

Bishops to contemplate politics, policies, music



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The choir of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, under the leadership of John J. Miller, archdiocesan director of music ministries, performs sacred music throughout the year. U.S. bishops will consider approving an updated version of a 35-year-old statement on liturgical music when they meet in Baltimore.

Archbishop Myers to attend Baltimore forum Nov. 12-15

BY NANCY FRAZIER O'BRIEN
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS)—U.S. bishops will meet in Baltimore Nov. 12-15 to discuss and vote on how Catholics should participate in the political process, what Catholic high school students should learn in religion classes and how to best ensure that liturgical music is both doctrinally sound and pleasing to the ear.

They also will begin a new era in the history of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) by electing a new president and vice president, voting on revised bylaws and filling several committee posts created by the USCCB restructuring process.

At the meeting, Archbishop John J. Myers will make presentations on changes in the conference bylaws and issues relating to diocesan financial matters under common law.

Items on the agenda include a document on education for chaste living and a revised norm defining "acts of extraordinary administration" that require a bishop to obtain the consent of his diocesan advisers. Two liturgical documents—on revised readings during Lent and weekday celebrations of the Liturgy of the Word—also will come before the bishops, who will also vote on a Spanish-language version of the latter document.

The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities will ask the bishops for permission to draft a pastoral document on reproductive technologies to respond to the "great confusion among lay Catholics regarding the Church's teaching" on the subject.

The politics document, called "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility From the Catholic Bishops of the

United States," has been put out in some form by the bishops before every presidential election for more than 30 years. This year's document, however, underwent a wider consultation by seven USCCB committees and will be considered by the full body of bishops. In past years, the documents were approved by the administrative committee, made up of the executive officers of the USCCB, elected committee chairmen and elected regional representatives.

In the 37-page draft document, the bishops admit that "Catholics may feel politically disenfranchised, sensing that no party and too few candidates fully share the Church's comprehensive commitment to the dignity of the human person. As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to a political party or interest group."

The bishops also will hear reports on the current status and preliminary findings of the study they commissioned on the causes and context of child sexual abuse by clergy and on their "For Your Marriage" initiative.

Celebrating the life of a fallen NJ State Trooper

IN VALOR THERE IS HOPE—More than 200 NJ State Troopers gathered beneath overcast skies at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover (operated by Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark), on Oct. 24 to mark the 10-year anniversary of the passing of Trooper Scott M. Gonzalez—badge number 5059. The solemn sound of "Amazing Grace," played by the NJ State Police Pipes & Drums of the Blue and Gold, filled the air as Msgr. Philip Lowery, a chaplain with the state police, offered his blessings to family members, friends and Maureen Gonzalez—the wife of the late trooper. During the ceremony, a Japanese maple "Tree of Life" and an inscribed granite bench were dedicated to Trooper Gonzalez, who was killed in the line of duty at the age of 35 on Oct. 24, 1997, in Mansfield Township. Major Marshall Brown, who noted that Trooper Gonzalez received 14 letters of commendation during his five-year career, described the fallen officer as being "the epitome of what a trooper should be." Maureen Gonzalez asked those gathered to offer each other the "sign of peace" and remember all the good that came from her husband's life. The most moving words came from Trooper Ray Guidetti—a friend and classmate of Trooper Gonzalez—who cited a quote by Gaius Cornelius Tacitus, a historian and senator of the ancient Roman Empire. "In valor there is hope," Trooper Guidetti said. "Hope that the ideals for which Trooper Gonzalez lived and died will endure; hope that good will triumph over evil."

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Cornacchia takes helm at Saint Peter's, looks to faithfully embrace Jesuit values

Ignatian spirit extends outside the classroom

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
 Editor

JERSEY CITY—Dr. Eugene J. Cornacchia was installed Oct. 20 as the 22nd president of Saint Peter's College, the first layperson president in the Jesuit college's 135-year history.

During his inaugural address titled "Faith and the Future of the College," Cornacchia celebrated the inclusive, interfaith spirit of the college community as well as the traditions of the Jesuit mission in education. He also provided his vision of a Catholic college education in the 21st century.

"Saint Peter's is a community of many faiths: Catholic, of course, but also Jewish, Baptist, Hindu and Muslim," Cornacchia said. "We 'feed' the spirit here in a wide variety of ways, including liturgies, discussion groups, retreats, interfaith prayer, service projects, music and a number of formal and informal opportunities to break bread with other members of this faith community."

"Ignatius also taught us to 'see God in all things.' He encouraged his Jesuit brothers to participate in the culture and life of the local community—to break bread with them literally and spiritually," he continued in his address. "It

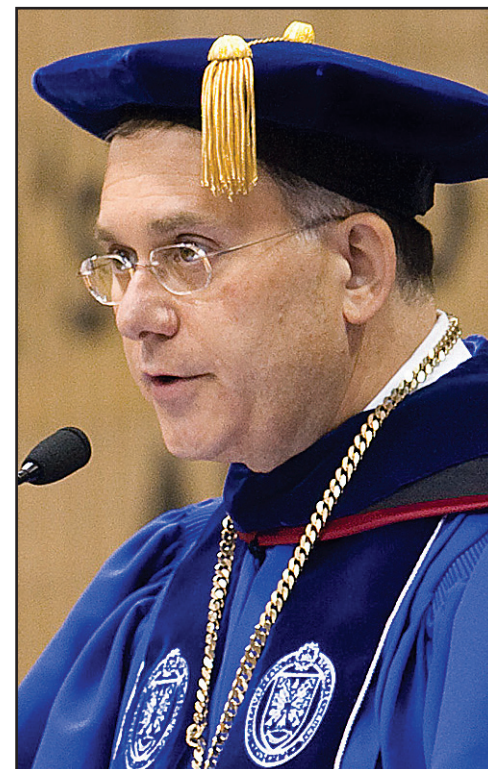
is by finding common ground in our faith traditions and through an appreciation of our common humanity that we can see the way to a peaceful and just world."

As a critical component of this mission to find "common ground," he highlighted the Ignatian spirit of education for students the outside of the classroom.

"Sixty percent of our students have volunteered in 45 agencies, programs and schools," he said. "Saint Peter's students and faculty contributed more than 16,500 hours of (community) service. Each of them began their own personal journey towards being 'men and women for others.' It is through service to others we learn to appreciate the gift of our own life and to better understand and connect with others of all faiths, backgrounds and circumstances."

Cornacchia, 53, has been at Saint Peter's College for more than 25 years, serving as the college's academic dean, provost and vice president for academic affairs. He led initiatives that increased enrollment and enhanced academic standards while implementing more than \$10 million in campus capital projects. Expansion of the campus will continue under his leadership, he said, noting that the college has embarked on an ambitious growth plan that includes a new student center and residence hall.

Declaring himself to be a "product of Jesuit education," Cornacchia stressed his presidency will be committed to the Jesuit mission at Saint Peter's. He was appointed last May—five months after the untimely



Dr. Eugene J. Cornacchia

death of Father James N. Loughran, S.J., the former president of St. Peter's (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Jan. 10).

According to information posted on the college Web site (www.spc.edu), from an interview recently published by the college magazine, Cornacchia addressed his distinction as being the college's first layperson president.

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Diversity group taps Felician dean for major award

LODI—Dr. Mary E. Norton, associate dean and a professor at Felician College, was honored recently by the Bergen/Passaic Chapter of the American Conference on Diversity and received the group's humanitarian award.

"(Norton) has contributed in a singular way to the quality of life in the American Conference on Diversity Bergen/Passaic Chapter's service area," Judy Keyes, market research manager at Columbia Bank, Bergen/Passaic chapter chairwoman, said, noting that Norton was one of three to receive the award.

"I am thrilled that Mary Norton received this richly deserved recognition for her contributions to peace and understanding in our community and around the world," Sister Theresa Mary Martin, president of Felician College, said. "She embodies the Felician/Franciscan spirit of the college, with a radiance of goodness that spreads to our students and beyond."

Norton earned her bachelor's degree from Jersey City State University. She is president of the board of overseers, Queen of Peace High School, North Arlington. At Felician College,



Dr. Mary E. Norton

she developed a credit-bearing United Nations Internship Program that provides students with opportunities to increase their understanding of global issues.

She has received two Fulbright Senior Research Scholar Awards, the Fulbright Alumni Initiative Award, and the Fulbright Award, "Direct Access to the Muslim World," which aims to promote Americans' understand-

ing of Islamic civilization, and the history, politics and culture of today's Muslim world, and two "Academic Specialists" awards from the U.S. Information Service (USIS), Amman, Jordan. She also has helped develop graduate and undergraduate programs in nursing in Iran, Jordan and Pakistan, where she also served as the director of the bachelor of science degree in nursing (BSN) program.

Norton represents the International Council of Nurses to the UN, where she has served as secretary to the executive committee of non-governmental organizations for four years. In collaboration with the UN office in Tehran, Iran, and the Imperial Medical Center of Iran, she developed an immunization program for villages outside Tehran and immunized 500 children. She served with the UN's High Commission for Refugees, the International Rescue Committee and Cornell Medical School's cooperative project delivering health-care in Cambodian refugee camps.

The recipient of master of arts, master of education and doctor of education degrees from Columbia University, New York, Norton also completed a post-doctoral course in biomedical ethics at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York. She has received the "Care Award," one of the New Jersey State Nurses Association's highest honors for excellence in education and for her contributions to nursing education in New Jersey.

Pope names 2 Americans as cardinals

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Benedict last month named 23 new cardinals, including two Americans: U.S. Archbishop John P. Foley, grand

master of the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher; and Texas Archbishop Daniel N. DiNardo. The pope will formally install and “create” the cardinal designates during a special consistory—a meeting of the College of Cardinals—on Nov. 24.

Cardinal-designate John P. Foley, who will turn 72 on Nov. 11, became pro-grand master of the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher in late June. He had been president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications for more than 23 years.

A native of Philadelphia and a graduate of the New York's Columbia University journalism school, he was ordained to the priesthood in 1962. In 1970, he was appointed editor of *The Catholic Standard & Times* and

was still running the newspaper in 1984 when Pope John Paul II named him an archbishop and head of the Vatican office for social communications.

