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+ Manuel A. Cruz

Auxiliary bishops offer real presence of Our Lord

Archbishop provides background on decision made by Holy See

Every once in a while, especially as we come close to the day of an episcopal ordination, someone asks me about what is involved in selecting an auxiliary bishop. How does the process start? What are the steps that a diocese must follow? Does an auxiliary bishop always come from the diocese where he has served as a priest? Does the pope actually choose an auxiliary?

But before I explain the process, and why Pope Benedict XVI chose Bishop-elect Manuel A. Cruz to serve this local Church of Newark in a new ministry as auxiliary bishop, I think it is important to speak about the role of an auxiliary bishop.

Our auxiliary bishops embody the words of Saint Francis of Assisi, who said: 'Preach the Gospel; use words only if necessary.' In their every action and thought, they seek to be true successors of the Apostles and servant leaders to the Church and her people.

An auxiliary bishop is a bishop whom the Holy See assigns to assist the resident bishop or archbishop in the pastoral care and administration of a diocese. The auxiliary bishop has the fullness of Holy Orders, can administer the sacraments, especially Confirmation, and serves as the bishop's representative at various functions.

In a large archdiocese such as Newark, an auxiliary bishop often is responsible for a defined territory, such as a county, or may be responsible for a special area of ministry.

Because a bishop is supposed to be the head of a diocese, every auxiliary bishop is given what is called a "titular diocese," a diocese that at one time in the history of the Church existed, but that is now part of a larger diocese in a different part of the world. In the case of Bishop-elect Cruz, for example, his titular diocese is called Gaguari, which is in Asia.

The majority of the auxiliary bishops of the archdiocese over the years have come from the local presbyterate of Newark, but not always. For example, Bishop Joseph Francis and Bishop David Arias had been in ministry in other parts of the country when they received the call to serve in Newark. Both also were priests of religious commu-

nities, rather than diocesan priests. Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha is a member of a religious community, although his entire ministry has been within the archdiocese.

Two years ago I petitioned through the Office of the Nuncio—the Holy See's representative to the United States—for the Holy Father to name an auxiliary bishop, so that each county of the archdiocese would have a regional bishop who could serve the needs of the people in that region. At that time, we had only three auxiliaries.

Rome granted me that permission and I submitted to the nuncio the names of three priests, including then-Msgr. Cruz, and the reasons why I felt they were worthy of consideration for the office of bishop. The nuncio's office forwarded my request to the Congregation for Bishops, the administrative department of the Roman Curia responsible for matters dealing with most bishops of the Latin Rite. During this office's review, it was possible that the names of other worthy priests could be considered.

At the end of its review, the congregation agreed with my request and presented it to the Holy Father to consider. The Holy Father had the option of accepting the nomination, naming someone entirely different for the office, or declining the request. We

Sincerely
in the Lord

By Archbishop John J. Myers



received word in May of this year that the Holy Father indeed had accepted my request to elevate Msgr. Cruz to the office of auxiliary bishop.

Since becoming Archbishop of Newark seven years ago, I have had the privilege to seek four new auxiliary bishops and each of them—Bishop da Cunha, Bishop Thomas A. Donato, Bishop John W. Flesey and now Bishop-elect Cruz—had been my personal choice to serve in this special, critical ministry. In addition to service in different parishes within the archdiocese, each has worked in specialized ministry—in developing vocations, in pastoral care, in ethnic ministry, in education—and the Holy See shares my conviction that the archdiocese is richer because of them.

When I first announced this past June that Bishop-elect Cruz was to be our newest

auxiliary bishop, I said that, throughout his life as a priest, he has continued to provide the very real presence of Our Lord at times when it is most needed. I feel similarly about each of our four auxiliary bishops. They are exceptional priests and teachers of the faith. In all that they do, they embody the words of Saint Francis of Assisi, who said: "Preach the Gospel; use words only if necessary." In their every action and thought, they seek to be true successors of the Apostles and servant leaders to the Church and her people.

As we take this time to celebrate the episcopal ordination of our newest auxiliary, Bishop Manuel Cruz, let us rejoice that this great archdiocese continues to foster deep and abiding vocations to the priesthood, and many good and faithful priests worthy of the office of bishop.



Sister Milagro Quesada (center), a Daughter of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul, and Archbishop John J. Myers (left) shared a joyful moment last June when it was announced Bishop-elect Manuel A. Cruz had been named as a new auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Newark. Sr. Milagro knew Bishop-elect Cruz during his childhood days in Cuba. The episcopal ordination for Bishop-elect Cruz will be celebrated Monday, Sept. 8, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.

Advocate photo — Ward Miele

Life journey reveals insight on faithful 'surrender'

Bishop-elect Cruz shares wisdom from the infirmary

BY MELISSA MCNALLY

Staff Writer

During almost three decades of ministry in the archdiocese, Bishop-elect Manuel A. Cruz has dedicated his life to enhancing a sense of community through God's love. With his new positions as Regional Episcopal Vicar of Union County and Episcopal Vicar for the Hispanic Apostolate, he will continue to reinforce the spiritual bond between the Church and its people.

