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Inspirational 'signs' of faith, love

ASL Mass at Saint John's to welcome deaf Catholics

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

NEWARK—A long history of serving the deaf community throughout the Archdiocese of Newark comes full circle on Sunday, Sept. 7 at Saint John Parish on Mulberry Street with the initiation of a regularly scheduled American Sign Language (ASL) Sunday Mass.

The ASL Mass is historic, according to Deacon Thomas Smith, director of the archdiocesan Pastoral Ministry with the Deaf, because for many decades—under the leadership of Pastor Emeritus Rev. Msgr. John P. Hourihan—Saint John Parish's Catholic Deaf Ministry flourished.

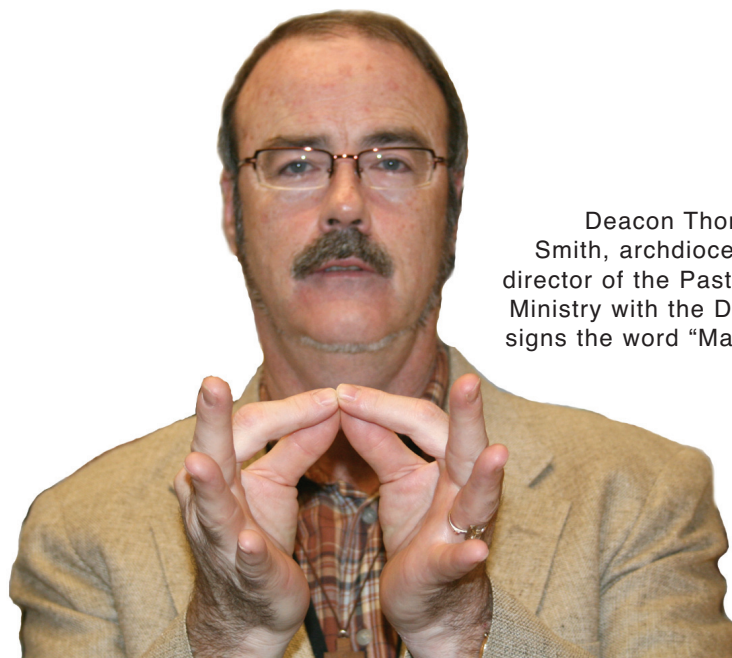
The 1 p.m. Mass on Sept. 7 will be celebrated by newly ordained Father Pedro Bismarck Chau, parochial vicar at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish in Garfield. Fr. Bismarck, a Nicaraguan native who was ordained at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on May 24 (see *The Catholic Advocate*, May 21), has a deaf sister. He recently completed conversational and liturgical ASL training course at Seton Hall University, South Orange, which was taught by Deacon Smith.

The fact it will be an ASL Mass is significant. There is, Deacon Smith stressed, a major difference for the deaf community between an "interpreted" Mass and ASL Mass. At interpreted masses, which are celebrated throughout the archdiocese at a number of parishes and will continue in conjunction with the ASL Mass at Saint John's, what is being said by the priest is being conveyed to the Deaf in the pews by a third party—the sign language interpreter.

Unfortunately, Deacon Smith explained, "this is not direct participation in the Mass," as deaf people find it difficult to "completely focus on the actions and words of the priest, because they are trying to see and understand the ASL interpreter."

By contrast, a deaf person can participate fully in the Mass by following what the priest is signing in ASL. This represents a direct connection between parishioner and priest—no third-party interpreter. Instead of trying to keep up with the pace of English—the dominant "language" during an interpreted Mass—the prayers and readings of the liturgy at an ASL Mass are presented in a "pace and visual style that are more natural and understandable to the Deaf," he explained. The priest or presiding deacon leads the Mass and deaf Catholics will sign all the read-

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Deacon Thomas Smith, archdiocesan director of the Pastoral Ministry with the Deaf, signs the word "Mass."

Advocate photo—Ward Miele

Benedict's Jones wins Olympic gold in Beijing



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SMILING SWIMMERS—Cullen Jones, a 2002 graduate of Saint Benedict's Prep, Newark, along with Jason Lezak, Michael Phelps and Garrett Weber-Gale (left to right), hold up the U.S. flag as they celebrate with their gold medals after winning the men's 4 x 100m freestyle relay swimming final during the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. Jones swam the third leg of the relay for the U.S. team. The event took place Aug. 11 at the National Aquatics Center. Jones, 24, grew up in Irvington and trained at Newark's John F. Kennedy pool. He currently resides in Raleigh, NC, and is a graduate of North Carolina State University. "We're extremely proud the Archdiocese of Newark has played a small part in the success of this young man," said Father Kevin M. Hanbury, Ed.D., Vicar for Education and Superintendent of Schools. "This gold medal is a wonderful accomplishment and speaks volumes for the nurturing school community at Saint Benedict's."

Pope expresses 'anguish' over bloodshed in Georgia

BRESSANONE, Italy (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI appealed for an immediate end to military operations in Georgia and its breakaway province of South Ossetia. Citing reports of heavy civilian casualties and a large number of refugees, the pope called on the international community to act quickly to bring Russian and Georgian leaders to the bargaining table.

"It is my fervent wish that military actions cease immediately," the pope said Aug. 10. He urged both sides to "refrain, also in the name of a common Christian heritage, from further confrontations and violent retaliations that could degenerate into a wider conflict."

The pope expressed his "deep anguish" at the fighting, which he said already had led to dramatic and tragic consequences. He said it was important to resume the process of respectful and constructive dialogue and spare the civilian population "additional painful suffering. I also invite the international community and the countries most influential in the current situation to make every effort to sustain and promote initiatives aimed at reaching a peaceful and lasting solution, one which favors open and respectful coexistence."

The pope said he was praying along with Orthodox Christians, who form the majority of the populations in Georgia and Russia, so that peace will come to the region.

In a separate comment Aug. 10, the Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, said the Vatican was concerned deeply about the explosion of violence in Georgia. He said the Caucasus region has proven itself to be an area where long-standing tensions can re-emerge even after years of relative calm.



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A Georgian man holds the body of a dead relative following an attack by a Russian warplane in Gori, Georgia. A simmering conflict between Russia and its neighbor erupted Aug. 8 when Georgia sent forces into South Ossetia, a pro-Russian province that threw off Georgian rule in the 1990s.

South Ossetia, which borders Russia on the north, broke away from Georgia in the 1990s and has been run by an autonomous government since then, although its independence has never been recognized by the United Nations. In recent years, Georgia has engaged in a military buildup in the area, and its current action was apparently aimed at re-

asserting control over the province.

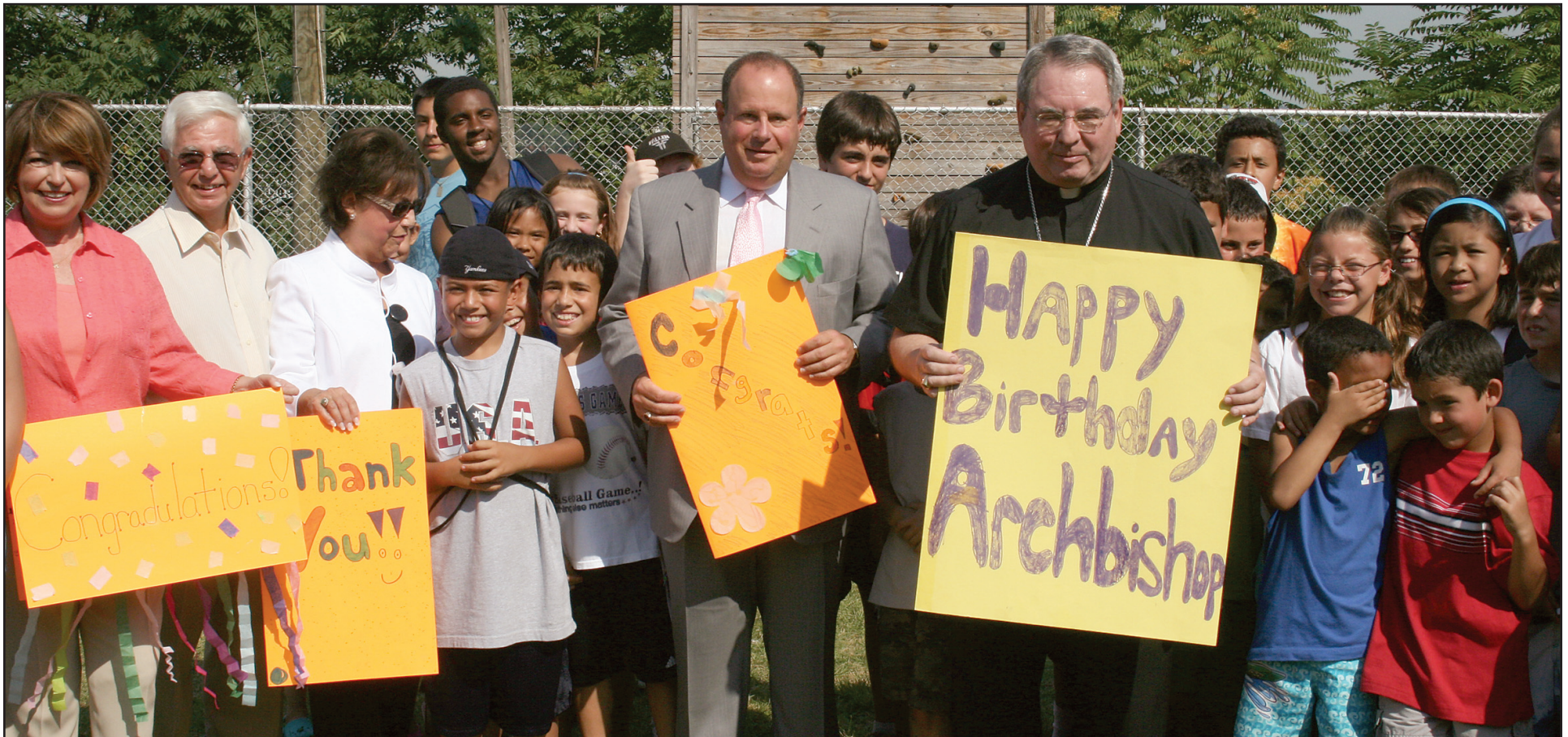
Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, apostolic nuncio to Georgia, told Vatican Radio Aug. 11 that the people of the region "are suffering atrociously" and the situation could become horribly worse. "There is a need for a stable peace here because it is a fuse that could make an entire continent explode," the archbishop said.

"I make an appeal, which is also a prayer, a supplication to the Lord and to all people of good will...that they understand how this kind of war produces only destruction and places at risk the poorest and weakest," he said.

Pope John Paul II made two trips to Georgia, the second of which occurred in November 1999. Pope John Paul, during a Mass at Tbilisi sports stadium, described Georgia as "a model of respect and tolerance" toward all religions. An estimated 75 percent of the more than 5 million inhabitants of Georgia claim spiritual allegiance to the Orthodox Church, which dates from the early fifth century and regained its independence from the Moscow Patriarchate in the 1940s. There is a small Catholic minority in the country.

Caritas International, the Vatican-based umbrella organization for national Catholic charities around the world, reported Aug. 11 that thousands of people have died and tens of thousands have been driven from their homes in the conflict. Caritas partners in the region are responding by providing food, shelter and counseling to the survivors and the displaced.

