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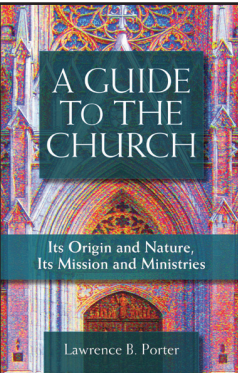
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Task force working to capture the spirit of inner-city parishes

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

NEWARK—The Urban Ministry Task Force—the first in a comprehensive evaluation of spiritual, cultural, economic and community life throughout the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark—is defining and addressing challenges faced by inner-city parishes.

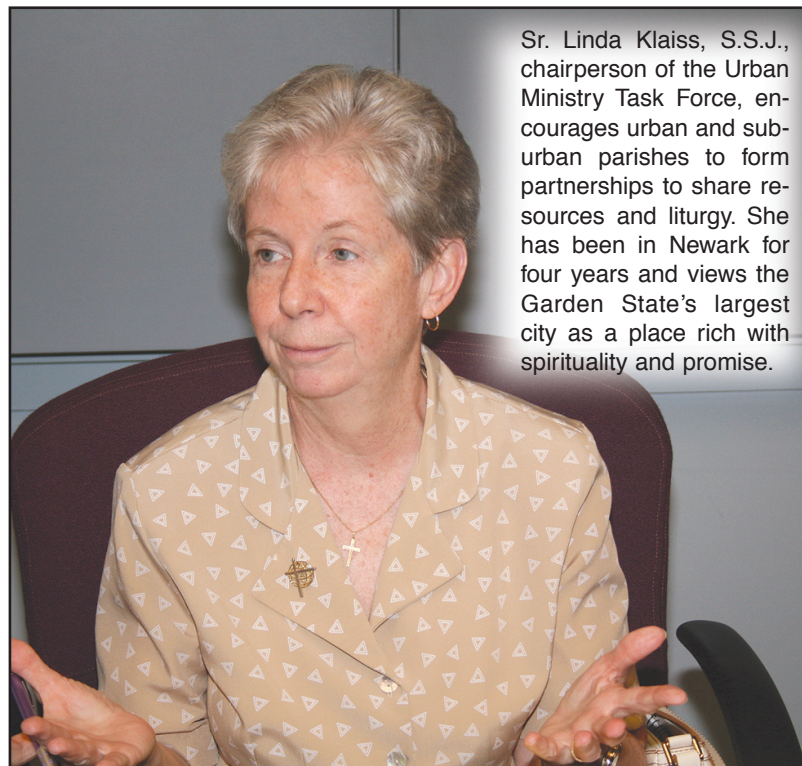
Assembled in January, the goal of the task force is to gather information from inner-city parishes through surveys and focus groups. A report containing the group's findings and recommendations on how to improve urban ministry will be submitted to Archbishop John J. Myers in September.

“Our mandate was to look at the realities and make recommendations for more effective ministry (in urban areas.) To hear the city, we have to start with the city,” Sister

Linda Klaiss, S.S.J., chairperson of the task force and pastoral associate of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Newark, explained.

The Urban Ministry is the first of four task forces formed by Archdiocese of Newark's New Energies Parish Transition Project. The three other task forces—Multicultural Ministry, Waterfront Ministry and Youth and Young Adult Ministry—are in varying stages of development. The other groups will likely use the results found by the Urban Ministry Task Force. Information will be shared and cross fertilized, creating a rich, detailed matrix of life within the archdiocese.

Father Robert A. Antczak, pastor of Saint Paul the Apostle Parish, Jersey City, is a member of the Urban Ministry Task Force. He believes one of the main objectives is to listen to the city parishes. “The task force wants to improve com-



Sr. Linda Klaiss, S.S.J., chairperson of the Urban Ministry Task Force, encourages urban and sub-urban parishes to form partnerships to share resources and liturgy. She has been in Newark for four years and views the Garden State's largest city as a place rich with spirituality and promise.

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munication between city parishes and the archdiocese,” Fr. Antczak said. “The issues in urban ministry are complex and the needs keep changing. The map and configurations of these parishes have also changed due to (parishes and schools) merging and we need to update the information.”

Mark Howard, director of research and planning for the Archdiocese of Newark, helped the committee disseminate surveys, assemble focus groups and analyze demographics. “Some people who are not from urban areas come to city churches because they see something differ-

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NJ hospitals to feel sting of Charity Care cuts Reimbursement from state to drop by \$111M

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

NEWARK—Nine of the remaining 13 Catholic hospitals in New Jersey will operate in a “strained financial situation” for the foreseeable future as they face a major reduction in state funding of Charity Care.

Catholic hospitals provided 24 percent of the state's documented Charity Care services in 2007. Father Joseph Kukura, the president of the Catholic HealthCare Partnership of New Jersey, Princeton—who testified before the state's Senate and Assembly budget committees earlier this year—said NJ Catholic hospitals, which last year logged \$227 million in Charity Care costs, will be reimbursed only \$173 million under the state's fiscal 2009 budget.

Gov. Jon Corzine signed the \$32.9 billion budget on June 30. The overall Charity Care reimbursement level allocated in the 2009 budget is \$605 million compared with \$716 million in fiscal 2008, representing a cut of

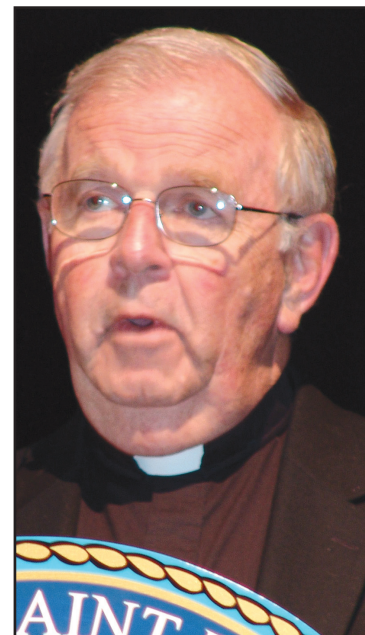
\$111 million or 15.5 percent. New Jersey's 75 hospitals registered combined Charity Care costs of \$1.3 billion in 2007. The new state budget would reflect a Charity Care reimbursement shortfall of nearly \$700 million for all Garden State hospitals.

“Healthcare access for the poor and vulnerable, especially inner-city residents, will be threatened as financially distressed hospitals are further weakened by the (Charity Care) cuts,” Fr. Kukura said.

Charity Care is defined as whatever care is necessary for individuals who present themselves as being in need of medical services at a hospital—usually in the facility's emergency room—but are without healthcare insurance and typically are unable to afford to pay for their care. Charity Care documentation is based on Medicaid costs, which typically are 69 percent below “true” hospital costs.

Gary Carter, who recently retired as president and chief executive officer of the New Jersey Hospital

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Fr. Joseph Kukura

World Youth Day to fill hearts of Catholic pilgrims

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI asked Catholics around the world to pray for the young people who have gathered in Sydney, Australia, for the celebration of World Youth Day. World Youth Day runs July 15-20 in Sydney.

To help encourage the prayers of all, the Vatican announced July 5 that the pope had authorized a special indulgence for anyone who, “with a contrite spirit,” raises a “prayer to God, the Holy Spirit, so that young people are drawn to charity and given the strength to proclaim the Gospel with their life,” a Vatican decree said.

Pope Benedict spoke about his July 12-21 trip to Australia when he met visitors at his summer villa south of Rome for the July 6 recitation of the Angelus.

Australian young people, he said, had been preparing for the event with a prayerful pilgrimage of the World Youth Day cross, “a silent witness of the covenant pact between the Lord Jesus Christ and the new generations.

“I invite the entire Church to

feel like participants in this new stage of the great youth pilgrimage throughout the world begun in 1985 by the servant of God John Paul II,” who convoked the first World Youth Day, the pope said.

Focusing on prayers for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Catholic youths around the world, the Sydney celebration can be “a renewed Pentecost,” the pope declared.

Jesus’ promise to send the Spirit to His disciples remains valid for all time and will give His followers the strength to witness to him and to the Gospel, Pope Benedict continued.

The pope asked everyone to join him in praying that the Spirit would fill the hearts of young Catholics with “interior light, love for God and their brothers and sisters, (and with) courageous initiatives” to bring Jesus to every land and every sphere of life.

The July 5 decree about indulgences connected to World Youth Day included the offer of a plenary, or full, indulgence to all the young people with the pope in Sydney.



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Workers make final preparations during the construction of a venue where the final act of the Stations of the Cross will be performed during World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia. Eleven students from Roselle Catholic, the Union County high school led by the Marist Brothers, will be part of a contingent representing the Archdiocese of Newark at the international event. Many U.S. pilgrims found that plane tickets were expensive (up to \$5,000) and hard to come by because of the limited number of carriers with flights from the United States to Australia—Qantas and United Airlines.