Cardinal-designate Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, a former Vatican official, was born May 23, 1949, in Steubenville, OH. He was ordained a priest for the Pittsburgh Diocese in 1977.

He became coadjutor of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston in 2004 and became head of the archdiocese in February 2006. Cardinal-designate DiNardo received bachelor's and master's degrees from The Catholic University of America in Washington, where he is currently a member of the board of trustees.

From 1984 to 1990 he was a staff member of the Vatican Congregation for Bishops. From 1990 to 1997 he held pastoral posts in the Pittsburgh Diocese, where he taught in the ongoing formation program for priests and was assistant spiritual director at St. Paul Seminary.

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BEETHOVEN'S 'NINTH'—After listening to a performance of Ludwig van Beethoven's "Ninth Symphony," Pope Benedict XVI called the work a masterful expression of optimism in the face of suffering. The pope listened to the performance by the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra and Chorus at the Vatican Oct. 28. Beethoven's "Ninth" is one of the best-known compositions of Western music and was written when the composer was almost completely deaf. "Beethoven had to fight internal and external problems that brought him depression and deep bitterness and threatened to suffocate his artistic creativity," the pope said.

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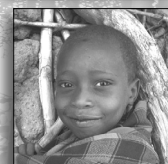
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Korgen views front lines of global war on poverty

Montclair author tracks work by CRS

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

NEWARK—Montclair resident Jeffry Korgen, in his new book "Solidarity Will Transform the World: Stories of Hope from Catholic Relief Services," aims to dispel the skewed perception of global poverty.

"I grew up watching public service announcements and I had the idea that poorer countries had utter dependence on the United States," Korgen said. "The ads were important in that they moved us to give and donate, but it projected the view that people in poor countries have no assets or resources."

A parishioner at St. Peter Claver in Montclair, Korgen, in his book, explores issues like immigration, HIV and AIDS and peace building throughout the world. Each of the five chapters of his book goes through five developing nations he visited last year, including Mexico, Zambia, India, Rwanda and Nicaragua.

"I want people to learn that, combined with these countries' own resources and the resources of the Catholic Church, we can fight poverty."

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. The agency (Web site: www.crs.org) provides assistance to people in 98 countries and territories based on need, regardless of race, nationality or creed.

"This book shows what our Church is doing to help support people reach their God-given potential throughout the world. The methods and stories of what CRS does are less well-known," Korgen said.

Korgen is the secretary of the Roundtable Association of Diocesan Social Action Directors and director of Social Ministry for the National Pastoral Life Center in New York City (Web site: www.nplc.org). "Jesus said 'love one another as I have loved you.' That statement has a global implication. It is not only about individual actions, but also what we do collectively as a Church and how we act and respond to poverty as an institution," he said.

Through his travels around the



Jeffry Korgen

world gathering testimonials for his book, Korgen was surprised that there was a peace-building dimension to all of the work CRS does. Even in the micro-finance project in India, where women in self-help groups give loans to each other in order to start small businesses, there is an unexpected positive outcome in the life of the community.

"I asked these women how their lives were different. I expected economic responses such as having more food and more money for their families. The women said that their husbands no longer beat them; the men in the village treat the women as equals now," Korgen recalled. "In these countries, fighting the evil of poverty is of a greater importance than fighting their neighbors."

According to information on the group's Web site, The National Pastoral Life Center serves the leadership of the Church's pastoral ministry. The center—through its studies, publications, consulting and conferences—contributes to reflective and effective pastoral ministry.

The roundtable is a membership association for diocesan directors, intended to serve them in promoting the Church's social mission.

(Editor's note: Korgen's book can be ordered online via amazon.com. He also is the author of

"My Lord and My God: Engaging Catholics in Social Ministry" and co-editor of "Living God's Justice: Reflections and Prayers." A native of Slidell, LA, Korgen holds degrees in philosophy, pastoral ministry, and social work from Boston College.)

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St. Peter Claver Parish, Montclair, author and activist Sister Helen Prejean, 7:30 p.m., RSVP at (973) 783-4852.

Queen of Peace High School, North Arlington, production of "Touchstone 'M' for Murder," 8 p.m., through Nov. 11, cost: \$8, (201) 998-8227 ext. 28.

November 9

Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth, "Alzheimer's Disease in the Hispanic Population," (program will be bilingual), 1-3 p.m., (908) 994-5138.

November 10

St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Elizabeth, 80th anniversary celebration, Mass at 4 p.m., gala reception at Winfield Scott Ballroom at 6 p.m., cost: \$75, RSVP at (908) 351-3300.

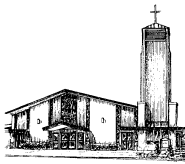
St. Peter Parish, Belleville, holiday flea market, 3-8 p.m., also on Nov. 11, (973) 751-2002.

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish, Bayonne, craft show, 9-4 p.m., (201) 437-4090.



Knights of Columbus Council 3428, North Arlington, awards and recognition dinner, 6:30 p.m., cost: \$20, (201) 991-9606.

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Newark, fund-raiser concert to aid Africa, 3 p.m., cost: \$20, call Jan Greiner (973) 801-8444.



St. Margaret of Cortona Parish, Little Ferry, chicken dinner, 6:30-8 p.m., cost: \$12, call Angie (201) 641-5813.

St. Phil's Singles, Livingston, dinner at Royal Buffet and Grill, East Hanover, 7 p.m., cost: about \$16.95, RSVP by Nov. 9, call Judith (973) 560-9728.

November 11

Knights of Columbus Council 12769, Secaucus, Mass/communion breakfast honoring past Grand Knights and veterans, 9 a.m., cost: \$7, <http://www.kofc12769.org/>.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Bayonne, "luau" tricky tray, doors open at 1 p.m., cost: \$10 in advance/ \$12 at the door, call Sandra Kleczynski (201) 437-6363.

St. Mary's Abbey, Morristown, concert in celebration of 150 years of the Benedictine Order's presence in New Jersey, Delbarton Fine Arts Center, 3 p.m., (973) 538-3231 ext. 3054.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Jersey City, blood drive, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., call the Knights of Columbus Council 137 (201) 946-5358.

Caldwell College, Garden State Opera performance, 4 p.m., cost: \$15 general/ \$12 for students and seniors, (973) 618-3520.

Special People Helping Others (SpPHO), Short Hills, 3 for 1 Bracelet Day, 1:30-5 p.m., bracelets will be sold at various locations throughout Millburn to benefit those with developmental disabilities, call Lauren Petersen at (312) 643-5222.

November 12

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Scotch Plains, bereavement support group, 7-8:30 p.m., also on Nov. 19, (908) 889-2100.

November 13

Immaculate Conception High School, Montclair, Hall of Fame Dinner honoring Yogi Berra, at Mayfair Farms, West Orange, 6 p.m., (973) 744-7445 ext. 26 or 31.

November 14

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

Link Community School, Newark, open house for 7 and 8 grade students, 6 p.m., (973) 642-0529.

St. John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale, annulment information evening, 7:30 p.m., call (973) 497-4327.

November 15

Seton Hall University, South Orange, opening reception for "Eye Tricks" exhibit, 5-9 p.m., exhibit runs through Dec. 14, call Jeanne Brasile (973) 275-2033.

November 16

Annunciation Parish, Paramus, "Recognizing Post Partum Depression," noon-2 p.m., (973) 497-4341.

Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, performance of "Godspell," 7:30 p.m., through Nov. 18, cost: \$5 for children and seniors/ \$10 general, (732) 382-1952.

November 17

Caldwell College, holiday craft show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., also on Nov. 18, call Sharon Kievit (973) 618-3547.

St. Phil's Singles, Livingston, talent night, 7:30 p.m., call Frank (973) 340-4001.

November 18

St. Catharine Parish, Glen Rock, Family Day of Remembrance, 2 p.m., call Annette Gallagher (201) 612-4660.

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

November 20

St. Bartholomew the Apostle Parish, Scotch Plains, "Praise 'n Worship Holy Hour," 9-10 p.m., (908) 322-5192.

Xavier Retreat and Conference Center, Convent Station, "An Evening of Thanksgiving for Individuals and Families," 7-9 p.m., (973) 290-5100.

Other

Holy Trinity Parish and St. Helen Parish, Westfield, sampler quilt raffle in observance of World AIDS Day (Dec. 1), Holy Trinity's raffle: Nov. 17-18, St. Helen's raffle: Dec. 1-2, tickets sold before and after all masses, call Anita Dazzo (908) 233-8710.



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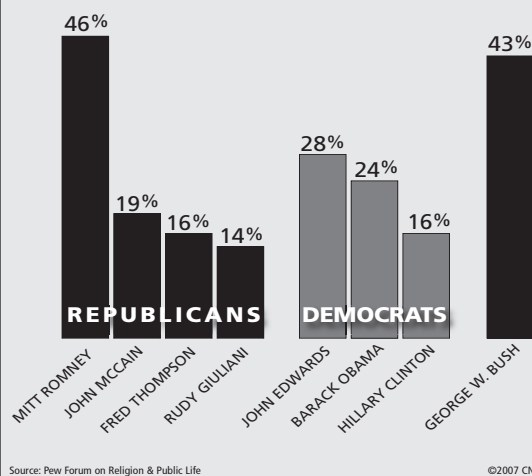
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U.S. adults say Mitt Romney is the most religious of the Republican candidates, and John Edwards is the most religious of the Democratic candidates. A poll by the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life found that nearly seven in 10 Americans think it is important for a president to have strong religious beliefs.

(CNS graphic)

Religious Candidates?

Only small percentages of Americans said they consider the top presidential candidates to be "very religious."



Source: Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life

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Borromeo celebrates its final Mass

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St. Charles Borromeo Church merged with Blessed Sacrament Church in May of 1999. Since then the two churches have continued as two worship sites under one parish called Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo.

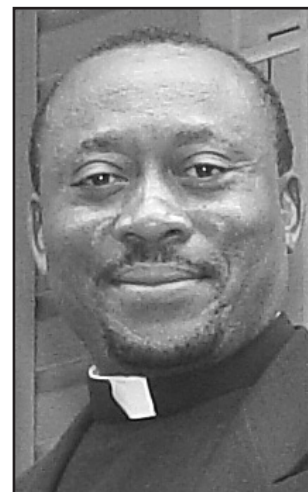
We celebrated our last Mass at St. Charles Borromeo on Nov. 4, with Most Rev. Edgar da Cunha, Regional Bishop of Essex County, presiding. Henceforth, all liturgical services and worship will be held at Blessed Sacrament (15 Van Ness Pl., Newark).

