the Diocese of Metuchen, will present the symposium “Recognizing and Surviving the Dark Night of the Soul” on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 7 to 9 p.m., in Bakhita Hall at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center.

The symposium will explore the spiritual condition known as “the dark night of the soul.” This is a metaphor for God’s purifying love, leading a person through “dark” desolation to reach a deeper faith and intimacy with God. The phrase came to light recently with the publication of the book “Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light” (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Sept. 5). Speakers at the forum will address this “dark-night” experience and describe how it differs from a “crisis” of faith.

“With the publication of Mother Teresa’s letters to her spiritual directors, we are reminded again that even the most devout followers of Christ struggle with

doubts about their faith,” *Catholic Spirit* Managing Editor Kathleen Ogle said, explaining the thrust behind the symposium.

Speakers include Father Charles Cicerale, administrator of St. James Parish, Woodbridge; Mercy Sister Eileen P. Smith and Mercy Sister Theresina Flannery, co-directors of Mount St. Mary House of Prayer; and John Schweska, a licensed professional counselor and assistant director for a children and youth-crisis response program for Catholic Charities, the Diocese of Metuchen.

Admission is free, but pre-registration is requested; call (732) 562-2424 or send an e-mail to: [news@catholicspirit.com](mailto:news@catholicspirit.com).

The St. John Neumann Pastoral Center is located at 146 Metlars Lane. Directions are available online at [www.diometuchen.org](http://www.diometuchen.org). Contact Joanne Ward, director of communications for the Diocese of Metuchen, at (732) 562-2461 for more information.



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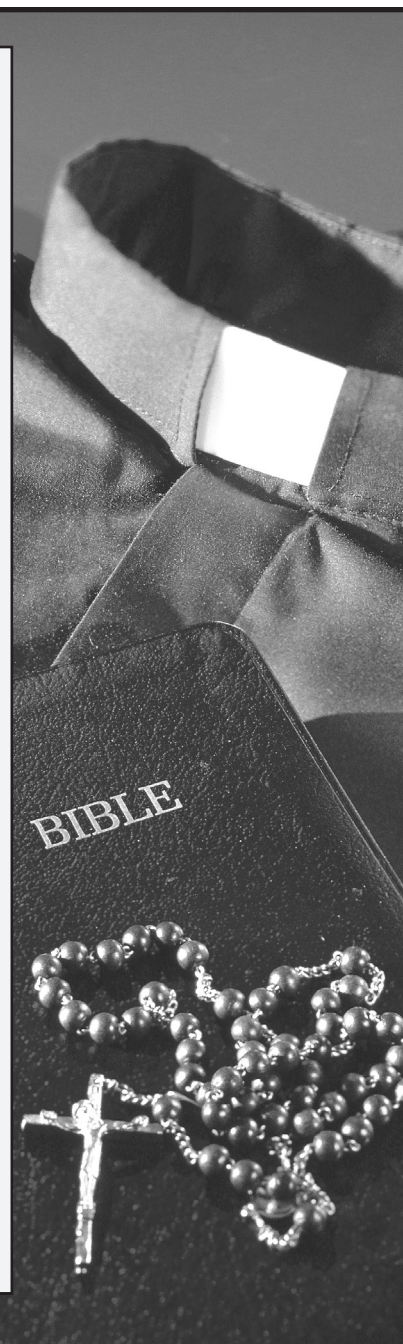
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# Revisiting Modernism civil war within the Church

I've long had a high regard for Pope Benedict XV, the least-known pontiff of the 20th century, whose slight, stooped figure masked a diplomatic and historical intelligence of the first caliber.

Benedict saw with clarity that World War I, if prolonged, would be a civilizational catastrophe for Europe. However, the Great Powers refused to listen. Italy blackballed the Holy See from any post-war peace conference. Benedict, nevertheless, spent out the Vatican's financial resources

gravely damaged in the process.

It was a tawdry business, even if the principal Modernist paladins (like Alfred Loisy and George Tyrell) were men of highly dubious theological opinions. Benedict XV called off the dogs and a measure of stability, if in a more subdued mode, returned to Catholic intellectual life.