An indulgence is a remission of the temporal punishment a person is due for sins that have been forgiven. The conditions necessary for receiving a plenary indulgence include having recently gone to confession, receiving the Eucharist and offering prayers for the intentions of the pope.

The decree signed by U.S. Cardinal J. Francis Stafford, head of the Vatican office that deals with indulgences, said a partial indulgence also is available to all Catholics who are

contrite for their sins and offer their prayers with the pope for young Catholics.

The cardinal also asked priests around the world to make themselves available to hear the confessions of those who want the indulgence and to encourage public prayers for the success of World Youth Day.

Cardinal Stafford served as archbishop of Denver when Pope John Paul traveled to the city for the 1993 celebration of World Youth Day.

As reported, the United States Council of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C., selected two 2008 Roselle Catholic High School graduates — Kenneth “K.C.” Murray and Meghan Friedman—as youth reporters for World Youth Day (see *The Catholic Advocate*, June 18), representing the Archdiocese of Newark. Murray and Friedman will blog their experiences and have access to exclusive interviews with participants and organizers of the event.

Seton Hall, WCBS 880 team up to help disabled students

BY HOLLY P. WOJCIK

Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

THE BRONX — Seton Hall University (SHU) alumnus, baseball reporter and friend of the New York Yankees, Ed Lucas, was at Yankee Stadium recently for the announcement of a scholarship in his name for SHU students with disabilities.

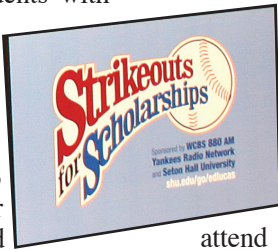
Lucas, a lifetime friend of the late Phil Rizzutto, lost his sight as a youngster. The event at Yankee Stadium was to kickoff “Strikeouts for Scholarships,” a fund-raising drive for the Ed Lucas Scholarship Fund. The effort is co-sponsored by SHU and the flagship station of the Yankee Radio Network, WCBS 880 AM. The scholarship fund will provide financial assistance for tuition, room and board, textbooks and college expenses incurred by students with disabilities.

“When I got the phone call that my alma mater wanted to name a scholarship after me, I was over-

whelmed” recalled Lucas, a Jersey City native and Union resident. “Anyone who knows me knows that I am not one to be speechless, but in that moment, I couldn’t find the right words to express what this means to me.”

As one of the very first blind students to graduate from a traditional four-year institution in the country, Lucas was a pioneer. “When I was younger I had to prove myself all of the time,” he explained. And while it may be easier now to attend college as a student with a disability than it was 50 years ago, Lucas knows that students with disabilities need assistance now more than ever.

Throughout the regular season, WCBS 880 AM will donate \$10 to the Ed Lucas Scholarship Fund every time a Yankees pitcher strikes out an opposing batter. Last year, the Yankees struck out over 1,000 opponents. Yankees fans and SHU friends can donate to the scholarship by visiting www.shu.edu.



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Ed Lucas, second from left, at the Yankee Stadium press conference announcing the launching of “Strikeouts for Scholars,” a fund-raising effort for the new Ed Lucas Scholarship Fund for disabled students at Seton Hall University. With Lucas are, left to right, Tom White, associate vice president of public relations and marketing at Seton Hall; student Eric SoHayda and Noel Wax, director of sports for CBS radio.

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Priest calls on telecom career skills to help the faithful connect with God

Beloved late wife inspired journey of Fr. Sammarco

BY WARD MIELE
 Managing Editor

When his wife died of breast cancer on Good Friday a decade ago, Father Bruno S. Sammarco—ordained May 24 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark by Archbishop John J. Myers—literally and spiritually put his future into God's hands.

Following the tragic loss of his wife Daniela, Fr. Sammarco initially kept busy as managing director of the International Department of Telecom Italia, which at the time was the country's largest business. Traveling extensively, he coordinated information technology on a worldwide scale "until the Lord called me to this new life."

Despite a hectic work schedule and pulling down a good salary at Telecom Italia, Fr. Sammarco recalled he had feelings of a life without purpose. When he "felt the call deep inside" for the priesthood, he thought that "maybe my life is not finished; I can do something different."

Looking back on his career in communications technology on a global scale, Fr. Sammarco drew an analogy between his old job and his new ministry. "My business was communications," he said. "I would like to think that I have not changed my 'business.' Now, in this new work as a priest, I am trying to establish communication between God and His people. In none of my previous jobs did I find 'customers' so in need of the services the Church is offering them."

Fr. Sammarco, 65, attended Classic Lyceum and Santa Maria College in Rome. He holds a licentiate in mathematics and a master's degree in divinity. He entered Redemptoris Mater, the archdiocesan missionary seminary in Kearny, when he was 59 years old.

Although coming to the priesthood relatively late in life, Fr. Sammarco is not alone. According to Mary Gautier, a senior research associate at the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., an organization that compiles an annual survey on new priests for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the Class of 2008 nationwide included five men 65 and older.

A more advanced age at ordination, she explained, is on the increase. In the mid-1960s, noted Gautier, the average age for priestly ordinations ranged from the mid 20s to 29 years. Now that average stands at "37-plus" years. The new priests in the 65-and-older category bring unique, valuable life skills to their ministry.

Born in Civitanova del Sannio, Italy, the

new priest comes from a "very religious family" that prayed the rosary nightly. He remembers his family as being happy with his decision to become a priest. His mother's advice at the time was for him "to be a good priest."

He confessed there was worry among some friends and associates that he was entering the priesthood as a way of combating his loneliness and grief. Despite those concerns, he is at peace with his decision. "I am sure I am doing the will of God," Fr. Sammarco declared.

His late wife inspired the start of his faith journey. He and Daniela, who was a dozen years his junior, were childless. Both were involved in the Neocatechumenal Way starting in 1973. "The experience became very important to us especially when my wife got breast cancer," he said. "With the support of this community of faith, she prepared herself for the great passage from this earthly life to the eternal one." Fr. Sammarco called the Neocatechumenal Way "a fantastic spiritual experience."

Fr. Sammarco, who served as a deacon at Saint Columba Parish in Newark, has been assigned to the archdiocesan mission at Our Lady of Divine Providence Parish of Turks and Caicos of the British West Indies as a parochial vicar.



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Bruno and Daniela Sammarco, pictured years ago during a European getaway, were married for 22 years before Daniela succumbed to breast cancer. "I was at her side for six years before her death," Fr. Sammarco said.



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At conclusion of the Mass of Ordination on May 24 in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, Archbishop John J. Myers (left) received Fr. Sammarco's first blessing. Fr. Sammarco was among the 11 ordinandi in the archdiocesan Class of 2008 (see *The Catholic Advocate*, June 4 and May 21). Prior to his ordination, Fr. Sammarco said he is convinced "the owner of the vineyard has called me like a worker of the last hour."

Liturgy translation to be reconsidered

WASHINGTON (CNS) — After mail balloting of bishops who did not vote at the spring meeting in Orlando, FL, a 700-page translation of one section of the Roman Missal failed to get approval from the required two-thirds of the members of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The USCCB announced rejection of the translation of the proper prayers for Sundays and feast days during the liturgical year July 7 and said it would come before the full body of bishops again at their November general assembly in Baltimore, along with two other sections totaling about 500 pages. No vote totals were made public, but the translation would have needed 167 "yes" votes to achieve a two-thirds majority of the 250 active

Latin-rite U.S. bishops. The rejected translation, in the works for more than two years, was the second of 12 sections of the Roman Missal translation project that will come before the bishops through at least 2010. The translation had come from the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, known as ICEL, but at the Orlando meeting in June many bishops expressed frustration that recommendations they had submitted to ICEL to clarify the sentence structure or revise archaic language had been rejected.

Two new bishops named by Pontiff

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Pope Benedict XVI has named Baltimore Auxiliary Bishop W. Francis Malooly, 64, as bishop of Wilmington, Del. He succeeds Bishop Michael A.

Saltarelli, who in January turned 75, the usual retirement age for bishops. The pope also appointed Msgr. Herbert A. Bevard, 62, a Philadelphia pastor, as bishop of Saint Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands. He succeeds Bishop George V. Murry, who was named to head the Diocese of Youngstown, OH, in January 2007.

