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Pope Benedict visits faithful 'down under'

World Youth Day inspires, engages thousands in Australia. Madrid will host the next international celebration in 2011.

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Amid Salvador turmoil, Irma Chavez discovers faith to touch souls

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

NEWARK—It would be profoundly accurate to say Dr. Irma Chavez is fluent in many fields: languages, academics, international relations and a broad spectrum of spiritual outreach encounters.

Working with Plainfield-based RENEW International for the past 25 years in areas such as her native El Salvador, Chavez has been to the poorest communities in Central America, spreading the Gospel. Interaction with dangerous young gang members in rural El Salvador is a far cry from her previous role traveling the globe as a diplomat's wife, college professor and poet.

Born to an Irish-American mother and a Nicaraguan/Spanish father in Cojutepeque, El Salvador, Chavez speaks Spanish, English, Italian, French and German. She was educated in Europe, earned a doctorate in philosophy from the University of

Bologna, Italy, and master's degree in theology from Saint John's University, New York.

Chavez and her husband, Waldo Chavez Velasco, were married in front of the tomb of Saint Francis of Assisi in Italy. Although a significant Catholic landmark, Chavez, at the time, was not devoutly religious. "I was only a social Catholic," she confessed. "I never had a Bible in my hand. The notion of God was very far way from me. I was always a career-oriented person."

Her husband, who passed away three years ago, was a lawyer and diplomat who worked in Europe and America. While negotiating a busy social calendar, she taught philosophy at the National University in El Salvador and was the founding director of National Education TV. Chavez's home country was wracked by civil war from 1980 to 1992.

The Salvadoran Civil War pre-dominantly was fought between the government of El Salvador against a

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Ministry seeks volunteers for outreach inside prison

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

AREA—If you have the faith, compassion and fortitude to do God's work inside the walls of a prison, then please call this phone number: (973) 618-3302.

Deacon Gregory Quinn, director of the archdiocesan Office of Prison Ministry, has issued a call for volunteers to priests, deacons, Religious and lay people. The ministry has members ranging in age from 14 to 85 years and needs to expand its ranks to continue its outreach mission.

In a dozen facilities throughout the four counties that comprise the archdiocese there are 12,000 men and women in the prison population; all 12,000 have unique spiritual needs, according to Deacon Quinn. "(Inmates) have an insatiable appetite for learning our devotions, developing a knowledge of our saints and deriving the source of our strength—the Trinity," he declared.

Deacon Quinn—the director of campus ministry at Caldwell College and a staff member at Saint Thomas More Parish in Fairfield—said volunteers must make a commitment of two hours per week in order to be part of the

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Advocate photo — M. Gabriele

SUMMERTIME FEAST—Braving the sizzling mid-summer heat, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Montclair, celebrated its namesake feast July 20. Last year, as the parish marked its 100th anniversary, the colorful feast was brought back to the community after a lull of 36 years. The faithful, family event included rides, games, music and, best of all, delicious Italian zeppolas. Father Anthony J. Lionelli is the pastor of the warm and friendly Essex County parish.

World Youth Day energizes Australia's Generation Y

Pope Benedict apologizes to victims of sexual abuse

SYDNEY, Australia (CNS)—In what is often seen as one of the most intensely secular nations in the world, Australia received a wake-up call: the faith of the Church on public display over the weeklong celebrations of World Youth Day.

For young Catholics used to seeing a steady annual decline in figures such as Mass attendance, the sight of an estimated 300,000 pilgrims from around the nation and overseas may well have provided a much-needed shot in the arm.

Prominent Australian theologian Tracey Rowland, dean of studies at the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family in Melbourne, Australia, said the July 15-20 World Youth Day activities and the visit of Pope Benedict XVI was encouraging, but will not fix Australia overnight.

"Pope Benedict's weeklong 'Christianity 101' intensive course for a couple of hundred thousand Australian pilgrims will certainly improve the situation, especially for Generation Y," she said, referring to the young Aussies.

Rowland also noted that for many young pilgrims, World Youth Day was their first experience of solemn liturgy, adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, receiving catechesis with deep intellectual and spiritual content, and meeting numerous other young people not embarrassed to be identified as Catholics.

"The pope constantly reiterated the theme that it is all about a personal participation in the life of the Trinity and that changes everything," she said. "There is no room for secular spheres impervious to the sacred and divisions between public and private personas; there is only a part of us and a part of our culture that either belongs to Christ already or still awaits transformation. That task of transformation is the biggest adventure life in the world can offer us, and some half a million pilgrims got a taste of it at World Youth Day."

During his visit, Pope Benedict said he was "deeply sorry for the pain and suffering" endured by Australian victims of clerical sexual abuse. Describing the abuse as "so grave a betrayal of trust," he said it deserves "unequivocal condemnation." The pope offered the apology July 19 during a Mass in Saint Mary's Cathedral with Australia's bishops and representatives of the country's priests, religious, seminarians and novices.

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Pope Benedict XVI holds up a monstrance containing the Eucharist during the World Youth Day vigil at Royal Randwick Racecourse in Sydney, Australia, July 19. Pope Benedict, during his visit "down under," addressed relativism and apathy during his homilies and emphasized the importance of unity and hope. The event, which ran July 15-20, attracted 300,000 pilgrims from around the world.

Knights gather to mark centennial celebration



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CROWD AT COUNCIL 1345—Members of the clergy, state officers of the Knights of Columbus, local politicians and the Bishop O'Connor Assembly Color Corps, joined officers and members of Saint John's Council 1345 in Bergenfield/Dumont on June 28 to celebrate the council's 100th anniversary. The council hall received a blessing and was rededicated. The council's centennial celebration culminates on Saturday, Oct. 18, with gala reception and dinner at the Colonial Manor, 137 Orangeburgh Rd., Old Tappan. Call Bob Dondero at (201) 387-9750 for information and reservations.

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To foster vocations, Fr. John Gabriel knows families help cultivate 'calling'

Former pastor recalls his path to priesthood

BY WARD MIELE

Managing Editor

While serving as a pastor during the past nine years, Father John D. Gabriel, saw the parish as a focal point of supporting men who are considering the priesthood. Now, as the new director of vocations for the Archdiocese of Newark, that outlook will carry an even greater emphasis and sense of urgency.

A product of Nativity Parish in Midland Park, Fr. Gabriel was ordained in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark 21 years ago. Looking back fondly on his recent pastorate at Saint Thomas More Parish in Fairfield, he says it was "perfect preparation" for his new responsibilities at the Newark chancery.

Fr. Gabriel cites the "hospitality and warmth" of his former parish as helping him to grow as a priest. It is a parish, he stresses, that sustains "an incredible love of priests and the priesthood." While he was pastor, Saint Thomas More took in many seminarians. Most of those men said they "felt at home" in the Fairfield faith community. At the same time, Fr. Gabriel worked with a formation group at the

College Seminary at Seton Hall University the past six years. He was also involved with Immaculate Conception Seminary, also on the Seton Hall campus, as a formation presenter and was part of an Ad Hoc Formation Committee.

His own journey to the priesthood was typical of many of his colleagues. He felt the first inkling while at Nativity Parish. A major influence was the parish Youth Ministry and a retreat he attended. The retreat, Fr. Gabriel recalls, "changed my life. It introduced me to Christ." In fact, he stresses, two others on the same retreat went on to the priesthood. "Once you know Him personally it is a different ballgame," Fr. Gabriel said.

After high school, he worked with disabled children in Wyckoff. It was there, he explains, that he knew he wanted to give his life to helping people. One incident during those early days sticks out in his mind. While he was busy helping young people into wheelchairs, someone turned on TV coverage of the election of Pope John Paul II. The awe and majesty of the moment is still a vivid memory.

Following that experience, he talked about the priesthood with his parish priest. Not long after that, he decided to enter the seminary. Initially his mother cried and thought it was "a terrible idea." However, his mother quickly became supportive of his decision. Today, her son being a priest is "the greatest joy of her life," he says.

The family, he stresses, plays an essential role in helping a man decide on the priesthood. "I see the family's responsibility as leading a man to Christ so that he hears His call," Fr. Gabriel explains. In fact, among his priorities



Father John D. Gabriel

as vocations director is to enlist parents and siblings in helping promote a vocation.

The proverbial "calling" to the priesthood, Fr. Gabriel explains, exhibits itself "in different ways in different people." Although in some instances it can be a dramatic revelation, he says in his case it was a process that unfolded slowly. "It's a feeling in the heart that begins a relationship," he explained. "It is being in love with God."

Discernment is a complex, personal process of spiritual exploration. Father Joseph A. Mancini, the former head of Emmaus

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WAYFARING STRANGERS—Seven members of Missionaries of the Eucharist ambled through Newark July 22 during a walking tour that began in Maine and will end in Washington D.C. Zack Swanteck (far left), who hails from Clark and plans to attend Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, in September, was among the septet. Maryland resident Jessica Newman (second from the right), said the mission for the intrepid travelers is to joyfully live out their faith and give presentations along the way to parish youth groups, discussing life issues contained in "Theology of the Body" programs (see related story on page 8). Other members of the pack included (left to right) Meredith Beck, Andrea Helland, Scott Wilkins, Rebecca Cloutier and Wesley Kopacka.

Australia

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When the pope visited the United States in April, he met with victims of clerical sex abuse and repeatedly spoke of the Church's sorrow and shame over the cases and over its failure to protect children (see *The Catholic Advocate*, April 23). Australian victims and some bishops began publicly expressing the hope he would do the same during his stay in their country.

Before he left Sydney to return to Rome, Pope Benedict celebrated a private Mass with four

Australian victims of clerical sexual abuse and their families.