On the centenary of Pascendi, Peter Steinfels dedicated his recent column in *The New York Times* (Sept. 1; "Fighting Modernists, a Decree Shaped

## The Catholic Difference

by George Weigel



lacking in a broader historical perspective, which would have suggested the possibility that the popes of the late 19th and early 20th centuries had been put in a very difficult position by the modern liberal state in Europe—a position that inevitably shaped their attitudes toward other aspects of modernity, including modern theological adventurousness.

Historians like Michael Burleigh ("Earthly Powers"), Owen Chadwick ("A History of the Popes 1830-1914"), and Michael Gross ("The War Against Catholicism: Liberalism and the Anti-Catholic Imagination in 19th-Century Germany") vigorously disagree with certain papal tactic, vis-à-vis anti-clerical European governments. But they

also demonstrate, in vivid detail, that those governments indeed waged a kind of war on the Church.

"Liberalism," to the popes of the 19th and early 20th centuries, did not mean William Jennings Bryan, Teddy Roosevelt, or Woodrow Wilson. It meant the French government closing all Catholic schools, monasteries, and convents in the early 20th century; it meant Bismarck's late-19th century "culture-war" against the Church; it meant anti-clerical violence in Spain and Portugal; it meant the destruction of the old Papal States by the Italian Risorgimento.

Small wonder that the popes, given their Eurocentricity (and continental Eurocentricity, at that)

did not view "liberal democracy" as the Church's friend. To suggest, however, that this "conservative" theological and political critique of real-existing-liberalism in continental Europe helped pave the way for fascism is not a claim that will withstand much scrutiny—not least because it was theological innovators, not those benighted conservatives, who were seduced early on by the siren songs of Nazism.

The Steinfels column was of a piece with the Cowboys-and-Indians interpretation of Vatican II, in which "good" liberals defeat "evil" (anti-Modernist) conservatives. Fortunately, for both the Church and the historical record, we have been blessed with two papal veterans of Vatican II—John Paul II and Benedict XVI—who have proposed a far more interesting interpretation of the council as both a reaffirmation and a development of classic Catholic truth claims.

Some people, it seems, take rather a long time to get the message.

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

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in supporting wartime prisoners and refugees, to the point where Pietro Gasparri, the Cardinal Camerlengo, had to borrow money from the Rothschilds to pay for the 1922 conclave to elect Benedict's successor.

Benedict XV began his pontificate, however, by trying to stop another war: the civil war within the Church over Modernism, which his predecessor Pius X had condemned in the 1907 encyclical *Pascendi* as "the synthesis of all heresies."

Anti-Modernist sentiments ran high after *Pascendi*. Clandestine ecclesiastical networks dedicated to rooting out Modernists, crypto-Modernists, and/or alleged Modernists from seminaries and theology faculties ran amuck. Some entirely reputable scholars were

Catholicism") to some predictable progressive bleating about the encyclical's deleterious effects.

*Pascendi*, Steinfels mourned, "crippled those very elements in European Catholicism that might have resisted the Church's sympathy for authoritarian regimes after World War I, when liberal parliamentary governments were besieged by rising totalitarianism." *Pascendi*, in other words, decisively shaped the Church's role "in the blood-drenched history of the first half of the 20th century."

I wouldn't go so far as some commentators in the Catholic blogosphere, who charged Dr. Steinfels with suggesting that "less Catholic dogmatism would have prevented the Holocaust." Steinfels is too clever a writer for that. But his column did seem