Vatican reports deficit for 2007

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — After three years in the black, the Vatican reported a \$14 million deficit for 2007, due mainly to the continued fall in the value of the U.S. dollar and the poor performance of the stock market. The budget of Vatican City State, which includes the Vatican Museums and post office, ended 2007 with a surplus of \$10.5 million, the Vatican said in notes on the budgets released July 9. While Vatican City did not report a deficit, the 2007 final earnings were just one-third of those reported at the end of 2006. The \$14

million deficit regarded what is technically the budget of the Holy See, which includes the Vatican Secretariat of State and its diplomatic missions around the world, Vatican congregations and pontifical councils, the Holy See's investment portfolio and properties as well as the Vatican's newspaper, radio, publishing house and television production center. The investment portfolio ended 2007 with income of \$2.2 million compared to the \$21.5 million it returned to Vatican coffers at the end of 2006.

Pope plans to meet French president

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Spending less than 30 hours in the French capital, Pope Benedict XVI will meet in Paris with French President Nicolas Sarkozy and members of France's Jewish community, and will greet young people before traveling to Lourdes. The Sept. 12-15 trip to France was designed primarily to mark the 150th anniversary of Mary's apparitions to Saint Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes.



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A Catholic nun holds up a candle and a rose during a rally in front of City Hall in Seoul, South Korea, to demand the full-scale renegotiation of a U.S. beef import deal and the resignation of the country's president. South Koreans fear "mad cow" disease.

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July 27
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Convocation to explore fostering human dignity

CHERRY HILL—An historic convocation later this month will gather family life, social justice and respect life leaders together with physicians and ethicists to discuss new ways to promote human life and dignity.

"Life, Justice & Family: Partners in the New Evangelization" will explore Pope John Paul II's call for creativity and deeper unity in crafting a "new evangelization—new in ardor, methods and expression."

Open to the public, the three-day convocation at the Crowne Plaza Cherry Hill opens Friday, July 25, the 40th anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*, Pope Paul VI's encyclical on the openness of spouses to new life. It ends July 27.

The first national gathering of its kind, the convocation will offer plenary sessions exploring human rights, the environment, bioethics, family life, and the relationship among science, technology and religion.

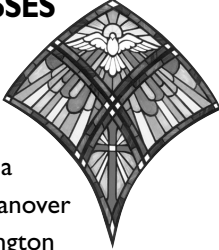
Prayer will be integrated throughout the gathering. Masses will be celebrated by Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia and chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities; Bishop Joseph Galante of Camden, and Father John Raphael, S.S.J., chair of the Josephite Committee on Life, Sexuality, Marriage and Family.

"Life, Justice & Family: Partners in the New Evangelization" is co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the Diocese of Camden, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Pro-Life Secretariat. Through the cooperation of Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center, Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits and Nursing Contact Hours are available at no additional cost.

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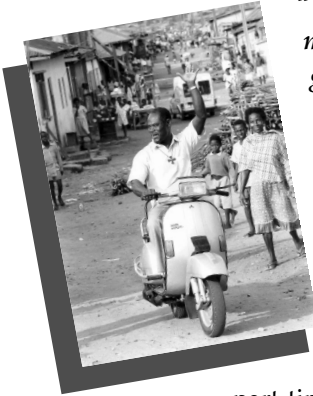
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Celebrating a 'gift' to the Archdiocese of Newark

At the June 9 news conference announcing his appointment as the newest auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Newark, Rev. Msgr. Manuel A. Cruz declared most humbly his deep conviction that "everything is a gift, a gift that comes from God's loving hands."

Bishop-elect Cruz is indeed a gift to the archdiocese. The valuable lesson that everything is a gift from God was learned through the bishop-elect's experiences as a Cuban refugee. The 54-year old cleric was emphatic at the news conference that although he has spent more time in this country than his homeland, he was "grateful" to be Cuban and to be known as a Cuban refugee. Union City, where he grew up, has a special place in the new bishop's heart.

In making the appointment announcement, Archbishop John J.

Myers cited Bishop-elect Cruz's "extensive involvement" in the ministry to the Spanish-speaking in conjunction with his "deep and strong commitment" to the health and needs of the poor.

The archdiocese's growing Hispanic community can take great pride in one of their own joining the hierarchy of the local Church. For Cuban Americans, and especially his fellow Cuban refugees, the joy must be overwhelming.

The Catholic Advocate joins with clergy, Religious and the faithful in the Archdiocese of Newark in offering congratulations to Bishop-elect Cruz. May his ministry be long and fruitful. This publication, in its Sept. 3 edition, will dedicate a special report on the episcopal ordination of Bishop-elect Cruz, which will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.



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The Living Church

Fr. Porter's tome offers insight into ecclesiology

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In the wake of the Second Vatican Council almost half a century ago, the Catholic Church made a serious attempt to reach out to the modern mentality and adapt itself to the style and language of contemporary culture.

The concept of change within the Church was not novel: both the Acts of the Apostles and the Epistles amply demonstrate that the earliest Christians were aware from the start that changes and adjustments would need to be made in order to adapt to new circumstances. For example, devout Jews who came to believe in Jesus had to shift their mindset in order to accommodate the influx of gentile believers. In those same early years, the New Testament bears witness to the reality of human weakness, sin and repentance that would continue to be a sad aspect of Christian experience.

Prior to the council, Catholics had rightly perceived their Church as an institution whose divinely given doctrinal and moral teaching would endure as such until the end of time. They were devoted to the long line of Christian saints and proud that their Church spoke with a divine authority. There was undoubtedly some smugness in this self-image, but many of us found it comforting.

We seemed to have forgotten the ancient Christian adage: *Ecclesia semper reformanda est* (The Church is always in need of reform). In its human dimension, the Church will often have to adapt to new situations and deal with the fact that many of its members are sinners. Some say it was the Church's exercise of authority in enforcing sweeping liturgical changes that fueled a less-compliant attitude.

The Catholic experience was undeniably different after the council. In parish after parish, there were dramatic decreases in Mass attendance and a precipitous decline in public morality. There was an exodus from the priesthood and from religious life unprecedented in modern history. More recently, the clergy sex-abuse scandals have taken a heavy toll.

Today, some Catholics loudly protest the very authority that previously had been such a comfort. It is not merely a secular language, but a secular mindset that underlies the perspective and threatens the faith of some Catholics. Whatever its origin, it is a sad fact that many who continue to identify themselves as Catholics have little understanding or insight into the Church that they continue to love.

Ecclesiology is the term theologians use to describe the study of the Church. In the past, texts on ecclesiology have tended to be academic and focused on special-interest readers. They often had little appeal to ordinary Catholics, but now all that is changed. Father Lawrence B. Porter, Ph.D., professor of ecclesiology at the Immaculate Conception Seminary on the South Orange campus of Seton Hall University, has written a book on ecclesiology entitled "A Guide to the Church."

I spoke to Fr. Porter recently and asked him why he had decided to write this book. The author's response was characteristically direct: "I have been teaching ecclesiology, the theology of the Church, to seminarians for 20 years and have never been able to find an entirely satisfactory text." However, he did note there are many fine works that address some of the particular themes in ecclesiology. He said Avery Dulles investigates various "Models of the Church," Francis Sullivan writes on the marks of the Church in "The Church We Believe In: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic," and Paul Minear's book discusses "Images of the Church in the New Testament."

Because he had learned much in his years of preparing class, Fr. Porter decided to write his own text.

"I wanted a book for my course that would address all those themes and

also fit into the contemporary dialogue between the Church and American society," he explained. He said he wanted his book to speak to both the hearts and minds of his readers and to provide insights and solutions that might be helpful for them in their conversations with Christians who are not members of the Catholic Church.

"Consequently, the Bible is the principal reference point in my book and this provides people with an opportunity to open up further dialogue between the Catholic Church and evangelical Christians," he said. "While many of the liberal, main-line Protestant churches have experienced decline these days, evangelical Christians are a growing religious presence and have become a potent political force in American society. They often seek dialogue with Catholics who find themselves unable to respond to their legitimate questions on Catholic doctrine and practice. My book is intended to help remedy this situation."

Remembering always that a true experience of Catholicism can only be gained from the experience of faithful membership in the Church, Fr. Porter writes from within the Church as a devout and faithful follower of Jesus Christ. His book is both timely and important.

The book may be used very fruitfully by seminarians, but its usefulness is by no means confined to these. The author has carefully aimed his book at educated Catholics who seek a more profound understanding of the Church that sometimes exasperates and sometimes inspires them.