We are grateful to God for the

many years of service and evangelism that this church has offered to the South Ward of Newark.

Father Anselm I. Nwaorgu

(Editor's note: Father Nwaorgu, Ph.D., is the pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish. The Catholic Advocate, in its Nov. 22, 2006 edition, featured the community outreach work of the parish's food pantry, and profiled the celebration of the Igbo Mass, pronounced "E-bow," in the Aug. 9, 2006 edition, which represents one of the main languages in Nigeria.)



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Soulless clones and spineless men

People are intrigued and repulsed by the idea of cloning humans. They sometimes express doubts that a cloned baby would have a soul, because the whole idea seems so offensive. They suppose that God would "refuse to cooperate" with cloning by never infusing a soul into a cloned human embryo.

Yet back in 1978, when the first human baby was created in a Petri dish by in vitro fertilization, one might likewise have argued that such an immoral action would result in God's not infusing a soul into any baby that was manufactured in laboratory glassware. We currently have more than one million babies produced this way, all of whom do have souls infused by God.

Likewise, even though we readily see how dropping nuclear bombs on cities of innocent people would be gravely offensive, we know that God does not "refuse to cooperate" by suddenly suspending the laws of physics that permit such bombs to detonate. Clearly, God chooses to respect the laws of physics He has established, and likewise He remains beholden to the powers of biology that He himself has set in motion, even if it is true that man can use those same powers for offensive ends.

Apart from purely miraculous interventions, which appear to be quite rare, God does not step in and break the humanly initiated chain of causality, which allows sinful actions and evil choices to play out with all their consequences. Rather, He invites us to make moral and upright choices ourselves, so that evil in our world might not spread further, but He doesn't actively prevent us from doing evil by abrogating physical laws or refusing to "en-soul" embryos.

Human cloning, in the final analysis, is simply a technique for making an identical twin of someone, and while all of us have met various sets of identical twins over the years, none of us has ever met a pair where one of the twins lacked a soul. By similar reasoning, it is clear that the idea of a "soulless clone" is little more than an urban legend. Yet the mere discussion of a "soulless clone" serves to remind us how strikingly immoral human cloning really is, even as the mass media and various lawmakers vigorously promote a form of cloning known as therapeutic cloning.

The procedure for cloning is fairly simple in concept—it involves taking a nucleus (the "full genetic package") from a body cell, like a skin cell, and transferring it inside a woman's egg, after the egg's own nucleus (the "half genetic package") has been taken out. The presence of the "full genetic package" creates a new human embryo.

That newly cloned embryo can either be killed in the laboratory for research, or allowed to live and grow by implanting it into a uterus, resulting in the birth of a cloned baby. That baby would be an identical twin of the person

Making Sense Out of Bioethics

By Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk



who donated the skin cell, in the same way that Dolly the sheep was the identical twin of her mother who donated the mammary cell used to start the process off. Grave ethical violations are always involved in both forms of cloning: "reproductive cloning" and so-called "therapeutic cloning."

Imagine, for purposes of illustration, that Senator Ted Kennedy (D, MA) donated the skin cell used for cloning. The resulting cloned embryo would be the identical twin of the skin cell donor; so Senator Kennedy would have an identical twin brother who was an embryo.

Two uses for that embryo could be proposed: First, "reproductive cloning"—the cloned embryo could be implanted into a woman's uterus to make a live-born, cloned child (Senator Kennedy's younger identical twin who would be his gurgling baby brother).

Second, "therapeutic cloning"—the cloned embryonic brother of the senator would not be implanted, but rather, he would be violated as an embryo, at the hands of researchers who would harvest his stem cells (for various noble purposes, like getting genetically matched cells to treat the senator for serious ailments as the senator gets older and more frail). This second approach is sometimes termed "clone and kill."

Taking advantage of others to use them as our own "repair kits," while convenient for those experiencing bodily decline, is also intrinsically immoral. Senator Kennedy himself, like many other elected officials in our country, has promoted laws to encourage this form of research cloning.

"The advantage of therapeutic cloning," Kennedy told *The Boston Globe*, "is, one, you can get the exact genetic match, and you eliminate the real possibilities of rejection, which is going to be key in this whole area of research."

"Banning it or prohibiting it, making it illegal, would be a major mistake. It's a big opportunity," he added. "This is the time, and now is the moment, and Massachusetts is the place."

Senator Kennedy certainly is correct about the benefits of an exact genetic match, because by having the same genes, a pair of identical twins can use each other's organs for transplants, and they will accept those transplants without the need for any immunosuppressive drugs. But the deeper truth is that in therapeutic cloning, the cloned twin is not even given a chance at life, but he or she is expressly created for premeditated killing at the hands of researchers in order to benefit his or her older genetic match.

This sinister research represents a direct form of human exploitation, where the powerful and the wealthy violate the young and powerless. In fact, a patient who uses therapeutic cloning would be destroying a family member, a blood relative—their own identical twin brother or sister—to obtain desired cells and tissues.

On the other hand, when you clone to make a live-born baby, as wrong as this still is, at least the cloned twin survives, breathes the same air, and has the chance to enjoy the good life that the rest of us enjoy each day.

The real paradox, then, is how our moral sensitivities have become so coarsened that many can no longer see how therapeutic cloning is actually worse, from the moral

point of view, than reproductive cloning. Therapeutic cloning doesn't produce soulless clones, but it does tempt some spineless politicians and scientists to radically misuse the remarkable powers of science that God has given us.

(Earlier this year Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D., was a featured speaker at a symposium on cloning and

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stem-cell research hosted by Seton Hall University, South Orange (see The Catholic Advocate, March 7). Father "Tad" earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did post-doctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, MA, and serves as the Director of Education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. The center (Web site: www.ncbcenter.org) is a non-profit research and educational institute committed to applying the moral teachings of the Catholic Church to ethical issues arising in healthcare and the life sciences. The center, which was profiled in the May 9 edition of The Catholic Advocate, provides consultations to institutions and individuals seeking its opinion on the appropriate application of Catholic moral teachings to these ethical issues.)

Discovering quiet, profound faith in Amish country

I took a little trip last week to the Amish Dutch Country in Pennsylvania. I went with a few friends to a large theater near Strasburg. It is a popular Christian showplace that rivals Radio City Music Hall in New York.

Some evangelical Christians have developed what they call "Sight and Sound" shows that employ a huge cast of singers and actors to portray Biblical events. I saw a presentation called "In the Beginning." It depicted the events of Genesis. I have to hand it to our evangelical brethren—the sets and the music were impressive and powerful.

Of course, it was "straight" Bible with no deviation. By that I mean it is "old-time religion" with no modern nuance.

Nevertheless, I fully recommend it for any believing Christian and for anyone who can appreciate a fine theatrical production.

The theater itself is only a mile from the schoolhouse where only a year ago a crazed man murdered Amish children in their classroom, and then committed suicide.

The entire nation was given a lesson in Christian Charity and forgiveness as we saw these "plain" people in their blue and black clothing and their simple ways not only forgive a murderer but embrace his family with love.

Less known is the fact that, within the same year, a woman fell asleep at the wheel of her car and ran over another Amish schoolgirl. Once again that community for-

gave the woman and consoled her even as they buried their child. Against their wishes the authorities pressed charges. They are currently going to court on her behalf.

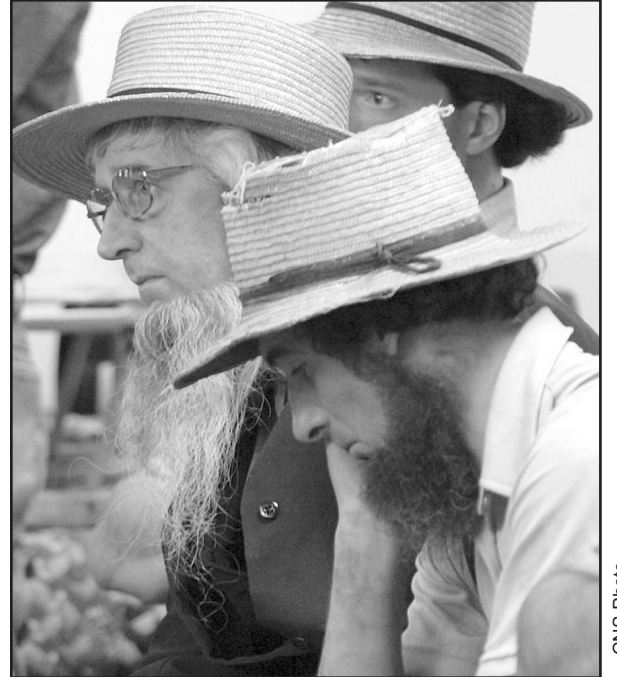
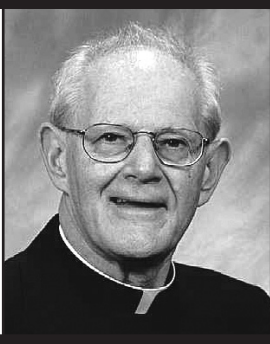
What do these developments in far-away Amish country mean to the good people of the Archdiocese of Newark? We Catholics are truly "catholic." Our Church is "universal;" a big tent that embraces saints and sinner alike. If only all of our people were as Christ-like as the Amish people—what a powerful force for good we would be! How quickly the whole world would see the Lord Jesus in our lives. Unfortunately, we all must struggle to learn the ways of perfection, even as we deal with the evil of our time. And to be truthful, most Christians today do not manifest the love of Christ in our day-to-day activities.

That reality was pushed upon me when I arrived home from my journey. Tired from my trip to the Keystone State, I turned to the news on TV. There parading before me was a gaggle of foolish and ultimately pitiful figures. They were three spoiled young women—all rich, all famous, all sexually promiscuous—and all addicted to alcohol. All three were flaunting their bodies as well as the rules of society.