## Local News

### Clergy gathers to refocus on marriage issues

BY JAMES GOODNESS  
Director of Communications

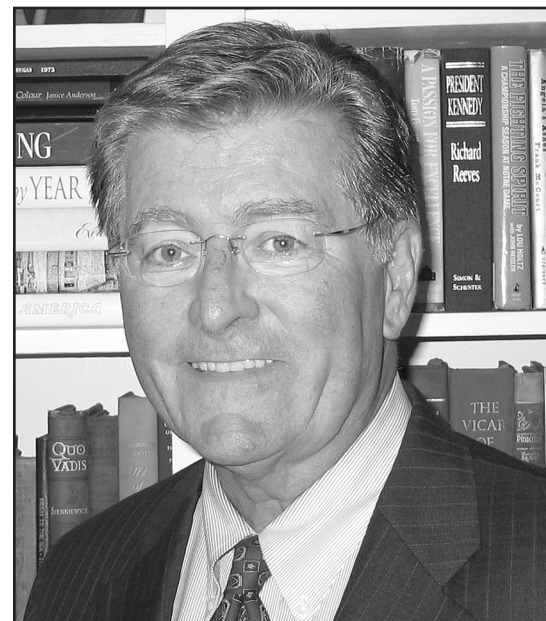
NEWARK—Two workshops for some 300 priests and deacons held Oct. 18 and 19 at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave., discussed how efforts under way by activists to force recognition of same-sex marriage in New Jersey will have negative effects on the Catholic Church.

Prominent experts in the fields of law, religious liberty and public policy spoke frankly to clergy during the workshops about how the rights of faith groups to teach what they believe have been hampered or taken away in other countries and states.

Speakers also noted disturbing trends and developments in places like Massachusetts, where organizations such as Catholic Charities have been forced to stop a century-long tradition of providing adoption services.

Workshop presentations stressed the importance of clergy reinforcing the sacramental nature of marriage and its benefits to children. Speakers underlined the fundamental structure of traditional marriage and its time-honored place in society. Speakers warned that, not only could the Church be "called bigoted" because it teaches on the moral and scriptural bases for marriage—defined as the union of one man and one woman—it faces challenges in school curricula and a range of other issues if same-sex marriage is recognized.

Patrick R. Brannigan, the executive director of Trenton-based N.J. Catholic Conference (NJCC), said state Church officials were "disappointed"



Patrick R. Brannigan

when the legislature passed the Civil Union Act. The legislation was passed on Dec. 21, 2006, and took effect Feb. 19.

"We were disappointed that the Civil Union Act did not include a specific definition of marriage as a union of one man and one woman," Brannigan said. He noted it would be possible to draft additional legislation that "separates the legal rights of benefits (for same-sex and other couples) from the Catholic Church's teaching of marriage as a sacrament."



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Priesthood Sunday honors 'good works' of vocation



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Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination on March 25 at St. Michael Parish in Newark, his former parish. Bishop da Cunha, who also serves as the archdiocesan Vicar for Evangelization, said that dialogue is a central theme in the celebration of Priesthood Sunday. He said dialogue between priests and lay people leads to improved evangelization, parish outreach efforts and faith-community involvement.

BY MELISSA MCNALLY  
Staff Writer

NEWARK — Priesthood Sunday, which will be held on Oct. 28, is a time to “affirm the life of priests” and celebrate their role as men who help people as they struggle in their lifelong journey of faith, Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, said.

Sponsored by the USA Council of Serra International and the Serra International Foundation, the nationwide celebration was established four years ago (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 10). The USA Council of Serra International is an organization of lay men and women whose mission is to foster and affirm vocations to the ministerial priesthood and vowed religious life in America.

Recognizing the good work priests do every day became essential after the sexual abuse scandal a few years ago. “In the wake of negative publicity, the image of the priesthood became tarnished,” Bishop da Cunha said. “We need to counteract that with positive affirmation and by honoring priests’ sacrifice, service and dedication.”

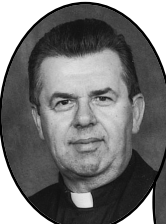
Bishop da Cunha acknowledged that the majority of priests throughout the country have left a positive impact on their respective communities. “There is a small minority of priests that are negative but good priests are also affected. We need to affirm the good work of priests,” he said.