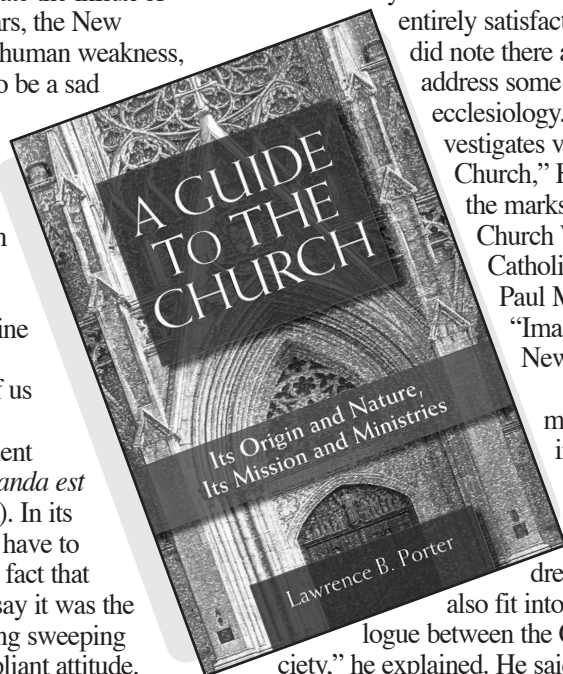
The work is divided into two major sections: the first examines the origin and nature of the Church, and the second, its missions and ministries. Twenty-eight relatively brief chapters make it easy for the reader to remain focused on individual topics. Two appendices follow, one on the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Church, and the other on the Second Vatican Council's presentation of the Church as a deliberative assembly.

What makes this book a gem is the fact that the sweeping intelligence and the appealing personality of the author come through in every paragraph. Fr. Porter's writing is never tedious because he possesses the uncanny ability to get inside the mind of the reader. He intuitively focuses on the very questions that spontaneously occur to the reader and he responds to them immediately.

Take for example his treatment of the terms "apostle" and "apostolic" in chapter 13. The author informs the reader that he will attempt to look at the biblical origin of these terms and then describe their development in the early Church. The usage is of Greek origin he says and, quite surprisingly, it appears only once in the Gospels of Mark, Luke and John. On the other hand, it appears six times in Matthew's Gospel and 29 times in the Acts of the Apostles. Saint Paul almost always refers to himself as an "apostle" in his letters and the non-Pauline epistles often use the term. Fr. Porter covers a vast amount of material in this brief (15 pages) chapter, but the experience for the reader is a refreshing look at an important topic that has often been taken for granted.

The book also demonstrates Fr. Porter is not afraid to tackle difficult or controversial topics. He devotes nine chapters (more than one-third of the entire text) to Christian ministry, including a chapter on "Women and Ministry." No matter what perspective and problems the reader may bring to this work, the author's writing remains true to Catholic teaching and tradition.

"A Guide to the Church" is interesting, insightful, entertaining and personal. Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of Fr. Porter's book may visit the Web site of his publisher, Alba House (www.albahouse.org) or the online bookstore Amazon.com.



Polluted skies, blue stars and ketchup sandwiches

When I was first ordained in 1957 and assigned to Saint Cecilia Parish in Kearny, one of our duties as priests was to go out on First Friday Communion calls. We might have between 30 and 40 stops in those days where we would visit shut-ins, hear their confessions and give them Holy Communion.

One of my calls was a dear, elderly, very refined woman whose name was Gladys Durant. She was the sister of a very famous historian named Will Durant. He had attended Seton Hall, but later in life he left the faith.

Every single time I went to her modest rented flat, Gladys would comment on the world situation. She always used the exact same words: "Isn't it awful, Father? Isn't it awful?" Gladys had a lot of time to read all of the bad news in the newspaper.

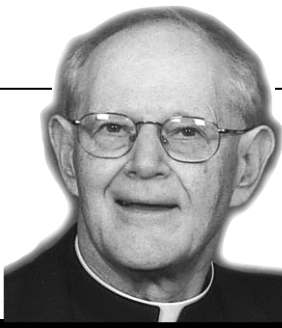
I think of her often. Why? Because, honest to goodness, it seems like the whole world around me is echoing Gladys Durant. Everyone seems depressed and discouraged.

Yes, there are terrible prices for gas and food. Yes, there is a war. Yes, there is a falling stock market and corruption is rife in business and politics. Yes, the

My friend worked for Western Union. He delivered telegrams. Blue stars often turned to gold stars and people wept.

VOICES

By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist



American people are unhappy with the president and Congress. Yes, there is a mortgage crisis and a depressed housing market. Yes, people are worried about global warming, global markets and pollution. Yes, the work opportunities are slim for those seeking work.

But, to be truthful, it is all a matter of perspective. If you grew up during the Great Depression, you would know what true poverty really was. Most families didn't have much but they had each other. Perhaps your father had to work "pick and shovel" on the W.P.A. for \$22 a week, and the older children handed their clothes down to the younger ones. Yes, in the winter you had to run into the one warm room in the house to get dressed (usually the bathroom).

You walked to the neighborhood school. You went home for a bowl of soup and a ketchup or peanut butter sandwich at lunch. You got one toy at Christmas.

During World War II there were blue stars in half the windows in town. A blue star would be hung to sig-

nal that a family member was serving in the war. My friend worked for Western Union. He delivered telegrams. Blue stars often turned to gold stars and people wept. The gold star would indicate a soldier or sailor had been killed.

There was rationing for gas, food and other necessities. Coal was scarce, but we used wood and "banked" the furnace at night to stretch out the coal. Exactly one boy in our high school owned a car.

Air pollution in our area was a granted. The dumps in Kearny smelled. The slaughterhouse in Harrison smelled. Secaucus smelled of pigs. The sky was dark from the belching chimneys of the factories and railroads. The Passaic River was polluted, but we swam in it.

But we were happy. We went to Mass on Sunday. We "dated" on Saturday night. We had high school dances on Friday nights and hung out in soda shops.

I suspect that the reason so many people today are unhappy interiorly is because they have lost faith in God and faith in themselves. And many people have so much they are afraid of losing their possessions.

Pope John Paul II had one big message: "Do not be afraid!" Wherever he went he spread that message. He was always optimistic and happy.

So I ask you—look up! Look around! The world is good. God is in heaven and all will be well if you only have faith. Enjoy God's summer now as a beautiful gift.

Thank God for all things, but most of all, as Joyce Kilmer, the poet, says, "Thank God for God." He is right there beside you. Be happy! You are loved.

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

Remembering faithful integrity of Cardinal Gantin

The death of Cardinal Bernardin Gantin of Benin this past May 13 marked the passing of one of Catholicism's noblemen.

Born in what was then the French colony of Dahomey in 1922, a mere 40 years after the first Catholic missionaries had arrived in that West African land, Bernardin Gantin was ordained a priest in 1951, consecrated auxiliary bishop of Cotonou in 1956, and named archbishop of Cotonou in 1960. After participating in all four sessions of the Second Vatican Council, Archbishop Gantin was brought to Rome by Pope Paul VI to work at the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples (known to all Roman hands by its former name, "Propaganda Fidei," or "Prop" for short). He then became president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and was created cardinal in June 1977.

In the run-up to the conclaves of 1978, some imagined Gantin as the first pope from sub-Saharan Africa; he never thought of himself in those terms, and likely played a not unimportant role in Karol Wojtyla's election as John Paul II. Some of the Great Electors of 1978 thought of Wojtyla as a bridge to the communist world, a kind of "political pope." Cardinal Gantin and his fellow-Africans thought in rather different terms: they admired the lucidity of Wojtyla's faith, the clarity of his defense of Catholic doctrine, and his humility. The African cardinals—all new Christians—got the saint they wanted; the rest of us got a very different kind of "political pope," who dramatically reshaped the history of our times by being a pastor and a moral witness.

John Paul, for his part, reposed enormous trust in Bernardin Gantin, appointing him prefect of the crucial Congregation for Bishops and, in 1993, Dean of the

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

By George Weigel



College of Cardinals. It was in the latter roles that I first knew Gantin and was deeply impressed by his faith, his good humor, and his transparent integrity. Here, one thought, was a prince, long before he acquired the title; and he was a prince because he was a Christian, a man unafraid of the future because the future was assured by Christ. One also sensed a deep spiritual bond between the Polish pope, saturated in a millennium of Christian history, and this child of the first modern African evangelization. The son of a retired soldier and the son of railway worker, both from what some regard as the borderlands of the faith, came to the center of the Church and found in each other a devotion to Christ that transcended race, culture, and language.

Cardinal Gantin was also, in an oblique way, one of those most responsible for the election of Joseph Ratzinger as Benedict XVI. On turning 80 in 2002, Gantin lost his vote in any future conclave. Neither canon law nor the apostolic constitution governing papal elections requires that a cardinal who reaches the

age of 80 must thereby relinquish his post as dean of the College of Cardinals. But Bernardin Gantin was a man of great humility as well as integrity, and he seemed to think his brother cardinals, and the whole Church, would benefit from his stepping aside to allow the vice-dean, Cardinal Ratzinger, to succeed him. So Cardinal Gantin resigned as dean, returned home to Benin, and took up pastoral work.