"The pope listened to their stories and offered them consolation," according to a statement issued by the Vatican. "He promised to continue to pray for them, their families and all victims. Through this paternal gesture, the Holy Father wished to demonstrate again his deep concern for all those who have suffered sexual abuse."

The Mass was celebrated in a small chapel inside Saint Mary's Cathedral and was celebrated by the pope and Sydney Cardinal George Pell. The victims, two men and two women, were ac-



CNS photo

Pilgrims from Spain cheer after hearing the pope announce Madrid as the host city of World Youth Day 2011. Pope Benedict XVI made the announcement at the close of World Youth Day July 20 in Sydney, Australia.

companied by family members and a priest in charge of pastoral support for victims, said papal spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, in a written statement.

Fr. Lombardi said the Mass and the private encounter were held "in an atmosphere of respect, spir-

ituality and intense emotion" in which everyone was deeply moved. "The pope wanted to meet with victims, as he did in the United States, as a way to concretely express feelings he has already shown many times in his talks concerning the tragedy of

sexual abuse" within the Church, the spokesman said.

Sydney Auxiliary Bishop Anthony Fisher, chief organizer of World Youth Day, said that in his series of homilies during the weeklong event, the pope gave young Australian Catholics a blueprint of how to change the social and spiritual fabric of the country that the pope dubbed the "Great South Land of the Holy Spirit."

Pope Benedict, Bishop Fisher said, addressed relativism and apathy during his homilies and emphasized the importance of unity and hope. "He provided us with a program for the spiritual and social renewal of our country and has offered young people the encouragement and inspiration to do that," he said. "Young people will return to their parishes, schools, communities and universities with a passion."

Bishop Fisher acknowledged Pope Benedict's concern for how deeply secularization has set into Australia. "When (the pope) is talking about things like apathy and relativism, they're commonplace in the Western world, but certainly I think he had Australia in mind, and it's a real issue for us right across the board, not just for the Church," he said.



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"...[I]n Prison and you visited me."
MT 25:36

"We have nothing."

A mother's desperation and despair trickle down her cheeks with each teardrop. She sobs as she describes her family's situation.

Amarante Desir and her family live in Cité Soleil, the worst slum in Haiti. Living in the poorest country in our hemisphere, this family and many others struggle each day simply to survive.

The Desir family lives in a shack made of scraps of metal, wood and cardboard. The roof leaks when it rains, and the dirt floor turns into mud. Outside, trash and human waste litter the landscape. Amarante whispers, "There's a lot of germs here. The kids get sick a lot."



**Many Haitians
earn less than
\$2 a day.
Their struggle
for survival
is constant.**



Amarante often has nothing to feed her family. When she and her children are hungry, the pain in her heart is far worse than the pain of hunger. Watching your children suffer is heartbreaking for a loving mother.

When she has no food or money, Amarante prays to God for help and comfort. God is her strength and refuge. She says, "I feel better after I pray, knowing that God



will not leave me, but will give me strength. I feel God's presence when I pray."

Food and fuel prices have skyrocketed throughout the world recently. These increases impact us all, but it is the poor who are affected the most. Mothers like Amarante — who helplessly watch their children suffer — experience this painful reality every day.

***"The LORD is close to
the brokenhearted,
saves those whose spirit is
crushed." (Psalm 34:19.)***

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Despairing mothers like Amarante plead for help. "Things are not good for us," she says. "Whatever you can do will help. We have nothing. We're not eating or sleeping."

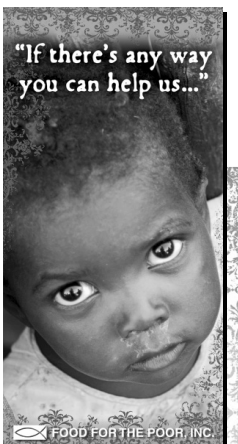
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suffering, Amarante Desir prays to
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Summertime in Glen Ridge and the living was easy

Advocate column provides warm memories from 1952

(Editor's note: The Catholic Advocate recently "rediscovered" Ruth Reilly, a columnist who worked for the newspaper during the early 1950s (see The Catholic Advocate, May 21). The Reilly family—Ruth, her husband Walter, and 11 children (eight boys and three girls)—resided in Glen Ridge at 73 Highland Ave. for many years. Ruth, who died July 10, 2003, made entries into a "daybook," which included her observations on family life and spiritual reflections. The following column, originally published July 19, 1952, opens a window on a bygone era of Catholic family life in the suburbs of northern New Jersey, which included lemonade stands, chestnut trees and visits by Aunt Gertrude.)

BY RUTH REILLY

Special to The Catholic Advocate

Summer has settled into a busy, happy pattern for the family. There is no such thing as "time on your hands" here at Reillyville, but from papa and mamma right down the line we all thoroughly enjoy our summer vacation "at home" just the same.

Mary Ann is a working girl, employed as typist and clerk for the summer, and we miss her constant chatter and multiple telephone calls during the day.

Paul takes his paper route at a slower speed than during the school year and is home just in time for breakfast. In addition to their own rooms, Paul has the dining and front hall, Philip the sun-room and office, and David the living room and kitchen living room. Peter has charge of emptying waste baskets. Stephen picks

up newspapers, and Ellen dresses and cares for Elizabeth.

The children each abide by the family rule of attending Mass one extra morning each week, but

Ellen and Peter go to Mass with me daily and on our return they help set the table and prepare the breakfast. After breakfast, David and Philip clear off the table and Stephen takes out the chairs. Mother washes the dishes and Peter and Ellen dry and put away. Elizabeth takes out the milk bottles. Paul takes care of Joseph and dresses him. John (the lazy little fellow) doesn't do a thing!

Every once in a while dad leads in a "yard day" of general work and clean-up and everyone

Ellen enjoys the story-hour at the public library and, little mother that she is, invariably asks permission for Stephen and Elizabeth to join her. She often has a story hour of her own, reading to our own and assorted neighborhood toddlers on the shady front porch mornings.

The children all enjoy cooking, Philip and David especially. They are our lemonade experts. They had their first lemonade stand of the season—three cents a glass. The twins (Philip and David) also like to take over luncheon prepara-



Ruth Reilly

Gertrude worked with them and showed them how to play the scale and different chords, and Peter and Ellen spend many quiet moments playing. They are trying to learn to play the scale with both hands to surprise Aunt Gertrude on her next visit.

Our long sloping asphalt driveway is a busy spot. Scooters, wagons and tricycles zip down it. The girls like to jump rope in the shade of the big chestnut tree, and hopscotch squares are chalked on the garage floor. Our outdoor shower in the protected angle beneath the dining room and kitchen windows was put in by Uncle Ray and is a popular spot on hot afternoons. The shower had the added advantage of making the children fresh, sweet and clean for dinner.

Our Sunday afternoons are usually spent in the yard and lead into an outdoor supper after which our family rosary is offered in the mellow softness of the fading sunlight.

So goes the Life of Reilly in the good old summertime.



participates. The house is on a plot of about one-half of an acre and just keeping the lawn under control is a big job. Paul and David and Philip are "lawn men," while Ellen is in charge of weeding the fish pond and the slate-slab walk around it. Peter manages the flower bed at the side of the garage. Stephen and Elizabeth and Joseph have no specific assignments—they're just helpers.

On the "fun" side of the summer program our day trips highlight the week. In addition to regular Saturday trips to the seashore, dad tries to manage a day off in the middle of the week for an extra outing during July and August. The older children take turns having overnight guests each week, preferably on the night before a trip so that they too may come along to the shore.

Our children look forward to "visiting Grandma" each summer. Grandma lives in a second floor apartment on a busy street in East Orange. It's hardly what you would picture for a summer vacation, but a few days with Grandma is as exciting as a trip to the moon for everyone of the children, and each goes happily off in his turn.

tions occasionally and can flip a mean pancake. Philip made cupcakes for their scout patrol when it met here not long ago.

Our piano has been a happy addition to the household and any of our guests who can play are particularly popular. So far none of the children take lessons. Aunt



Savoring warm, relaxing days, changes of pace, quiet prayers

One of summer's pleasures for me is time at the beach. The refreshing ocean waters are exhilarating on a hot summer's day, and it is always a joy to watch the waves rhythmically break on the shore, as they have been doing for millennia and will likely do for many more.

Then I let my eyes slowly scan the sea top, occasionally getting to see pods of dolphins break the surface or pelicans dive for a fresh catch, or seagulls circle again and again, riding the currents of the breeze.

Sailboats and yachts ply the ocean nearer to the coast, while tankers and cruise ships pass more slowly in the distance.

Finally my eyes reach the horizon, and begin to rise heavenward. There the cloud patterns continually change, creating images both majestic and whimsical (see *The Catholic Advocate*, April 23, 2008).

I find comfort in the reliability of the tides and of the rising and setting of the sun and the moon. Though no two days are



Advocate photo — M. Gabriele

exactly alike, the ebb and flow of nature is reassuring in a world where so many other things are changing all the time. It helps me to regain perspective and see my many responsibilities with a fresh outlook. Things out of sync seem to fit together, as alterna-

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tives present themselves that seemed hidden in the rush of daily activity.

One of my other relaxing activities is doing jumbles, crossword puzzles and word searches. Sometimes the answers are so obvious. Other times you can

look and look, but still not see. I've discovered that, if I put the puzzle down and pick it up later or the next day, the answer practically jumps off the page.

Creating a change of pace in life often reveals what seemed previously hidden. So often people seek signs from God when, in fact, God is providing them all the time. Much like with the word search, you have to be open to identifying the patterns which present themselves, in ways both expected and unexpected.