Although the number of vocations has gone down, men who feel that priestly life is a calling should be unafraid. “You should not be afraid to pursue your desire. It is a worthy vocation. Some people

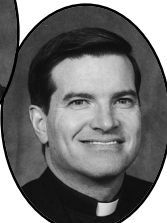
think you are not happy or are unfulfilled. We (priests) have the ability to help people in need and people who struggle and also be part of their journey of faith. There is no material reward, but the re-

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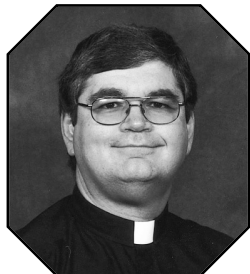
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our parish family.*

## Priesthood

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ward is the knowledge that you serve and help people." Bishop da Cunha said.

Earlier this year Archbishop John J. Myers ordained 13 new priests at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark (see *The Catholic Advocate*, June 6 and May 23). Last year the Archdiocese of Newark led the nation with 17 ordinands.

"This achievement of the archdiocese is the fruit of much prayer, effort and commitment," Father Brian Plate, the director of voca-

tions for the Archdiocese of Newark, said during an interview earlier this year, citing the dedication of the members of the Class of 2007. "The perseverance of these men is a tribute to their faith and the formation and faculty of our seminary."

"This local Church in Newark and the Universal Church together are blessed through the faith and commitment that these men give us today," Archbishop Myers noted last May during the ordination. "They join the order of the ordained priesthood of Our Lord Jesus Christ from all walks of life and with many different experiences. As the Church continues to face many challenges, she welcomes them, knowing that their love of God and His people will strengthen her."

For those men contemplating the priesthood, a major issue is dealing with opposition or lack of support from family members, Bishop da Cunha said. "Families who are not supportive (of their loved one becoming a priest) are being selfish; it is his vocation. Parents want to have grandchildren, but they should look at the well-being of all God's children that their son will serve."

Aside from family pressures, today's young priests face many other challenges, including an increasingly materialistic and secular culture, Bishop da Cunha said. "People hear contrary values today and we have to counteract

these values to young people and families. It is not 'what Father says, goes' anymore."

For the laity to show priests they are appreciated, having a social at the parish, having a reception after Mass or simply praying for priests are activities encouraged on Priesthood Sunday. More ideas for Priesthood Sunday can be found online at [www.priestsunday.org](http://www.priestsunday.org).

Rose Marie Deehan, president of Serra Club of the Oranges, encourages parishioners to show, even in the simplest ways, their love and support of their priests.

"The more you appreciate the priests and religious, the more people will follow. You can just tell them they are appreciated by sending notes and cards to the rectory. Just put into words what they do for the community," Deehan said. "We shouldn't have (just one) day to show priests we care. It should be an ongoing thing."

Serra International's District 22 sponsored the group's Mid-Atlantic convention, which ran Sept. 14-16 at the Meadowlands Sheraton Hotel (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Sept. 5). Archdiocesan participants at the event included Bishop da Cunha. Liturgies were celebrated by Archbishop Myers; Most Rev. Arthur Serratelli, the Bishop of the Paterson Diocese; and Most Rev. Thomas Donato, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark.

According to a recent Catholic



**Father Brian Plate**

News Service (CNS) national survey, the average age of this year's ordinands was 35. One-third of the ordinands were born outside the United States in countries such as Vietnam, Mexico, Poland, Argentina and the Philippines. A total of 282 ordinands responded to the CNS 2007 survey—roughly 60 percent of those who were ordained to the priesthood this year.