Cardinal Gantin's self-effacing humility paved the way for Cardinal Ratzinger, as dean, to preside over the general congregations of cardinals that followed the death of John Paul II and to be the principal concelebrant and the homilist at John Paul's funeral Mass. No one should doubt that Ratzinger's performance in those roles had a lot to do with the swift resolution of the conclave of 2005 in his favor. Thus did Gantin, a man who did not lack a sense of self but whose sense of self was not ego-driven, do a last great service for the universal Church.

Will his example inspire other princes of the Church who, in the future, find themselves in parallel situations?

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Pope lauds Saint Paul's vision of Christian unity

Fr. Ciccarino cites danger of life's insidious little sins

ROME (CNS)—Joined by other Christian leaders, Pope Benedict XVI opened the year of Saint Paul and said the apostle's courageous witness to the faith should serve as a model for contemporary Christians.

"Paul is not a figure of the past that we remember with veneration. He is also our teacher, an apostle and a herald of Jesus Christ for us, too," the pope said at an evening prayer service June 28 in the Rome Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls.

The liturgy had a strong ecumenical tone. Accompanied by Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople and representatives of Orthodox and Anglican churches, the pope lit the first candle from a large lamp that will burn in the basilica's portico throughout the coming year. Then the pontiff led a procession through the "Pauline door" into the church, which was built near the site of Saint Paul's martyrdom and holds his tomb. It was the inaugural event of a jubilee year that will run until June 29, 2009, in commemoration of the 2,000th anniversary of the apostle's birth (see *The Catholic Advocate*, July 16 and May 7).

Saint Paul understood the essential value of Christian unity because he understood the Church as the "body of Christ," the pope said. In Saint Paul's time and in every age, repairing divisions is an urgent task, he said.

"Who was this Paul?" the pope asked in his sermon. He cited the saint's own self-description as a Jew who was educated in Jerusalem according to strict ancestral law, and who later became, through an encounter with Christ, the "teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth."

The apostle's vocation endures, the pope said. "We are not gathered here to reflect on a past history that is irretrievably surpassed. Paul wants to speak to us today."

The pope used his opening homily to do the same, examining three Pauline texts. Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians, he said, underscored the fact that his own faith was the product of a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. That simple truth is relevant today, the pope said.

"His faith is not a theory, an opinion about God and the world.

His faith is the impact of God's love on his heart. And so this same faith is love for Jesus Christ," he said.

The pope next pointed to Saint Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians, in which the apostle made it clear that announcing the Gospel required courage and was never free from struggle. The important thing for Saint Paul, the pope said, was never to hide the truth or sacrifice it in order to obtain a "superficial harmony."



Father Christopher M. Ciccarino

Finally, the pope cited Saint Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, in which he reflected on the fact that his years of evangelizing had brought him suffering. Saint Paul understood that "there is no love without suffering," and that "in a world in which the lie is powerful, truth is paid in suffering," the pope said.

In recent years, Vatican experts examined the area beneath the main altar of the Basilica of Saint Paul and said they had identified definitively the tomb of the apostle—a marble sarcophagus bearing the inscription "Paul Apostle Martyr."

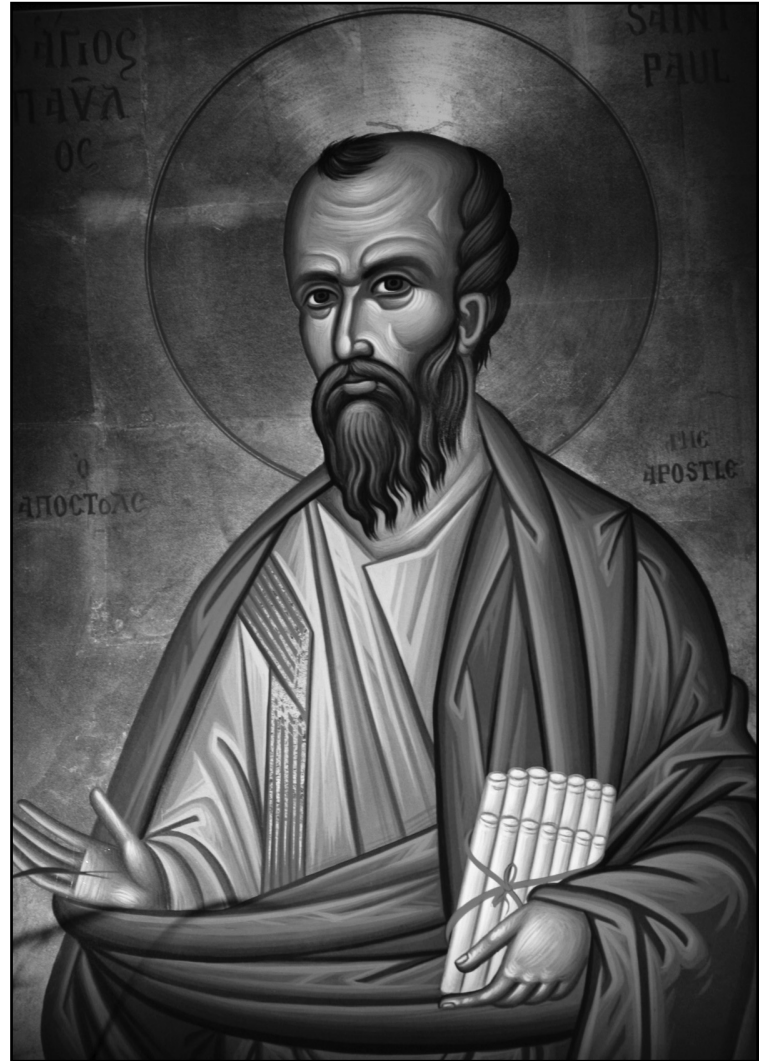
In the Archdiocese of Newark, Father Christopher M. Ciccarino, assistant professor of Sacred Scripture at Immaculate Conception Seminary on the campus of Seton Hall University, South Orange, served as the homilist at the June 29 Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. He focused on three key points raised by the ministry of Saint Paul: the centrality of Jesus; the willingness of individuals to be entirely transformed; and the urge of those who are transformed to share the Good News with others.

Saint Paul, while traveling on

the road to Damascus, was willing to be transformed by Jesus, he said. While aspiring to be transformed and committed to Christ, Fr. Ciccarino warned the faithful to be aware of the "little sins" that can separate people from God. He described these as the minor transgressions and bad habits that creep into the course of daily life, which often are selectively overlooked or conveniently justified. However, these small sins—though not as obvious as a major violation of Church doctrine or civil law—can build up over time and corrupt an individual's spiritual transformation process.

To illustrate this point during his homily, Fr. Ciccarino fondly recalled his days as a seminarian and told a story of when he traveled to the east African nation of the United Republic of Tanzania in the summer of 1993. While there, he was given advice by his friend Father Steve Brown, at the time a Maryknoll associate priest: "When you're visiting Tanzania, you don't have to worry about the lions; you have to worry about the mosquitoes." Tying this anecdote to the "transformation" call issued by Saint Paul, Fr. Ciccarino's point was that in daily life, as well as in spiritual reflection, the small, less-obvious sins actually can pose the greatest dangers to a faithful individual. "Those 'little sins' are the ones that are deadly," he warned.

(Editor Michael C. Gabriele contributed local content to this article.)



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The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, during the June 29 Mass that inaugurated the "Year of Saint Paul" in the Archdiocese of Newark, displayed a reproduction of a Byzantine icon of Saint Paul, which was purchased from The Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Brookline, MA. The icon will be on display in the Saint Joseph Chapel of the Cathedral Basilica for the duration of the Pauline year, which runs through June 29, 2009. The Year of Saint Paul celebration was Pope Benedict's idea and he has encouraged local Church communities around the world to read and reflect on the apostle's contribution to Scripture.



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SPECIAL VISITOR—Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, former secretary to Pope John Paul II, second from left, met June 23 with the Polish Apostolate for the Archdiocese of Newark. In attendance were, left to right, Rev. Msgr. Bronislaw Wielgus, pastor of Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish in Linden; Most Rev. Edgar da Cunha, S.D.V., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark; Most Rev. Thomas Donato, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark; Very Rev. Benedict Worry, O.S.B., pastor of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish in Linden, and Most Rev. John Flesey, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark. They were joined by Polish American clergy from throughout the archdiocese. Addressing the group, Cardinal Dziwisz encouraged everyone to continue to remember the late pontiff's legacy.

Charity Care

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Association, also based in Princeton, pointed out the term "Charity Care" has a specific meaning in New Jersey. Carter—in a guest article published in the May 7 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*—explained that Charity Care is not "free care" for the poor.

"Our state is one of very few in the nation where Charity Care is a specific mandate written in state law," he wrote. "Most other states operate their own public hospitals that are designated to care for the poor and uninsured."