"Service and presence is very important. I want to be of help, I want to be there to support my people and provide them with encouragement," Bishop-elect Cruz explained. "I am here for everyone."

Msgr. Cruz's episcopal ordination on Sept. 8 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart will be the culmination of his years of service. Ordained as the first Cuban-born priest in the archdiocese, he became chaplain at Saint Michael's Medical Center and was named director of the archdiocese's Office of Pastoral Care in 2003. Three years ago, he was appointed vice president for mission and ministry for Catholic Health and Human Services, the healthcare and social services arm of the archdiocese.

Passionate about healthcare, Bishop-elect Cruz gleaned valuable lessons that

will impact his work as a bishop. "It was a great privilege for me to work with the sick and dying," he said. "It was rewarding for me. You see the face of Christ in these people. I have seen tremendous gratitude for my presence. Even patients on respirators offered a 'thank you.' I learned that death is imminent and what really matters is a sense of faith."

Seeing patients close to death has made Msgr. Cruz appreciate life and accept things he cannot change. "I learned to surrender and that when everything is defeated, hope gets you through. These patients live the Passion and the Resurrection. Witnessing their faith has taught me what priesthood is," Bishop-elect Cruz explained.

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of hope.'*

—Bishop-elect Cruz



Advocate photo — M. Gabriele

Archbishop John J. Myers (left) lauded Bishop-elect Cruz, saying "we know God will enrich the Archdiocese of Newark and the Church with the blessing of Bishop-elect Cruz's episcopal ministry for many years to come."

In his position as Episcopal Vicar of Union County, he plans to familiarize himself with the community in order to better serve the people. Just sitting down with

the parishioners and having a cup of coffee while making his presence known is important to the newly appointed bishop.

"I have no grandiose project (as bishop). I just plan to infiltrate myself into the community and walk with them. I want to visit the priests and laity and have them know who I am on a personal, individual level. I am here to service them."

As Episcopal Vicar for the Hispanic Apostolate, his background as a Cuban refugee undoubtedly will shape how he deals with the growing Hispanic Catholic population. He attended public school in Union City and graduated with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and master's degree in Sacred Scripture at Seton Hall University, South Orange. Msgr. Cruz studied for the priesthood at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington.

His childhood in Cuba and experience as an immigrant helps Msgr. Cruz commiserate with the Hispanic community in the archdiocese, especially in Newark and Elizabeth. "The immigrants in the area are struggling with a language barrier and are sometimes separated from their families in their home countries. I don't want anyone to feel alone or abandoned."

Fleeing communist Cuba at a young age, Msgr. Cruz is proud of his title as "refugee" and believes that living through the experience has strengthened him and deepened his faith. He recently arranged for medicine to

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Advocate photo — Ward Miele

Reporters were eager to interview Bishop-elect Manuel A. Cruz (right) last June during a press conference at the Archdiocesan Center, when his selection as a new auxiliary bishop was announced. Born in Havana on Dec. 2, 1953, he came to the United States in 1966 with his parents, Juan and Caridad, spending a year in Florida before moving to Union City.

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Diverse Hispanic community expresses singular joy

A bishop 'made' in Union City

BY JUNNO DEJESUS AROCHO
Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

Last June, when it was announced that Pope Benedict XVI had appointed Msgr. Manuel J. Cruz as an auxiliary bishop, the blessed news spread quickly throughout the Archdiocese of Newark's Hispanic community. As the first Cuban-born priest in the Archdiocese of Newark, Bishop-elect Cruz has dedicated his ministry to the Hispanic community for more than 28 years.

There are 75 parishes in the archdiocese that directly serve 600,000 Hispanic Catholics, representing the diverse cultures and dialects of Spain, Central and South America and the Caribbean islands. Father Jose I. Gamba, is the coordinator of the archdiocesan Hispanic Apostolate. The Hispanic Pastoral Institute and Retreat House (also known as Centro Guadalupe) is based in Union City.

During the June 9 press conference in Newark that announced the appointment (see *The Catholic Advocate*, June 18) Archbishop John J. Myers, said Bishop-elect Cruz "is well-known and highly regarded by the priests and people of this archdiocese—not only for his extensive involve-

ment in ministry to the Spanish-speaking, but also for his deep and strong commitment to the health and the needs of the poor.

"In leadership roles in chaplain service and hospital ministry, he has served the needs of people in the archdiocese at their most vulnerable moments," Archbishop Myers said. "Throughout his life as a priest, Bishop-elect Cruz has continued to provide the very real presence of Our Lord at a time when it is most needed."

Reaction from the Hispanic community regarding the appointment of Bishop-elect Cruz has been overwhelmingly joyful. "We are blessed that the Church has appointed such a humble yet strong, kind and holy man to be the new auxiliary bishop and vicar for Hispanics for the Archdiocese of Newark," said Liliana Soto-Cabrera, coordinator for the Office of Evangelization. "He is a man full of love and zeal for the Lord and for His people. I am very much looking forward to collaborating with him in the area of evangelization."

One of Bishop-elect Cruz's first assignments after being ordained a priest was serving as parochial vicar of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Newark from 1982 to 1995. Sister Ana Josefa, coordinator of catechetics at the Cathedral Basilica, has known Bishop-elect Cruz for many years.