*(Editor's note: Father Brian Plate, the archdiocesan director of vocations, can be reached at (973) 497-4365. Liliana Soto, the archdiocesan coordinator of evangelization, phone: (973) 497-4353, also can provide information in support of Priesthood Sunday.)*

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## Lourdes to host and 'roast' Archbishop Gerety on Oct. 27

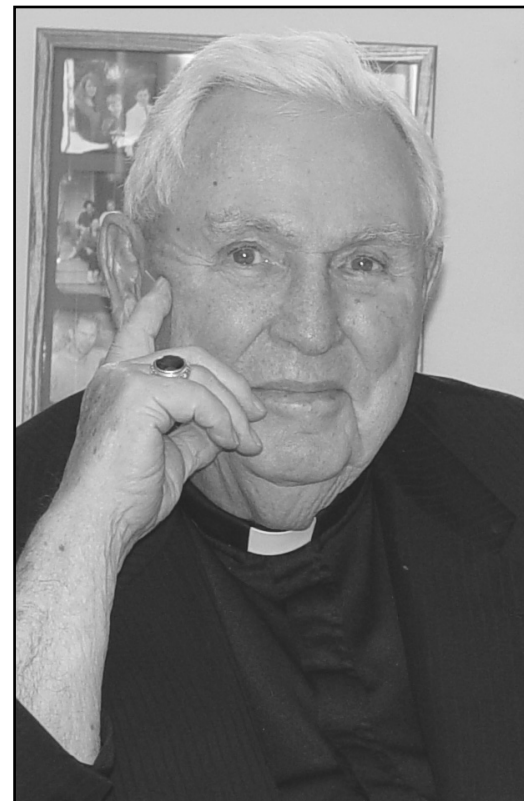
WEST ORANGE—Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 1 Eagle Rock Ave., will celebrate Priesthood Sunday by roasting Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety on Saturday, Oct. 27.

Archbishop Gerety will preside over the parish's 5:30 p.m. Mass on Oct. 27. A supper following the Mass will include a "roast" performance in celebration of the former Archbishop of Newark, featuring songs and humorous, yet respectful, reflections on the archbishop's life. Call the parish rectory at (973) 325-0110 for more information on the event.

"Archbishop Gerety defies the Energizer Bunny," Father Joseph Petrillo, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, said, admiring the archbishop's ability to "keep on going," much like the non-stop mechanical rabbit in the popular TV commercial. "At 95, he is as young as young can be. After 68 years as a priest, he is still dynamic."

The Catholic Advocate's June 27 edition featured a special section on the life of Archbishop Emeritus Gerety, which coincided with his 95th birthday. Ordained on June 29, 1939 at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, he currently holds the distinction of being the oldest-living bishop in the United States.

As part of its community outreach efforts, Our Lady of Lourdes recently held a "Ministry Fair" to attract new participants for its parish ministries (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 10).



**Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety**

### *The Office for Evangelization*

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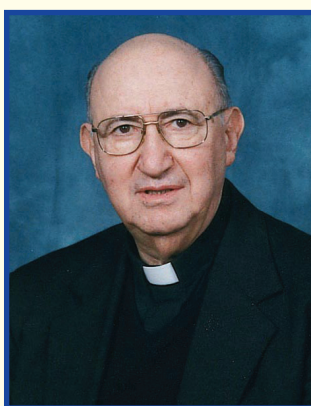
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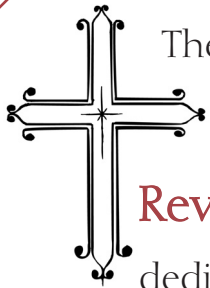
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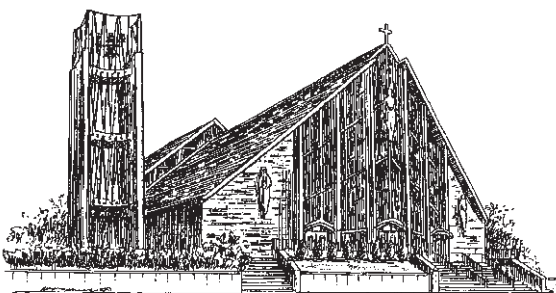
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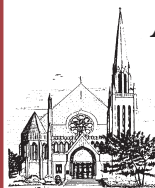
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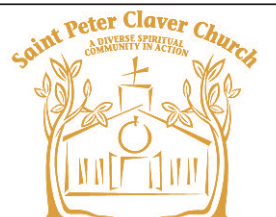
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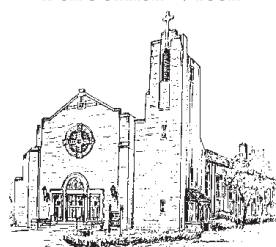
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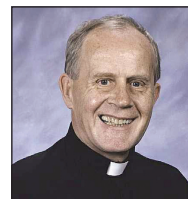
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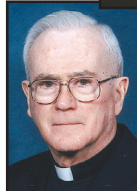
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## All Saints, Nov. 1 All Souls, Nov. 2