"Many people are coming to Tbilisi from Georgian villages around Tskhinvali and...from Gori," Liana Mkheidze, Caritas Georgia program manager, said. "Their houses have been damaged and they're escaping the bombardment."



Advocate photo — Melissa McNally

BUSINESS, LABOR HONOREES—Archbishop John J. Myers last month received a big birthday card (his actual birthday was July 26) made by the children at the CYO Summer Day Camp at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny. Surrounded by camp staff, Archbishop Myers was joined by Timothy H. Shinn (left), proprietor, president and chief executive officer of United Crane Rentals, and Laurel Brennan (far left) secretary-treasurer of the New Jersey State AFL-CIO. Shinn and Brennan have been selected as the center's 2009 business and labor honorees. Also joining the archbishop and the honorees were (second and third from left) Ron and Camille Giancristofaro, generous supporters of the CYO Summer Camp program. Shinn and Brennan will be formally honored at the annual archdiocesan Business and Labor Recognition dinner and reception at Mayfair Farms, West Orange, on March 3, 2009. Proceeds from the dinner help support Youth and Young Adult Ministries and CYO Athletics. For more information, call Gerry Ricci-Menegolla, office manager at the center, at (201) 998-0088, ext. 4154.

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Social justice and 'Gift of Self' inspire annual journey to Lottsburg, VA church

Immaculate's faith outreach spans 14 years

 BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
 Editor

There are any number of ways to describe the glowing friendship between the parishioners of Immaculate Conception Parish, Norwood, and Zion Baptist Church, located in Lottsburg, VA—a once-a-year gathering of kindred spirits; a nine-hour car ride to perform community service projects for those in need; an opportunity to temporarily leave the familiar sights of northern New Jersey and see what summer days are like for those who live along Northumberland Highway in the Old Dominion state.

However, Father Leo Butler—who became the administrator of the Bergen County parish on July 1—summed it up best: the relationship represents the spirit of Catholic social justice and the "Gift of Self."

Social justice serves as an underlying inspiration for Immaculate Conception parishioners

who participate in this annual grassroots outreach effort, known by the acronym CAFE or Catholics Advocating, Volunteering and Empowering. Social justice—concerns for human needs—were outlined in the New Testament's Acts of the Apostles, with regard to distributing the community's goods to serve those in need, Fr. Butler pointed out. More recently, the encyclical *Rerum Novarum* issued by Pope Leo XIII in 1891 has steered Catholic social justice on the issues of housing, worker's rights, education, immigration and healthcare.

Last year, while addressing a Theology on Tap crowd in Jersey City, Archbishop John J. Myers declared that for those weighing spiritual journeys of life, one path to consider is the "sincere Gift of Self," a pronouncement originally made during the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Aug. 8, 2007).

"You know yourself by giving yourself away in loving ways," Archbishop Myers told those gathered at the Grand Banks Café. "It is not enough to look in the mirror; you must look into the mirror of other faces."



"Watching the people at Zion Baptist Church take part in their service has strengthened my Catholic faith. You can see God in the way they worship."

—Jackie Genovese

As is often the case in the experience of outreach and dialogue, investing time to understand the needs and perceptions of others typically results in greater self-awareness; a process that comes full circle to unveil one's inner convictions. In a curious way, the act of reaching out helps to define the mind, heart and soul of the one doing the reaching.

"Watching the people at Zion Baptist Church take part in their service has strengthened my Catholic faith," Jackie Genovese explained. Compared with Catholic traditions, the Zion congregation "celebrates in a passionate, spontaneous way. You can 'see' God in the way they worship." Genovese, a 2008 graduate from Immaculate Heart Academy, Washington Township, this fall will attend Stonehill, a Catholic college located in Easton, MA.

Immaculate Conception parishioner Peter Grawehr, one of the stalwarts of the annual pilgrimage, addressed the Zion Baptist family during the most recent visit (late July) and expressed his appreciation for their hospitality. "You have opened your hearts to us for the last 14 years," he said, his presentation captured on a video CD. "The awesomeness of standing here (with you) each year goes on and on."

Grawehr, during his presentation, recalled a profound experience he witnessed during vacation Bible school for the children in Lottsburg, which was launched by Lisa Lawlor and her daughter Katey, a student at



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Apostle John H. Bibbens (center, second row), along with Pastor Marvin Johnson (center, top row) and his wife, Renee Johnson (far left, first row), last month posed with friends from Immaculate Conception Parish on the front steps of Zion Baptist Church. Norwood parishioners Peter Grawehr, Lisa Lawlor, Mike Casey, Linda Casey, Brian Casey, Dan Delaney, Jackie Genovese and Laura Bailey made the trip to Lottsburg, VA, this year—the 14th installment in an annual pilgrimage. Zion Baptist (Web site: www.zionlottsburg.org), was founded in 1867.

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Supreme Knight issues call on life issues

QUEBEC CITY (CNS)—The Knights of Columbus adopted resolutions on the final day of their three-day, 126th annual convention on Aug. 7, renewing their commitment to speak out against elected government representatives who challenge life from conception to natural death.

The Knights, headquartered in

New Haven, CT, called for “legal and constitutional protection...for the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others.”

Regarding life issues, the Knights renewed their “deep commitment to oppose any governmental action or policy that promotes abortion, embryonic stem-

cell research, human cloning, euthanasia, assisted suicide and other offenses against life.”

In his address to the convention, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, told delegates their fundamental responsibility is to build a culture of life. “We will never waver in our efforts to protect innocent human life and we need no greater honor than to know that we have stood beside our most vulnerable brothers and sisters in their hour of need,” he declared.

“It’s time to stop accommodating pro-abortion politicians and it’s time we start demanding that they accommodate us,” Anderson added, as the 500 delegates from around the world stood up and loudly applauded. Anderson said he was not singling out candidates from any political party.

Anderson said the resolution on marriage described it as a natural institution, based on ancient human values that have evolved over time into a unique and deeply rooted social, legal and religious institution. “The case for marriage is the case for family and no one is more suited to pursue that goal than the world’s largest family fraternal organization—the Knights of Columbus.”

In support of marriage,

Anderson unveiled a new initiative, “Fathers for Good,” designed to strengthen families by supporting fathers in family settings. Visit the Web site www.FathersforGood.org for information on the project.

“With Fathers for Good we will add a new structure and new resources to our efforts to strengthen families and provide the tools and encouragement we all need to realize our potential as husbands and fathers,” he said. Anderson’s address also discussed the Knights’ record-breaking fundraising efforts in 2007. Worldwide Knights councils raised nearly \$145 million for charity, Anderson said.



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Ancient Syrian monastery hosts interfaith dialogue

AL-NEBEK, Syria (CNS)—A sixth-century monastery in the desert of western Syria is giving today’s visitors the experience of ancient spiritual life and modern dialogue.

Named after Saint Moses, an Ethiopian monk, the Mar Musa monastery is about 20 miles from the nearest town—Al-Nebek. The monastery and its

church are staffed with Catholic and Orthodox nuns and priests, and the compound has become a center for Muslim-Christian interfaith dialogue.



Mar Musa monastery

When Italian Jesuit Father Paolo Dall'Oglio stumbled upon Mar Musa’s ancient ruins in the early 1980s, the monastery was in severe decay. With the help of volunteers, the Syrian government and international sponsors, the church roof was rebuilt and medieval frescoes were restored.

According to legend, the son of a wealthy Ethiopian king named Musa founded the monastery. Preferring the monastic life to the throne, he traveled to Egypt, then to the Holy Land, settling in Syria where he became a monk in Qara, southern Syria. He lived as a hermit in the valley where the monastery is now situated until he died a martyr at the hands of a Byzantine soldier.



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ASL Mass

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ings and petitions, as well as lead all the responses.

In addition to the use of hands to convey words and phrases, Deacon Smith said the nuances of body movement and facial expressions also are essential components of ASL communication. Although the signed Mass will be silent, Deacon Smith pointed out hearing people (family members and ASL students) are “always

welcome” since there will be “voicing for the signing impaired.”

Deacon Smith is “joyfully anticipating” the ASL Mass at Saint John’s, stressing it will be “creating access to Sunday liturgy for a group of alienated Catholics.” The program at Saint John represents a desperately needed outreach to serve the spiritual needs of hearing-impaired Catholics. Deacon Smith said only 2 percent of deaf Catholics worldwide attend church services. The primary reasons for this dismal statistic, he explained, is the perception among

the Deaf that the Mass is “a hearing event” based solely on spoken words and written text and therefore not for them. In effect, this emotional barrier makes the Deaf feel excluded from worship.

Inspired by his beloved sister, Fr. Bismarck felt compelled to learn ASL, which is now part of his ministry. He remembers vividly and poignantly when he was 12 years old watching TV with his sister at home when she asked him: if God is love why did He make me deaf? He could not think of an answer. Fr. Bismarck recalled. Years later, Fr. Bismarck noticed that his sister’s Baptist congregation had a vibrant ministry for the deaf. “I did not see much of that in our Church,” he said. Now, with his knowledge of ASL, Fr. Bismarck “wants to bring Christ to the Deaf.”

A social program especially designed for the Deaf will follow the ASL masses at Saint John’s. In addition to fellowship and recreational opportunities, the Catholic Deaf community will be offered a central parish location to call their own, from which to expand their

CRS launches online site for Hispanics

BALTIMORE—Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic community, has developed a new online initiative designed to engage U.S. Hispanics through prayer, education and advocacy.

A CRS Spanish-language Web site (www.crsespanol.org), which was developed to expand the agency’s outreach with U.S. Hispanics, will spearhead the initiative. The site will provide timely information on national and international programs, such as the CRS Fair Trade Network, which works to ensure fair wages for disadvantaged farmers and workers.

The site potentially could have a large audience in the Archdiocese of Newark. There are an estimated 600,000 Hispanic Catholics residing in the four counties of the archdiocese. Father Jose I. Gamba serves as the coordinator of the archdiocesan Hispanic Apostolate.



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outreach, creating stewardship and catechetical activities based on Deaf culture and language.

Socialization, Deacon Smith emphasized, “is a big part of the Deaf culture.” That is so because in the hearing world, deaf persons are often “ignored, patronized and

misunderstood.” But among others who share their language and religious values, he said, they feel “totally affirmed and accepted.”

Due to the centralized location and excellent roadway and public transportation access of Saint John—the oldest parish in New Jersey founded in 1826—Deacon Smith expects attendance from deaf persons from across the river in New York and as far away as Trenton.

Two veteran church interpreters share Deacon Smith’s enthusiasm for the ASL Mass. Mary Jo Burke Manshach, who has two deaf sisters, has been interpreting since the early 1980s. She sees the Mass and social program as “wonderful” for the deaf community that will help them combat isolation.

Both of Fran McCarthy’s parents were deaf and wanted to attend services at Saint John’s Parish over the years. She also has focused on the opportunity for increased liturgical participation by the Catholic Deaf community.

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August 23

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August 28

Lumen Center, Caldwell, "Fill them to the Brim," 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., also on Sept. 3, cost: \$20, (973) 403-3331 ext. 25.

August 24

Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth, Day at the Races at Monmouth Park, 11:30 a.m., cost: \$55, (908) 994-8988 or (908) 687-0781.