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Bishop David Arias, O.A.R., (right) the first Hispanic auxiliary bishop in New Jersey, proudly posed with Bishop-elect Manuel A. Cruz during the June 9 press conference at the Archdiocesan Center. Born in Mataluenga, Leon, Spain, on July 22, 1929, Bishop Arias was ordained by then-Archbishop Peter L. Gerety on April 7, 1983.



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ORDINATION BLESSING—Bishop-elect Manuel A. Cruz was ordained a priest for service in the Archdiocese of Newark on May 31, 1980. He was the first Cuban-born priest ordained in the archdiocese. The newly ordained Father Cruz gave his first blessing to his parents Juan Manuel and Caridad Cruz.



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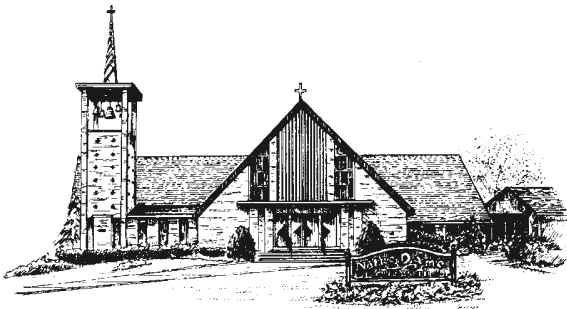
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YOU WILL COME TO KNOW “JAHWEH” (HOSEA 2:22)

Healthcare ministry: translating technology into love for patients

BY EUN-SOOK CHO

Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

Twenty-two years ago I had a chance meeting with Father Manuel A. Cruz, when he was a young priest, on the Newark campus of New Jersey Medical School (NJMS). I was impressed with his genuine interest in learning medicine and with his curiosity in the life of the medical school.

That year, as a Christmas gift, I gave him a subscription to the *Harvard Health Letter*, a monthly newsletter for lay people. I still remember being aghast when I realized that he had been reading the *New England Journal of Medicine*, a prestigious medical journal, for several years. That was when I took his interest in learning medicine seriously.

He was thrilled to learn what I do as a pathologist. He seemed to be fascinated with the process of looking at multicolor combinations of stains of slides on the microscope, putting to-

gether all available information, then getting to the correct diagnosis through analysis, questioning and researching.

As a result of his keen interest, I agreed to teach him the basic foundations of neuropathology (the pathology of the brain) in my spare time. He was a quick learner; a smart, enthusiastic and diligent student.

After noting his enthusiasm in learning, Dr. Kenneth Klein allowed then-Father Cruz to sit in on the pathology course given for the sophomore medical students, for which Dr. Klein was the course director at the time. Since then many other doors were opened to Fr. Cruz and these led him to various lectures, conferences and teaching sessions.

Anyone who knows Bishop-elect Cruz loves his humility, his endlessly caring nature, and his down-to-earth personality seasoned with sparkling humor. That is exactly what happened at the NJMS campus. He became a friend, teacher, confidant and priest to numerous students, doctors and professors.

A few years after he began coming to



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Bishop-elect Manuel Cruz (left), in 1995, visited ancient sites in South Korea with Dr. Eun-Sook Cho (right) and her recently deceased father, Yong-Ku Cho. Bishop-elect Cruz has served the Archdiocese of Newark for many years in the healthcare apostolate. Over the years, through his friendship with Dr. Cho, Bishop-elect Cruz has developed a vast knowledge in the complex medical field of neuropathology.

NJMS, a group of Catholic students wanted to have a Mass for graduating medical students. Fr. Cruz arranged it at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. In his homily he pleaded with the gathered medical students and doctors, to embrace medicine with love—love for medicine and love for patients.

Only through such love, would a life in medicine become truly fulfilling, giving that happiness and holiness intended for the medical profession. Looking back we all understand that he was speaking from his heart, in his own willingness to embrace the sick and the poor.

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Photo album depicts formative years, life in Cuba

Vintage images stir memories of meeting with Mother Teresa

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

As he prepares for his episcopal ordination Sept. 8 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, Bishop-elect Manuel A. Cruz reflected recently on the highlights of his life.

To accompany timeline photographs submitted to *The Catholic Advocate* by the bishop-elect, he looked back fondly and poignantly on his 54 years that began in Cuba and came full circle doing God's work among the faithful in the Archdiocese of Newark. Most vivid in his mind is when he and his family, following a three-year wait, boarded a plane in their homeland and flew to Miami. In retrospect, it was this fateful flight from Cuba that launched his spiritual journey, which eventually led him to the priesthood.

"Although I have spent more years in America than in my homeland of Cuba, in my heart, I am grateful to be a Cuban and to be known as a Cuban refugee," he said last June during an emotional press conference (see *The Catholic Advocate*, June 18). "As a refugee, I learned that everything is a gift—a gift that comes from God's loving hands."

As he did when his appointment by Pope Benedict XVI was announced at the June 9 press conference in the Archdiocesan Center in Newark, Bishop-elect Cruz spoke fondly of his years in Union City's Cuban community. Born in Havana on Dec. 2, 1953, Bishop-elect Cruz and his parents, Juan and Caridad Cruz, came to the United States in 1966, spending a year in Florida before moving to Union City. His parents left Miami in search of work after factories there had closed.