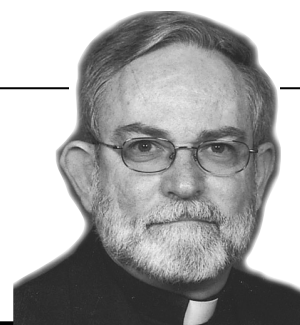
Vacations can help do that. Reflective prayer provides a similar perspective. Whether it be after reading a portion of Sacred Scripture or other spiritual writing, or simply observing the beauty of nature or thinking of what's going on in your life, then allowing yourself to just quietly let your mind seem to wander yet open to see how God may bring new thoughts or directions, re-

flective or meditative prayer can bring the renewing breeze of the Spirit to an otherwise stagnant or hectic life.

With today's escalating costs, vacations are becoming more out of reach for many families. A walk in a park is a free alternative, as is a quiet period of prayer, whether indoors or outdoors. Whatever positive opportunities are yours, enjoy them to the fullest.

Celebrate the presence of God in your life and in our world. Bathe yourself in the beauty of the Son. Lift up your eyes, your minds, your hearts to the Lord. The results will be more gratifying than a perfect tan, and your vision much clearer as you see your link to eternity!

(Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnholz is pastor of Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Bergenfield, and archdiocesan Vicar for Pastoral Life.)



SEEING & BELIEVING

By Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnholz

Understanding titles, privileges of God's people

Readings: 1 Kings 19:9-13; Psalm 85; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

Every facet of human life must be evaluated in the light of our relationship with God. The ancient Hebrews defined that fundamental relationship as a covenant, an intimate bond linking the individual to God and a human community. The covenants with the patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) formed the Hebrews into the people of Israel, a clan consisting of 12 tribes.

The most solemn covenant at Mount Sinai formed Israel into a nation, a people destined to have a territory of their own (Ex 19:6). The gift of the land would provide them with the freedom to serve God alone. The proper response to this divine gift was and is measured by obedience to the commandments, the expression of God's will for His creatures.

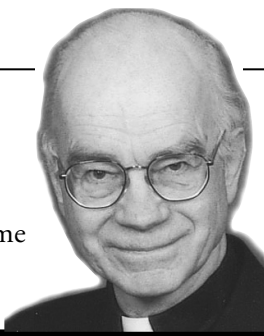
After the Kingdom of David and Solomon was divided, a great prophet named Elijah (whose name means "my God is Yah, the Lord") struggled against the idolatry and injustice introduced by a headstrong pagan queen. After Jezebel threatened Elijah's life because of his vigorous fidelity to the Commandments, the prophet was inspired by God to make a pilgrimage to Mount Horeb (Sinai), where centuries earlier Moses had experienced the manifestation of God's presence. The assurance that God is always with His people gave Elijah the courage to continue his work.

What are the prerogatives of those who responded to the call of God? In the letter to the Romans, Saint Paul lists the privileges of the chosen people. Note that, some decades after the death-and-resurrection of Jesus, he uses a Greek equivalent of the present tense. "They are Israelites; theirs is the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the

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By Rev. Lawrence Frizzell



Law (Torah), the worship and the promises; theirs are the patriarchs, and from them according to the flesh is the Christ (Messiah)" (Rom 9:4-5).

We shall take a brief look at these privileges. Israel was the name given to the patriarch Jacob after he "wrestled" with God (Gn 32:23-31). The name probably means "one who struggles with God." This became the special designation for the 12 tribes that descended from Jacob and his wives, emphasizing their privilege of serving God.

Three tribes (Judah, Benjamin and Levi) survived into the Second Temple period, yet hope for restoration of all 12 tribes prevailed among the people. Thus, Jesus chose 12 from among His disciples to be the foundations of the community He founded. He wanted to stress the continuity of the Father's plan, rooted in the call of Abraham and Sarah.

Through the covenant, Israel was initiated into intimacy with God, which may be described as a filial bond (the relation of a child to a parent). "I have called my son out of Egypt" (Hos 11:1; see Ex 4:22-23). Adopted into God's family, Israelites should recognize the divine presence in their midst. The title "glory" designates the impressive

presence of God, especially associated with the Temple, that demands acknowledgment (which is the act of "giving glory" to God). The covenant gift began with Abraham, Sarah and their family and elevated Israel from clan to nation at Mount Sinai. Later priestly (Num. 25:13) and royal (2 Sam 7:8-16) covenants were the means whereby continuity of leadership at the service of God's people would be assured.

Every privilege has a concomitant responsibility. The gift of God's instruction (Torah) enabled the people to understand the dimensions of their creaturely and filial response. During the First Temple period the tables of the Decalogue were kept in the Ark of the Covenant; an examination of conscience prepared the community for worthy worship (see Psalms 15 and 24). Frequently priests and prophets reminded them that fidelity to the covenant in the details of social exchange was essential to true worship.

While demanding a total response to the Torah, God assured His people of help so that divine plan would be fulfilled. Under the guidance of the Anointed One, Son of David, all humanity would be blessed through the name of Abraham (see Gen 12:3; 17:4-5).

When Jesus chose the 12 as apostles (ones sent forth in His name, under His authority), He pointed to the coming of His Father's kingdom. Like Peter walking on the water, they had to learn that, as Immanuel, Jesus was always with them. Their life and witness of faith and humble service would bring another dimension to Israel's call to be a light to the nations (see Is 42:6; 49:6).

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

Faithful revisit 'Humanae Vitae' as voice for life

Pope's encyclical marks 40th anniversary

WASHINGTON (CNS) — *Humanae Vitae* ("Of Human Life"), Pope Paul VI's encyclical on artificial contraception and the role of procreation in marriage, which marked the 40th anniversary of its publication on July 25, continues to find new life and spark discussion.

From natural family planning initiatives to sexual abstinence programs for teenagers, parishes and dioceses throughout the United States are increasingly adopting Pope Paul's vision for a world built on fidelity in marriage and the love shared by husband and wife as the cornerstone of a stable world.

While the encyclical, which upholds the Church's long-standing prohibition on artificial contraception, is rarely addressed from the pulpit, ministries that seek to head off teen sex, cohabitation, high rates of divorce and single parenthood are sprouting in the hope of delivering a positive message on human sexuality.

"There is an army of people out there right now who are desirous of getting this message out," said Janet Smith, professor of moral theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in the Detroit Archdiocese. Smith, who has taken her "Contraception—Why Not?" presentation across North America, is finding that while the numbers may not be overwhelming, a growing number of people are beginning to understand the connection between the sexual freedom that emerged in the 1960s and today's violence, depiction of women as sex objects and high incidence of divorce.

"It seems to me that 40 years ago people thought that contraception would be advantageous. Now 40 years later, we'd better rethink that," she said.

Pope Paul issued *Humanae Vitae* as artificial contraception, in particular the birth control pill, began to become commonplace. In the United States, the Food and Drug Administration approved the use of Enovid ("the pill") in May 1960 after tests on nearly 900 women through more than 10,000 fertility cycles showed no significant side effects.

Initially it was thought that Pope Paul might support the use of birth control, especially after nine of 16 episcopal members of a papal commission in 1968 had approved a draft document that endorsed the principle of freedom for parents to decide on the means of regulating births. Hopes were buoyed in some circles after documents reflecting the commission's deliberations were leaked to the Catholic press.

Once the encyclical appeared, opposition rose throughout the Church. Clergy in Europe and the United States openly voiced their disagreement and thousands of lifelong Catholics left the Church. Over 80 teaching theologians from American seminaries and Catholic universities responded with their own statement within days. They argued that because the encyclical was not an infallible teaching, married couples in good conscience could

use artificial contraception and remain good Catholics.

At 7,000 words, *Humanae Vitae* is divided into three sections: the question at hand; doctrinal principles; and pastoral directives. In opening the encyclical, Pope Paul reviewed the arguments of those who urged a change in Church teaching. He acknowledged concerns about population growth; changing social and economic conditions that impact the size of families, including a new understanding of the dignity of woman and her place in society; and scientific advances giving couples more control over nature. He also reviewed theological arguments calling for a new understanding of the role of procreation in marriage.

In starting his analysis of doctrinal principles, Pope Paul stated that

conjugal love is grounded fundamentally in "God who is love." Given that understanding, he explained that such love is total, faithful and exclusive until death.



Pope Paul VI is pictured at a desk at the Vatican during the 1960s. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops published a copy of the pope's encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, in English by after it was promulgated in Latin on July 25, 1968. The encyclical calls on married couples to be "collaborators of God" in the duty of creating human life and acknowledges the great joys and difficulties that come with it.

Such love, he stressed, exists to "bring new life into being."

"Marriage and conjugal love are by their nature ordained toward procreation and education of children. Children are the supreme gift of marriage and contribute to the highest degree of their parents' welfare," he wrote.

At the same time, husband and wife are called to responsible parenthood; that is being open to the possibility of creating new life in every conjugal act, he said. Pope Paul said it is acceptable for a couple to engage in the con-

jugal act when a woman is not fertile "since they always remain ordained toward expressing and consolidating their union." However, he maintained that the deliberate attempt to prevent pregnancy is immoral in all circumstances.

"Excluded is every action which, either in anticipation of the conjugal act or in its accomplishment or in the development of its natural consequences proposes, whether as an end or as a means, to render procreation impossible," he said.

The pope warned of several consequences to using artificial contraception, including a "wide and easy" road to marital infidelity, a lowering of sexual morality, especially among young people, and the danger of men losing respect for women and reducing them to "a mere instrument of selfish enjoyment."

After presenting his arguments, Pope Paul acknowledged that the Church's teaching "will easily appear to many to be difficult or even impossible to fulfill."

Pope Benedict XVI, addressing participants of a Church-sponsored conference marking the encyclical's anniversary in May at the Vatican, called the document a "gesture of courage." He acknowledged that its teachings have been controversial and difficult for Catholics, but he said the text expressed the true design of human procreation.