I could not help but compare my morning among the "plain" people in Lancaster County—driving buggies and quietly serving God—with the garish figures with a perverted "celebrity" status who presented themselves to the world on the evening news.

Voices

By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist



Amish men sit in stunned silence in the wake of the Oct. 2, 2006 shooting at an Amish schoolhouse in Lancaster County, PA.

Like day and night, good and evil stand in contrast. God bless the Amish and God help these foolish people on the evening news. Blinded by false values they are a source of amusement for an audience that laughs at them. How sad!

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

Pondering true costs of China's One-Child Policy

A real piece of work: back in the day, that's what we would have called my friend Nicholas Eberstadt. By his own confession, Nick left Harvard a convinced Maoist, only to find, during his early graduate work at the London School of Economics, that he couldn't out-argue British development economist Peter Bauer.

So unlike others who will remain nameless, Nick figured out that being "left" does mean having to say you're sorry (and wrong), when the evidence overwhelmingly points in a different direction. So he abandoned the intellectual fever swamps of "Marxist analysis," got very serious indeed and has earned a well-deserved reputation as one of the world's most creative students of demography.

And one of the bravest. For in September, Dr. Eberstadt became possibly the first man ever to criticize China's One-Child Policy (in China), before an audience consisting of Chinese government officials and a predominantly Chinese World Economic Forum audience.

Eberstadt first noted the human-potential costs of the One-Child Policy. Reminding his audience that perhaps the most familiar face of China in America today is Houston Rockets center Yao Ming of the NBA (an only child and the son of two basketball stars), Eberstadt asked his hosts: "Without a One-Child Policy, how many other stars might the Yao family have produced?...That particular possibility has been lost and we will never know how much further potential for China has been lost thanks to involuntary birth control."

The One-Child Policy's proponents argue that China has experienced enormous economic growth under One-Child. That's true, Eberstadt conceded, but "development" is more than economics.

Consider the many parents who might have wanted more than one child and yet were compelled to "forswear

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by George Weigel



the children they wished to have." For those parents, economic growth is a poor substitute for their hearts' deeper longings. Or, as Eberstadt put it, economic growth that doesn't "meet the most basic of human needs and desires is low-quality growth."

Then there are the about-to-come-due economic fiscal costs of the One-Child Policy. Thanks to 15 years of below-replacement-level birth rates, China's working-age population is about to start declining and will continue to decline "more or less indefinitely." How will an increasingly over-50 population maintain the economic dynamism that the rest of the world has come to expect from China?

Moreover, because of the One-Child Policy and its skewing effects on the overall Chinese population, "China's age profile will be 'graying' in the decades ahead at a pace almost never before seen in human history." Today, China is young; by 2030, China will be "gray-

er" than the United States. In 20 years, on current trends, the "normal" Chinese family will be "4-2-1:" four grandparents, two parents, one grandchild. "Brother," "sister," "aunt," "uncle," and "cousin" will be abstract terms.

What will this do to a society in which family bonds are a crucial component of social capital? And what about the demographic ramifications of sex-selection abortions under the One-Child Policy? That odious practice has created a situation in which, 20 years out, there will tens of millions of unmarried Chinese young men with no marriage prospects—because the wives they might have married were aborted. That's a vast human and social problem. It's also a huge international security problem, for that many unmarriedable young men means, historically, an army of marauders.

Echoing Pope John Paul II in the encyclical *Centesimus Annus*, Nick Eberstadt closed on a humanistic note: "In the final analysis, the wealth of nations in the modern world is not to be found in mines, or forests, or deposits of natural resources. The true wealth of modern countries resides in

their people—in human resources. China's people are not a curse; they are a blessing." Thus China's success in "abolishing poverty and attaining mass affluence in the decades and generations ahead" may well depend on a decision by China's rulers to

reverse course and to trust their own people, with respect to the size of their families.

Nick Eberstadt reports that his reception was "cool." Which is bad news—not for Dr. Eberstadt, but for China.

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

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Vatican mulls Anglicans' request for 'full communion' with Church

DUBLIN, Ireland (CNS)—Parishioners from three Church of Ireland parishes have joined traditional Anglicans from 12 other countries in requesting that the Catholic Church receive them into full communion.

If approved by the Vatican, the move would allow 400,000 traditional Anglicans worldwide to be admitted into the Catholic Church.

The decision to petition for the move "seeking full, corporate, sacramental union" was made during an early October plenary meeting of the Traditional Anglican Communion—the umbrella organization for traditional Anglicans—in Portsmouth, England. The move, requested in a letter to the Vatican, would see the entire parish communities received into the Catholic Church.

It is extremely rare for entire Anglican communities to seek corporate communion with the Catholic Church whereby every member of the parish becomes Catholic and the parish effectively becomes part of the Catholic Church.

At the Vatican, officials would not comment on the letter, although they confirmed the doctrinal congregation had received it.

While the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity is the Vatican's lead office for official unity talks with the Anglican Communion, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith deals with the situation of former Anglican priests who want to become Catholic priests and with groups of former Anglicans who want to become Catholics together. The situation of individual Anglicans wanting to become Roman Catholics is considered a matter of conscience and not primarily an issue in the ecumenical dialogue.

Here in the Archdiocese of Newark, the unfolding Catholic/Episcopal dialogue has significance, as Archbishop John J. Myers, two years ago, was installed by the Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith as the Ecclesiastical Delegate for admitting married former Anglican clergy to the Catholic Priesthood in the United States.

Archbishop Myers, in this position, works with U.S. bishops to oversee the process by which Anglican/Episcopal

clergy who wish to convert to Catholicism can be ordained as Catholic priests. Last year Archbishop Myers ordained Alvin Kimel Jr.—an Episcopal clergyman for 25 years—as a Catholic priest in a service held at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Dec. 6 and 20, 2006).

Father Kimel, speaking candidly at a public forum in South Orange following his ordination, said his faith journey to leave the Episcopal Church was a "painful struggle, but ultimately I felt that, because of the direction that the Episcopal Church had taken, I could not in conscience represent it to the world." Father Kimel currently serves as the Catholic campus minister at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck.

Pope Benedict XVI and top Vatican officials have expressed their hope that the Anglican Communion would find a structure able to keep Anglicans united while strengthening the faith and doctrinal heritage they share with the Roman Catholic Church in order to continue moving Roman Catholics and Anglicans toward full unity.

The Traditional Anglican Communion describes itself as a worldwide association of orthodox Anglican churches, working to maintain the faith and resist the secularization of the church.

The traditional rite of the Church of Ireland (Anglican) emerged in 1991 after the House of Bishops of the Church of Ireland decided to start ordaining women. Traditionalist Anglicans decried the move as a "defiance of both Scripture and tradition."

After the Episcopal Church in the United States decided in 1976 to ordain women to the priesthood, some former Episcopalian priests and laity sought full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

The Vatican established a special "pastoral provision" to oversee the movement in the United States of former Episcopalian clergy wanting to minister as priests in the Roman Catholic Church. The provision also set up guidelines for "Anglican use" Catholic parishes, allowing former Episcopalian parishes to retain some of their Anglican liturgical and spiritual traditions.

The Pope Speaks

Pope Benedict XVI



'Silent, heroic' woman assisted those in need

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—As a mother, widow and woman religious, Blessed Celine Borzecka reminds today's faithful that even an ordinary life can be holy if it is lived fully for God, Pope Benedict XVI said.

Blessed Borzecka, who founded the Congregation of the Sisters of the Resurrection, represents "the silent and heroic witness of many Christians who live the Gospel without compromise, fulfilling their duties and generously dedicating themselves to serving the poor," the pope said during an Oct. 28 Angelus address in St. Peter's Square. Blessed Borzecka was beatified during an Oct. 27 Mass in Rome's Basilica of St. John Lateran.

Born in 1833 in eastern Poland to a wealthy family, Celine Chludzinska longed to dedicate her life to God and follow his will. Biographies say she was a loving wife and mother to four children, of whom only two survived.

After her husband became ill and died in 1874, the 40-year-old widow went with her daughters to live in Rome. There she met and befriended the superior general of the Resurrectionists who had been hoping to start a women's congregation.

After many years of hard work and sacrifice, in 1891 Blessed Borzecka received approval to found together with her daughter, Hedwig, the Congregation of the Sisters of the Resurrection. The religious order, which would focus on renewing society and women through education, became the first religious community to be founded by a mother and a daughter.

Spyker's book considers more soulful connectivity

BY MITCH FINLEY
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CNS)—Author Stephen Spyker in his nonfiction book "Technology & Spirituality: How the Information Revolution Affects Our Spiritual Lives" (Skylight Paths Publishing, Woodstock, VT) asks us to consider an important question: what is the impact of digital technology on the faith and spirituality of Christians?

Essentially, Spyker cautions us to remember that only relationships with God and other people can satisfy the deepest cravings of the human heart.

"Most of us are not terribly reflective about the technologies we use," declares Spyker, director of information technology at Earlham School of Religion and Bethany Theological Seminary in Richmond, IN. "We may be hesitant in our approach or slow to adapt, but sooner or later we blindly accept whatever technolo-

gy comes along, acting as if we believe, however skeptical we might have been at first, that it will make our lives easier, better, more interesting or rewarding, that we will be better and happier or more valued human beings because of some newfangled way of doing something."

Spyker states that his purpose in writing "is to help us gain a deeper understanding of how emerging technologies affect our spirituality, how we can learn to live with (or without) them better, and how we can develop a relationship to technology that will help nurture our spiritual being."