Saying he was "very happy" in Union City, Bishop-elect Cruz added he has many "close friends" from his high school days. Holding a special place in his heart are the years he and his family spent in Saint Augustine Parish (see related story on page 36 of this report).

He pointed to entering Immaculate Conception Seminary in Mahwah as the next major development in his life. The seminary setting, Bishop-elect Cruz remembered, was "very peaceful and welcoming." He thrived on the "great spirit of fraternity" that characterized seminary life.

Then there is his priesthood. His enthusiasm for and love of his call to the service of God were powerfully obvious when he talked of his days since ordina-

tion. The first assignment for then-Father Cruz was Holy Rosary Parish in Elizabeth. "To be able to be with suffering people spiritually and physically" are among the most enduring memories of those days, he said.

His next milestone is where the future bishop has been doing God's work the past 13 years, as the chaplain ministry at Saint Michael's Medical Center in Newark. Working at the hospital, Bishop-elect Cruz explained, means "being with God's people" at their most vulnerable especially when, acting as a translator, he has had to deliver bad news. He has served in the healthcare apostolate for the Archdiocese of Newark and the director of pastoral care for Saint Michael's Medical Center in Newark.

Another highlight is when he was named a monsignor eight years ago. "It was very thrilling for me," he recalled. The Hispanic community, Bishop-elect Cruz went on, was overjoyed that "one of their own was named a monsignor."


Describing his feelings on becoming a bishop, he used one word: "humbling." It is, Bishop-elect Cruz continued, "an incredible call for service, an opportunity to become closer to the Lord." Last June, during the press conference, he spoke of his "grateful heart and deep humility" when he was named by Pope Benedict as a new auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Newark.

(Editor's note: Vintage photos of Bishop-elect Cruz appear throughout this issue.)



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The future bishop, at the tender age of four, glances at the camera during a family function in Havana.

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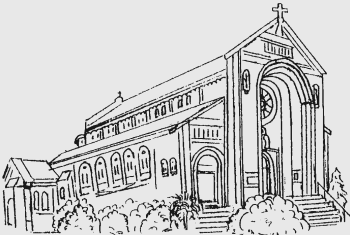


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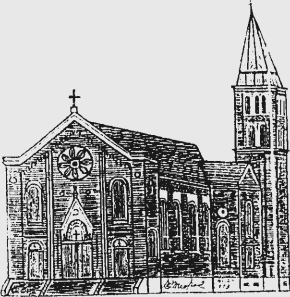
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Sporting a bow tie, a young Manuel Cruz posed for his high school graduation portrait as a member of the Class of 1972 at Union Hill High School in Union City (above photo). A childhood photo (right) shows him receiving his First Holy Communion as a member of San Francisco de Paula Parish, Cuba.



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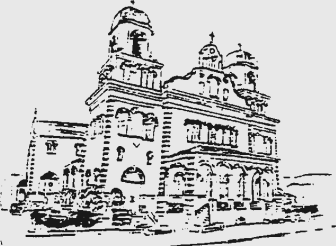


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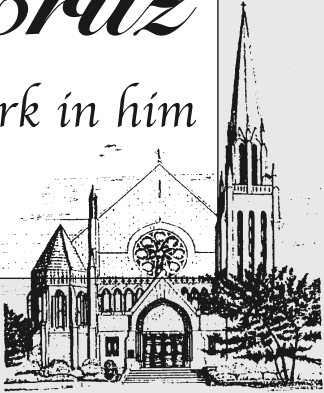
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In the early 1990s, then-Father Cruz brought his father, Juan Manuel Cruz, to a convent in Plainfield where Mother Teresa prayed for him during her visit to the Archdiocese of Newark (left photo). At the time Juan Manuel Cruz had just been diagnosed with cancer. In the above photo, Bishop-elect Cruz (front row center) is pictured with members of the archdiocesan ordination Class of 1980.



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Most Reverend Manuel A. Cruz

AD MULTOS ANNOS!

Healthcare

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It seems that everyone on the campus knows him and loves him. His presence at the medical school is such that I cannot walk for 100 feet with him without someone saying "hi!" or "buenos dias." He was asked to serve on various committees and had an important role over the years on such committees as the Institutional Review Board, which reviews research proposals to make sure that there is no harm to human participants; ethics committees; and the animal care committee.

One year we were short of one instructor for a student laboratory in neuropathology. Dr. Michael Lyons, the pathology course director at the time, suggested that we should ask Fr. Cruz to substitute. He agreed with one condition; that he be instructed exactly what and how to teach, which he rehearsed with me beforehand. He taught superbly, and the students in his group raved about his depth of knowledge and his enthusiasm for medical teaching. Eventually, recognizing his ever-growing knowledge in pathology and his continuous contribution to the medical school he was given a title of adjunct faculty.

Bishop-elect Cruz truly loves to care for the sick. For many years he has served in the healthcare apostolate for the Archdiocese of Newark and as the director of pastoral care for Saint Michael's Medical Center in Newark. He has mentioned several times how grateful he was for the blessings that he received through his ministry of being with the sick and the poor.