"What was true yesterday remains true also today," he said. "The truth expressed in *Humanae Vitae* does not change; in fact, in light of new scientific discoveries, its teaching is becoming more current and is provoking reflection."

Fueling today's efforts to uphold the encyclical is an emerging philosophy known as "Theology of the Body." Based on a series of 129 talks Pope John Paul II gave at Wednesday audiences during the first five years of his pontificate, the teachings shed light on the human body and the sexual relationship. Supporters say the teachings open people to Christ's invitation to life-giving love.

Earlier this year, Damon Clarke Owens, the coordinator of the Natural Family Planning office for the Archdiocese of Newark and the president of Joy-Filled Marriage New Jersey, gave a Theology of the Body presentation at Most Blessed Sacrament Friary in Newark (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Feb. 20).

"Theology of the Body is a philosophy about what it means to be created in authentic love," Owens said during an interview in February. "It is the understanding that our bodies express and reflect who we are—made in the image and likeness of God. The body is not just biological—it is theological."

Theresa Notare, assistant director of the natural family planning program in the Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth of the U.S. bishops' conference, said many younger priests are embracing concepts offered by the Theology of the Body program. "They see how empowering God's truth is and they want the best for their people," she said.

Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted of Phoenix said some clergy have shied away from addressing the issues raised in "*Humane Vitae*" and has been encouraging priests in his diocese to overcome their long-standing silence. "I think most priests didn't speak out and they fell silent," the bishop said. "They lost confidence that it was good news and they wanted to give their people good news. It requires each of us to really get into this document with the help of the Holy Spirit and prayer and see it as good."

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Prison Ministry

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prison ministry. "I look for confirmed Catholics who have demonstrated involvement in corporal works of mercy," he explained. "People of faith are not afraid, so if I sense uneasiness within a prospective volunteer because they fear revealing the personal information necessary to have access to a jail, then I tell them this ministry is not for them."

"A full faith and trust in God are essential," he continued. "When a person considering this ministry asks me if I can guarantee their safety from the inmate population or communicable diseases, I have to say again that this ministry is not for them." However, Deacon Quinn noted that "in eight years I have never felt fear unless it came from corrections officers who abused their authority, which is rare. Even then, it was a fear for the welfare of those who suffered from the abuse."

If a potential volunteer is a eucharistic minister, Deacon Quinn is willing to teach that person how to perform a Communion Service for inmates. "When the Eucharist is presented, non-Catholics are offered a blessing. Only Catholics may receive the Body of Christ."

Prison Ministry volunteers are encouraged to study biblical commentaries such as "The New Jerome," "The Navarra" or "Collegeville" in preparation for a reflection based on weekend scripture readings, he said. "These reflections are often quite powerful, especially with participants who come from Christian denominations that place such a high emphasis on this part of the service." The archdiocese is "generous" about supplying soft-cover Catholic Bibles and other spiritual materials, he said. "Catholic volunteers should never go (to a prison) empty-handed."

If a parent and child want to become involved, the youngster must be at least 11 years old and would begin their training Sunday mornings at Delaney Hall in Newark, a minimum-security facility.

Deacon Quinn's prison ministry work was profiled two years ago (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 25, 2006). Last year a feature article offered a snapshot of Catherine Attara-Fink and her teenaged son, Thomas, who are members of the ministry (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Aug. 22, 2007). "Inmates are part of the family of God," she declared. Mother and son are parishioners at Notre Dame Parish, North Caldwell.

Earlier this year, a page-one



Deacon Gregory Quinn

story featured the work of First Friends, a volunteer group based out of Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish, Elizabeth (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Feb. 20). The ecumenical group puts Catholic compassion and social justice into action for lonely, abandoned international asylum seekers at the Elizabeth Detention Center, which is operated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The office of the archdiocesan Prison Ministry is located at 15 Baldwin Rd., Saddle River, NJ, 07458. For additional information or to volunteer call or text message Deacon Quinn at (973) 618-3302 or e-mail him at Gquinn@caldwell.edu.

Facilities serviced by the ministry include the Bergen County Jail, Essex County Jail, Hudson County Correctional Center, Union County Jail, Northern State Prison in Newark, the federal government's Elizabeth Detention Center, the Bergen County Juvenile Detention Center, Essex County Juvenile Correctional Center, Hudson County Youth Juvenile Correctional Center, Talbot Hall Assessment Center in Kearny, Delaney Hall Assessment Center in Newark and Hudson County's Logan Hall.

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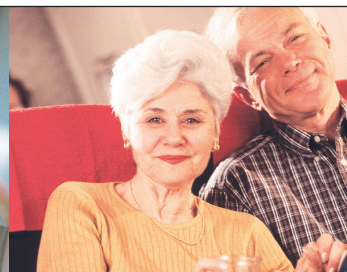
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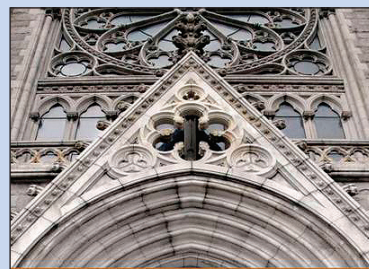
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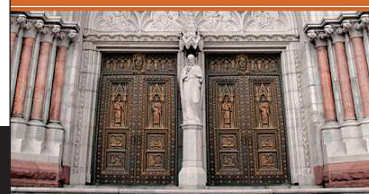
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Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

- ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY/MINISTRY**

Most Reverend Manuel A. Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop-elect of Newark, was appointed Regional Episcopal Vicar of Union County as well as Episcopal Vicar for the Hispanic Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Newark, effective July 15.

Most Reverend Manuel A. Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop-elect of Newark, was also appointed a Consultor of the Archdiocese of Newark for a five-year term, effective July 16.

Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark and Regional Bishop of Essex County, was reappointed Vicar for Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Newark for an additional three-year term effective July 2.

Most Reverend Manuel A. Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop-elect of Newark, was appointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark as an Ex-officio member effective July 15.

Reverend Monsignor Joseph F. Ambrosio, V.F., Pastor of
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Parish, Newark, has been reappointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term, effective Sept. 11 and ending Aug. 31, 2011.

Reverend Monsignor Richard J. Arnhols, Pastor of Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, has been reappointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term, effective Sept. 11 and ending Aug. 31, 2011.

Reverend John D. Gabriel, Director of the Office of Vocations, has been reappointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term, effective Sept. 11 and ending Aug. 31, 2011.

Reverend Joseph A. Ferraro, Pastor of Saint Anthony Parish, Belleville, has been reappointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term, effective Sept. 11 and ending Aug. 31, 2011.

Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Nydegger, Vice Rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University, South Orange, has been reappointed

to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term, effective Sept. 11 and ending Aug. 31, 2011.

- PASTOR**

Reverend Robert J. Sandoz, O.F.M., was appointed pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, East Rutherford, effective Aug. 1.

DEAN

Very Reverend Michael G. Ward, V.F., Pastor of Saint Cecilia Parish, Kearny, was reappointed Dean of the West Hudson Deanery, Deanery 14, for a five-year term, effective May 1 and ending May 1, 2013.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Reverend Zachary Elliott, O.F.M., was appointed parochial vicar of Saint Joseph Parish, East Rutherford, effective Aug. 1.

Reverend Thomas D. Nicastro, Jr. was appointed parochial vicar of Saint Anthony Parish, Belleville, effective July 23 through Jan. 21, 2009.

Reverend Pablo Francisco Alvarez-Bravo was appointed summer parochial vicar of Saint Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York, effective July 14 through Aug. 25.

Reverend Joel R. Codilla was appointed summer parochial vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, effective July 15 through Oct. 15.



- Reverend Davy Pavunny Thattil** was appointed summer parochial vicar of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison, effective July 3 through Oct. 2.

OTHER

Reverend Eustace Edomobi, part-time chaplain at Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, with residence at Saint Raphael Rectory, Livingston, has been appointed Director of Pastoral Care at Saint Michael Medical Center, Newark, with residence at Transfiguration Rectory, Newark. This appointment was effective July 18.

Reverend Daniel Kyom, Summer Parochial Vicar of Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, was appointed part-time chaplain at Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, effective July 18.

Very Reverend Michael M. Walters, V.F., Pastor of Holy Spirit/Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, East Orange, was also appointed chaplain for the Essex County Federation of Knights of Columbus Councils, effective July 8.

August 10

Queen of Peace Convent Chapel, North Arlington, Mothers of Priests (Chapter 6) Holy Hour, 1:15 p.m., call Rosalie D’Andrea at (973) 667-5674.

August 11

The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, golf outing at Cedar Hills Golf and Country Club, Livingston, 10 a.m., cost: \$300 per golfer/ \$1,200 per foursome, call Anne Marie Gadiner at (973) 290-5454 or (973) 290-5409.

August 15

Archdiocesan Retreat Center, Kearny, weekend retreat for those who minister to youth/young adults, 6:30 p.m., through Aug. 17, cost: \$60, call Sister Loretta DeDomenicis at (201) 998-0088 ext. 4147.

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Dolan eyes 'rigor' in curriculum to challenge students

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

NEWARK—"Catholic education is where my heart is" declares Barbara Dolan, the new assistant superintendent of curriculum, instruction and assessment in the Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Dolan, a career Catholic educator for more than a quarter century, had been principal of Hoboken Catholic Academy the past two years (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Aug. 23, 2006). Her mandate for that assignment was to unify the school community and enrich the curriculum.

"We challenge students to develop the talents and skills God has given them."

With extensive experience in the classroom and principal's office, Dolan made the switch to be able to "focus on the academic aspect of Catholic schools." All of the dioceses of New Jersey work collaboratively towards establishing a uniform curriculum, she said.

Her commitment to Catholic education, the new assistant superintendent explains, is simple. "I am a product of Catholic education from grammar school through college," she said, pointing out that her mother also was a Catholic school educator. "My faith is an important part of who I am."