He writes as an evangelical Christian, but his views are compatible with a balanced Catholic perspective—where grace can be found even in the most mundane things, places and circumstances. He suggests that we take seriously the ideal of Christian simplicity as a starting point, adding that we

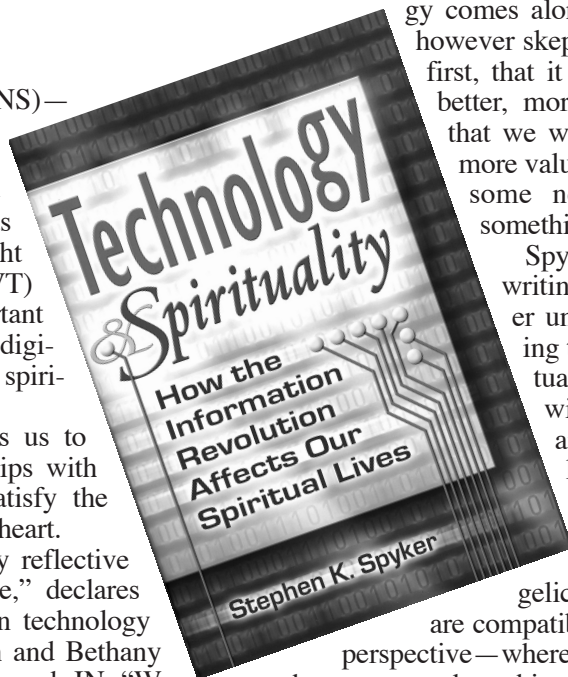
could be more selective when it comes to our use and reliance on modern technologies.

For example, maybe your life would be enriched rather than impoverished if you didn't use a cell phone, microwave oven or the latest version of some particular computer software. Maybe you would benefit more from writing in longhand in a daily journal that no one else is likely to read instead of keyboarding your thoughts into an Internet blog.

Is participation in a "virtual community" in cyberspace as good as participation in a real community? Is a "virtual" faith community as good as a real faith community? Is learning from Internet resources as good as taking a class with other people in a classroom, from a human teacher? In all those instances Spyker recommends not giving up the former for the latter, at the very least.

"Technology & Spirituality," if read reflectively and taken to heart, will do things for your faith and spirituality that you may not be expecting, but for which you will be thankful.

(Finley is the author of more than 30 books for Catholic readers, most recently "The Rosary Handbook: A Guide for Newcomers, Old-Timers, and Those In Between.")



'Open-door' policy extends a warm welcome to all

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

The original name for Immaculate Conception Parish was St. John the Baptist. On June 24, 1921, the feast day of the saint, the first Mass in Norwood was celebrated.

The property of the old Borough Club on Summit Street was purchased in 1921 for about \$4,000. Catholic families, going door-to-door, collected the money. Sometime between June and December 1921, the parish name was changed to "Immaculate Conception" from St. John the Baptist. The Carmelite Fathers agreed to take over the care of the parish only if it was dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, thus the name change.

The first Mass in the present church building (the old Borough Club) was the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve in 1921. A plaque in the vestibule of the church commemorates the 73 years of faithful service given to Immaculate Conception by the Carmelite Fathers. The Carmelite Fathers staffed the parish from 1921 until the end of 1994. The last Carmelite Father here was Father Jerry Heinen, O. Carm.

Over the years, many Carmelites served at Immaculate Conception. The most notable was Father Charles Scharf, O. Carm., who was pastor for about 30 years (from the 1930's to the 1960's). Father Scharf was pastor

in Norwood and I am the senior clergyman of the four churches in Norwood in terms of years of service in the community."

The parish proudly maintains the original church building—the old Borough Club. The most recent renovations on the building are the result of the "Restoring Our Church—Tree of Life" program in 2006 and 2007, giving the parish hall and church building a complete makeover.

Immaculate Conception Parish has 943 registered families, mostly from Norwood, but also long-time members from the surrounding communities. The prevailing ethnic backgrounds are Irish, German and Italian.

"We have an 'open-door' policy. Our church is never locked," Father Urnick said. "We are one of the few parishes in the archdiocese with this beautiful claim to fame. People come in day and night for a visit to the Blessed Sacrament or to spend time in the peacefulness of the church or to pray the rosary at our Marian shrine. This is a great blessing."

With 45 active ministries, engaging in volunteer work and serving those in need is stressed at the parish. "Our parish pastoral council is an incredible group of men and women who give so much of their time and talent to Immaculate Conception," Father Urnick said. "We have a powerful outreach program, which ranges from feeding the hungry, contributing personnel to the



Submitted photos

Father Charles Urnick, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, poses on a motorcycle in front of the church after blessing the chopper for a parishioner. A sense of humor enables Father Urnick to lead his parishioners along their spiritual journey. After serving as a chaplain in the Air Force Reserve for 29 years, he retired in 2006 with the rank of lieutenant colonel. Father Urnick's motto is: "Live! Love! Laugh!"

brated each year: the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8; and the Feast of St. John the Baptist on June 24 also known as Foundation Day. Foundation Day is celebrated with an old-fashioned ice cream social and helps to foster a familial spirit in the parish.

The season of Lent is a special time for the parish with many spiritual traditions. "Tiger

Suzanne. Every year at noon on the first Saturday of Lent, Sister Susanne and Father Urnick have a penance service for the children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion that year.

"The service always revolves around the theme of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. We decorate the sanctuary with the sheep and at the end of the service of prayer and singing, each First Communion child is invited to come up and choose a sheep to take home as a memento," Father Urnick said.

The pastor's energetic spirit and commitment to Immaculate Conception Parish endears him to the community. "Father Charlie is very accessible and funny," Denise Marcos, parishioner for 19 years, said. "People just enjoy his company."

"This is a small community with a huge heart. Father Urnick is extremely dedicated to the people. He is the heart of it all," Liz Murray, a parishioner for 15 years, said. "He is only one parish priest but he does it all with grace, dignity and a love for the community." (Immaculate Conception Parish is located at 211 Summit St., Norwood, 07648.)

Immaculate Conception, Norwood

when Immaculate Conception School opened in 1962; today it is known as Holy Family Inter-parochial School.

In January 1995, the Archdiocese of Newark took over the staffing of the parish. Father Charles B. Urnick, known as Father "Charlie" to his parishioners, is the first archdiocesan priest to be appointed pastor of Immaculate Conception.

"The demographics of the area are changing, but Immaculate Conception will always have an important role in this community," said Father Urnick, now in his 13th year as pastor. "We are the largest religious denomination

local homeless shelter, collecting food several times a year for the Office of Concern in Englewood, to sharing our resources with sister parishes."

The Norwood parish "adopted" a namesake—Immaculate Conception Parish in Marrero, LA—following the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina along the Gulf Coast two years ago. The parish also reaches out to other states, such as Virginia, where volunteers travel each summer through the C.A.V.E. program (Catholics Who Advocate, Volunteer and Empower) to help the poor.

Two major feasts are cele-

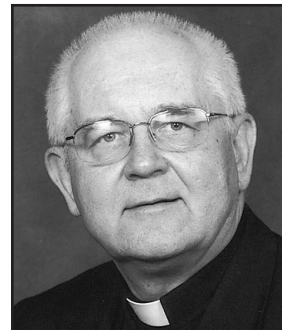
masses" are celebrated at 6:15 a.m. each Tuesday and Friday in Lent. "Each participant collects tiger tails from the masses and returns them for a tiger prize at the end of Lent," Father Urnick explained. "You have to be 'tough as a tiger' to be up so early. Kids attach them to their backpacks. Adults hang them from their car mirrors. They're seen all over town!"

Sister Suzanne Reynolds, S.S.J., is the director of religious education/ pastoral associate. The religious education program serves about 250 students in grades 1-9. Nearly two-dozen volunteer catechists assist Sister



Stuffed sheep are handed out at a penance service on the first Saturday of Lent for the children receiving their First Holy Communion that year. The service revolves around the theme of Jesus as the Good Shepherd.

Meet the Pastor



Father Charles B. Urnick

Birthday: Jan. 19, 1948
Hometown: Montvale
High School: St. Joseph Regional High School, Montvale
Seminary: Immaculate Conception (Darlington)
Undergraduate: Seton Hall University
Graduate School: M. Div. from Immaculate Conception Seminary; ACSC (Air Command and Staff College)
Ordination: May 25, 1974
Hero: Rev. Charles P. O'Connor
Favorite Saint: St. Charles Borromeo
Favorite Sport: Pro-Wrestling and Ultimate Fighter Championships (UFC)
Favorite Food: Italian
Favorite Subject in School: Latin
Favorite Movies: *The Punisher* and *Harold and Maude*
Last Book I Read: *Tricks with My Head*, by Mac King
Occupation if I Weren't a Priest: Las Vegas magician or stand-up comic

SDA students tour temples of Greece

JERSEY CITY—Fifty-four students from St. Dominic Academy (SDA) high school traveled to Greece last summer as part of the school’s annual educational tour of Europe.

Students from the all-girls high school visited Athens, Delphi, Mykonos, Rhodes, Heraklion, Santorini, Patmos and Crete. They toured the Olympic stadium, the Acropolis, the Parthenon, Herodes Atticus Theater, the Temple of Poseidon on Cape Sounion, the Temple of Apollo,

the famous Paraportiani Church, the Colossus of Rhodes, the Street of the Knights and the beaches of Santorini. There was also a side trip to Kusadasi, Turkey.

“Coming back from Greece, I know our students are forever changed,” Carol Roc, SDA tour coordinator, said. “Their travel changed their outlook on life and their knowledge, as well as their stereotypes of people and places. They have grown much in learning and in spirit.”

“This was a tremendous oppor-

tunity to see firsthand the gifts Greece has given to Western Civilization. We could not help but marvel at the beauty of the coun-

try,” explained SDA Social Studies Department Chairwoman Mary Ann McLean.

Junior Megan Lee said her participation on the Greece trip has provided her with a new perspective in her studies this

year. “Because of my firsthand experience in Greece, I am able to easily grasp the concepts that Mrs. Scholz has us discuss in French class, like our recent discussion about currencies in Europe.”



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St. Dominic Academy students and faculty are pictured at the Temple of Poseidon in Greece. Deborah Egan is the principal of the all-girls high school. Contact Carolyn Smith, SDA director of public relations and admissions, at (201) 434-5938, ext. 35, for more information on the school.

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IVC offers healthy, active pursuits for mind, body and soul

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

As Americans live longer, healthier lives, the so-called “Golden Years” gracefully have evolved into another active stage of life. For many older Americans this is when they get to choose how they spend their “quality time,” pursuing activities and interests, and more of them are spending this time volunteering.

Volunteers enjoy the physical and mental health benefits of remaining active and engaged in meaningful outreach projects in their communities, while helping those in need.