Carter said that NJ hospitals must treat all comers, regardless of their ability to pay. "It's part of the state's mandate and it's also part of the caring mission of hospitals," he said. According to the mandate, the state is supposed to reimburse hospitals for the care they provide to needy New Jersey residents. "Year after year, that reimbursement falls far short of hospitals' costs," Carter lamented.

When it comes to an emergency room situation, "even after an uninsured person has been stabilized, the hospital is responsible for the continuing care that person receives," Fr. Kukura pointed out. "Many non-acute healthcare facilities (nursing homes, imaging centers, special treatment clinics, etc.) won't accept someone without medical insurance. Hospitals can't 'pass along' an uninsured person."

The Catholic Bishops of New Jersey issued a statement earlier this year warning that the ongoing underfunding of Charity Care is a "threat to the future of many of our Catholic hospitals" (see *The Catholic Advocate*, May 21). "We call for healthcare access for the poor and vulnerable to be a priority," the statement said. "We support the efforts that are being proposed to bring universal healthcare access to New Jersey."

The one hopeful signal in an otherwise-gloomy picture is that

the state recently embarked on an effort to reinvent or possibly replace the existing Charity Care system; this program may involve universal healthcare coverage for New Jersey residents. An initial phase of this proposed universal access system was approved by the state legislature, which would strengthen the state's existing Family Care program.

However, Fr. Kukura, while favoring such developments toward universal coverage, said the great danger is that many foundering Catholic hospitals may not survive during the transition period leading up to a new system. Meanwhile, in a separate move, Gov. Corzine signed a bill creating a \$44-million healthcare stabilization fund that would provide some assistance to financially stressed hospitals.

Forty-six percent of all acute-care hospitals in New Jersey reported their operations were "in the red" during the first quarter of this year. Nearly half of all Garden State hospitals—including nine Catholic hospitals—are in a "strained financial situation" that could lead to further consolidations or declarations of bankruptcy, Fr. Kukura said, adding that declining Charity Care reimbursements contribute to this mounting financial pressure.

Twenty-two NJ hospitals have closed since 1992, while last year five hospitals either closed or filed for bankruptcy protection. Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, a 355-bed acute-care hospital in Plainfield, recently issued a proposal to close in a "certificate of need filing," which was approved by the state in late June.

In the Archdiocese of Newark, Columbus Hospital and Saint James Hospital recently closed, but had some of their services reorganized under the banner of Saint Michael's Medical Center, which will be run by Cathedral Healthcare East, Newtown Square, PA (*The Catholic Advocate*, Jan. 23).



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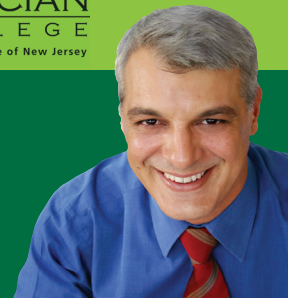
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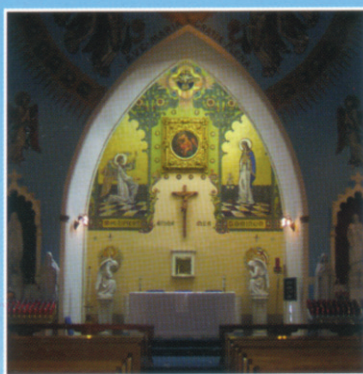
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New Trinitas chairman knows lay of the land

ELIZABETH — Victor M. Richel, the new board chairman at Trinitas Hospital, is no stranger to the local healthcare scene.

The hometown native has the distinction of being the only person to serve on the boards of three city hospitals—yet he was born in none of them. The chairman of Trinitas Hospital, past chairman of Alexian Brothers Hospital, and former finance committee chairman of Elizabeth General Medical Center, Richel greeted this world in a modest maternity home on Wyoming Avenue.

Forty years later, following a promising start in careers in both banking and utilities, a close friend approached Richel and suggested he become involved with the board of directors at Alexian Brothers Hospital. “Sid Lessner of Lessner Electric told me the brothers really had need of younger people to help on the board. I was glad to help, plus I was familiar with that hospital since my wife’s uncle, Dr. Joseph Lepree, served as chief of staff there and at Saint Elizabeth Hospital.”

Richel soon found that he had arrived at a time of great change and turmoil. “After serving four years, I was elected chairman.

Soon after that we learned that the Alexian Order in Chicago was divesting some of their hospitals in New Jersey and California,” he explained.

“The brothers had a long, successful history in Elizabeth going back to 1891, so it was a hard thing for them to do,” Richel continued. Elizabeth General Medical Center entered into negotiations with The Alexian Brothers of Elizabeth to acquire them in 1990.

“The acquisition worked because the style of both hospitals was similar. The integration of the former Alexian employees into Elizabeth General was smooth. It was gratifying to see the legacy of the Brothers continue through the Brother Bonaventure Extended Care Center, which was named after one of the brothers.”

Following the acquisition, George Billington, then-chief executive officer, asked Richel to join the Elizabeth General Medical Center Board. “It seemed like I had just settled in when the merger of Elizabeth General and Saint Elizabeth Hospital loomed,” he laughed. The consolidation gave birth to Trinitas Hospital in 2000.

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It was déjà vu all over again!



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A DAY AT YOGI'S BALLPARK—Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark hosted its third annual “Baseball Game Day” fund-raiser June 24 at Yogi Berra Stadium, Little Falls. Proceeds from the fun, family outing will be used for a planned 9/11 memorial at Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington. Among the many all stars in attendance were (left to right) Jerry McCaffrey of Milso Industries, along with Ginny Sanzo and Dave Feeney of Feeney Funeral Home, Ridgewood. Andrew P. Schafer is the executive director of Catholic Cemeteries, which maintains 10 cemeteries and four mausoleums throughout northern New Jersey.

Digital system sees early signs of breast cancer

NEWARK — The Connie Dwyer Breast Center at Saint Michael's Medical Center, a fully digital mammography facility, recently installed a new GE Healthcare Senographe Essential Digital Mammography System, enhancing the center's ability to

detect breast cancer at its earliest stages when it is most treatable.

"This year, more than 182,000 women in America will be diagnosed with breast cancer," said Jan A. Huston, M.D., medical director of the Connie Dwyer Breast Center. "One of the best tools

available for early diagnosis is digital mammography. The system, which offers the largest field of view available, provides us with images that can be reviewed in a matter of seconds and can be stored and shared electronically."

At a recent dedication ceremony,

a plaque in honor of Kelly Sides Lawler was unveiled. Partial funding for the system came from her family, who made the donation to mark the 10th anniversary of her death from breast cancer. Diagnosed at age 28 in 1990, Lawler died in 1997, leaving behind three young children.

"Kelly's husband, John, his

second wife, Susan, and their son, Sam, together with Kelly's children, Maddy, Jack, and Nick, have been working to raise money for the mammography system," Huston explained.

"The installation of a totally digital mammography system allows us to offer mammograms that are faster and easier than ever before," Felicia Karsos, administrator of Saint Michael's Medical Center, said.

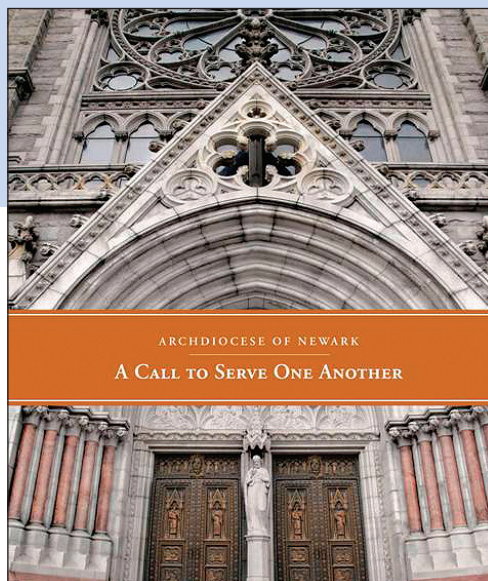
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The Lawler family came to the Connie Dwyer Breast Center for the unveiling of a plaque in memory of Kelly Sides Lawler who died of breast cancer in 1997. Pictured are (left to right) Felicia Karsos, center administrator; Susan and John Lawler, their son Sam, Kelly and John's children, Nick, Maddy and Jack; and Robert Evans, chief operating officer.

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"The brothers were in a weakened condition and had made the decision to divest the Elizabeth hospital," he recalled. "However, with the Trinitas merger, Elizabeth General and Saint Elizabeth Hospital brought unique strengths. Both were good working hospitals, and together they created something even stronger.