The value of a Catholic education, Dolan is convinced, results from its emphasis on the students' relationship with God and their development as people of faith. Combine that with a value-based education that teaches "a sense of respect" and a Catholic education lasts a lifetime, Dolan said.

Dolan stressed the "rigor" of a Catholic education. "It is the knowledge and skills students need to be successful throughout their lives," she said. "We challenge students to develop the talents and skills God has given them." Teachers in the archdiocese, who do "an outstanding

job," are a big part of that effort. She cites too the role of discipline in Catholic schools in all its aspects, including the emphasis on appropriate behavior, and the development of a child's sense of responsibility.

Dolan holds a Master of Arts degree in administration and supervision from Saint Peter's College in Jersey City and a Master of Arts in counseling from New Jersey City University. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education and religious studies from

Caldwell College and has earned credits in theology from Boston College. She is state certified in elementary education and student personnel services.

From 2002 until the end of the 2005-06 academic year, Dolan was principal of Visitation School, in Jersey City. Before that she was a member of the faculty at Our Lady of the Lake School in Verona from 1993 to 2002.

During the years 1983-1992 Dolan held a variety of archdiocesan assignments at Saint Aedan School, Jersey City as well as the Sacred Heart, and Saint Joseph School both in Hoboken. She was also a faculty member at Spring Lake's Saint Catherine School.

Dolan's professional affiliations include membership in the National Catholic Education Association and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.



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Barbara Dolan, who has spent over a quarter century in Catholic education, is the archdiocese's new assistant superintendent of curriculum, instruction and assessment. Last August, Sister Louise Cababe, the longtime assistant superintendent for curriculum and testing, died suddenly (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Sept. 5, 2007).

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NCEA tracks enrollment decline throughout nation

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

AREA—The National Catholic Education Association (NCEA), Washington D.C., reported that, for the 2007-2008 academic year, there were nearly 50,000 fewer students at Catholic elementary and secondary schools throughout the United States, compared with the previous school year.

The NCEA produces an annual report ("United States Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools"), which includes an executive summary that provides an overview of national student population trends. The executive summary stated that national enrollment trends reflect a continued significant decline in the elementary school population and a very slight decrease in secondary school enrollment.

Total enrollment for U.S. Catholic schools for the 2007-2008 academic year registered 2,270,913 students, compared with 2,320,651 students in the previous school year, representing a decline of 2.1 percent. Breaking down the total for the 2007-2008 academic year, there were 1,633,535 elementary and middle school students and 637,378 students in secondary schools.

New Jersey, during the 2007-2008 academic year, had a student population of 112,241 students, a 6.4-percent decline from the previous school year. The estimated head count for schools (grades Pre-K through 12) in the Archdiocese of Newark for the

coming school year is 40,165 students, according to information provided by the archdiocesan Schools Office. The figure would represent a 5-percent drop from the previous year.

Highlights for the new school year in the archdiocese include the formation of two new elementary school academies: All Saints Catholic, Bayonne; and Holy Family Catholic, Norwood (see *The Catholic Advocate*, March 19 and Feb. 20, respectively). Meanwhile, Hudson Catholic Regional High School, with new principal Father Warren Hall at the helm, will transition to a co-ed environment from an all-boys institution, beginning in September 2009 (see *The Catholic Advocate*, June 4 and May 21).

Throughout the United States there were 7,378 Catholic schools (6,165 elementary and 1,213 secondary) in the 2007-2008 academic year, compared with 7,498 schools the previous year, according to the NCEA. Forty-three new schools opened last year while 169 schools consolidated or closed.

Though enrollment has declined over 14 percent in all regions of the country since 2000, the largest decreases have been centered in the large urban areas, principally in the Mideast and Great Lakes areas. These regions traditionally were populated by high concentrations of Catholic immigrants arriving in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, but significant demographic changes occurred in these areas during the latter part of the last century.



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Christ the King Preparatory School in Newark, part of the national Cristo Rey network, will begin its second year in September. There are an estimated 5,000 students attending Cristo Rey schools throughout the United States, which provide innovative programs for inner-city students.

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Admissions counselor reconnects with her homeland

CALDWELL—College students throughout the Archdiocese of Newark preparing to resume classes for the new school year may consider the following story as a source for future academic investigation under the category of “international spiritual outreach.”

Staff members from the Caldwell College Center for Graduate and Continuing Studies recently rallied together and raised nearly \$6,000 for a school in the Dominican Republic that is run by Sister Pat Stringer, a Sister of Saint Dominic of Caldwell and former assistant dean of students and math professor at the college.

The funds raised will go to-

wards the purchase of a connection to bring water to the children and the staff at Centro Fe Y Alegria Espiritu Santo.



West Orange resident Vilma Mueller, a Caldwell College admissions counselor and recruiter, has been the driving force behind the project. Last March, while making plans to visit her mother in the Dominican Republic during spring break, Mueller had heard that a Caldwell Dominican sister

was there in ministry at a school for children in a rural village.

Mueller and her sister-in-law drove to the remote area of Bani. She met Sr. Pat and was able to see the work she is doing at Espiritu Santo School in helping children in the marginalized area get proper education and healthcare. Sr. Pat is an administrator at the school, which is an inter-congregational collaboration of the Dominican Religious Communities of Adrian, Michigan and Caldwell.

For Mueller, who grew up in Santo Domingo—the capital of the Dominican Republic—and has had a successful career in higher education in the United States, visiting the school and seeing the children struck a chord deep inside of her. “My heart was in my hands,” she recalled. “All my life I have been looking to connect my academic success with my homeland. When I see those kids, I see myself, my brothers, my cousins,” she said.

After spring break, Mueller came back to the United States determined to do something to



help the children and their families. Besides recruiting her co-workers and others in the Caldwell College community, she has reached out to relatives and friends in the corporate world and received strong support.

The college also may embrace the effort in terms of its future curriculum. Lisa DiBisceglie, associate dean of the Center for Graduate and Continuing Studies,

is working with Dr. Jan Stewart and Sister Mary John Kearney in the education department to develop a “travel-abroad” program next spring for Caldwell College students to visit that area of the Dominican Republic.

Even as she is enjoying the initial results of her sentimental journey, Mueller already has future projects on her mind, such as more classrooms and a baseball field.

Benedictine, NJIT explore medical robotics program

ELIZABETH—Benedictine Academy continues to expand its academic, athletic, leadership and service programs for students, which have resulted in every graduate being accepted into college during the last 12 years.

The academy’s scholars program provides selected ninth graders with a more rigorous college prep program along with seminar classes. It also includes greater opportunities for cultural and artistic development, including more trips to local museums and arts performances, as well as other learning experiences outside the classroom.

“It offers our students the chance to expand their critical-thinking skills while also challenging them by connecting their learning experiences at Benedictine Academy to the outside world,” Associate Principal Kenneth Jennings said. He said the academy also offers Latin to provide deeper understanding of the origin of the English language, which helps with preparation for the college SAT.

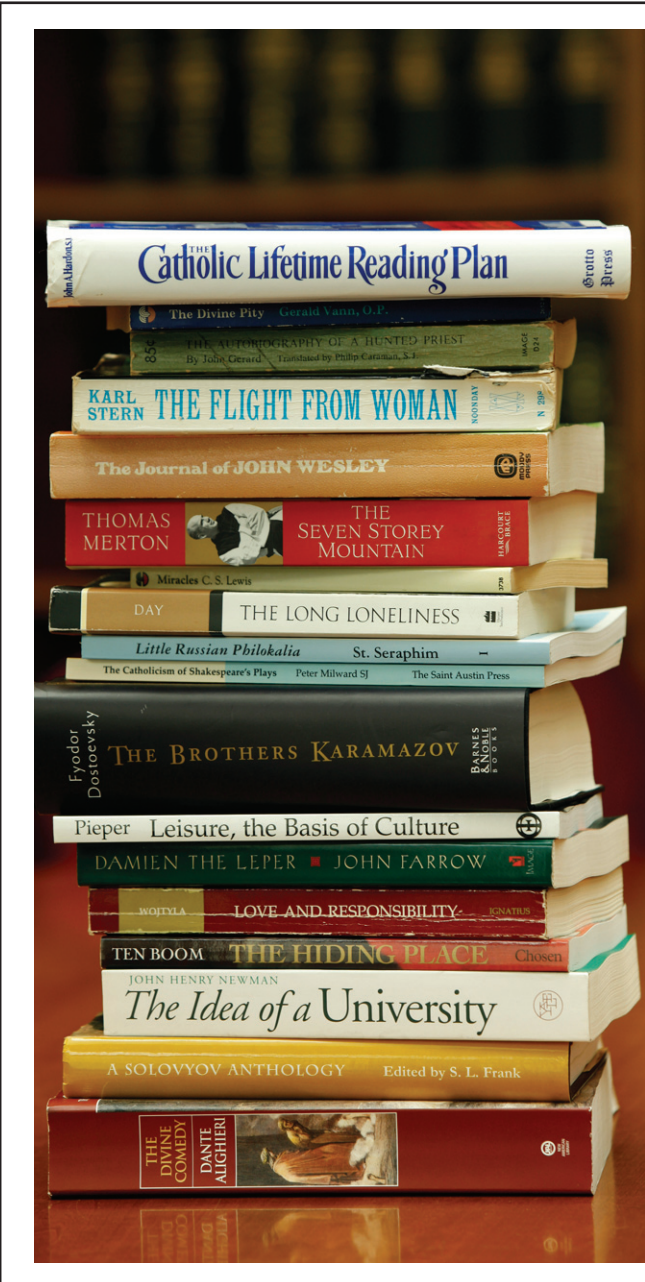
In addition, the academy is entering its second year of partnership with New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) for a medical robotics program that has been fully integrated into the curriculum for freshmen and expanded into the school’s honors biology program in the 10th grade. Two science faculty members—biology and chemistry teachers—participated in an NJIT workshop this summer and will team-teach the group of students, assisted by NJIT graduate students who will visit the academy at intervals during the year.