His love for the religious sisters and brothers who live in poverty and in obedience is extraordinary. Nothing would stop him from springing to help any of them in need. He has regularly volunteered his time with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in Newark, to provide them experience in pastoral care and to accompany them to soup kitchens for cooking, serving and praying for the homeless.

Bishop-elect Cruz helps medical students and resident doctors to learn with joy while they are rotating in neuropathology. He spends hours teaching individual neurosurgeons and neurologists in preparation for their specialty boards. He helps me to prepare for the multidisciplinary neuropathology conference.

However, the biggest contribution he has made to the medical community is

filling the gap in communication between the doctors and patients. Bishop-elect Cruz not only translates English, but he also translates medical jargon into what patients can understand. He comforts the patients and their families when they are in agony and also medical professionals when they are confronted by the pains of the profession. His presence has been truly a blessing, a beacon of God's love at NJMS and in his own ministry at Saint Michael's Medical Center. We, the medical community will miss his personal presence among us, but are delighted that his presence will illuminate the larger world in his new role as an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Newark.

On a personal note and as a member of Korean American Catholic community, I would like to thank Bishop-elect Cruz for his contribution to establish "Antioch," a youth retreat program in our community. In the 1980s, the Korean community had a growing population of teenagers but only a few bilingual priests. Hearing the difficulty we faced,

Bishop-elect Cruz volunteered his service as the director of the retreat. He not only was there on the retreat weekend, but also attended most of the team meetings that were held during a six-month period.

Bishop-elect Cruz invited his fellow priests to hear confessions on the Antioch weekends, which of course was the

Submitted photo
Bishop-elect Manuel Cruz for many years has served patients as the director of pastoral care for Saint Michael's Medical Center. He offered spiritual consolation to his father, Juan Manuel, as the elder Cruz was dying from heart failure.

highlight of conversion experience for those on the retreat. As a result, retreats were held each year on a regular basis. By then we had enough bilingual priests, including those who had experienced the Antioch retreat themselves as teenagers.

The Antioch retreat is still active in the Korean American Church, giving wonderful opportunities for teenagers to experience God's presence among them and to experience God's intimate love in their daily lives.

Thank you, Bishop-elect Cruz. We pray to God for His unwavering blessings for you.

(Editor's note: Eun-Sook (Lucy) Cho, M.D., is an associate professor at University of Medicine and Dentistry—New Jersey Medical School.)

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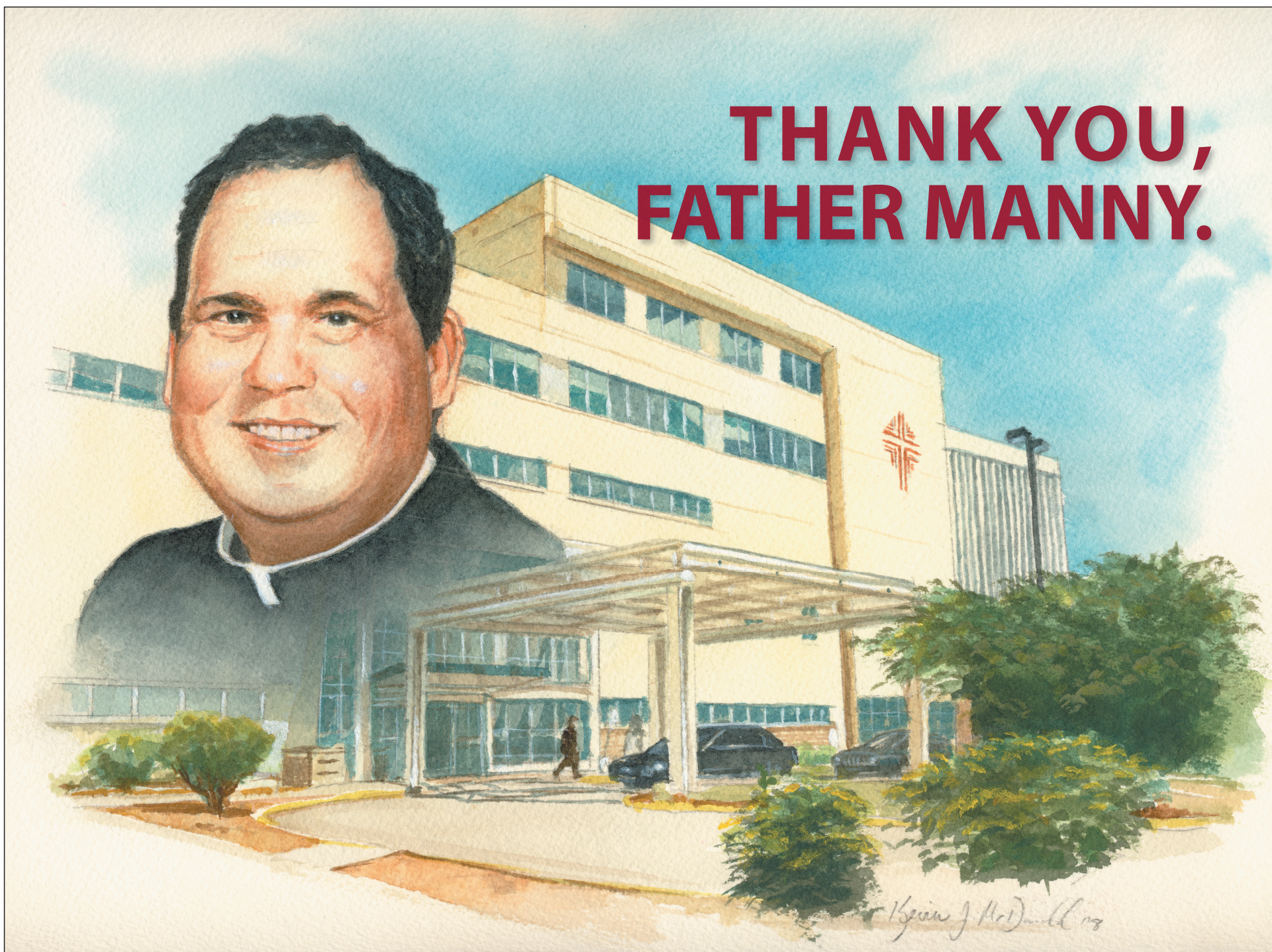
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Dark days when towers fell in Siloam and Manhattan