"With the Trinitas Hospital merger, we created a unique model that others should replicate. We

took a non-sectarian and a Catholic hospital, got the approval of Rome, and merged the two into a viable organization," he explained. Richel calls the ongoing partnership between the Sisters of Charity (sponsors of Trinitas Hospital and the former Saint Elizabeth Hospital) and Elizabethtown Healthcare Foundation (the former parent organization of Elizabeth General Medical Center) strong and productive.

Richel also takes pride in the progress that Trinitas Hospital has made. "We have an excellent chief executive officer in Gary Horan. He has put us on the map and we are well on our way to becoming a true regional leader in health-care. We have great people, great leadership and wonderful centers of excellence."

Richel also serves as chairman of the board of Union County College, a post he has held for the last 15 years. During that time, Union County College has developed into one of the nation's lead-



Victor M. Richel

ing community colleges. "One of the best parts of the college is the cooperative program that it conducts with the Trinitas School of Nursing, which is an important part of the mission of both the college and hospital," he said. With an enrollment nearing 2,000 students, the Trinitas School of Nursing is the sixth-largest nursing school in the United States.



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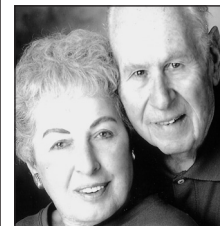
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Communities donate old bicycles for use in impoverished countries

SCOTCH PLAINS—On a recent Saturday morning, volunteers collected bicycles in the parking lot of Saint Bartholomew the Apostle Parish as part of Pedals for Progress, a program that provides refurbished bicycles to impoverished nations.

According to a spokesman for Pedals for Progress, a not-for-profit organization based in High Bridge, “North America recycles over half of the 5 million used bicycles discarded each year, as well as unused parts and accessories for reuse overseas.” The program’s

primary objective, the spokesman explained, is “to enhance the productivity of low-income workers overseas where reliable, environmentally sound transportation is scarce, by supplying reconditioned bikes at low cost.”

For the most part, the bicycles are used for transportation, trash hauling, and farming. Over 2,500 bicycles have been shipped from the United States so far this year.

Gary Michel, the New Jersey collection coordinator, worked with Saint Bartholomew volunteers to prepare the bicycles for shipping. The group collected 111 bicycles. They will be serviced and sold at bike shops for a nominal fee. In addition to the bicycles, the group accepted donations to offset international shipment costs. The pastor, Father John Paladino, commented, “we’ve prevented



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Tools in hand, volunteers at Saint Bartholomew Parish disassemble donated bicycles for shipment overseas as part of the Pedals for Progress program.

these bikes from becoming scrap metal. We are supporting employment, trade, education and self sufficiency. Our Social Outreach Ministry has partnered in a remarkable project that promotes positive outcomes at many levels.”

Pedals for Progress is one of many programs that the parish ministry has taken on. Others include, the Hillside Community Food Bank, CROP Walk, Fanwood-Scotch Plains Recycling

Association, soup kitchens, Arc group homes, Saint Mary’s coat drives, HomeFirst, Catholic social teaching and social justice campaigns, and more.

Volunteers at the event included Christian Berk, Matt Boruch, Andrew Citera, Pat Citera, Carolyn Colonna, Rob Colonna, Dana Krajcsik, Andrew Krema, Madelyn Krema, Andrew Pansula, Amanda Raphael, Tom Zimmerman, and Aidan Ziobro. They disassembled the bicycles to prepare them for shipping.

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Peter Drower

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The institute provides the opportunity to study recent Supreme Court Cases in detail and learn innovative teaching methodology for conveying this information to students. Well-known Supreme Court lawyers, reporters, scholars, and educators were among the speakers and instructors. The teachers visited the court and attend a reception.



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Survey by magazine selects 43 physicians at Englewood

ENGLEWOOD—Forty-three physicians from Englewood Hospital and Medical Center were named to *New York Magazine's* "Best Doctors" list. The publication's annual survey presents a roundup of leading physicians in the New York/New Jersey metro area.

This year, the magazine named 1,434 doctors in a wide array of medical specialties and recognized more Englewood Hospital physicians than any other hospital in New Jersey.

"We are proud that so many of our physicians are recognized among the very best doctors in the region," said Douglas A. Duchak, Englewood Hospital president and chief executive officer. "It's a testament to their excellence in clinical practice."

The healthcare professionals selected represent approximately one-quarter of the top 10 percent of New York-area physicians as determined by Castle Connolly Medical Ltd, a research company that publishes the annual guidebook, "Top Doctors: New York Metro Area."

Brain mapping assists surgeons

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Allan Caggiano, chief medical physicist for the Department of Radiation Oncology, said the software offers the ability to fuse information from multiple sources and manipulate the data from infinite perspectives and angles. This produces three-dimensional images that show the best path through the brain and around the area of surgical interest. Planning can even be accomplished remotely via secure access to the network's computers.

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Task force

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ent there. Urban ministry should be viewed as a gift, not a challenge," Howard said.

Surveys were sent to urban parishes in March and focus group sessions were held in Union, Hudson and Essex counties to assess parish needs. "We asked lay leaders and representa-

tives what their strengths, hopes, dreams and challenges were," Sr. Linda explained. "How can we, on a local level, become more collaborative and bring all of our information together?"

The results obtained so far by the task force show that lay leaders in urban areas are willing to participate more in the Church, but many do not have the training or cannot make time due to their jobs.

"There is a lot of energy around looking at clerical and

lay leadership," Sr. Linda observed. "People want to be part of the process and be the voice of the Church and are willing and ready to learn. People desire full, active ministry but they have time constraints that limit their opportunity for involvement. Many parishes cannot afford professional staff and (programs) are mainly run by volunteers. How can we provide quality ministry with good faith experience for these people who simply do not have the time?"

Another concern of urban parishes is the lack of financial resources, especially for maintaining facilities. "In the cities there are big, old, beautiful churches that take lots of money to repair," she said. "Pastors spend so much time maintaining the buildings but their hearts want to minister. However, if we close these churches, people feel abandoned. We do not want to see these churches leave the community."

Sr. Linda believes that there is the "pull of invitation" needed to draw people from different cultures into the Church. For example, at Saint Mary Parish there is a large West African community with parishioners from Nigeria, Ghana and Cameroon. "Immigrants have always looked to the Church to give them security and to connect with people," she said.

Working in Jersey City for over 10 years, Fr. Antczak said finances, housing and education are major concerns for urban parishes. "School closings affect urban churches because some parents and children sever connections with the Church if they do not go to Catholic school," he said. "Neighborhood concepts are being pushed into a corner as high-rise condominiums replace old two and three-family homes. This means higher prices and higher taxes. Is the city a melting pot or a mosaic with different cultures just living next to each other and not intermingling?"

Fr. Antczak believes training seminarians to minister in an urban environment will improve spiritual outreach in inner-city areas. "In the past, a priest's first assignment after being ordained was in a city parish," he said. "That does not happen as often today. Saint Paul went to the big cities to preach and so should we. Priests need to be living the priesthood more before being ordained."

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G.R.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me that you are my mother. Oh Holy Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. I place this cause in your hands. Amen. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. Novena is published in gratitude. Thank you.

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PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

Oh, Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near Kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition (make request). In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and Glorias. St. Jude, pray for us all who invoke your aid. Amen. This Novena must be said for 9 consecutive days. Thank you for answering my prayer.

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A special prayer of thanksgiving to St. Jude for answering my prayer. All glory to God for His mercy and grace in the lives of His faithful. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, continue to pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, always pray for us. May we be forever grateful for the intercession of St. Jude in our times of need. Amen. Published in a true spirit of gratitude to Almighty God. Thank you, St. Jude.

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Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

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Reverend Pablo T. Gadenz has been appointed to the faculty of Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University, South Orange, with residence at Immaculate Conception Seminary. The appointment is for five years and began July 1.

Reverend Douglas J. Milewski, S.T.D. has been appointed to the faculty of Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University, South Orange, with continued residence at Seton Hall University. The appointment is for three years and began July 1.

PASTOR

Reverend Marian Spanier, pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, Hackensack has been reappointed to a second six-year term, ending Feb. 1, 2014.

Reverend Dennis J. Cohan, pastor of Saint Catharine Parish, Glen Rock, has been appointed pastor of Saint Agnes Parish, Clark, effective July 1.

Reverend Peter K. Funesti, parochial vicar of Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, has been appointed pastor Nativity Parish, Midland Park, effective July 1.

Reverend Jose E. Marquez, parochial vicar of Saint Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York, has been appointed pastor of Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, Union City, effective July 1.

Reverend Manoel J. Oliveira, parochial vicar of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison, has been appointed pastor of Saint Benedict Parish, Newark, effective July 1. The appointment is in addition to his responsibilities as administrator of Saint Augustine Parish, Newark.