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***"Blessed  
are those  
who  
mourn."***

—Matthew 5:5



# New SHU science center to serve as a research hub



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The \$35-million Science and Technology Center at Seton Hall features research, teaching and drug-testing labs along with a \$600,000 nuclear magnetic resonance facility for basic biochemistry research. A state-of-the-art microscopy lab will enable students to obtain 360-degree images of cells. The building also features a 230-seat amphitheater. The university dedicated the facility with a convocation ceremony on Sept. 27.

SOUTH ORANGE—Seton Hall University (SHU) opened its \$35-million Science and Technology center with a convocation ceremony on Sept. 27, which featured keynote speaker Dr. William N. Hait, senior vice president and worldwide head of hematology and oncology for Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick.

The fundamental research housed by the new center will offer a broad range of applications for healthcare and pharmaceutical-related sciences. "New Jersey is a mecca for these fields," John Sowa, associate professor of biochemistry and chemistry, said. Sowa served as the liaison between

the faculty and contractors to carry out the project. "Now that we have this facility, we're better positioned to play a stronger role in these areas. Our students and faculty will support local industries."

Sowa defined the center as an "extreme-renovation" project, which involved reshaping an existing structure, along with adding 25,000 square feet of new space. Planning for the center began in April 2004 and construction began in May 2005.

One highlight for the facility is a contemporary, open-lab interior design to enhance interdisciplinary interaction, Sowa said.

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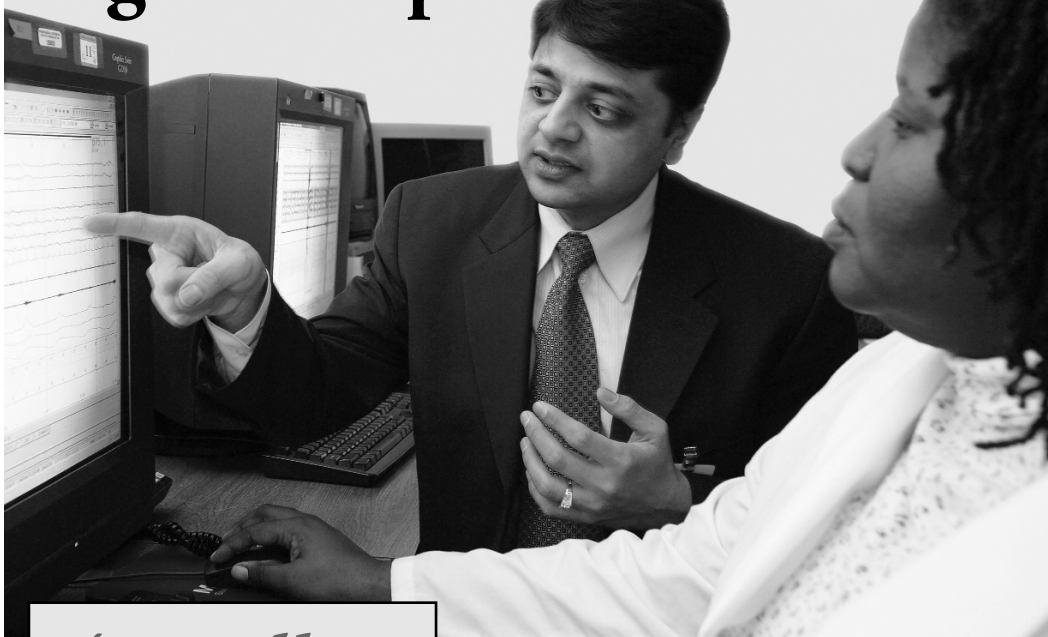
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## SHU center

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"Most people have the image of a laboratory as an austere, secretive place. We want our labs to be 'open' so that students and faculty can interact and communicate with each other. We want to make science exciting and friendly."