The goal of the NJIT Medibotics program is to train math and science teachers to incorporate Information Technology (IT) into their programs and encourage middle school and high school students to develop an interest in science and be more likely to consider pursuing careers in the IT and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields.

A new “Writing Across the Content Areas” program will begin in 2008-2009. Dr. Walter Cmielewski, education professor at Caldwell College, will advise and train select faculty members to implement writing strategies in their particular disciplines. The program will target specific writing skills for students, including a five-step process that will be implemented in the school curriculum.

The academy will require every student to demonstrate writing skills by building a cross-curriculum, written portfolio by the time she reaches senior year. Freshman will be introduced to literature circles and writer’s workshops.

“All students will have the opportunity to make guided choices of reading material and will learn to write for meaning and clarity of expression,” Jennings said. The program also will seek to improve student performance in two of the three areas of SAT assessment: critical reading and writing.



SHU seminary plans to peruse Great Books in online program

SOUTH ORANGE—The Institute for Christian Spirituality, Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology at Seton Hall University (SHU), will offer a new online graduate certificate program in Great Spiritual Books (GSB). The online program will be launched in September.

The program will focus on great spiritual literature from various Christian traditions—Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant. It introduces the literary foundations of Christian spirituality and Christian themes in great literature and will explore ways in which Christian literature can help people build relationships as well as invigorate their professional lives and ministries.

The GSB certificate program curriculum consists of seven courses that will introduce students to Christianity’s great literary classics, ranging from the Hebrew and Christian scriptures, to the writings of the Church fathers, saints, reformers and mystics.

Immaculate Conception Seminary’s School of Theology and SetonWorldWide, the online campus of SHU, will oversee the 21-credit, 16-month program. For more information or to request an application, e-mail theology@shu.edu or call James Howard at (973) 275-2559 or Debbie Kurus at (973) 313-6329.

Irma Chavez

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coalition of four leftist guerrilla groups and one communist group known as the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front (FMLN). The violent insurgency began in the 1970s and the United States supported the Salvadoran government. In total, the civil war killed 75,000 people.

While working in El Salvador, Chavez had a "Paul-at-Damascus experience," a spiritual awakening where she felt a yearning for something more in her life.

"Everyone said I was crazy," she recalled. "I had this big call

from Jesus and went to study theology at Saint John's University in New York. I am not a degree collector; I just fell in love with Jesus."

During the turbulent political climate in El Salvador, Chavez was in the United States and began working at RENEW International. "I started looking for a place of religion; someplace that fit. I felt so welcomed at RENEW and worked with the Hispanic community in the States," Chavez said. Founded three decades ago, (Web site: www.renewintl.org) RENEW's mission fosters spiritual renewal in the Catholic tradition by empowering individuals and communities through

education and outreach programs.

After the war, Chavez moved back to El Salvador and worked as the director of the Department of Cultural Heritage. Years of war left her native country in a desolate state, with poverty-stricken young people turning to gang violence. While at the Department of Cultural Heritage, Chavez aided in the restoration of churches and pre-Columbian monuments. She realized that a place of Catholic community was needed and contacted RENEW International in America and became founder of the RENEW office in El Salvador in 1987.

Chavez also taught philosophy at the National University in El Salvador, was Dean of the School of Theology at The Salesian University of Don Bosco and taught theology in the United States at the College of Saint Elizabeth, Morristown. She has published many faith-sharing materials and poems. All the education and training has been essential while working at RENEW.

"Whatever I did before was preparation for my mission today. I was always a teacher and I feel

that God was preparing me to be a servant of the Lord. The last few years have been the best of my life. My life was not as full before as it is now," Chavez explained.

The first years at RENEW in El Salvador were dangerous as the country was still at war. "We were in the center of it all," she said. "There were bullets flying all around us. There was a lot of blood and many young people were dying. In the midst of war and chaos, RENEW began to flourish."

Half of the population of El Salvador is composed of young people and most are poor. Chavez and her RENEW office have encouraged a sense of community and purpose through faith. Job skills training programs were organized for the young people, most of whom were gang members. "We train them in carpentry and sewing. Most of them come to the United States because they cannot make a living in El Salvador."

In 1992, Chavez helped establish a RENEW office in Honduras. "There were about 250,000 people in one parish and only three friars. The lay people were doing a lot of work. Now there is a



Irma Chavez

wonderful community there."

Working with the poor in El Salvador is where Chavez feels closest to God. In bustling cities, Chavez believes, it is easier to be further away from Christ. "Community is essential and the way I found Jesus was through the love of community. The poorest people are closest to God and faith. I felt as though I met Jesus in these poor communities; it is a mystical experience. Visiting these poor, rural areas gives me the sensation of being close with Jesus. I am happiest when I am there."

On June 5, Chavez was honored with RENEW International's "President's Award" for 25 years of service and implementing programs in Central America (see *The Catholic Advocate*, June 18.)

Sister Theresa Rickard, O.P., executive director of RENEW International, believes that Chavez and her work are invaluable to the organization. "She has a tremendous sense of missionary zeal. She just radiates and embodies God's presence. She had a tremendous conversion experience and has unyielding commitment and dedication to service," Sr. Theresa said.

Sr. Theresa visited Chavez in El Salvador and was impressed by how much the young people loved "La Doctora" as they referred to her. "Here is this beautiful, sophisticated older woman riding in a truck for over two hours into the woods. There are young men covered in tattoos, but she is fearless. Irma brought these people the Gospel and changed their lives. Some of these kids used to be gang leaders and now they are youth ministers. She has a tremendous heart for the youth and they all love and trust her."

Chavez shows no signs of slowing down. She plans to launch an initiative for RENEW youth in the dioceses of Sonsonate and San Vicente in El Salvador.



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Maryknoll missionaries to welcome Youth Day pilgrims on Sept. 20

MARYKNOLL, NY — The Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers will host “Maryknoll Youth Day 2008,” an event geared for teenagers and young adults, on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 1 to 8 p.m., at the Maryknoll Mission Center, 55 Ryder Rd., Ossining, NY.

Admission is free, but registration is required through the event Web site (www.livesofservice.org). Call (888) 627-9566 for details.

The gathering is designed as a follow-up to Pope Benedict XVI's recent visit to the United States (see *The Catholic Advocate*, April 9 and 23) and World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia, which was held last month (see story on page two). The theme of the Maryknoll event will mirror that of World Youth Day: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witness” (Acts 1:8).

The event will be an opportunity for young people to meet Maryknoll missionaries and hear their stories of cross-cultural missionary work. There will be



Lino Rulli

live music, exhibits, guest speakers and colorful liturgies. In addition, youth pilgrims and video journalists from World Youth Day in Australia will be on hand to give witness to and share their experiences.

Entertainment for the event will include music groups that performed for the Pope at the Youth Rally in New York and in

Australia. Lino Rulli, “The Catholic Guy” from the Catholic Channel on Sirius Radio, will serve as the emcee.

Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers serve in 28 countries worldwide, promoting human rights and social justice for those in need. U.S. bishops, in 1911, established Maryknoll as the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America. Responsibility for its development fell to two diocesan priests: Father James Anthony Walsh of Boston; and Father Thomas Frederick Price of North Carolina, with the commission to recruit, send and support U.S. missionaries in areas around the world.

On June 29, 1911, Pope Pius X blessed the founding of Maryknoll. Maryknoll's first missionaries left for China in 1918. Today there are over 475 Maryknoll priests and Brothers serving in countries around the world, principally in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Visit the Web site www.maryknoll.org/society for more information on the group.



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SAINT CELEBRATED—Members of several area parishes attended a prayer service July 22 at Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, to honor Saint Mary Magdalene, in a program presented by the parish's Women's Spirituality Ministry. Brian Koch of Upper Saddle River, pictured above, portrayed Jesus during the service. Father Robert B. Stagg, the pastor, blessed an iconic portrait of Saint Mary Magdalene—the faithful disciple and a messenger of the Good News—seen at the right. The evening prayer service celebrated the feast day of Mary Magdalene with music, sacred rituals and Scripture readings. Margaret Tangert and Abigail Metzger organized the prayer service, which attracted over 70 people. Carol Williams serves as the coordinator of the parish's Women's Spirituality Ministry. Visit the Web site (www.churchofpresentation.org) or call (201) 327-1313 for more information on events and ministries at the Bergen County parish.

Franciscans describe ‘Love at Work’

AREA—Holy Name Province, the largest group of Franciscan Friars in the United States and part of the Order of Friars Minor (O.F.M.), which has a strong presence in the Archdiocese of Newark, has produced a new video on its various ministries entitled “Holy Name Province: Love at Work.”