August 30

Knights of Columbus Council 12769, Secaucus, blood drive, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., call Neal McGarrity at (201) 223-7967.

September 2

Lumen Center, Caldwell, "God's Gifts Involved in Teaching," 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., cost: \$20, (973) 403-3331 ext. 25.

September 3

Holy Spirit Parish, Union, Holy Hour for Life, 7:30 p.m., (908) 687-3327.

September 5

St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Jersey City, Heritage Festival, through Sept. 7, begins with "Oldies Night" at 7 p.m., (201) 798-7900.

September 7

Holy Redeemer Parish, West New York, International Festival, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., (201) 868-9444.

September 8

Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care, Scotch Plains, golf outing at Oak Ridge Golf Course in Clark, cost: \$185, call Larry Reagan at (732) 244-1044.

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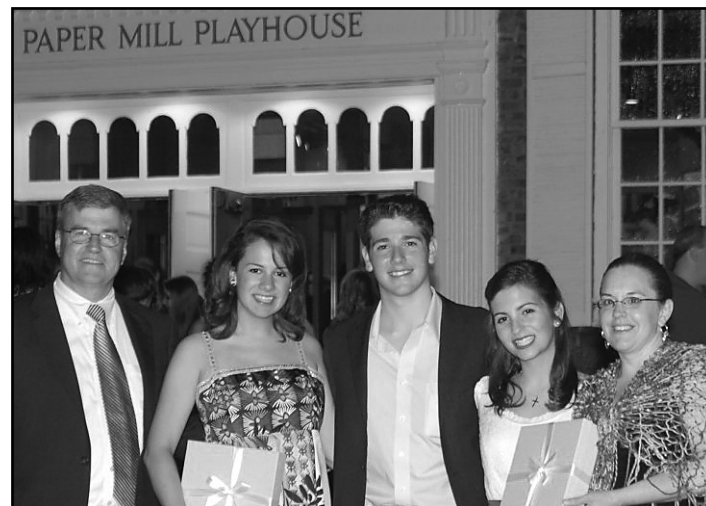
Gate of Heaven Chapel, East Hanover

September 10

Holy Cross Chapel, North Arlington

September 12

Good Shepherd Chapel, Colonia



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RISING STARS—Barry Donnelly, left, principal of Saint Joseph Regional High School in Montvale, is pictured with cast members of the school's production of West Side Story, left to right, Alliy Drago, Brian Walters and Mary Jo Holuba. They are joined by Susan VanBuskirt, right, who presented the group with gifts at the recent "Rising Star Awards" ceremony held at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn. This is the second year Saint Joseph's Regional has won the prestigious award. It was one of six wins and 12 total nominations West Side Story and its cast received from the Paper Mill Playhouse and the High School Theater Awards program.

Resurrection to provide healing prayer services

JERSEY CITY—Resurrection Parish is offering weekly healing prayer services with benediction and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 8 p.m. at its Saint Bridget Church site,

372 Montgomery St. Call the parish office at (201) 434-8500 for details.

Every first Monday of the month, the service will conclude with celebration of the Holy Eucharist. In addition, every last Saturday of the month a special 2,000 Hail Mary devotion begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes with celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The devotion is accomplished by reciting the Hail Mary prayer 100 times after each of the 20 petitions.

Parish prepares milestone Mass

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Examining contradictions of ‘safe-injection’ sites

So-called “safe-injection” sites are special buildings where drug addicts can go to shoot up illegal drugs without fear of arrest or prosecution. Such a facility has been operational in Canada on the east side of Vancouver for several years, and drug abusers from around the area come to receive clean needles, ampules of sterile water, swabs for cleaning injection sites, bandages, ascorbic acid powder (to cut the drugs with), and small metal spoons.

The Canadian government has been funding this site and is in the process of renewing the funding. Other municipalities like San Francisco and New York have also been considering instituting such sites.

Many groups are opposed to these drug zones, seeing them as cooperating in, if not directly promoting, a practice that is clearly unethical and highly damaging to society. They argue that taxpayers should not be forced to pay for places where people can use illegal drugs and destroy their lives.

The idea behind the safe-injection sites is to reduce the collateral damage from drug abuse. Proponents argue that since addicts have begun to use the safe-injection sites, the crime rate on the east side of Vancouver has fallen, and that the rates of HIV and hepatitis have declined because clean needles have been made available.

Because nurses can keep an eye on addicts after they shoot up in the facility, they say that deaths by overdose will decline, since ambulances can be called more easily than if drug users were shooting up alone in a darkened alley. They further claim that the needle-exchange program can allow users to remain healthy until they get help for their substance abuse problem.

There is even a priest who has penned a kind of defense of these sites, writing, “Some people would say you’re giving them the OK. I disagree with that because I think the implication is that we’re dealing with people who can make choices. When they’re addicted that’s a whole different kettle of fish.” In other words, drug users, like fish, have no free will.

The only reason there is any hope left for an addict is because he still has a small and diminishing space of freedom that he can act on, allowing him to decide whether or not to begin a new journey.

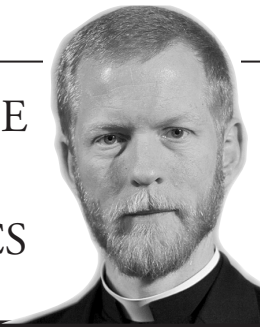
While drug addiction certainly puts a major dent in human freedom, it would be false to conclude that an addict can’t make choices. The only reason there is any hope left for an addict is because he still has a small and diminishing space of freedom that he can act on, allowing him to decide whether or not to begin a new journey. He can choose to take the first step along the road leading away from addiction towards rehabilitation.

Our public strategy for dealing with drug addiction must always show great sensitivity towards that tiny space of freedom that remains in each individual struggling with addiction. After all, it is precisely this freedom that sets us apart from our animal counterparts. Public policy should not contribute to shrinking that space of freedom even further through approaches that enable destructive behaviors and greater addiction.

The widely touted claim that safe-injection sites reduce collateral damage from drug abuse is itself dubi-

MAKING SENSE OUT OF BIOETHICS

By Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk



ous. Researcher Garth Davies, at the conclusion of an extensive analysis of the question, notes how safe-injection sites are “too often credited with generating positive effects that are not borne out by solid empirical evidence.” The claim that crime rates dropped in Vancouver following the opening of the safe-injection site may have resulted from the injection of 60 police officers into the area when the facility opened (including four officers stationed immediately outside the facility), rather than from the injections occurring at the facility itself. “In truth, none of the impacts attributed to the safe-injection facilities can be unambiguously verified,” he concludes.

Public funding should be directed towards rehabilitation programs rather than safe-injection sites. Some argue that safe-injection sites may themselves, on occasion, afford the opportunity to lead addicts towards rehabilitation. Yet there is a contradiction between enabling the addiction on the one hand and promoting re-

habilitation on the other.

This contradiction may be seen very clearly in what our society has learned about treating alcoholism. Most of us have seen—even among our families and neighbors—how destructive the addiction to alcohol can be. Not only can it ravage a person’s life, but it can also destroy their family, lead to loss of employment, and, even, in some cases, endanger the lives of others through drunken fits or drunken driving.

We’ve also seen how many alcoholics have been helped by 12-step programs like Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), where the accumulated wisdom of millions of former addicts recognizes clearly that the only way they can conquer their addiction is through supporting each other never to have another drink.

Imagine that, instead of supporting programs like AA and alcoholic rehabilitation centers, a government were to establish bars where alcoholics could come to get drunk, by providing clean glasses, furniture and bathrooms, healthy hors d’oeuvres and munchies, and police protection so that they couldn’t be robbed in dark alleys. Would any of us really think that this would be promoting their rehabilitation? Those who struggle with substance abuse are deserving of public policy initiatives that rehabilitate rather than enable the addicted individual.

(Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D. earned his doctorate in neuroscience from Yale and did post-doctoral work at Harvard. He is a priest of the diocese of Fall River, MA, and serves as the Director of Education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia. See the Web site www.ncbcenter.org.)



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Recovering drug addicts pray before lunch at Fazenda da Esperanca (Farm of Hope), a Franciscan-run drug rehabilitation center located in Guaratingueta, Brazil, which ministers to about 100 women and men. Pope Benedict XVI visited the site during his May 2007 trip to Brazil. The pope urged those helped by the center to become “ambassadors of hope” to other addicts. Pope Benedict praised the center’s approach of combining medical and psychological assistance with prayer, manual work and personal discipline. When dealing with addiction, it is important to treat the soul as well as the body, the pope said. The personnel at the center, he emphasized, are carrying out a work of conversion as well as rehabilitation. The Farm of Hope was founded in 1983 by a German Franciscan, Father Hans Stapel.

‘Humanae Vitae’ at age 40 still offering insights

It's hard to imagine a less auspicious time for the reception of a papal encyclical reaffirming the Church's classic teaching on the morally appropriate means of family planning than the summer of 1968. Now, 40 years after it was issued, Pope Paul VI's letter, *Humanae Vitae*, may finally be getting the hearing it deserves.

Why? Because the developed world is in demographic crisis from decades of plummeting birth rates. Because younger women have figured out a truth that eluded their mothers in the Sixties: the sexual revolution—made possible in part by easily available contraception—is great for predatory men, and not-so-great for women. And because John Paul II's “theology of the body” has set the Church's teaching in an engaging, humanistic framework.

The Catholic “Lite Brigade” will doubtless make this anniversary year the occasion to celebrate two generations of theological dissent; wiser souls will ponder the wreckage caused by the sexual revolution, especially to women, and think again.

There still remains a lot of confusion about the Church's teaching on marital chastity, in part because most of the Church's ordained leadership has done a poor job of explaining it. Leadership on this front has come primarily from lay scholars and activists: Richard Doerflinger of the U.S. Conference of

Catholic Bishops; Janet Smith; Christopher West; Helen Alvare; Colleen Carroll Campbell; and Pia de Solenni.

Thanks to these brave souls, and many others in the natural family planning and new Catholic feminist movements, what Paul VI was trying to say has a chance of being heard—in part, because it's being said in a vocabulary familiar to 21st century young adults.

It bears repeating yet again, because the mainstream media consistently get it wrong: the Catholic Church does not teach an ideology of fertility-at-all-costs. To the contrary: the Catholic Church teaches that every couple has a moral responsibility to welcome new life as a gift from God, to consider the number of children they can rear and educate, and to order marital life in concert with those two responsibilities.

Where the Church is boldly countercultural is in teaching that the morally appropriate means to regulate fertility is through biology rather than technology. Natural family planning according to the rhythms of biology, the Church proposes, honors the integrity of women and the special nature of the marital bond; natural family planning honors, if you will, the iconography of marital sexual love and its dual nature as both love-sharing and life-giving. Technological means of family planning impede that.