The rate of volunteering among Americans older than 65 is 64 percent higher today than it was in 1974, according to a 2006 study (“Volunteer Growth

in America: A Review of Trends Since 1974”) published by the Corporation for National & Community Service (Web site: www.nationalservice.org).

This rapid growth in volunteerism is a good thing for Baltimore-based Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC), a national faith-based service organization of retired men and women, which has members throughout the four counties of the archdiocese.

“Ignatian volunteers provide essential services that help metropolitan-area, non-profit organizations meet their goals,” Elizabeth McMahon, regional director, IVC of New York and New Jersey, said. She took part in the archdiocesan “Festival of Faith” celebration, held in Newark on Sept. 29.

“In addition to volunteering for worthy causes, the IVC represents a commitment to spiritual growth and development,” she continued.

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Senior Care/ Hospitals & Family Health Services

A walk in the park, a quest to cure silent disease

Sisters enlist in journey as Alzheimer's hits home

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

AREA—Alzheimer's disease affects an estimated 350,000 people in New Jersey and thousands more throughout the nation. The disease and its emotional impact represent one of the most heart-wrenching health issues confronting families in the Archdiocese of Newark.

To help raise money to combat this silent, debilitating illness, Pamela Muller Swartzberg, chairwoman of the archdiocesan Women's Commission, joined hundreds of others on Oct. 28 at Van Saun Park, Paramus, for the Alzheimer's Association of Greater New Jersey's Memory Walk.

For Swartzberg, this day in the park was a personal journey. Not only was she walking for the thousands of families and caregivers affected by the disease; she was walking for her father.

Five years ago, Swartzberg's father, Jim Muller, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Along with her four sisters, she raised \$35,000 for the Memory Walk, the largest amount raised for the local chapter of the association.

Her team, “Jim's Journey,” consisted of her sisters and most of her father's 15 grandchildren. As a caregiver and daughter of someone suffering from the illness, she said the Alzheimer's Association was an invaluable resource.

“The Alzheimer's Association does caregiver advocacy and has tons of information. One of the keys for taking care of someone with Alzheimer's is to have resources on where to go and what is supposed to be happening due to the disease. It can be tough, so they have caregiver support groups and seminars. You can also see the different research successes on their Web site (www.alznj.org),” Swartzberg said.

The organization also offers funding to certain families battling the disease. “With Alzheimer's disease, you have no idea if you will need one year of care or 15 years of care. A lot of people don't have the finances and it can be intimidating. The Memory Walk is a positive way for families to feel like they are a positive force in the face of this destructive disease,” Swartzberg explained.

Now 77-years-old, Muller is a man admired by his former em-

ployees and family. “My dad was, and still is, a person of great character. Now he is almost child-like in his ways so it is nice to have other people remember who he is as a person. It is easy to be practical and just concentrate on the day-to-day, but the walk celebrates who he is. His life is a journey of faith.”

This was Swartzberg's first Memory Walk and she was surprised at the amount of support her team received, calling the amount of donations “mind-boggling.”

She described the experience as healing and cathartic. “The Memory Walk is a way to fight back,” she said. “It is very easy to see those

suffering from Alzheimer's just barely get through each day. It is the ‘devil’ in the disease.”

As a certified public accountant in the mutual fund industry, Muller was the head of a firm and also a deeply religious man. “All of the people under him were like

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Pamela Muller Swartzberg (second from left) and her four sisters participated in the Oct. 28 “Memory Walk,” organized by the Alzheimer's Association of Greater New Jersey. Her family team, “Jim Journey,” was named for her father—Jim Muller—who was diagnosed with the disease five years ago. Jim's Journey raised \$35,000—the highest amount for this local chapter of the association. The “Muller girls” are (from left to right) Valerie, Pamela, Lisa, Caroline and Judy.

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Swartzberg

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his children," she recalled. We were raised in a very traditional home. The story of my dad is the story of his faith.

Muller served in the Korean War as a rescue helicopter pilot and hundreds of people are alive today because of his valor. He continues to be heroic in the face of this destructive illness.

"His 15 grandchildren don't even care that he has Alzheimer's disease. They just know him as 'grandpa.' They know when he needs help and have grown up with him. The children don't feel sorry for him. Adults, however, are more complicated," Swartzberg explained.

She admitted that there are times when she cannot help but look back on how her father used to be. "Sometimes when he's sleeping, he looks just like he did

when he was younger and you can see that he is still in there. It makes me say: 'I miss my Dad.'"

The past few months have been difficult for Swartzberg's family. "In the beginning when he was diagnosed, there was not much to deal with. We just had to make adjustments. He went to the Christian Healthcare Center in Wyckoff. Although he had lost his independence, he was still very active. In the last eight months, there has been a decline," Swartzberg said.

One of the most important facets of Muller's life remains his faith. He still attends Mass at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes. "One of the keys to my father's disposition is his faith. Father Renato Bautista visits his house almost every day. We are still bringing him to Mass and

sometimes he will say he 'needs Mary,' which means he wants to pray the rosary."

Getting involved in the Memory Walk was somewhat of an ordeal, logistically. In addition to raising her own family and her duties with the Women's Commission, Swartzberg had to gather her four busy sisters and their children to meet at the same place and at the same time. A former attorney, Swartzberg and her sisters are in varied careers including a chiropractor, one in the financial industry, another in marketing and an opera singer.

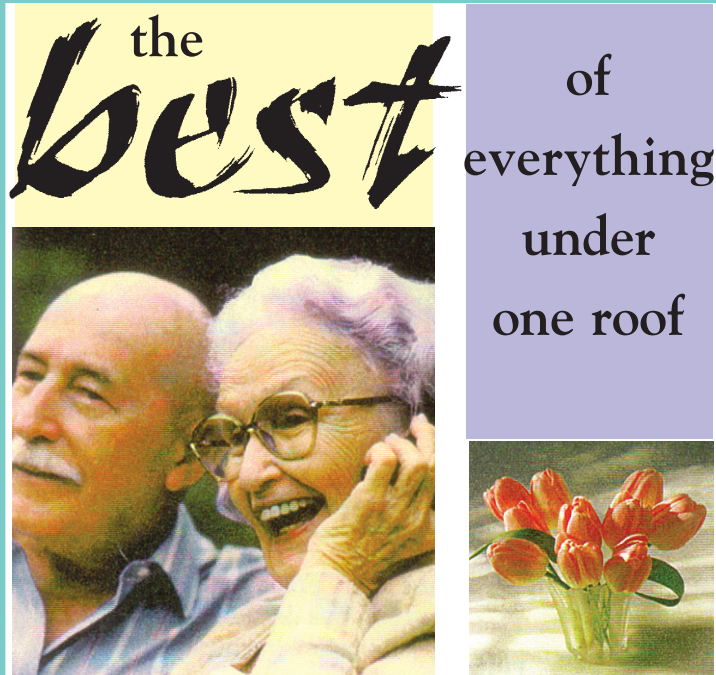
"We all live in New Jersey, except for one in Texas," she said. "We all sent out letters asking people to donate money for our team. My sister in Texas raised \$18,000."

Staunchly pro-life, Swartzberg

can now relate to the "other end" of the issue. "I have internalized that pro-life means being in support of life from natural conception until natural death. I have grown into this issue and am extremely passionate about it. It is hard to see the dignity of someone who can't do anything for themselves. However, they still have dignity because God put it there."

The Alzheimer's Association of Greater New Jersey does not support embryonic stem-cell research and encourages research that is "ethically acceptable." The organization's stance on the issue is in line with Swartzberg's pro-life beliefs.

Walking in support of her father, Swartzberg found strength and comfort in having her family by her side. "We were walking for my dad."



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Istvan received his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and completed his emergency medicine residency at the University of Pittsburgh. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Johns Hopkins University.

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Dr. David Istvan has 11 years of experience in emergency medicine and will use his expertise to direct and coordinate the daily functions of this department. He comes to Englewood Hospital from Bayonne Medical Center where he served as director of emergency medicine for seven years.



CHARITY BALL—The 31st annual charity ball sponsored by the St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center Foundation was held Oct. 13 at Cipriani Wall Street, New York. More than 700 guests raised nearly \$1.2 million for the Paterson medical center, which is celebrating its 140th anniversary. Pictured at the charity ball is (left to right) Nancy Holahan, M.D., and Joseph Holahan, M.D., chief of the Child Development Center; Timothy P. Barr, vice president for development and executive director of the medical center's foundation; Lucia Palestro; and Michael Lamacchia, M.D., chairman of pediatrics.



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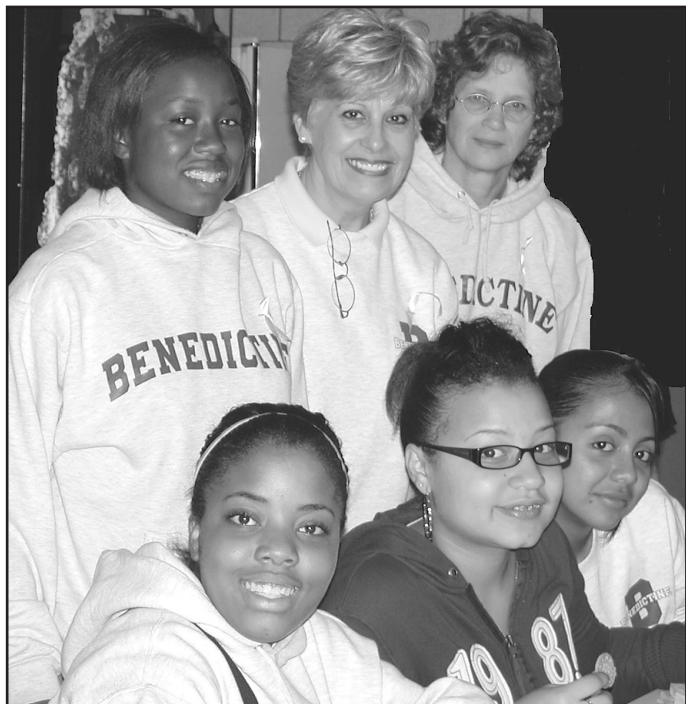


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BREAST CANCER WALKATHON—Nearly 190 Benedictine Academy students, plus faculty, staff and administrators and student family members participated in a three-and-a-half mile walkathon on Oct. 10 to raise funds for breast cancer research. Over \$1,500 was pledged and all proceeds will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation (Web site: www.komen.org). Walkers wound their way from the Westminster section of Elizabeth (where the school is located), into Hillside, then looped back to the academy. Pictured (top row, left to right) are Carissa Maree-Qualls; Luisa Rodrigues, academy business and facilities manager and moderator of the school's Portuguese Club; Kathleen Soltis, academy physical education and health teacher; (bottom row) Vachelle Wilson; Nikole Marotta; and Mercy Castillo. The students are all members of the Class of 2010 at Benedictine Academy—the all-female Catholic college prep high school.