Reporter's notebook: Sept. 11, 2001

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

This is a story that's been told a thousand times; this is a story that's never been told. This is a story of many who had their faith shattered; this is a story of many for whom faith endures. This is a story of people we never knew; this is a story of people we must never forget.

This is a story of Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001—an eyewitness account.

An estimated 700 New Jersey residents died that day at the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center. Many who perished were from the Archdiocese of Newark.

Like others who started out hurried and unsuspecting on that fateful Tuesday morning, this reporter was on his way to work, catching the Main Line train at NJ Transit's Passaic Station. Two women sitting behind me were fumbling with subway maps of New York City as we arrived at Hoboken station around 8:30 a.m.

"Please—where do you get train to World Trade Center?" they asked, smiling and speaking with lilting Italian accents. I guided them through the crowded station and showed them the correct train to take.

in the World Trade Center's North Tower. Minutes earlier, it had been struck by American Airlines Flight 11. A slow-motion stream of smoke trickled upward along the edge of the skyscraper. A crowd gathered at the corner of Hudson and Charlton streets; necks craned, faces distorted in horror.

In the ensuing hours, following the collapse of the Twin Towers,

Newspapers ran feature articles, obituaries and remembrance tributes about people who were murdered in the terrorist attack. There on the page was a photo of someone I saw during my daily commute.

ing north. Every few blocks, people were jammed into restaurants and bars; windows framed animated conversations.

My wife and I connected with friends at their apartment in the Chelsea neighborhood. At dusk we made our way to the ferry port on West 38th St. As the boat crossed the Hudson River towards the Hoboken terminal, passengers on the upper deck gazed at the hellish scene of lower Manhattan illuminated by flood lights, still smoldering.

"What street do you work on?" police and firemen asked, steering lines of shuffling, dazed people to various wash-down areas inside the station. Trains departed from Hoboken that night as though it was a normal commute. Most passengers sat quietly, still reeling. A few spoke, cursing profusely, nervously rambling through their harrowing experiences.

Returning to the Passaic station, where the journey had begun 13 hours earlier, there were compassionate NJ Transit representatives and emergency medical volunteers on hand—holding flashlights and lanterns, greeting passengers, offering beverages, cookies and kind words of concern.

In the weeks that followed, the acrid smell of burning electrical wires hung in the air. Newspapers

The Catholic Advocate columnist Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnholts had just finished celebrating Mass that Tuesday morning at Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, where he serves as pastor, when one of the church maintenance workers told him that a plane had just struck one of the Twin Towers.

The terror that unfolded that day was especially disconcerting for

substantial loss of life.

"...Or take those 18 who were killed by a falling tower in Siloam. Do you think they were more guilty (of sin) than anyone else who lived in Jerusalem? Certainly not! But I tell you—you will all come to the same end unless you reform."

"Faith and trust—there is no simple answer," Msgr. Arnholts said, seated in his office at the



Advocate photos—M. Gabriele



Minutes later, emerging from the Christopher Street PATH station, in the West Village, New York, I walked south on Hudson Street, dressed in a blue suit, with plans to attend a business function later that day. After stopping for coffee and a buttered roll, I came upon three men who stood in a parking lot, frozen in their tracks like statues. They were pointing to a thick trail of smoke in the southern sky.

There was a gaping, jagged hole

frantic pedestrians made mad, zigzag dashes against the backdrop of an ever-darkening curtain of dust and smoke, which could be seen gathering in the distance. By 5 p.m. the turbulence along the avenues had stopped, replaced by an eerie hush on the mostly empty streets, except for cascading sirens that echoed in the distance.

Police barricades were placed at nearly every intersection. You were only allowed to keep walk-

ran feature articles, obituaries and remembrance tributes about people who were murdered in the terrorist attack. The stories sometimes carried a mournful jolt—there on the page was a photo of someone I saw during my daily commute; a distinctive face I could envision sitting in a certain spot in the train car each week, chatting and laughing with friends. Now I knew the names of the strangers who rode on the train. Now their seats were empty.