No one imagines that this is easy. But then no one should imagine that marriage is easy, either. The testimony of Catholics who faithfully live the truth about marital love and responsibility is that the rhythms of sexual love and sexual abstinence involved in natural family planning enhance relationships, deepen conversations,

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

By George Weigel



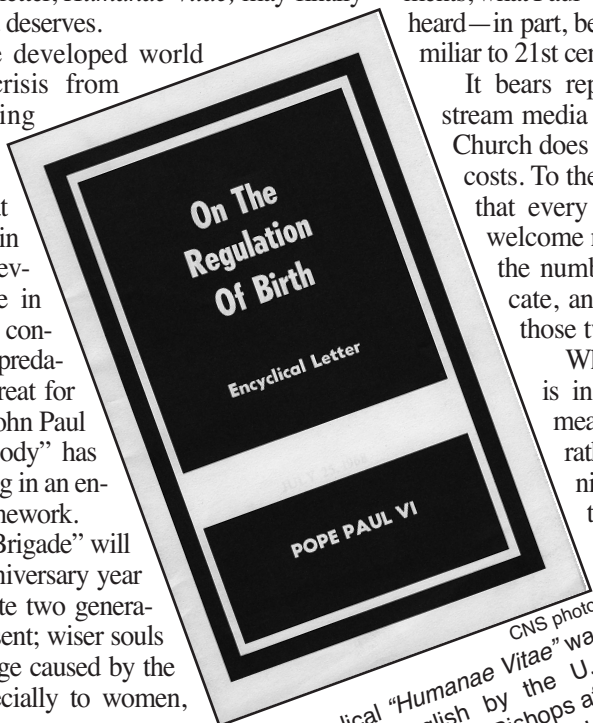
and enrich marriages humanly and spiritually.

The contempt in which *Humanae Vitae* and natural family planning are held in some quarters may have less to do with a serious moral appraisal of different methods of family planning than it does with different appraisals of the sexual revolution itself. “Natural,” after all, is one of the sacred words of the secular world. So why the tsunami of vitriol thrown at Paul VI and his proposal that natural family planning is the more humane and humanistic approach?

I think it has something to do with the fact that *Humanae Vitae* laid down a cultural marker—the Catholic Church was not going to cave to the spirit of the age as so many other religious bodies had done. The Catholic Church was not going to declare that sex is just another contact sport: not because the Church is prudish or repressed or misogynist, but because the Church takes men and women seriously, and because the Church imagines the love of Christ for the Church as spousal love.

It's a pleasure to discover how many young women get this, today. Maybe men and the theological establishment will catch up in due course.

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



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The encyclical “*Humanae Vitae*” was published in English by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops after the letter was promulgated in Latin by Pope Paul VI July 25, 1968.

PICOZZI SCHOLARSHIP—

Summit residents Victor and James Picozzi (center and second from right), trustees of the Picozzi Family Foundation, recently established a scholarship program named in honor of their sister, Adeline O. Picozzi. The scholarships, administered under the auspices of the Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC), will benefit needy students wishing to attend a Catholic high school in the archdiocese. Earlier this summer, the brothers, accompanied by Nicholas Cannone (left), treasurer of the Picozzi Foundation, presented the first installment for the

Adeline Picozzi scholarship to Essex County Regional Bishop Edgar da Cunha (second from left) and former SFIC Executive Director, Lorraine Cunningham (far right). The Picozzi brothers will participate in the selection of scholarship recipients. Mercedes Igus, the first recipient of the Adeline Picozzi scholarship, is attending Saint Mary of the Assumption High School, Elizabeth. Contact the SFIC at (973) 497-4283, or visit the Web site (www.rcan.org/icsf) for more information on scholarship funding.



Catholic Cemeteries embarks on expansion projects

Archbishop draws parallel to ancient Roman catacombs

BY JAMES GOODNESS

Director of Communications

AREA—In its latest effort to provide state-of-the-art facilities and services to the Catholic people of the northern New Jersey, Archbishop John J. Myers and Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark recently broke ground on two new mausoleum projects—in Jersey City and Mahwah—and began an expansion of its cemetery in Mahwah.

These new ventures will enable the archdiocese to provide an additional 20,000 grave and crypt sites at a time when many cemetery operations in the state are facing shortages of land and an inability to build mausoleums because of lack of space.

The expansion of the Maryrest Cemetery in Mahwah, which was established in 1935, includes a two-story Romanesque church-style chapel mausoleum, three garden mausoleums, five private family mausoleums, an administration building and cemetery grounds operations center. In all, the four Maryrest mausoleums in Bergen County will accommodate some 4,200 crypts. Some 15 previously unused acres on the 54-acre site also will be developed as burial ground.

At Holy Name Cemetery in Jersey City, which was established in 1866 but had been closed to new space for more than 25 years, a new two-story mausoleum that will contain 3,000 crypt spaces and will feature a main chapel where monthly Mass will be celebrated in memory of deceased loved ones. This new building will complement an existing garden mausoleum, and is the first Catholic burial space developed in Hudson County in 25 years.

During the services prior to the groundbreakings, Archbishop Myers consecrated the space as sacred ground and recalled the connection of the archdiocese's Catholic cemeteries to the ancient catacombs in Rome.

"The early Christians weren't permitted to bury their dead within the city of Rome at this time," he said, "and so one of the first functions of the Church was to serve as a burial society. Today, we continue that tradition of providing a final resting place in this world, and caring for our deceased family members and friends."

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark exists to meet the needs of individuals and families before, at the time of death and burial, and throughout bereavement. By setting aside a holy place for burial, Catholic cemeteries provide a fitting environment for full liturgical celebrations.

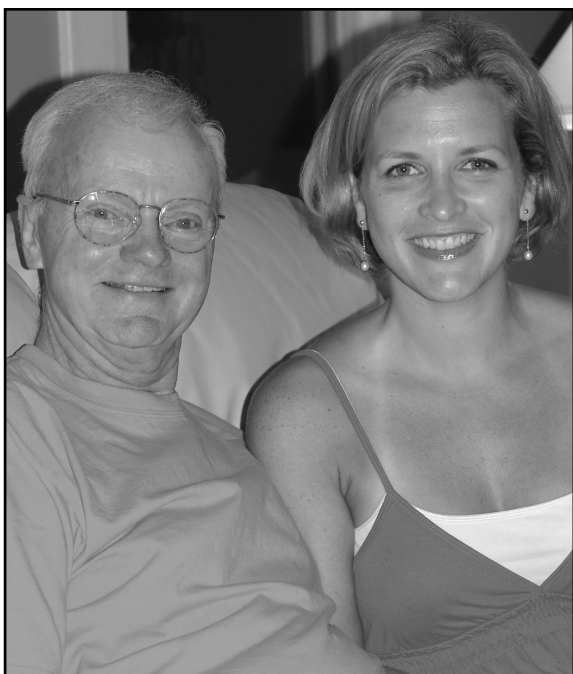
Just as in life, Catholics believe that in death the human body deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. Catholics also foster a type of remembering that is enlightened by faith and sees death as a bridge to the Communion of Saints. Today, Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese maintains 10 cemeteries, many with mausoleums, and works with 15 local parish cemeteries.



Submitted photos

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark broke ground at Maryrest Cemetery in Mahwah on June 18. Pictured in the top photo, left to right, are Assistant Executive Director of Catholic Cemeteries Joseph J. Verzi; Executive Director of Catholic Cemeteries Andrew P. Schafer; Director of Catholic Cemeteries Rev. Msgr. William B. Naedele; Archbishop John J. Myers; Rev. Michael A. Andreano, Vice Chancellor and Secretary to the Archbishop; and Deacon Joseph A. Dwyer, Jr., Vice Chancellor for Administration. Also pictured is a rendering of the new Chapel Mausoleum at Holy Name Cemetery in Jersey City. A similar groundbreaking ceremony was held at that location on June 19.

Immaculate Conception parishioners Patty McGee (right) and her father, Peter Grawehr, are among the founding members of the CAVE outreach. McGee made the initial connection with Zion Baptist Church in 1994 while she was a student at Loyola College in Baltimore. During her summer vacation that year she traveled through the Appalachian Mountain regions of Virginia and Kentucky, working at food shelters and helping to repair homes.



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Gift of Self

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Academy of the Holy Angels, Demarest. Nine youngsters, some disabled, had gathered for a friendly footrace. At the start of the race, one little boy stumbled and began to cry. A girl with Down Syndrome stopped and went to help the lad, giving him a kiss on the head and consoling him. Eventually, all the children in the race turned and joined her and together they crossed the finish line holding hands.

"Just like the children I saw in the race, every year we all walk to the finish line together—arm in arm," Grawehr said.

Other Immaculate Conception parishioners who participate in the CAVE outreach include Patty McGee, a teacher at Harrington Park Elementary School who first made the connection with Zion Baptist in 1994; Linda, Michael and Brian Casey; Lillian Galbornetti; Laura Bailey; and Dan Delaney.

Outreach beyond the borders of the archdio-

cese has unfolded as a grand tradition in recent years as groups from parishes and schools travel great distances to help those in need. Earlier this year students from Caldwell College visited Nazareth Farm in Salem, WV, to repair homes in the Appalachian region (see *The Catholic Advocate*, April 23). Last year 15 students from Roselle Catholic High School's Marist Youth Team also ventured to West Virginia to help rebuild and repair homes (see *The Catholic Advocate*, June 6, 2007).

During the last three years FOCUS (Friends of Christ United in Service)—a youth group headquartered at Saint Gabriel the Archangel Parish in Saddle River—has traveled to such far-flung places as Alaska, South Dakota and the African nation of Ghana to assist in community service work (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 10, 2007).

The youth group of Notre Dame Parish, North Caldwell, led by Msgr. Edward Ciuba, drove more than 2,000 miles to Mississippi to assist in an eight-day "Project Katrina" cleanup (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Dec. 5, 2007).

First cathedral of archdiocese stays close to Newark's heart

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

Saint Patrick Pro-Cathedral, centrally located in Newark, is one of the oldest churches in New Jersey. Founded in 1848 and built in 1850, it became the pro-cathedral of the Archdiocese of Newark in 1856, serving as the diocesan cathedral until the opening of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in 1954.

For many decades the pro-cathedral was the residence of the bishops of Newark. An outstand-

year later. In the ensuing years, there were a thousand children enrolled in catechism class and 700 on the school rolls. A separate school for boys debuted in 1866 with the arrival of the Brothers of Christian Schools.

The first of several renovation projects took place in 1874 brought on, in part, by the church being designated a cathedral. Among the problems that required attention were the walls, windows and organ. On Saint Patrick's Day, 1875, the church was consecrated with the relics of saints Faustinus,

community which celebrates Easter Sunday at the parish."

The cathedral's central location in the city and the parish's involvement with the homeless community lend itself to a diverse congregation. "During the week, we minister to the business community which values the opportunity of a quiet place during the work day to reflect and find spiritual nourishment," Msgr. Mahoney explained. "Our work with the homeless has always been a strong part of the ministry here. Almost 200 people are

Saint Patrick Pro-Cathedral

ing example of the neo-gothic style and recently restored, its centerpiece is the "cathedra," or "Bishop's chair" carved in walnut by John Jeliff, a Newark resident and a premier cabinet maker of 19th century.

With a jump in the Catholic population in the state's largest city from 1,500 to 31,000 from 1840-1850, the strain on the facilities of Saint John Parish on Mulberry Street became the genesis of Saint Patrick Parish. The church was dedicated March 10, 1850 and the school begun a

Constantius and Bonosa. A series of economic challenges struck the parish and the city itself between 1893 and 1897.

The 20th century marked the parish's Golden Jubilee celebration, which coincided with the Church's Worldwide Jubilee. From the time the parish opened in 1850 the number of Catholic churches had grown from three to 23, propelled by an influx of immigrants. During the Great Depression, Saint Patrick Pro-Cathedral opened a soup kitchen and helped lift the spirits of the people through hard times with the parish's own fife, drum and bugle corps.