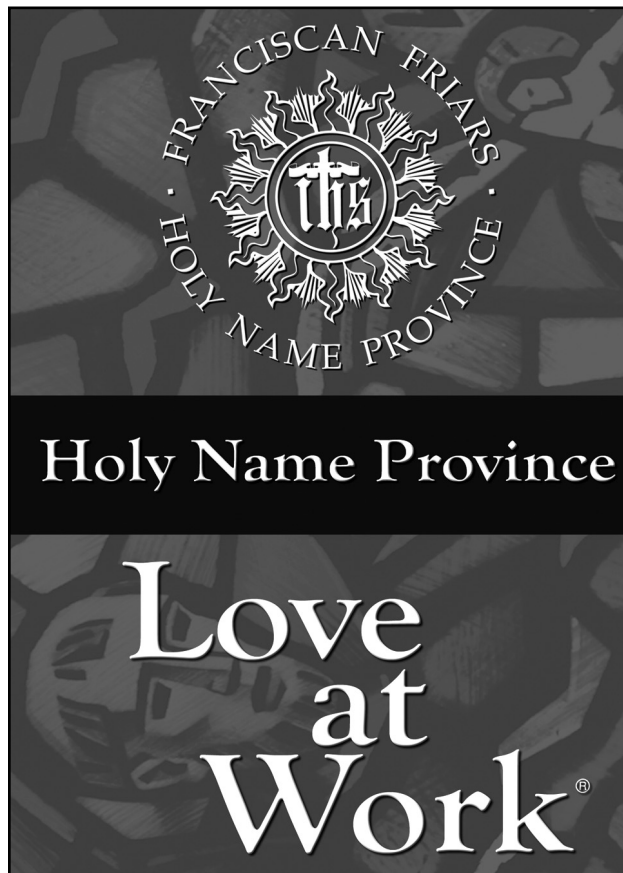
Franciscan priests and brothers from Holy Name Province serve in the archdiocese at Saint Joseph's

Parish, East Rutherford; Assumption of Our Blessed Lady Parish, Wood-Ridge; Saint Anthony's Guild, East Rutherford, as well as at several parishes in the neighboring Diocese of Paterson. In addition, the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal—separate from the Order of Friars Minor—are based at Most Blessed Sacrament Friary, 375 13th St., Newark. Felician, with facilities in Lodi and Rutherford, is a Franciscan College.

The video also presages the 800th anniversary of the founding of the Franciscan Order. Celebrations for this milestone will begin in January 2009. “Love at Work,” which is available to view through the province's Web site (www.hnp.org) or on DVD, offers a visual description of the province's ministries, which include parishes (31 parishes in 10 states); higher education in the sponsorship of Saint Bonaventure University, NY, and Siena College, Loudonville, NY; urban ministry; preaching and spiritual centers; direct service to the poor, and foreign missions.

“Many people who may be familiar with an individual friar in a parish or college setting, are often surprised to learn of the diverse scope and spiritual richness found in all of the ministries of Holy Name Province,” Father John O'Connor, O.F.M., provincial minister, stated. “Our new video clearly shows how the provincial community provides friars with the spiritual and fraternal support to live fully the calling from Saint Francis of Assisi to be ‘heralds of the gospel in the midst of society.’”

Holy Name Province is one of seven geographic areas in the United States that make up the Order of Friars Minor, which is the largest in the worldwide Franciscan Order.



Convocation, workshop eye ministry for young adults

AREA—Two separate programs that focus on teens and young adults—a youth ministers' convocation in South Orange and a multi-parish youth ministry workshop in Kearny—will be held in September. Registration is open for both events.

The convocation will take place at Immaculate Conception Seminary on the campus of Seton Hall University, South Orange, on Saturday, Sept. 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The general session, “Sustaining Ourselves in Youth Ministry,” will be accompanied three other sessions: “Mentoring Among Youth Ministers”; “Recruiting and Sustaining Volunteers in Youth Ministry”; and “Practical Ideas for Successful Youth Ministry.”

John Rinaldo from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles will present a two-day workshop on Sept. 26-27 (Friday and Saturday) at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, 499 Belgrove Dr., Kearny. The workshop is open to pastors, clergy, parish staffs, youth ministers and all those who interact with young adults and teens.

Topics for the four-part workshop include “Embracing Change and the Call to Collaboration”; “Monsters, Models and Methods for Multi-Parish Ministry”; and “Eight Elements for Successful Multi-Parish Youth Ministry.” Rinaldo will present same program each day.

Registration for the convocation and the workshop is \$25 per person (per event). Checks, payable to the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, should be sent to Sister Loretta DeDomenicis, Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, 499 Belgrove Drive, Kearny, N.J. 07032. Sister Loretta also can be reached by phone at (201) 998-0088, ext. 4147, or via e-mail at dedomelo@rcan.org.

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Oh Glorious Saint Theresa, whom almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind. I invite your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you obtaining every need of body and soul, our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a "Prodigy of Miracles." Now fervently I beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and carry out your promise of doing good upon earth of letting fall from heaven a shower of roses. Henceforth, Dear little flower, I will fulfill your plea to be made known everywhere and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen. (Say prayer everyday for 9 days. By 4th day, ask for a sign. If prayers are to be answer. Between 4th and 9th day, you will see arose in magazine, TV picture or receive roses. You can also get a strong scent of roses in home even if no roses present. Must promise publication. Thank you.)

J.B.

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.

S.M.C.

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C.Q.

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.

J.D.

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Abortion: examining hidden emotional scars of men

Each year upwards of 40 million abortions are performed around the world. While it has long been known that abortion can be psychologically harmful to women, only recently have men come forward to face and share their post-abortion trauma.

The following article is an edited version of a feature that originally appeared in the July 2008 edition of *Columbia* magazine, published by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, New Haven, CT. The author, Dan Morris-Young, is editor of *Catholic San Francisco*, the official publication of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

BY DAN MORRIS-YOUNG
Special to The Catholic Advocate

During an ultrasound with his pregnant wife in 1994, Chris Aubert's world imploded. Upon seeing the child in his wife's womb, Aubert experienced a flood of emotion—a searing realization that he had taken part in terminating the lives of two of his unborn

children in previous years. "I realized that I had killed two of my own kids," he said. "It was almost like the hand of God reached down and touched me."

The 50-year-old attorney recalled how after the first abortion in 1985 he had left a rose and a \$200 check for his then-girlfriend. "But I felt no sorrow, no pain, no nothing," Aubert said. "I had happily agreed to the abortion." At the time, he was a "secular young guy"

focused on "making money and in general becoming a yuppie."

In 1991, he took part in a second abortion with a different woman. "I went to the clinic with her and sat in the waiting room reading a magazine for 20 or 30 minutes, then we went out to lunch."

It had not occurred to him "that in the next room my child was being...killed. Something in the depth of my belly kept rising higher and higher," he said, as comprehension of what he had done sank in.

By then a convert to Catholicism, Aubert said to his wife, "There is something I have

to tell you," and he shared his past. "She could not have been better about it," he recalled.

A member of Saint Peter Council 12906 in Covington, LA, Aubert has since "jumped with both feet into the pro-life world." He has established a Web site on his experience with abortion (www.chrisaubert.com), and has spoken to "groups of 50 to 1,000" about his convictions.

Aubert's soul-wrenching epiphany is a frequent phenomenon. In his booklet "Healing for Your Soul: A Guide for Post-Abortion Fathers," Capuchin Father Martin Pable tells men that "for a long time you may have

given no more thought to it than you would to the latest oil change for your car. But lately, for whatever reason, the memory has come back to haunt you."

Many things can trigger the memories and anxiety, said Father Pable, a member of George J. Schreir Council 1069 in Wausau, WI. "A spiritual awakening of some kind can come crashing in. It can happen during a retreat, or as a result of something said in a homily, the birth of his latest child or even grandchild, or maybe a discussion with the guys over a few drinks."

Regardless, he said, men can experience "widely varied" feelings—a sense of loss and sadness, grief, powerlessness, guilt, remorse, regret and anger.

Catherine T. Coyle echoes this evaluation in her book "Men and

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‘Reclaiming Fatherhood’

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Abortion: A Path to Healing” (1999, Life Cycle Books, www.lifecyclebooks.com). Coyle, who holds a doctorate in educational psychology, says studies strongly indicate that men can suffer post-abortion symptoms that are consistent with post-traumatic stress disorder.

At the Knights-sponsored “Reclaiming Fatherhood” conference in San Francisco last fall, she underscored that research on the effect of abortion on men is in its infancy. Nevertheless, she said, “qualitative studies” make it clear there can be significant consequences. Emotional turmoil in a man’s life attributable to abortion can include guilt, anxiety, anger, sexual dysfunction, depression and other symptoms, she said.

“It is simply a myth that all men who are involved with an abortion don’t care, but men’s stories are very, very complicated” explained Vicki Thorn, executive director of the National Office of Post-Abortion Reconciliation & Healing (NOPARH) in Milwaukee (Web site: www.noparh.org).

Thorn said some men would go to court to prevent their partner’s abortion if the law allowed it,

while other men initially support the idea of an abortion but then change their minds. Some men do not learn of an abortion until after it has taken place, she said, citing a

Men who accompany women to abortion clinics often feel anxiety, helplessness, guilt, regret and confusion about responsibility.’

— Father Gerald Coleman

“heart-wrenching” situation she heard about six months earlier. The expectant father had begun writing a diary for his child. He thought he and his wife were equally excited about a baby. When his wife told him she had had the baby aborted, the father was devastated. According to Thorn, only 30 percent of couples’ relationships survive following an abortion.

“Men who accompany women to abortion clinics very often feel anxiety, helplessness, guilt, regret and confusion about responsibility,” wrote Sulpician Father Gerald Coleman in a recent essay on men and abortion. “Some women testify that they were waiting for the man to say, ‘Let’s stop this,’ but the

man’s sense of impotency prevented him from speaking. A large percent of men believe that they have to keep control over their emotions, even at the cost of sitting by silently when the woman might well be facing terrible agony about this decision to abort.”

affected by abortion has been relatively miniscule.

There are multiple factors for this, says Thorn. She openly admits one of them is that the situation of men “slid off the radar screen in terms of cultural awareness, and even in the pro-life world we kind of cut men out of it. It was a mistake on our part to have cut men out of the story.”