Msgr. Arnholts. Two days earlier, he had visited lower Manhattan with friends (see related story on page 40). He said the stark contrast between the two days created a heightened moment of perception, when the harsh, transitory reality of life was brutally unmasked. While walking along the South Street Seaport on Sunday, Sept. 9, jet planes flying overhead were a normal occurrence, a sight common to the everyday tempo of life; jet planes in the sky on Sept. 11 suddenly were transformed into weapons of mass destruction.

Four Bergenfield residents perished on Sept. 11, Msgr. Arnholts said; one was a male member of his parish community who had a wife and two young children.

Taking stock of the sobering experience after seven years, "when the world seemed like it was falling apart," Msgr. Arnholts recalled a passage in the Gospel of Luke (13:4-5), when Jesus addressed a crowd and issued a call for penance. Jesus made reference to an accident involving the tower of Siloam, an ancient site near Jerusalem where there had been

Archdiocesan Center.

Most Rev. Dominic A. Marconi, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Newark, was at Holy Trinity Parish, Westfield, that morning, preparing for a deanery meeting. Msgr. Joseph P. Masiello, pastor of Holy Trinity, called Bishop Marconi to watch the TV news reports and together they saw the second plane hit the South Tower.

To help others cope with the existential weight of 9/11, or when offering a homily during a Mass of Christian Burial, Bishop Marconi often cites a reflection from Pope John Paul II. "For those who believe in God, death and evil do not have the final say," Bishop Marconi said.

"In our Catholic tradition, despite the hardships and the pain we endure, we know there is hope," Bishop Marconi continued, offering his thoughts on the pope's reflection. "We know that God walks with us, but it is normal to feel abandoned at the time of great loss or when there is a tragedy like 9/11. We reflect upon these things at the foot of the Cross, in light of the Resurrection."

Vatican calls for calm as violence flares in India



CNS photo

A vehicle burns in a church courtyard in the village of Nuagoan, located in the eastern Indian state of Orissa Aug. 25. Church officials said that at least 10 people have died and church properties have been burned by Hindus angry at the murder of one of their leaders.

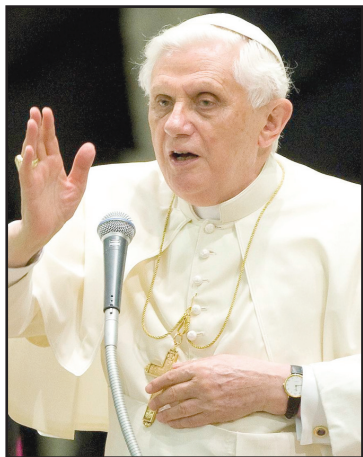
Inspired by Gospel light, Saint Paul preached to all

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Saint Paul's missionary travels, his writings and his perseverance despite suffering demonstrate the strength of his conviction that all people need the salvation of Christ, Pope Benedict XVI said.

During his Aug. 27 weekly general audience, the pope dedicated his main talk to the biography and travels of Saint Paul as part of the celebration of the 2,000th anniversary of the apostle's birth. The pope said the fact that Saint Paul was born a Jew, was raised speaking Greek and held Roman citizenship placed him on "the border of three different cultures, and perhaps this is why he was open" to proclaiming the Gospel to pagans as well as fellow Jews.

"We see in him a commitment that can be explained only by a soul truly fascinated by the light of the Gospel, in love with Christ and having a deep conviction that it is necessary to give the world the light of Christ, to proclaim the Gospel to all," Pope Benedict said. In Saint Paul, "we see the greatness, the beauty or, rather, the necessity of the Gospel for all of us."

Saint Paul's speech at the Areopagus in Athens, Greece, reported in Chapter 17 of the Acts of the Apostles, was a model for demonstrating how the Gospel message responds to the yearnings and aspirations of all people, the pope said. The apostle helped "the Greeks understand that this God of the Christians and the Jews was not a God foreign to their culture,



Pope Benedict XVI

but is the 'unknown God' they had been expecting and the true response to the deepest questions of their culture," the pope said.

Pope Benedict also spoke about the dispute among the leaders of the early Christian community over the degree to which new Christians, who had been pagans and not Jews, had to follow Jewish law in order to share in the promises God had made to the people of Israel. The discussion included "observing the Sabbath, circumcision and the dietary restrictions that separated the Israelites from the rest of the world." The question, he said, was a "fundamental problem for the birth of the future Church" and would determine "whether or not a truly universal church would be born." The apostles and leaders of the early Church decided the only necessity was to be truly faithful to Christ, "to live with Christ and according to his words," he said.

NEW DELHI (CNS)—Catholic education institutions across India closed Aug. 29 to protest the continuing violence against Christians that has left at least 10 people dead in India's eastern Orissa state.

The Church will observe Sept. 7 as a day of prayer and fasting for Christians in Orissa, said the Catholic Bishops' Conference of India at a press conference in New Delhi Aug. 26.

Cardinal Varkey Vithayathil of Ernakulam-Angamaly, president of the conference, appealed to all Catholic groups to organize "peaceful rallies across the country to register strong protest against the repeated attacks" on Christians.