In the 1950s, the first influx of people began to move to suburbia while the church prepared to mark its centennial. The celebration was planned for December 1950, but a hurricane struck in November causing \$400,000 in damage. In the 1960s, the move to the suburbs became an exodus.

Saint Patrick was the first parish in the archdiocese to establish a Hispanic Apostolate and celebrate a Spanish Mass, serving the needs of the community, which included a large segment of residents who migrated to Newark from Puerto Rico. In 1975, the parish school closed after 125 years in the community.

The current pastor, Msgr. Neil Mahoney, was appointed by then-Archbishop Theodore McCarrick in 1984. "The true gift of Saint Patrick's has been its ability to meet the changing needs of the city," Msgr. Mahoney said. "Certainly we have welcomed Hispanic immigrants from Puerto Rico, Colombia, Santo Domingo, Ecuador. At the same time, we honor our traditions of welcoming the Irish

served a hot meal on Saturdays provided by a wide variety of local and suburban volunteers."

Three years ago, Saint Patrick Pro-Cathedral and Saint John Parish were linked under the New Energies Initiative, with Msgr. Mahoney serving as pastor for both parishes. "The 'oldest parish in the archdiocese' linked with the 'first cathedral of the archdiocese' has been enormously beneficial to both parishes," he said. "I lived in residence at Saint Patrick's before becoming pastor. The growth of the Hispanic community through an earlier merger with Saint Bridget Parish gave a new life to the entire parish. The universities in the area have also had a great impact since more students now reside in the neighborhood and are inspirational part of our worshipping community."

Yolanda Sansone, long-time parishioner and trustee, has witnessed the changing geography and demographics of the city. Years ago she attended Newark State Teachers College (since relocated to Union and renamed Kean University) and rode the bus to attend Mass. Sansone taught in Newark for 39 years and instructed the Christian Youth Organization at the parish and prepared pamphlets.

She currently serves as a lector and eucharistic minister. "It has always been a beautiful church. We have a wonderful food program," Sansone said. "Msgr. Mahoney is an intelligent, kind, caring man."

(Saint Patrick Pro-Cathedral is located at 91 Washington St., Newark, NJ, 07102. The Mass schedule is as follows: Saturday 4 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; weekdays, 12:15 p.m. Call (973) 623-0497 for more information.)

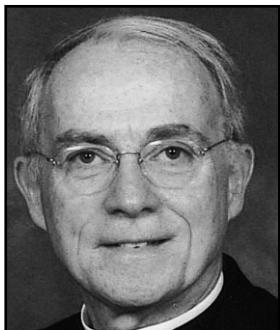


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Saint Patrick Pro-Cathedral, which has 196 registered families, is on the National Register of Historic Places of the United States Department of the Interior and the register of historic places of the New Jersey Historical Association. The cathedral is an outstanding example of the neo-gothic architecture. New stained glass windows (bottom photo) were installed during the cathedral's diamond jubilee in 1925. Four years later, renowned Italian artist Gonippo Raggi was commissioned to provide paintings for the parish.



Meet the Pastor



Msgr. Neil J. Mahoney

Birthday: Dec. 17, 1945
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High School: Marist High School
Seminary: North American College, Rome
Undergraduate: Seton Hall University
Graduate School: Fordham University, NY
Ordination: Dec. 18, 1970
Hero: Abraham Lincoln
Favorite Saint: Blessed John XXIII
Favorite Food: pasta
Favorite Subject in School: English
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Back to School

'Green' scholars learn to reduce carbon footprints

Environmental action requires faithful vision

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

In archdiocesan Catholic schools, young people not only learn reading, writing and arithmetic, they also are getting vital lessons on how to protect and ensure the safety of the environment. "Green" education programs have sprouted up at schools throughout the four counties of the archdiocese, providing much-needed lessons on faithful environmental stewardship.

Students and teachers at Our Lady of the Lake School (OLL), Verona, Academy of the Holy Angels (AHA), Demarest, and

Union Catholic Regional High School, Scotch Plains, are leading the charge to faithfully embrace green stewardship and lower carbon footprints in the Garden State.

OLL was a participant in the Green Flag/Green Faith pilot project for the 2006-2007 school year (see *The Catholic Advocate*, April 18, 2007). The statewide pilot project was designed to encourage environmental leadership and is a collaborative effort between Green Faith and the Virginia-based Center for Health, Environment and Justice.

While participating in the Green Flag/Green Faith program, non-toxic cleaners were introduced

into the school maintenance system and information assemblies on the benefits of green cleaning products were held for students. OLL continues to recycle cans, glass, plastic and office/classroom paper. Electronics and ink/toner cartridges also are recycled.

Sister Jeanne Goyette, O.P., is the Earth Literacy teacher for a class of sixth grade students. The class covers topics such as global warming, pollution and alternative energy sources. Sr. Jeanne's class brought environmental education outside of the classroom with a field trip to Sandy Hook to study the ecosystem and wildlife.

"The class was split into groups and they studied the history of Sandy Hook, the wildlife such as the horseshoe crab and collected items in nets at the surf. The students went on another field trip to see solar panels with a monitoring system at a local funeral parlor. The children love their field trips and it gives them a chance to see what we learn in the classroom in a real-life situation," Sr. Jeanne explained.

Sr. Jeanne's students completed projects in an area they were interested in. "The children respond beautifully in their projects with topics from alternative energies in solar powered cars to non-toxic alternative forms of (plastic) packing peanuts."

The class also developed board games on environmental themes that were played with younger students. "The games were about different topics we discussed in class. For example, if you landed on a space that said you did not recycle, you went back two spaces. Some of the games had trivia questions about the environment.



Submitted photos

Associate Principal Karen Piasecki (second from right) joined Environmental Club executive board members from Union Catholic Regional High School at the annual Arbor Day tree-planting ceremony last April. The tree was planted in honor of Pope Benedict XVI's historic visit (April 15-20) to the United States. "It is our responsibly to take care of the environment," Marybeth Boyar, head of the Union Catholic science department, said. "What the students are learning has a national and international impact."

All of the students had fun playing the games while learning at the same time," Sr. Jeanne said.

Living in harmony with God's creation and being stewards of the environment is stressed in the Earth Literacy class. "The Earth is our home. If we don't do something to preserve our home, the future generation will be lost," Sr. Jeanne said. "God has gifted us with this beautiful land and we must work with the natural

systems. It is our birthright to preserve this gorgeous planet. Sometimes we have class outside at Verona Park and the students have to write a prayer describing an object they found in nature. We pray everyday."

AHA also participated in the Green Flag/Green Faith project last year and the school continues to encourage community recycling and the social justice component of caring for the environment is integral to the school's mission. Kate Chambers, moderator of the Go Green! Club for the past two years, is also the school's mission integration coordinator.

"My job entails furthering our vision of education with the goals of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. One of our institutional goals is the commitment to the appreciation of creation," Chambers explained.

The Go Green! Club held an electronic waste recycling drive on May 10; the event was a major achievement for the AHA environmental club. Items such as computers, laptops, fax machines, copiers, printers and cell phones were donated.

"The 'e-waste' recycling drive was really successful. The local religious congregations and surrounding towns became involved. We drew in a lot of sources and



Go Green! Club members from Academy of the Holy Angels (left to right) Claire Quinn, Anna Reuter and Natalie Lin volunteered at the school's Electronic Waste Recycling Drive on May 10. The event was co-sponsored by non-profit organizations Green Faith and Per Scholas—an organization that brings affordable technology to disadvantaged communities.

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the club extended their reach outside the school. Eight to 10 different towns participated," Chambers said.

AHA holds an annual environmental service day where the school community, including students, faculty and administration, help clean up areas such as the Alpine Boat Basin in Englewood and the Teaneck Creek Conservatory.

"The main office in the school was concerned with how long school buses and parents let their vehicles idle while waiting for the students. The parents took a pledge to not idle their cars that emit harmful gases into the air. The bus company also participated. There is definitely an atmosphere of social responsibility at the school," Chambers stressed.

Next year, Chambers said the Go Green! Club will focus on how to reduce each person's carbon footprint. "Through our use of fossil fuels and resources, we produce carbon that is harmful to the environment. From cars, to heating and our use of light, all the energy someone uses affects the damage done to the Earth. If everyone does something, we can reduce our carbon footprint significantly."

Union Catholic, in the early 1990s, was one of the first schools in the archdiocese to launch an environmental club. Marybeth Boyar, head of the school's science department, has been a teacher at Union Catholic since 1978 and remembers environmental classes being an important part of the curriculum since then. In 1997, the school received the Presidential Environmental Youth Award given by the US Environmental Protection Agency.

Today, Union Catholic recycles 389,000 aluminum cans, over 1 million pounds of paper, cardboard and newspaper and 16,402 pounds of plastic bottles each year. The school is also moving toward a paper-free environment where papers and homework are submitted online.



Computers, laptops, fax machines, copiers, printers and cell phones were donated at the Academy of the Holy Angels' electronic waste recycling drive. This "e-waste," which contains hazardous metals such as mercury and lead, is often disposed in landfills or sent to at-risk communities worldwide for disassembly, exposing workers, communities and the environment to toxic waste.

The students in the Environmental Club, about 100 actively involved members, supervise the collection of all recycled materials. "It's nice to say that your school recycles, but it is a hard-working process to keep that going. Students maintain the recycling

centers throughout the school," Boyar explained.

Earth Awareness Week, from April 22-30, began with an Arbor Day celebration where a tree was planted in front of the building in honor of Pope Benedict XVI's visit to America. Instructors in

all school subjects collaborate. "During Earth Awareness Week, we initiate cross-curriculum environmental discussions. For example, in social studies, students researched each presidential candidate's stance on environmental issues," Boyar said. "This past year, the discussion about the environment has intensified and the subjects are more diverse. There is prevalent information about the oil crisis, landfills and global warming. Kids are seeing the connection between academics and real life. Students can now look outside their immediate surroundings to see how environmental education has an effect on the rest of the world."

Boyar's husband Bill is the faculty moderator of the Environmental Club. He has been teaching science classes at Union Catholic for three years after over 30 years in the pharmaceutical industry. During Earth Awareness Week,

his classes conducted labs where students created and built their own solar ovens.

"We tried to cook in them but it was very rainy and cloudy this May. The kids still loved building them. I enjoy showing kids how science can be used in the real world. I try to bring my experience to the courses," Bill Boyar said.

To pay for the needed building equipment, the Environmental Club sold patches and held a tag day. According to Bill Boyar, the children in the club participate in hands-on activities to show how they can make a difference. "The kids feel very proud of themselves (when they help out). If you want to save the Earth, you have to get things done," he said. "The students in the club plan their own activities. I want them to enjoy science. We need more good scientists in the world today and hopefully, there are a few future scientists in my classes."