In addition to heading NOPARH, Thorn is the founder of Project Rachel, an international ministry that reaches out to women traumatized by abortion. Noting that NOPARH and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops “are in constant dialogue,” Thorn said she is confident Church post-abortion literature and ministry will increasingly embrace the stories and needs of men. She said the or-

ganization is currently “helping to rewrite the USCCB priests’ manual” addressing post-abortion healing and that it will reflect a male perspective as well as take into account “others impacted by abortion.”

(Editor’s note: The Knights of Columbus, along with the Archdiocese of Chicago, will sponsor the second “Reclaiming Fatherhood” conference Sept. 8 and 9. The forum, organized by Project Rachel, will be held at the Chicago Marriott Oak Brook, 1401 W 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523 (a Chicago suburb). Call the National Office of Post-Abortion Reconciliation & Healing in Milwaukee (800-593-2273) or visit the Web site (www.menandabortion.info) for more information on the conference.)

While much advocacy and outreach for women has been established since the U.S. Supreme Court legalized abortion on demand in its 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling, awareness of men being



Advocate photo—Melissa McNally

NEW DIRECTOR—Sister Patricia Lucas, D.H.M. has been appointed by Archbishop John J. Myers as director of the Office for Black Catholic Ministry. Sr. Patricia is pictured with Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnholz, Archdiocesan Vicar for Pastoral Life, who believes she is a great addition to the archdiocese. “I believe Sister is well suited, by spiritual orientation as well as personal temperament and experience, to be an effective minister among the African-American Community, while also enhancing the interaction of all of our Archdiocesan efforts serving Black Catholics,” Msgr. Arnholz said. Sr. Patricia resides at Saint Henry Parish, Bayonne, and has worked in the Archdiocese of Newark for nine years. In addition to recent responsibilities within her religious community, the Daughters of the Heart of Mary, she will minister to Black Catholics of all cultural backgrounds and work to increase evangelization in Catholic schools. “I would like all of the Black Catholics in the Archdiocese of Newark to be united. I am looking forward to learning more about the different parishes in the archdiocese with a Black Catholic foundation.”

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Rome gives green light to translations for Mass

But parishioners may wait two years to view changes

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Vatican has given its approval to a new English-language translation of the main constant parts of the Mass, but Catholics in the pews are unlikely to see any of the approved changes at masses for some time in order to allow for catechesis on the reasons for the revisions.

The approved text, sent to the Vatican for confirmation, after a June 2006 vote by the U.S. bishops in Los Angeles, involves translation of the penitential rite, Gloria, creed, eucharistic prayers, eucharistic acclamations, Our Father and other prayers and responses used daily.

It is, however, only the first of 12 units into which the third edition of the Roman Missal has been divided for translation purposes. It includes most of the texts used in every celebration of Mass including responses to the celebrant by people participating in a liturgy.

“In terms of the people’s part, it’s not going to require too much adjustment,” Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli of the Paterson Diocese, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Divine Worship, and a neighbor of the Archdiocese of Newark, explained. “It’s a refinement of the language; a clearer theological language. I think once or twice after they use it, they will hardly notice the change.”

While the changes have been approved, Bishop Serratelli said it will be awhile before they become part of regular worship at Mass. “I’m hoping for two years,” he said. “I’m an optimist.” The lead time is needed to allow musicians to work with the text and to prepare music for various liturgical settings and seasons and to allow for the necessary catechesis explaining the reasons for the revisions to parishioners, Bishop Serratelli said.

The most significant changes approved by Rome include:

- Whenever the priest says, “The Lord be with you,” the people will respond, “And with your spirit.” The current response is “And also with you.”
- In the first form of the penitential rite, the people will confess that “I have greatly sinned... through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.” In the current version, that part is much shorter: “I have sinned through my own fault.”



Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli

- The Gloria has been translated differently and the structure of the prayer will have changes from the current text.
- The opening of the Nicene Creed changes from “We believe...” to “I believe...”; other changes in the prayer also have been made.
- Before the preface, when the priest says, “Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,” instead of saying, “It is right to give Him thanks and praise,” the people will respond, “It is right and just.”
- The Sanctus will start “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.” The current versions says “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.”
- The new response at the “Ecce Agnus Dei” (“Behold the Lamb of God”) is: “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and

my soul shall be healed.” In 2001 the Vatican issued new rules requiring liturgical translations to follow the original Latin more strictly and completely—a more literal translation approach called formal equivalence. The resulting new translation adheres far more closely to the normative Latin text issued by the Vatican. Two other sections of the Roman Missal have come before the bishops. In November 2007 they approved a revision of all the Sunday and weekday lectionary readings for Lent, but at their June meeting in Orlando, FL, and in subsequent mail balloting they rejected a 700-page translation of the proper prayers for Sundays and feast days during the liturgical year.

The rejected section is to come before the full body of bishops again at their November general assembly in Baltimore, along with two other sections totaling about 500 pages.

When the bishops approved the first section in June 2006, Bishop Donald W. Trautman of Erie, PA, called it “a truly important moment in liturgy in the United States.” He then chaired the U.S. bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy, now called the Committee on Divine Worship.

Bishop Trautman said at that time that he did not expect the new Order of Mass to be implemented in the United States until the entire new Roman Missal in English had been approved by the bishops and confirmed by the Vatican.

According to the current schedule, the earliest that the Vatican could receive the final sections of the translation project would

New Responses

Notable changes in the people’s responses at Mass as approved by the Vatican

NEW FORM	PRESENT FORM	OCCURRENCE
“And with your spirit.”	“And also with you.”	Response whenever the priest says, “The Lord be with you.”
“I have greatly sinned ... through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.”	“I have sinned through my own fault.”	First form of the penitential rite
“I believe ...”	“We believe ...”	Beginning of the Nicene Creed
“It is right and just.”	“It is right to give him thanks and praise.”	Response when the priest says, “Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.”
“Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.”	“Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.”	Start of the Sanctus
“Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.”	“Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.”	Prayer before Communion

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be November 2010. The actual timetable will depend on the work of the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, made up of representatives of the world’s 11 main English-speaking bishops’ conferences and decisions of the USCCB Administrative Committee in setting the

agenda for the general meetings. A two-thirds majority of the nation’s Latin-rite bishops must approve each unit of the missal translation. After each section is approved, it is sent to the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments for confirmation.

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Saint Joseph School plans celebration on Sept. 7

EAST RUTHERFORD—A special Mass followed by a family picnic on Sunday, Sept. 7 will begin the 130th anniversary celebration of Saint Joseph School, 20 Hackensack Ave., adjacent to Saint Joseph Parish, which is located on Hoboken Road.

Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. The picnic will start at 1:30 p.m. and will be held at Riggins Field, which is located on Route 17 south, not far from the parish. Families are asked to pack a picnic basket and bring lawn chairs and blankets. There will be games and activities for the youngsters. All children at the picnic must be accompanied by a parent.

In connection with the celebration, alumni of Saint Joseph School are being

sought to mark the anniversary. A gala reception will be held March 27, 2009, 7 p.m. to midnight at the Fiesta Restaurant, Route 17 south, Wood-Ridge. Tickets are priced at \$75 per person.

Organizers of the event said that a special effort is being made to find the oldest graduate. It is requested that anyone with information about any alumni, especially a name, address or e-mail address, should call the school office at (201) 939-3193 or e-mail information to siser@comcast.net.

"This will be a day of family fun," said Maria Marcia, chairperson of the kick-off event, referring to the Sept. 7 picnic. "Our 130th anniversary is a great reason for us to come together as a school, parish and community."

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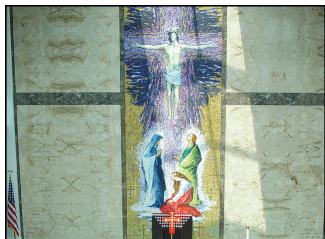
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House—located at the rectory of Saint Patrick's Pro-Cathedral in Newark—where young men spend a year of study and reflection before entering seminary, said discernment is "coming to the realization that God is calling you." Fr. Gabriel succeeded Fr. Mancini at Emmaus House.

Interviewed last year on the eve of Priesthood Sunday (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 24), Fr. Mancini said a spectrum of factors can trigger discernment: from a man's involvement in parish or community groups; to a sudden, devastating tragedy that can bring God's presence into focus.

To someone considering the priesthood, Fr. Gabriel says the first thing he asks is how Christ is working in that man's life. "It is a beautiful thing," he says quite contently. Looking ahead to his new assignment, it will be a "wonderful privilege" to help guide young men on their decision to enter the priesthood. He plans to bring his "love for the priesthood" to the vocations' office.

Following his own ordination, Fr. Gabriel was assigned to Saint Michael Parish in Union where he stayed for only six months before being named chaplain at Roselle Catholic High School in Union County. Although he loved working with students, Fr. Gabriel realized too he was not cut out for grading

tests and papers. Three years later he asked to be transferred to a parish and was sent to Saint Thomas Parish in Bloomfield. It was there that he learned how to become a parish priest.

When his next assignment came six years later, Fr. Gabriel remembers, he didn't want to leave. But he learned that obedience to the archbishop "opens up doors to us." It was off to Saint Teresa of Avila Parish in Summit.

As the new vocations director, Fr. Gabriel sees his role as supporting what parishes throughout the four counties of the archdiocese do in fostering vocations. To that end he plans to visit parishes on a regular basis. He notes it is vitally important that the faithful pray for vocations. To foster prayer, he is planning Eucharistic Adoration at parishes during the current Pauline Year.

While vocations in the United States are struggling, Fr. Gabriel stresses the Archdiocese of Newark has been blessed with many new priests from other countries. Though grateful for these international faith journeys, he will continue to seek out and inspire homegrown vocations.

Father Brian G. Plate, the previous vocations director, currently serves as the pastor of Saint Teresa of Avila. After posting the highest number of ordinands (17) in the United States two years ago, the archdiocese has been among the leaders in the nation last year and this year.



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