Volunteers

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"This is the distinguishing aspect of our faith-based program."

McMahon, a resident of South Orange, said there are more than 36 million Americans aged 65 and older; those numbers will soar to 72 million or about 20 percent of the U.S. population by the year 2030. Given the advances in medicine, healthcare and rising life-expectancy rates, she pointed out that Americans age 65 and older represent the largest age group volunteering for the nation's 1.4 million plus non-profit organizations.

The IVC (Web site: www.ivcusa.org) recently commissioned a study to look at the effects of its programs on volunteers. McMahon said that with 12 regional offices across the nation, the organization wanted to determine at how well it was meeting its spiritual mission and goals.

"The Impact of Service on Spirituality: A Survey of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps," conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University, consisted of three separate surveys mailed to IVC volunteers and their spouses—those who offer one-on-one spiritual

companionship to volunteers.

According to the study's major findings, "each group affirms the value of the IVC program in helping participants feel as though they are spending retirement in a fulfilling way, deepening their spirituality, and increasing their social awareness."

Specific significant findings include: 93 percent feel they are spending their retirement in a fulfilling way; 89 percent feel that are making a difference in peoples' lives; 86 percent are using skills that they had before joining to help others; and 85 percent have a greater awareness regarding the social problems that stem from poverty.

"The CARA report tells us it is a win-win for everyone as our volunteers seem to be getting as much benefit from the work as our non-profit agencies and the people they serve," McMahon said.

IVC is composed of men and women, age 50 and over, sharing their skills, talents, and life experiences with organizations that directly assist people who are poor, providing community outreach and addressing social concerns related to poverty. Ignatian volunteers match their skills to the particular needs of community organizations, advancing literacy skills, providing healthcare services and working to overcome poverty.

The IVC was founded in September 1995 when two Jesuit priests—Father Jim Conroy, S.J., and Charlie Costello, S.J.—gathered a small group of retired



Elizabeth McMahon

men and women to explore ways to minister to those who were materially poor while also gaining spiritual growth through service.

In addition to its headquarters in Baltimore and offices here in the New York/New Jersey area, IVC maintains regional facilities in Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Los Angeles, San Diego, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Philadelphia, St. Louis, and Washington, D.C./Northern Virginia.

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November marks history of Black Catholics in U.S.

NEWARK—Citing the 17th anniversary of November as Black Catholic History Month, Deacon Marshall Andrews, liaison coordinator of the archdiocesan Office of Black Catholic Affairs, declared “Africa’s descendants had a significant part to play in the history of American Catholicism.”

However, until recently, “their story has not been told,” he said. “From the time of the Spanish exploration of the 1500s to the present day, African-American Catholics had continuous participation in the Church.”

The New York-based National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus (Web site: www.bcimall.org/nbcc) established Black Catholic History Month on July 24, 1990. November was designated because it contains many commemorative dates important to African-American Catholics. Along with All Saints Day and All Souls Day, the month includes the feast of St. Martin de Porres, the only saint of African descent in the Western Hemisphere. November also includes the birth date of St. Augustine (354-430 AD), theologian, scholar and the first doctor of the Church.

Deacon Andrews cited comments from Most Rev. Joseph L. Howze, retired bishop of the Diocese of Biloxi, MS, that “the struggles of African-American Catholics in the United States are recorded in the historical documents. In spite of the social conditions of segregation and discrimination, African-American Catholics have held steadfast in the practice of their faith. As disciples of Jesus Christ, they have taken up their crosses to follow Jesus. This is a mark of true discipleship.”

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Forum to explore life of St. Francis

SOUTH ORANGE—The Institute for Christian Spirituality’s Great Spiritual Books program—part of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, Seton Hall University (SHU)—will host a forum on the life and legacy of St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday, Nov. 10.

The focus will be on St. Bonaventure’s “The Life of St. Francis of Assisi” and “The Journey of the Mind to God,” both of which explore the role of Scripture and the example of St. Francis in spiritual journeys to Christ.

Open to the public, the forum will run 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Lewis Hall on the SHU campus. The registration fee, which includes refreshments and lunch, is \$15. Franciscans and those of other religious orders may attend free of charge. Contact Debbie Kurus at (973) 313-6329 for more information.

During the forum, Father Dominic V. Monti, O.F.M., and Dr. Kevin Hughes will share their insights. Father Monti is vicar provincial and secretary of formation and studies of the Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province in New York. He is also a spe-

cialist in the works of St. Bonaventure. Hughes is an expert in the role that St. Bonaventure accorded to Scripture in the spiritual journey. At Villanova University, he is associate professor of Theology and Religious Studies, as well as director of Villanova’s Patristic, Medieval and Renaissance Conference.

Gregory Glazov, D.Phil., the coordinator of the SHU Great Spiritual Books program and assistant professor of Biblical Studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, said the life of St. Francis appeals to all audiences. “The illustrated stories of his life and all his adventures are profoundly inspiring to young and old,” he said.

Glazov also pointed out that the teachings of St. Francis are relevant to contemporary society. “An interesting and tough problem the Church faces today is one that it faced in St. Francis’ day: the suspicion among many that Christianity and Catholicism are incompatible,” he said. “St. Francis and his followers provide a response to this charge—not just by seeking to interpret Christ literally in word, but by attempting to live like Him.”

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Located 60 miles south of Sydney—“the Gong,” as locals call it, is a picturesque coastal city with panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean as well as lush, grassy pastures, forests and rocky beachscapes.

The Gong is also an important stop on the way to World Youth Day 2008, where more than 2,000 pilgrims from around the world will spend the “Days in the Diocese,” the precursor event to World Youth Day 2008.

Nearly three-dozen Australian dioceses, including Wollongong, will open their churches and homes to travelers, sharing meals and prayer time during Days in the Diocese (July 10-14, 2008) before World Youth Day (July 15-20, 2008) opens in Sydney.

“Pilgrims from overseas who visit Wollongong can expect to be welcomed into the community with open arms and to experience God’s love,” said Kass Hobbs, 21, a Wollongong native and cathedral parish member. Hobbs and her fellow parishioners are preparing to welcome Catholics from the U.S. cities of Los Angeles, Seattle, Savannah, Ga., Stockton, Calif., and Waterville, Wash. In addition, about 20 youths are coming from Kiribati—a remote

Oceania nation of multiple atolls. A little more than half of Kiribati’s population is Catholic.

Wollongong Bishop Peter Ingham said the diocese—composed of 31 parishes, 29 Catholic

elementary schools and 14 high schools—has a strong commitment to young people. Last year the diocese hired its first full-time youth and young adult ministry coordinator.



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Young adults enjoy the seaside breeze near the lighthouse in Wollongong, Australia. Pilgrims from the United States will spend time in “the Gong” during Days in the Diocese, prior to World Youth Day 2008.



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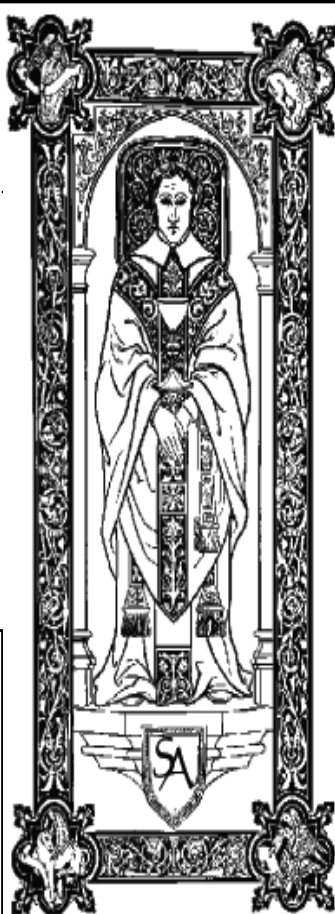
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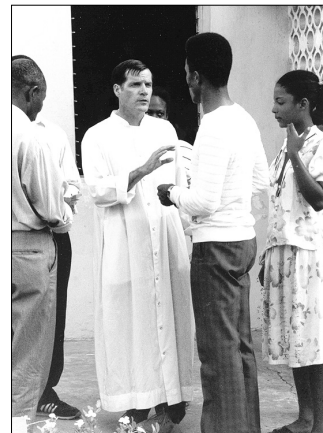
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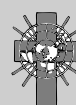
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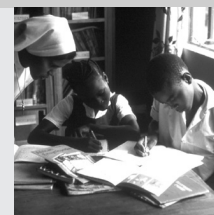
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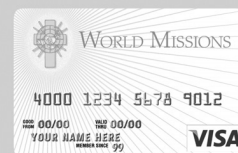


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Dumont parish to perform 'Godspell'

DUMONT—The youth ministry of St. Mary's Parish is sponsoring a fund-raiser production of the musical "Godspell" on Sunday, Nov. 11, 7 p.m., at Szelest Hall, St. Mary's School, located at 21-31 New Milford Ave. (corner of Washington Avenue).

The production is being staged to raise money for those involved

in the parish's youth ministry program hoping to attend World Youth Day 2008 (July 15-20) in Sydney, Australia. The cost of the trip is \$3,300 per person.

To enhance the theater experience, the local chapter of the Knight's of Columbus and Columbiettes from St. John's Council #1345 will prepare a

spaghetti and meatball dinner with dessert and coffee at 5:30 p.m., prior to the start of the show.

The suggested donation is \$10 per person. Tickets can be purchased at St. Mary's rectory or by calling (201) 384-0557. In addition, checks for tickets or donations can be mailed to St. Mary's Parish, 280 Washington Ave., Dumont, NJ 07628. Charles and Lesa Rossmann serve as the coordinators of the St. Mary's youth

ministry program. Very Rev. Robert G. Laferrera, V.F., is the pastor of St. Mary's.