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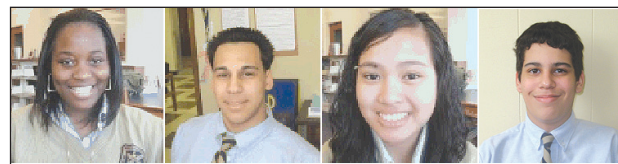
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June Butchko (third from left) received the prestigious 2007 Region 3 "Distinguished Teacher Award" from the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA). Last April Saint John the Apostle School held a special Mass and breakfast in her honor to celebrate the award. Pictured at the event with Butchko are her former teachers and associates (left to right) Sister Jane Marie, Sister Jeanne Catherine, school Principal Sister Donna Marie O'Brien, Sister Regina Martin and Sister Eleanor.

Savvy chess mentor makes moves to motivate students

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

was young and my sisters raised me," she said. "It was neat for them to be there and see me get the award."

CLARK/LINDEN—For June Butchko, a teacher at Saint John the Apostle School for 20 years, being honored with the Distinguished Teacher Award by the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) in March was the highlight of her career.

And, demonstrating an affinity for the cerebral game of chess, especially when it can be used as a learning tool, the NCEA award indicates that, when it comes to teaching, Butchko has been successful at finding ways to craft strategies to engage and inspire her students.

"Aside from getting married and having my children, receiving the award was the best experience of my life," Butchko said. "I am still overwhelmed by it all. I worked so hard for the award; it makes all the work I have done seem worth it."

Butchko was the recipient of the 2007 Region 3 (New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware) Distinguished Teacher Award at NCEA's annual convention during March 25-28 in Indianapolis (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Jan. 23).

Along with her husband and two children, the enthusiastic educator's two sisters were in attendance when she received the award. "My parents died when I

After being nominated by her principal, Sister Donna Marie O'Brien, letters of recommendation from a student's parent and another from a co-worker were sent in with the application. "(June Butchko) motivates her students to strive to do their best," Sister Donna Marie commented.

A sixth, seventh and eighth grade math teacher, Butchko is the founder and moderator of the school's chess club and newspaper. She also served as math curriculum co-author and technology co-chairperson for the Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Butchko enjoys introducing new programs to students at the elementary school that enhance the learning experience. "Chess is a thinking game and at first the kids were intimidated by it. Now, we have too many students in the chess club. We had to turn some of them away."

Going the extra mile for students was something Butchko learned while attending Saint Mary School, Rahway (now closed), and Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark. "I had a great Catholic education and my teachers encouraged me.

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Anniversary milestones provide building blocks for the future

BY LAURA CRISTIANO

Special to The Catholic Advocate

Humorist Paul Sweeney once stated, “a wedding anniversary is the celebration of love, trust, partnership, tolerance and tenacity. The order varies for any given year.” The very same thing can be said for Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Newark when they, in turn, observe milestone anniversaries.

No school exists without the true love of its ministry by its parish or sponsoring organization and that love takes the school through both easy and trying times.

Roselle Catholic High School will begin a yearlong celebration starting this September to mark the school’s 50th anniversary. According to Brother Dan O’Riordan, the school’s director of development, there are numerous events planned to commemorate this important achievement, such as golf outings, gala dinners and service projects.

“Fifty years ago, our founding families dreamed of a school that would make a difference in the future,” Brother Owen Ormsby, F.M.S., president of Roselle



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Roselle Catholic High School, celebrating its golden anniversary on Sept. 10, will bury a time capsule in the center of its new meditative labyrinth. The time capsule contains items from each of the school’s class years. The Marist Brothers have administered the Union County school since it was established.

Catholic, said of the upcoming golden anniversary. “Fifty years later, Roselle Catholic continues to offer a quality education to the young people in Union County. This milestone is worthy of celebration that honors our past and positions us to move into the future with confidence.

“Our faculty and staff have dedicated their lives to establishing and enriching our educational program and our academic integrity,” he continued. “Each of them remains committed to the Marist tradition of Saint Marcellin

Champagnat who believed that the best way to educate a young person is to love them and love them equally.”

Br. Owen said honoring the Catholic tradition has been a theme during his tenure as principal of Roselle Catholic. “As I begin my role as president, I hope to clearly establish within the minds of all of our constituents the conviction that tradition feeds mission,” he said. “The number-one priority at this time in our history must be the establishment of an endowment that will help us close

the gap between the spiraling costs of a quality education and an affordable tuition. Each of us who has served or been served by this school continues to be a part of the Roselle Catholic family.”

Saint Joseph School of East

Rutherford has selected the slogan “130 Years Young and Still Growing” as their celebratory theme. Frances Alberta, the principal and an alumnae of the school that she leads, began planning for

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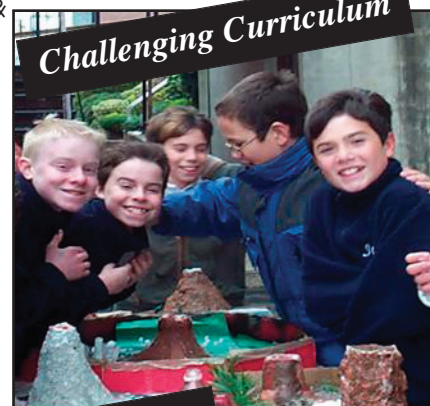


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the milestone back in January by researching old records.

"I anticipate a year of celebration with many people returning to their home here at Saint Joseph School," Alberta said. "I thank God for the opportunity to share in this milestone and anxiously await the joining of the current with the past. All of us here at the school are filled with excitement as the year begins."

Based on her research, Alberta

believes that Saint Joseph School is the oldest continuously operating Catholic elementary school in Bergen County. She and her committee have tried to reach out to as many graduates as possible to have them come back and reconnect with their alma mater during one of their many events. They will be honoring Rita Kingsley as the oldest living graduate of the school. Kingsley remains active in the parish and the school, volunteering her time as a senior altar server, answering friary phones and assisting with parish clerical work.

Current students at Saint Joseph will be involved in the celebrations as well. One of the highlights for students will take place during Catholic Schools Week in January, when a living history display is being planned. Each class year will be responsible for a decade or decades of the school's existence. Visitors during Catholic Schools Week will be able to actually walk a 130-year-old timeline and be able to see how Saint Joseph School was a part of the larger world around it.

Assumption Academy in Emerson is celebrating its 55th

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Assumption Academy is renovating its early-childhood center. Pictured at the center (left to right) are Eleni Mylonas, director of the early-childhood program; Dr. Maria Cleary, Assumption principal; and Chris Gilligan, assistant director, ecclesiastical maintenance, with the archdiocesan Property Management Administration department.

anniversary. The school is growing to meet the needs of students for many more years to come. A variety of capital improvements are underway, including the renovation of the early-childhood center.

"One of our most important goals at Assumption Academy is to create a cohesive learning experience for our early childhood grades," Dr. Maria Cleary, principal of the academy, explained. "We are building a bridge from pre-kindergarten to kindergarten to first grade, so that each level's activities will touch upon those that came before and those that follow. By using differentiated instruction extensively, teachers meet students 'where they are' in their stages of development and create activities that address their needs and multiple intelligences. In this way, our

early childhood curriculum offers the strongest possible foundation for the academic challenges of the grades to come."

The center is adjacent to the school and features an expansive outdoor play area. Inside the facility ground-floor walls have been knocked down to create a spacious learning environment. The kitchen area will be updated so that students not only have a more modern eating environment, but will now be able to participate in cooking activities. The changes continue upstairs with a reconfigured technology center and redesigned quiet-time area.

(Laura Cristiano is the director of marketing for the Archdiocese of Newark's Schools Office and a frequent contributor to The Catholic Advocate.)



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Pope's words outline mission of Catholic education

Faith tradition keeps focus on service, prayer

BY FATHER KEVIN M. HANBURY

Special to The Catholic Advocate

Pope Benedict XVI addressed more than 400 Catholic educators at Catholic University of America in Washington D.C., on April 17. He started his remarks by saying "how beautiful are the footsteps of those who bring Good News" (Romans 10:15-17).

As we all well know, education is integral to the mission of the Church. Each of us is called to proclaim the Good News. It is the mission of every Catholic community of learning to be a place in which children of all ages can encounter the living God.

"This relationship elicits a desire to grow in the knowledge and understanding of Christ and His teaching," Pope Benedict said during his visit to Catholic University (see *The Catholic Advocate*, April 23). "In this way those who meet him are drawn by the very power of the Gospel to lead a new life characterized by all that is beautiful, good and true; a life of Christian witness nurtured and strengthened within the community of our Lord's disciples, the Church."

The opportunity given to students to attend Catholic elementary and Catholic secondary schools within the Archdiocese of Newark comes at great sacrifice on the part of parents, administrators, teachers and staff.

This sacrifice, while often financial, also involves the sacrifice of time. Catholic education is so successful because of the collaboration that takes place

between parents and school communities. For this partnership, the archdiocese is most grateful. The work of teaching the Good News of Jesus Christ and applying it to one's life can only be successful through the partnership of the classroom instruction and the home faith formation.

Catholic education is an apostolate of hope that seeks to address intellectual and spiritual needs; not only for our school children, but also for teachers and parents as well. There are those who might say that the Church shouldn't be placing her resources in Catholic schools. We all are aware that there are ample other opportunities for education.

Those, however, who take advantage of the gift of a faith-based educational environment know that it greatly enhances one's understanding and knowledge of God. Catholic education, either in our Catholic schools or in religious education classes, encourages young people to commit themselves to a life of prayer and service.

I believe that each of us desires to be prepared for the kingdom of heaven. Pope Benedict stated in his address that teachers and administrators, whether in universities, schools or parish religious education programs, have the duty and privilege to ensure that students receive instruction in Catholic doctrine and practice.

It is imperative that those who teach religion are properly prepared through certification and have obtained a deep understanding of the Catholic faith. The Holy Father said this requires public witness to the way of Christ, as found in the Gospel and upheld by the Church's magisterium; clearly it shapes all aspects of an institution's life, both inside and outside the classroom. He concluded that divergence from this vision weakens Catholic identity and far from advancing freedom, inevitably leads to confusion, whether moral, intellectual or spiritual.

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Last April Pope Benedict XVI greeted students at The Catholic University of America when he arrived for a meeting with Catholic educators. Pictured with the pope is Vincentian Father David M. O'Connell, university president. The pope said teachers and school administrators must help today's students to fully live their faith.



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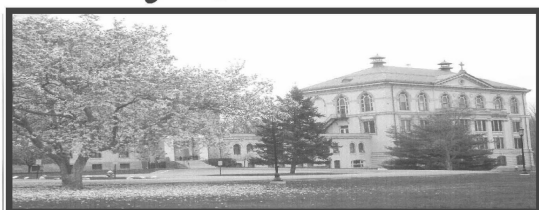
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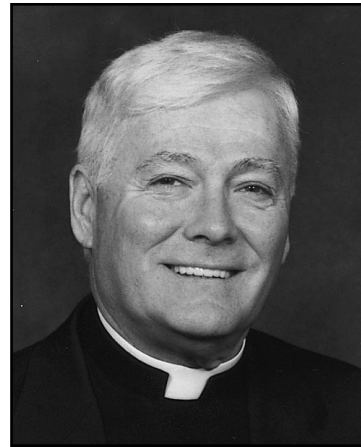
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To encourage and help our school children and their families to continue on their faith journey, teachers of religion in the Catholic school or parish catechetical program, together with the support of parents, need to work continually and collaboratively to lead children to prayer and service. The greatest gift one can give a child is the ability to know and love God.