The new center integrates

leading-edge technology into the university's curriculum and reinforces SHU's commitment to science and technology research, as well as its collaboration with private enterprise. The facility will serve as a research hub for biology, chemistry, physics, math and computer studies at SHU. It is designed to provide learning opportunities for undergraduates to participate in graduate-level research

initiatives, working side by side with faculty researchers, Ph.D. candidates and other graduate science students who possess significant industry experience.

In addition, the center provides science education and research opportunities to meet current and future needs for students seeking Ph.D. degrees, master's degrees and continuing education in the sciences.

"As a leading Catholic university, Seton Hall plays a crucial role in forming today's graduates whose values and education equip them to shape future scientific achievements," Msgr. Robert Sheeran, SHU

president, said. "Seton Hall's teaching approach lies at the nexus of faith and reason and the new science and technology center, combined with our values-based instruction, supports creative and scientific inquiry."

SHU (Web site: [www.shu.edu](http://www.shu.edu)), through the new center, will seek to establish research partnerships and collaboration with international leaders in the fields. The university's close proximity to the global leaders in science and technology, such as Johnson & Johnson, Merck and Exxon-Mobil, positions the center as a great industry resource and allows students and graduates to gain

hands-on, real-world experience.

In his keynote address to SHU's College of Arts & Sciences, Hait discussed careers in biomedical research. He was appointed senior vice president, worldwide head of hematology and oncology for Johnson & Johnson in March. Prior to joining Johnson & Johnson, Dr. Hait was the founding director of The Cancer Institute of New Jersey and professor of medicine and pharmacology, as well as the associate dean for oncology programs at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey/Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

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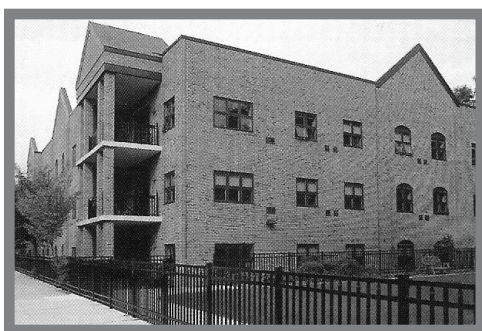
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## Nov. 1 fund-raiser to aid homeless

TEANECK — The Interreligious Fellowship for the Homeless of Bergen County (IRF) will host a "Chef Tasting" fund-raiser on Thursday, Nov. 1, at Club 201 90 W Palisade Ave., Englewood.

Contact John Reinke, IRF director of development, by phone

at (201) 833-8009 or via e-mail at [jreinke@irfhomeless.org](mailto:jreinke@irfhomeless.org) for information on attending the fund-raiser or to make a donation to the organization.

A total of 49 parishes throughout Bergen County—including Church of the Guardian Angel,

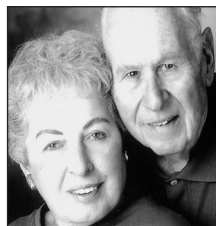
Allendale; St. John the Evangelist, Bergenfield; Most Blessed Sacrament, Franklin Lakes; Immaculate Conception, Mahwah; Queen of Peace, North Arlington; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Oakland; Our Lady of Mercy, Park Ridge; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Ridgewood; and St. Andrew, Westwood—support the IRF and participate in various programs.

The IRF (Web site: [www.irfhomeless.org](http://www.irfhomeless.org)), through its community outreach efforts, serves Bergen County's most vulnerable citizens—homeless and needy families and individuals. IRF projects include the Overflow Shelter Program, which partners with over 60 Bergen County faith communities to provide food and shelter for single men and women.

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Interested parishioners are encouraged to contact their parishes for information. A Mass celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers is on the agenda for the pilgrimage.

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