Lesla Rossmann and Maria Bernard, the two directors for the performance, have created an adaptation of the "Godspell" script that includes 16 cast members instead of the original 11. The production includes members of the youth group and area students, along with a five-piece adult band and teams of adults and teens for set, costumes, sound, lighting, stage, tickets, programs and marketing.

Eighth-grader Zack Ashare

will play the part of "Jesus" and Tyler Dilworth, a ninth grader at Bergen Catholic High School, will perform the parts of "John the Baptist" and "Judas." Melissa Bernard, a senior at Dumont High School, serves as the "student director" for the production.

St. Mary's participation in World Youth Day is a joyful tradition, according to Charles Rossmann, noting that the parish sent young pilgrims to Rome for the international celebration in 2000; to Toronto in 2002; and to Cologne, Germany in 2005.

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CATECHIST CONVOCAATION—Nearly 600 catechists, teachers, youth ministers, deacons, priests and parish ministers from throughout the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark attended the sixth-annual Catechist Convocation, which was held Oct. 20 at Union Catholic Regional High School, Scotch Plains. The event, sponsored and organized by the Archdiocese of Newark's Catechetical Office (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 10 and Sept. 5), featured 41 workshops offered in English and 17 in Spanish. Most Rev. John W. Flesey, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark and the pastor of Most Blessed Sacrament, Franklin Lakes, (pictured far right, addressing the audience) welcomed the catechists and opened the forum with a prayer. Following Bishop Flesey's presentation, 27 archdiocesan catechists, who have served in the ministry for 25 years or more, were honored. Father Kevin M. Hanbury, archdiocesan Vicar for Education and superintendent of schools, also addressed the gathering, thanking them for their service and dedication to religious education.

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Schools council to host annual forum

AREA—The New Jersey Catholic Schools Marketing Council will hold its annual statewide conference Nov. 27 and 28 at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway.

Sister Carol Cimino, S.S.J., a Sister of St. Joseph of Rochester, NY, and a national education consultant for textbook publisher William H. Sadlier Inc., New York, will serve as the keynote speaker and will present a breakout session on: “Marketing to Generations X and Y.” Sister Carol has worked for many years as a teacher and school administrator and co-directs the Institute in Catholic Identity at Manhattan College, New York.

The theme for the conference is “Admissions is

Everyone’s Mission.” Workshops will include breakout sessions that feature presentations by education officials from the Archdiocese of Newark. Betsy Thorton, admissions director at Union Catholic Regional High School, Scotch Plains, will present: “Open Houses—More Than Opening The Door.” Laura Cristiano, director of marketing and public relations for the Schools Office, will discuss: “Look High Tech Without a High-Tech Price.” James Goodness, archdiocesan director of communications, will address the topic: “You Are What You Write.”

Contact Cristiano by phone at (973) 497-4258 or via e-mail (cristila@rcan.org) to register.

Parish welcomes Dabaghian

HILLSDALE—Kristin Dabaghian is the new director of music ministry at St. John the Baptist Parish.

Siuce 2002 Dabaghian was musical director/organist at St. Andrew Parish in Clifton. She graduated from the Rutgers University Mason Gross School of the Arts with a Bachelor of Music in Piano. She is completing requirements for a master’s degree program at Westminister Choir College in Princeton in the Master’s degree program in Piano Accompanying and Vocal Coaching.

Prior to joining St. Andrew Parish, she played for St. Nicholas Parish in Jersey City and St. Joseph Parish in Mendham.

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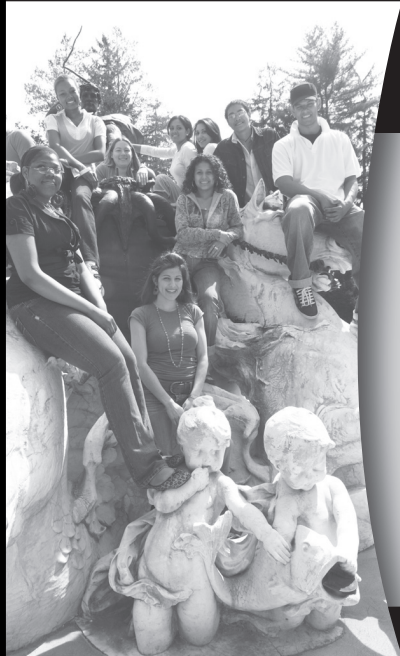
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Heritage

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of using Romanesque architecture that brings to life both the temporal and the spiritual, merging deep theological insight with aesthetic beauty. A highlight of the church is its onyx-inlaid, marbled high altar.

Our Lady of Sorrows, South Orange, also designed by the Maginnis and Walsh architectural firm, was established in 1887 in order to accommodate an influx of immigrants. "The shifts in migration have transformed the Church in America," Msgr. Wister said. "Just as it is now, the living Church was undergoing great change, and this building was a major part of it."

"What is really quite amazing is the timeframe in which this church was built," Simmons said. The cornerstone was laid in 1929, and was dedicated in 1931. Considering the financial collapse America was undergoing (during the Great Depression), this was work done at a tremendous speed."

Simmons, who earned a master's degree in Ecclesiastical History from SHU, noted "Our Lady of Sorrows soaked up the best of the 1920s and also took inspiration from the French Gothic—but Gothic with a twist." He pointed out the self-sustaining

ceiling and the "arts and crafts" style of the Stations of the Cross, whose figures are similar to Egyptian iconography.

The tour continued with a visit to Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Orange, easily recognizable by its visibility from Route 280, with its large golden bell tower. The church, which hosts the Brothers and Sisters of St. John, features vibrant colors, large statues, and dazzling stained-glass artwork.

Simmons described the northern Italian accents and design of the church, such as the symmetrical style of the nave. Modeled after several Franciscan churches in Italy, he said the interior gives a nod to the Capuchin Friars who, until recently, staffed the parish by featuring paintings of famous Franciscan saints.

A visit to St. John Parish in Orange concluded the tour. Designed by Jeremiah O'Rourke—the first individual in America to "officially" use the title of architect—the church is faced with locally quarried brownstone.

The church has been part of the lives of numerous important figures. Inventor Thomas A. Edison oversaw the installation of the church's first electric lighting. The first person baptized in the church was Orange resident George Huntington Hartford, who would later become founder of the na-

tional A&P supermarket chain. Opera legends Enrico Caruso and Geraldine Ferrar performed at St. John as guest soloists.

As the participants listened to Simmons explain the "cookie-cutter-Gothic" architecture of the structure (meaning much of the decorative elements were chosen from collections of Victorian pattern books), the tour concluded with the sound of bells from the St. John's tower.

Glen Ridge resident and tour participant Zaarath Settle, compared the architectural riches of the archdiocese to the historic churches of Europe "I've traveled to Europe to see the church architecture there—the stained-glass windows and the paintings. It's fantastic to be able to do the same thing in our own archdiocese."

Patricia Sewell, a parishioner at Our Lady of Sorrows, said she looked forward to taking part in future Heritage tours. Originally from New York, she came to learn more not only about the history and background of her parish, but to see more of the churches of the archdiocese.

"I like history and I am interested in church art—the icons, the statues, the structures," Sewell said. "Not being from New Jersey originally, it's great to see all that is here."



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Belgium craftsmen carved St. John Parish's oak altar screen or "reredos" in 1892, 23 years after the Gothic Revival church, located at 94 Ridge St. in Orange, opened its doors. Jeremiah O'Rourke, one of New Jersey's greatest architects, designed the church.

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Honsberger

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Heights. Lawmaster, along with Maureen Madigan—the director of the archdiocesan Catholic Campus Ministry department—penned a guest article in the Oct. 24 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*, describing the mission of the ministry.

“Those involved with the Newman Center became my main circle of friends,” Honsberger recalled. “Travis did things that I had never seen before in campus ministry. He did street ministry and used an inductive method that made the Bible and Church teachings apply to modern times and people my own age. Travis taught me the Word and then I became a teacher. I was planning to play professional volleyball in Europe but campus ministry and my girlfriend made me stay.”

Because of his involvement with Newman Center, Honsberger was selected as one of the 2006 “Outstanding Campus Ministry Students of the Year” (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Aug. 9, 2006). At the Newman Center—a fellowship of Catholic students from

Rutgers and New Jersey Institute of Technology—there is Bible study at every dormitory, administering of sacraments and service to the poor.

Bible study is what first drew Honsberger into the ministry. “There was something going on every night. We had a lot of recent converts to Christianity at the center. Bible study became my life and I really became passionate about Liturgy of the Word.”

Although Honsberger was raised Catholic, he was never active in his faith during his younger days in Buffalo. “Church was just a social activity until I came to college. People in this area are really into their faith,” Honsberger said.

What keeps Honsberger going today is a sentiment he learned while in campus ministry. “Serving others is serving yourself,” he said. “Now that I have Second Mile, people are depending on me for spiritual development.”

To contact Honsberger for details on the Second Mile ministry, call his cell phone (716) 949-5883 or e-mail him at www.secondmilenewark@yahoo.com.



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TRICK OR TREAT—A series of unusual news reports on Oct. 31 described numerous sightings of scary monsters devouring tons of candy throughout the Archdiocese of Newark. Students in Pre-K through eighth grade at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Tenafly, showed off their elaborate costumes during the school’s annual Halloween parade. You might not recognized them, but pictured here are (left to right) third graders Nicholas Kranjac, Ani Tchorbajian and Nicole Margiotta. Principal Sylvia Cosentino took part in the fun with students and dressed up as a big banana.

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A Breakfast at the Beach (Jn. 21: 1-19)

Father Bob, a native of Brooklyn, NY is a member of the Passionist Community. Ordained in 1977, he received Masters Degrees in Theology and Divinity from Saint John's University, NY and in Spirituality from Creighton University in Nebraska. He also attended the Institute of Culinary Education and the French Culinary Institute in New York. Father Bob served as Director of Saint Gabriel's Retreat House for Youth in Shelter Island, NY and of the Passionist in Rome. He currently preaches Parish Missions and Retreats and lives in New Your City.



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