The heritage of Catholic education has been long in our country. The Archdiocese of Newark is committed to this heritage so that we can continue to influence our Church and our nation. The curriculum may change and sites might be merged but our mission and message remains our passion.

This passion can be seen in the 2008-2009 academic year as we celebrate the opening of All Saints Catholic Academy in Bayonne (see *The Catholic Advocate*, March 19). This is the result of the collaboration and partnership of all the eight parishes in Deanery 13. This same deanery support can be seen with the new Holy Family Catholic Academy located in Deanery 2N, Bergen County (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Feb. 20).

These two examples demonstrate the importance of pastors



Rev. Kevin M. Hanbury

voicing their encouragement of retaining Catholic Schools within the archdiocese. The Good News continues at our Cristo Rey school, Christ the King Prep, which is located in Newark and has enrolled its second class of over 100 students. There are major pro-active projects that have begun in other counties within the archdiocese.

It is the mission of the archdiocesan Schools Office, together with the archdiocesan community, to remain hopeful and optimistic that together we can face our present challenges and protect and enhance our future. We all need to spread the wonderful achievements of our Catholic schools; we need to encourage families to give their children the gift of faith; we need to work tirelessly for passage of "The Urban Enterprise Zone

Job Scholarship Act: S-1607" in the New Jersey state legislature; and we need to continue to obtain certification for teachers of religion in our parish religious education programs, which we already have instituted in our Catholic Schools.

We need to do much, but if we work together, we must believe that our children will reap great rewards in their future as productive citizens and people of God.

Pope Benedict reminded us that the Catholic identity of our schools is measured by the conviction of our faith and action. The Archdiocese of Newark, our world and our families need the tradition and ministry of Catholic schools. With the dedication of well-trained, faith-filled teachers, spiritual principals and parish support, our heritage of excellence can and will continue to grow.

(Father Kevin M. Hanbury, Ed.D., is the Vicar for Education/Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Newark.)

Marist taps Hansen for alumni office

BAYONNE—Chris Hansen, a 1999 graduate of Marist High School, is the new associate director of the school's alumni relations office.

A graduate of Saint Peter's College where he received bachelor's degrees in education and American studies, Hansen has been teaching history and economics at Marist High School the last four years. He is also the assistant varsity baseball coach and manages the school bookstore.

In his new position, Hansen will be responsible for expanding the alumni program by offering opportunities to increase involvement among graduates. He will work closely with the school's president, alumni director and development director.

"We are looking forward to working with Mr. Hansen as he becomes an integral member of our staff," Robert Slaski, school president, said.

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I feel that kids need that now. They need to be encouraged. Kids need events outside the school experience for socialization," she explained.

Along with the school's student council, Butchko helped organize "Rec Night," for grades K-5. Held in March, the event has different stations of games and races that help the younger students feel included in school extracurricular activities.

"We wanted to come up with something for the younger kids," she said. "It is a lot of work, but the students have a lot of fun. They ask me, 'Can we do this again tomorrow night?'"

Not only is receiving the Distinguished Teacher Award for her dedicated service an indication of good work, Butchko feels rewarded when former students come back and thank her. "Just like my teachers made an impact on me, I hope to make an impact on my students. When former students write to me just to say 'thank you for listening' or invite me to an Eagle Scout event, it feels great. When someone comes up to me in the supermarket and remembers

me or one of my classes, it tells me that I am doing what I am supposed to be doing," she said.

Teaching math to the older children in the school, Butchko tries to incorporate games and technology to make the subject more interesting and relatable. "In sixth grade, math gets harder for students. We try to have as much fun as possible while learning. I learned to make a Jeopardy game on the computer. I love to learn new things."

Butchko's love of knowledge and creativity makes the prospect of a new school year interesting, even after 20 years teaching. "I still get excited and nervous every year before school starts. I try games and projects out on my nieces and nephews. I do a lot of projects by hand."

Staying current with constantly evolving technology is something Butchko embraces. "Saint John the Apostle School is fortunate that we have a set of laptops for the kids," she said. "The students can use computer programs that use math in real-life situations. It's neat to be a teacher growing old with this technology. The minute someone says I have lost touch with the students and I am not reaching them, that is when I will stop teaching."

Just like my teachers made an impact on me, I hope to make an impact on my students. When someone comes up to me in the supermarket and remembers me or one of my classes, it tells me that I am doing what I am supposed to be doing.'

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Lacordaire selects Lauren Mazzari

UPPER MONTCLAIR—Lauren Mazzari, language arts coordinator at Lacordaire Academy for the last 11 years, has been appointed as the new head of the school's Elementary Division.

Mazzari and her family are members of Saint Cassian Parish, where she has served as a religious education teacher. While working at Lacordaire she has developed the school's writers workshop curriculum, the annual Shakespeare festival, the student actors' guild and an award-winning public speaking program.

She has been a grant recipient of the National Council of Teachers of English and a speaker

at the International Teaching Shakespeare Conference, as well as New Jersey Association of Independent Schools conferences in 2003 and 2004. She has served as Lacordaire's Elementary Division academic dean since 2005 and has been president of the North Jersey Forensics League since 2005.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in psychology from Georgetown University, Mazzari completed the English studies program at the University of London and the post-baccalaureate certification program in English at Montclair State University.



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Archbishop Myers urges parishes to mull 'Citizenship'

NEWARK—Archbishop John J. Myers has designated Sept. 28 as "Faithful Citizenship Sunday," a call for parishioners throughout the four counties of the archdiocese to consider critical issues for the Nov. 4 elections.

"With every new election cycle, we are often asked about how the Church can and should address the many challenges that this nation faces—political and economic, scientific and technical,

ethical, moral and spiritual," Archbishop Myers wrote in a recent letter to pastors throughout the archdiocese. "We face fundamental questions of life and death, war and peace, who moves ahead and who is left behind.

"As you know, 'Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States' was approved during the bishops' meeting in November 2007," the archbishop continued. "I know you share my belief that the teaching presented in this statement is important and we have an important responsibility to convey this teaching to the people of the archdiocese. It is with this in mind that I approve the recommendation proposed by the Task Force on Faithful Citizenship and thereby designate Sept. 28 as Faithful Citizenship Sunday."

Parishes will receive a DVD entitled "Faithful Citizenship: A Matter of Conscience"; Faithful Citizenship posters; a two-page summary of "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship that can be duplicated and distributed to parishioners"; and a copy of "Do's and Don'ts—Political Responsibility Guidelines to Keep in Mind During Election Season."

Call Kay Furlani, director of the archdiocesan Office of Human Concerns, at (973) 497-4341 for more information on Faithful Citizenship Sunday.

Saint Leo's gets ready for festival

ELMWOOD PARK—The annual "Family Festival" at Saint Leo Parish, 324 Market St., will be held Sept. 4-7.

Along with ethnic food, entertainment for the festival includes Paolo "The One-Man Band" on Sept. 4; The Feastie Boys featuring Mark Papiani on Sept. 5 and a Doo Wop concert on Sept. 7 by The Neighborhood. In addition, there will be a 50/50 raffle Sept. 7 at 8:30 p.m.

Festival hours are Sept. 4-5 (Thursday and Friday), 6 to 11 p.m.; Sept. 6 (Saturday), 1 to 11 p.m.; and Sept. 7 (Sunday), 1 to 10 p.m. Father Joseph A. D'Amico is the pastor of Saint Leo. Call the parish at (201) 796-3561 for details.

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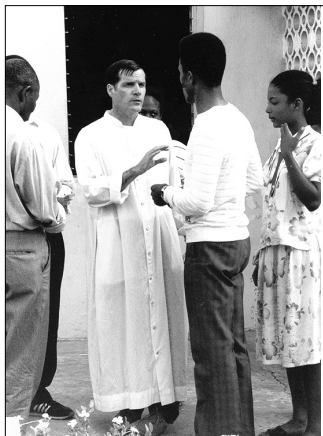
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DISCOVERING GIFTS—Young adults throughout New Jersey gathered June 14 at the South Orange campus of Seton Hall University (SHU) to participate in the fifth-annual New Jersey Young Adult Conference (NJYAC), which carried the theme: "Discover the Gifts." The conference enabled young adults to meet peers and share faith experiences. Sister Marilyn Minter, C.S.S.F., director of music and liturgy at the provincial house in Lodi, and campus minister at Immaculate Conception High School, Lodi (pictured at left playing the guitar), delivered the keynote address and performed for the gathering. She encouraged young adults to faithfully "search for passion, knowledge and humility" in their lives. The conference also included workshops, breakout discussion sessions, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Parish Partnership Program of the Institute for Christian Spirituality; Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology at SHU; the Archdiocese of Newark; and the dioceses of Paterson, Metuchen and Trenton sponsored the event.

Hoboken celebration to feature gala procession, Blessing of Fleet

HOBOKEN—The 82nd annual Hoboken Italian Festival in Sinatra Park, which runs Sept. 4-7, will feature a daylong procession Saturday, Sept. 6 with the Madonna Dei Martiri statue and a re-enactment of an ancient "the Blessing of the Fleet" ceremony on the Hudson River.

The grand religious celebration honoring the Madonna defines the family friendly event, along with variety of ethnic foods, live entertainment and spectacular fireworks displays.

The Blessing of the Fleet and the procession of the statue Madonna Dei Martiri—the highlight events of the festival—begin Saturday, Sept. 6 with an 11 a.m. Mass at Saint Francis Parish, located at the corner of Jefferson and 3rd streets. Father Michael V. Guglielmelli, the pastor of Saint Francis, will serve as the celebrant.

Following Mass, the procession will start around 1 p.m.—traveling south on 2nd and 1st streets then turning north on Sinatra Drive. Upon reaching the park, the fleet blessing will take place at Pier A at 4 pm. The statue then will be carried onto a ferry boat where it will sail south on the Hudson River to lower Manhattan to offer prayers for the victims of 9/11. After the statue returns, there will be a 7 p.m.

outdoor benediction in front of Saint Francis Parish.

Guests of honor during the Sept. 6 festivities will include Most Rev. Dominic A. Marconi, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Newark; Father Don Giuseppe DeCandia, a priest from Molfetta, Italy, who has attended previous festivals; and Father Joseph Scarangelo, parochial vicar of Saint Aloysius Parish, Caldwell. They will join Fr. Guglielmelli for the fleet blessing.

The festival will be held Sept. 4 and 5 (Thursday and Friday) 5 to 11 p.m.; and noon to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6 and Sunday, Sept. 7. Admission is free. Sinatra Park is located along the Hudson River waterfront on Sinatra Drive, five blocks north of the NJ Transit train station. Visit the Web site www.hobokenitalianfestival.com for more information. Antonio Albanese serves as the feast committee president.

Musical entertainment will be provided by 1960s rock 'n' roll hall of fame band The Shirelles; Centerfold; Motown Memories Review; and the Bronx Wanderers.