ADMINISTRATOR

Reverend Jungsoo Kim, administrator of Saint Joseph Korean Catholic Church, Demarest, has

also been appointed administrator of Saint Joseph Parish, Demarest, effective July 1.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Reverend Peter M. Aquino, parochial vicar of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Ridgefield Park, has been appointed parochial vicar of Saint Raphael Parish, Livingston, effective June 25.

Reverend Patrick R. Flannery, parochial vicar of Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Newark, has been appointed parochial vicar of Saint Aloysius Parish, Caldwell, effective July 16.

Reverend Jozef Krajnak, S.B.D., parochial vicar of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Hoboken, has been appointed parochial vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Jersey City, effective July 1.

Reverend Jesus Orlando Rengifo has been appointed parochial vicar of Saint Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York, effective July 1.

Reverend Joseph Udeze, chaplain at Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield has been appointed parochial vicar of Saint Paul the Apostle Parish, Jersey City, effective July 1.

Reverend Sujan Amurutham has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, through Aug. 31.

Reverend Almas Archangelus has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Assumption Parish, Emerson, through Aug. 31.

Reverend Waldemar Babicz has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Irvington, through Aug. 31.

Reverend Sathianathan Xavier Benedict has been appointed summer parochial vicar of the Parish of SS. Peter & Paul, Hoboken, through July 25.

Reverend Jacob S. Biswas has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Saint Catharine Parish, Glen Rock, through Aug. 31.

Reverend Nicholas Chisim has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Saint Mary Parish, Nutley, through Aug. 31.

Reverend Wilson R. Chu has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, through Aug. 31.

Reverend Sackarias Clatton has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Assumption Parish, Roselle Park, through Aug. 31.

Reverend Richard D'Cruz has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Saint Cassian Parish, Upper Montclair, through Aug. 31.

Reverend Allan P. Delima has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, North Bergen, through Aug. 31.

Reverend Emmanuel Essiet has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Saint Luke Parish, HoHoKus, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Edwin Julio Fontanilla has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Saint Paul of the Cross Parish, Jersey City, through Sept. 3.

Reverend Lastborn Foto has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, East Orange, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Amrafil M. Gadon, Jr. has been appointed summer parochial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Nutley, through Sept. 15.

Reverend Berman D. Ibanez has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City, through Aug. 31.

Reverend Kingsley Ihejirika has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Saint Helen Parish, Westfield, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Tariq Isaac has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Saint Anthony Parish, Newark, effective through Sept. 30.

Reverend Jan Jarosz, O.M.I. has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, Jersey City, through Aug. 3.

Reverend Saman Jayaweera, O.M.I. has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Saint Michael Parish, Palisades Park, through Sept. 20.

Reverend Thomas Joseph has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Saint Raphael Parish, Livingston, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Mathew Kallinkel has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Saint James Parish, Springfield, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Shashi Bhushan Kullu has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Saint Mary Parish, Dumont, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Daniel Kyom has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, through Aug. 31.

Reverend Jude Likori Omukaga has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Nativity Parish, Midland Park, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Ramon Jose P. Oncog has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Saint Mary, Star of the Sea Parish, Bayonne, through Aug. 31.

Reverend George S. Pereira has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Saint John the Baptist Parish, Jersey City, through Sept. 15.

Reverend Camillus Rema has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Saint Agnes Parish, Clark, through Aug. 31.

Reverend Jose Rivera has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Saint Mary Parish, Plainfield, through Aug. 31.

Reverend Lawrence Stanislaus Rodrigues, O.C.D. has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Saint Joseph the Carpenter Parish, Roselle, through Sept. 20.

Reverend Arun William Rozario, O.M.I. has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Saint Henry Parish, Bayonne, through Aug. 31.

Reverend Wilson Sanchez Cruz has been appointed summer parochial vicar of SS. Joseph & Michael Parish, Union City, through July 23, 2008.

Reverend Ralph C. Siendo has been appointed parochial vicar of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City, through Jan. 31, 2009.

Reverend Celso Singson has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Rochelle Park, through July 31.

Reverend Venusto Fullente Suarez has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Guardian Angel Parish, Allendale, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Lucas Tha Ling Sum has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Holy Trinity Parish, Fort Lee, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Imlus Tete has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Hippoletus Toppo has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Maywood, through Oct. 31.

Reverend Kazimierz Torla has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, Linden, through Aug. 30.

Reverend Gregorio M. Uanan has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Our Lady of Victories Parish, Jersey City, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Nixen Raj Xavier has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Saint Michael Parish, Cranford, through Sept. 30.

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

DEAN

Very Reverend Robert G. McBride, V.F., pastor of Saint John the Apostle Parish, Linden, has also been appointed Dean of the Union Southeast Deanery, Deanery 24, for a term of five years beginning June 19 and ending June 19, 2013.

Very Reverend John M. McCrone, V.F., pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, has also been appointed Dean of the Union Northwest Deanery, Deanery 22, for a term of five years beginning July 1 and ending July 1, 2013.

Very Reverend John J. Paladino, V.F., pastor of Saint Bartholomew Parish, Scotch Plains, has also been appointed Dean of the Union Southwest Deanery, Deanery 26, for a term of five years beginning June 19 and ending June 19, 2013.

Very Reverend John E. Wassell, V.F., pastor of Holy Rosary/Saint Michael Parish, Elizabeth and Dean of the Union Elizabeth Deanery, Deanery 25, has been reappointed Dean of the Union Elizabeth Deanery, Deanery 25 effective immediately and ending March 8, 2013.

CAMPUS MINISTER

Reverend Kevin F. Murphy has been appointed campus minister at Fairleigh Dickinson University (Metropolitan Campus), Teaneck, with residence at Saint John the Evangelist, Leonia. The appointment was effective July 1.

CHAPLAIN

Reverend Larry Evans II, parochial vicar of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City, was appointed chaplain at Paramus Catholic Regional High School effective July 1.

Reverend James E. Starasinich, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Lyndhurst, was also appointed chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Lyndhurst Council No. 2396 effective June 6.

INCARDINATION

Reverend Thomas D. Nicastro, a priest of the Diocese of Bridgeport, CT, was incardinated into the Archdiocese of Newark June 6.

RELEASE

Reverend Gioacchino Basile, returning from pastoral service within the Diocese of Ponce, Puerto Rico, has been released to begin pastoral service within the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York for a period of three to five years, effective July 1.

Reverend Francesco Donnarumma, parochial vicar of the Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, Union City, has been released to begin pastoral service within the Diocese of Ponce, Puerto Rico for a period of three to five years, effective July 1.

RETIREMENT

Reverend Joseph E. Buzzerio, prison chaplain at Bergen County Jail, Hackensack, was granted retirement effective July 1.



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Advocate photo – Ward Miele

Sacred Heart win medals

LYNDHURST—The Sacred Heart CYO track team finished a successful season at the recent Saint Elizabeth's Invitational at Don Bosco Preparatory in Ramsey.

Sixth graders Ben Kawalek and Brittney Cammisa and second graders Matt Duane and Amber Bretz picked up two medals apiece.

Kawalek won bronze medals in the 100-meter dash and long jump, while Duane took home a bronze in the K-2 broad jump and anchored the bronze medal-winning 4 x 50 meter relay.

On the girls' side, Bretz won bronzes in the K-2 400-meter dash and broad jump, while Cammisa took home silvers in the 100-meter and 400-meter dashes.

Katelyn Reilly also won a gold medal in the girls' 7th and 8th grade girls' softball throw.

In boys' action, Jeremy Joseph won bronze in the 3rd and 4th grade broad jump and Alex Alberti earned a bronze in the 5th and 6th grade mile run.

For the 7th and 8th graders, Joshua Joseph won bronze in the 100-meter dash, while Jason Waldron and Brian Rosa paired with two runners from Queen of Peace to earn bronze in the 4 x 200.

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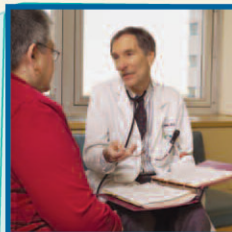
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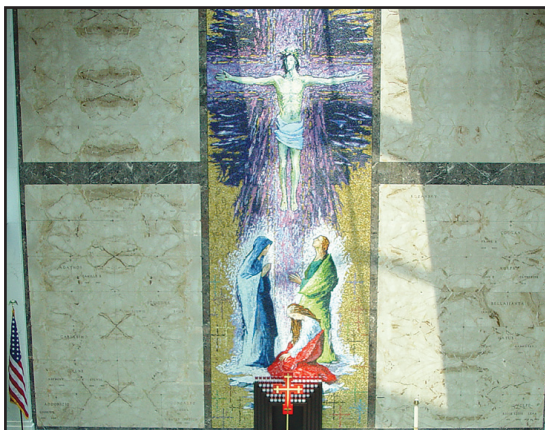
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