The origins of the celebration, held in honor of the Madonna Dei Martiri ("Our Lady of the Martyrs"), date back to a 1399 festival in the small Adriatic town



Madonna Dei Martiri

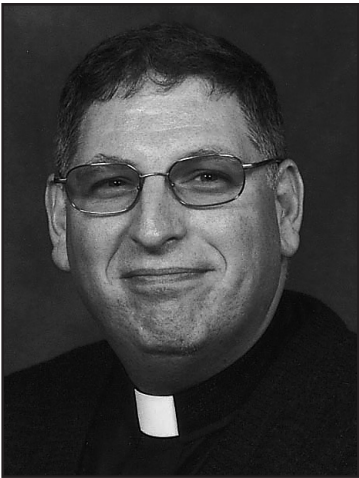
of Molfetta. A holy icon was brought to the town more than 600 years ago and was housed in an ancient hospital, which at one time cared for wounded soldiers during the Crusades. Since Molfetta is a coastal town, the tradition of traversing the river stems from honoring the Madonna by local fishermen.

Fr. Graff to serve in South America

MARYKNOLL, N.Y.—Father Timothy Gerald Graff, a priest from the Archdiocese of Newark, recently completed a six-week cross-cultural orientation program at the Maryknoll Mission Center in Ossining, N.Y., and received an assignment to Latin America where he will serve at a Maryknoll mission site for the next three years.

Initially, Fr. Graff, who joined the Maryknoll Priest/Brother Associates program in June, will attend a language school in Bolivia and then will be given his assignment. Prior to joining Maryknoll, he served as pastor of Saint Francis de Sales Parish, a multicultural, trilingual parish in Lodi.

“My work at Saint Francis de Sales opened up new experiences in working with recent immigrants from South America and Central America,” Fr. Graff said. “Through my experience in Latin America, I hope to learn ways to better serve



Father Timothy Graff

the Hispanic population in my archdiocese when I return.”

Ordained to the priesthood on Nov. 16, 1985, Fr. Graff has served the Newark Archdiocese as parochial vicar at Ascension Parish in New Milford, Saint Gabriel Parish in Saddle River, and Saint Philomena Parish in Livingston.

A 1977 graduate of Union Catholic Regional High School, Scotch Plains, Fr. Graff holds a bachelor’s degree in English literature from Seton Hall University, South Orange, (1981) and a Master of Divinity degree from

Immaculate Conception Seminary, Mahwah (1984).

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. Admission is free, but registration

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Sacred Heart School	Jersey City	St. Bartholomew Academy	Scotch Plains
St. Aloysius Elementary School	Jersey City	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School	Tenafly
St. Anne School	Jersey City	Holy Spirit School	Union
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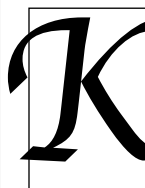


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Life-issues seminar set for Oct. 4

LINDEN—Archdiocesan and national leaders in the pro-life movement will speak at a life-issues seminar on Saturday, Oct. 4 at Saint John the Apostle Parish.

Co-sponsored by the Respect Life Office and Pro-Life Commission, the seminar will feature keynote speakers Bobby

Schindler, brother of Terri Schiavo, the brain-injured Florida woman who died three years ago after a court ordered cessation of nutrition, and Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, columnist for *The Catholic Advocate* (see page 7) and director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.

The day begins at 11 a.m. with Mass celebrated by Rev. Msgr. John E. Doran, archdiocesan Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia. Father Joseph Meagher, director of the archdiocesan Respect Life Office, will give the opening prayer followed by welcoming remarks by the chairman of the Pro-Life

Commission, James Sondey.

The cost to attend the seminar is \$10 per person (general admission) and \$5 for students and parish pro-life contacts. Checks should be made payable to the Respect Life Office and are due Sept. 25. Mail checks to 1805 Penbrook Terrace, Linden, NJ 07036. For further details contact the Respect Life Office by phone at (732) 388-8211 or e-mail arnewrespect@sjanj.net.



Retirement report weighs obstacles and expectations

ROCHELLE PARK—Feeling “rich” in retirement is not all about money, according to Richard J. Walsh, a chartered retirement planning counselor (CRPC) and private wealth advisor with Sagemark Consulting.


“In retirement you face tough obstacles unlike any you faced before,” Walsh said. “It may take more groundwork than you planned on to meet your expectations. One challenge retirees have is to understand yourself well enough to know what will make you happy during this period of your life that could last 25 to 30 years or more. It is essential to prepare for dealing with retirement’s changes and risks.”

Walsh has published a report: “Five Ways You Can Retire ‘Rich.’” Contact him by phone at (201) 556-4602, or e-mail (richard.walsh@lfg.com) for more information.

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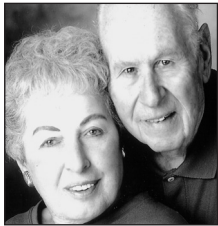
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Nancy DiLiegro, Ph.D., a fellow of the American College of healthcare executives (FACHE) and the vice president of clinical services for Trinitas, said the GWTG program "gives our professionals the tools and reports they need to effectively treat our coronary heart disease, heart failure and stroke patients."

Trinitas Hospital (Web site: www.TrinitasHospital.org) is a Catholic community teaching hospital sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth.

Pope Leo XIII's letter sought to address concerns of workers

As the Holy Father landed in Australia last month to attend the World Youth Day celebration, the whole world was watching as tens of thousands of young people from every part of the globe gathered to sing and praise God as they heard the words of the leader of the Church.

A hundred years ago such an event would have been unimaginable. The pope at that time was “a prisoner in the Vatican.” The temporal power of the papacy was gone. The “man in white” was viewed a distant, mystical figure who wrote long letters in Latin called “encyclicals.” He seemed to the power brokers of the world to be a totally irrelevant figure.

And yet, as we progress in time we are able to look back and to see things with a new perspective. We can view this once-remote papal figure in a new light. We realize that the Vicar of Christ had a far greater impact on world events than most Catholics have realized.

In 1891 Pope Leo XIII was a battered, beleaguered figure. His predecessor Pope Pius IX had lost the Papal States to the red-shirted communists under Garibaldi and the Masonic armies of Mazzini. When he died in 1878 he had to be buried at night, in the rain, as his coffin was carried through a rioting mob that tried to throw his body into the Tiber River.

All of Europe was in chaos. Millions of peasants were moving from farms to industrialized cities.

There they were treated as chattel; as property to be used. They were ill paid and poorly housed. There was no concern for their safety or health. They had no rights.

Between 1880 and 1915, 32 million people were on the move migrating out of Europe—mostly to the United States. They were poor impoverished people seeking to make a new life for themselves and their families.

In the midst of all that turmoil after the death of Pope Pius IX, Pope Leo XIII wrote a letter, “*Rerum Novarum*” (“New Things”). He called for the atten-

tion to the God-given rights of people for a decent living wage, for safety in the work place, for protection of women and children in industry, and for the freedom of working men to form “workman’s organizations” or “unions” as we call them today.

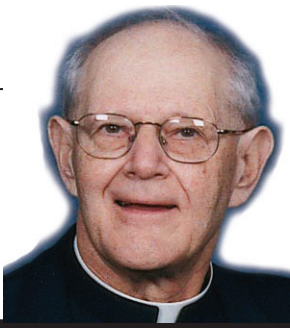
The words of the pope filtered down into the world. They had a huge effect. In Europe, Catholic men and women organized into political entities. Dozens of Christian organizations sprung up. They helped to defeat the rise of Communism in Western Europe. Only in Russia



The ‘man in white’ has always been a voice for reason. The Vicar of Christ is a reassuring voice in a sometimes-insane world. Pope Benedict XVI continues this tradition.

VOICES

By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist



did the atheistic Communists win the day.

In America, the bishops—some unwillingly—were compelled to take the side of the workers. The Catholics here did not form political parties. The Catholic Church herself, to this day, is the best example of the separation of Church and state in our country. The Church supports issues, not political parties. We do not preach politics from our pulpits.

But if we look back and are honest, we must admit that the “man in white” has always been a voice for reason. The Vicar of Christ is a reassuring voice in a sometimes-insane world.

Benedict XVI continues this tradition as a voice of reason. When he speaks, the faithful rejoice. The timid are encouraged. Thoughtful people are given cause to ponder. The worldly are annoyed. Those who are evil grind

their teeth. But make no mistake—the whole world hears because there is power and truth in that voice. There always has been. There always will be.

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

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Bishop defines union issues in healthcare sector

NEW YORK (CNS)—“We’re great on supporting unions when they are in commercial operations. We’re not so great when they’re in our own institutions,” said Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan.

The retired auxiliary bishop of Brooklyn, N.Y., was the closing speaker at the 24th Catholic Healthcare Administrative Person-

nel program held May 19-23 at St. John's University in New York with joint sponsorship by Saint Vincent Catholic Medical Centers. Fifty administrators and pastoral care professionals from dioceses across the United States participated in the event.

Bishop Sullivan is the former board chairman of the Catholic

Health Association and a member of the U.S. bishops' Task Force on Health Care. He spoke on “Creating a Just Workplace: Church Teaching, Union Negotiations and the Realities of the Marketplace—From Confrontation to Cooperation.”

Unions typically target healthcare for unionizing efforts because it comprises one-sixth of the American economy, Bishop Sullivan said. “Unions are especially trying to organize Catholic healthcare systems because they have philosophies that are compatible. They hold up a mirror to see if they are who they claim to be,” he said. “Union people say that you can't have a just workplace without a union. Employers disagree. Historically, Catholic management said: ‘we treat our

people justly and we don't need a third party coming in and dividing the workplace.”

While there is legitimate disagreement among people of good will about whether a just workplace requires a union, the workers themselves must have the opportunity to make the decision whether they should unionize, according to Bishop Sullivan. “There has to be a basic right to a free, fair, confidential election,” he said.

There are 47 million U.S. citizens without healthcare coverage, compared with 37 million in 1994, according to the Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA), Washington. During this period, costs have grown at a rate unmatched elsewhere in the economy.

Bishop Sullivan said that na-

tionally 13.2 percent of Catholic hospitals are unionized. He also said 8 percent of the entire country's labor force is unionized, down from more than 30 percent in the 1950s.

Open, honest communication is critical for employers and employees, Bishop Sullivan said. He quoted Irish patriot John Hume, who said: “The only way you can come to agreement is when you own the grievance of your adversary.”

Labor parade in Newark to step off on Sept. 5

NEWARK—The Essex-West Hudson Labor Council, AFL-CIO will hold its 17th annual “Celebration of Labor” parade on Friday, Sept. 5.

The interfaith Labor Day observance begins at Newark City Hall at 5 p.m. with a pre-parade program. Marchers will walk along Broad Street to Washington Park along with several bands. A reception will follow. Contact Kevin P. Frey, parade coordinator, at (973) 244-5814 for details.

Co-chairmen for the event include Joseph Cioffi, president of Carpenters' Local 1342, and John Tierney, president of Irvington Fire Officers' Local 2004.

Martin “Marty” Schwartz, president of the Essex County Building and Trades Council, AFL-CIO, is this year's grand marshal. A veteran of four years in the U.S. Navy with its construction battalion the Seabees, Schwartz returned from the service in 1969 and joined Local Union 52 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) where he began a long career in the state's construction trades. He was Local 52's recording secretary for a decade and for 20 years.

After the merger of Local 52 with IBEW Local 164, Schwartz continued to serve the union as business agent for Local 164 for eight years. He has been IBEW's representative on numerous committees and negotiated major contracts.

“Our nation is at a tipping point,” Thomas P. Giblin, president of the sponsoring labor council, said, commenting on labor issues and the current status of U.S. workers. “We are in a healthcare crisis that is deeper than any of us ever imagined.”



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