Reports indicate no letup in the anti-Christian violence. Church officials said at least 10 people have died in the attacks. They recounted how armed men ransacked and burned church properties in the state.

At the end of his Aug. 27 weekly general audience at the Vatican, Pope Benedict XVI appealed to "religious leaders and civil authorities to work together to re-establish among members of the different communities the peaceful coexistence and harmony which always have been a distinctive sign of Indian society."

The pope told visitors and pilgrims at his audience that he was saddened deeply by the violence in Orissa, "unleashed following the deplorable assassination of the Hindu leader Swami Laxmanananda Saraswati."

Hindu radicals started attacking Christians after a

Hindu religious leader, Swami Laxmanananda Saraswati, and five of his associates were killed Aug. 23 in the state's Kandhamal district. Maoists reportedly claimed responsibility for the killings, but some Hindu groups have alleged that Christians masterminded the killing—a charge all Christian churches and denominations have denied.

Father Mihir Upasi, director of the Berhampur Diocese's social service agency, said three days of violence had affected the archdiocese and all four dioceses—Balasore, Berhampur, Rourkela and Sambalpur—in Orissa. A considerable amount of violence occurred in Kandhamal, where the 85-year-old Hindu leader was based. For several decades the swami had opposed conversions to Christianity.

Father Alphonse Toppo, vicar general of the Sambalpur Diocese, said a mob burned to death Rajani Majhi, a 20-year-old nurse at a hospital for children afflicted by leprosy. The mob also beat Father Edward Sequeira, the director of the hospital in Bargarh parish.

"Hope is a reality that exists in India because dialogue and coexistence are part of the reality of Indian society," Archbishop Lopez said, adding that the Catholic Church in India "is resolute and, despite this horrendous experience of violence, it will go back to carrying out its work for the good of all, particularly for the poorest."

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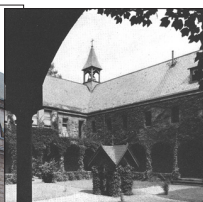
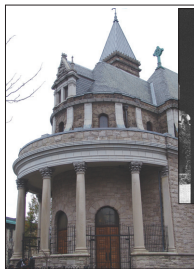
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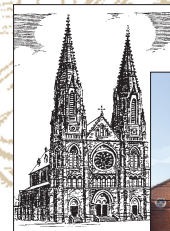
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Polish traditions sustain faithful for 100 years

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

As one of the oldest Polish faith communities in the archdiocese, Saint Casimir Parish has served as a beacon of faith for a century. The parish was founded in 1908 in the Ironbound section of Newark when the number of Polish immigrants grew too large for Saint Stanislaus Parish, which was the existing Polish church.

Father Julius Manteuffel, who would become the first pastor, proposed Saint Casimir as the patron saint of the new parish. As the prince of Poland and grand duke of Lithuania, Casimir became patron saint of both countries. Born in 1458, he was the pious second son of the Polish king Casimir III. He observed celibacy and was known for his devotion of Mary. He died at the age of 26 and was canonized in 1521.

The parish celebrated its first

Mass in the school hall at neighboring Saint Benedict Parish on Sept. 6, 1908, and raised enough money from new parishioners to purchase its present site between Nichols, Pulaski and East Kinney Streets (Nichols Street was renamed "One Pope John Paul II Plaza" in 1995.) The land belonged to Saint Stanislaus Parish, which refunded a portion of the price as a gift to the new parish. A rectory, convent and a two-story church and school were built under the direction of Fr. Manteuffel.

Saint Casimir, Newark

In 1912, Rev. Msgr. Paul Knappek began a 52-year term as pastor. He supervised the addition of a third floor to the school and construction of the present church building, dedicated in 1920. The outbreak of World War I and the difficulties

in procuring loans and construction materials did not stop the construction of the church.

In addition to the church, a new school with capacity for 2,000 students was completed in 1924 and a new convent was added in 1930. A year later, a clubroom for the parish youth was constructed under the church with bowling alleys, pool tables, shuffleboards and other recreational activities.

The Newark Preservation and Landmark Committee named Saint Casimir Parish a "Historic Site" on Oct. 1, 1995.

The landmark church building has withstood major damages over the last century. On Aug. 4, 1936, its ceiling was damaged by a fire caused by a short circuit.

The ceiling was replaced, a new lighting system installed and the entire interior repainted. On Dec. 3, 1997, an explosion erupted in the bowling alleys. Severe fire and heavy smoke extended to the school and school auditorium/parish hall.

Although the fire damage was contained to the bowling alleys, five invaluable stained glass windows were destroyed and the left side altar and confessionals were damaged. There was also smoke damage to the interior of the church, the murals, frescos, icons and the organ. A drive to repair and renovate the organ was launched shortly thereafter. The school auditorium/parish hall was rebuilt on a smaller scale with a portable stage.

Three years ago, three neighboring schools in Newark's Ironbound section—Saint Lucy Filippini Academy; Saint Casimir Academy; and the Academy of Saint Benedict—formed a new school, Ironbound Catholic Academy, located at the old Saint Casimir site.

Father Andrew Ostaszewski was appointed administrator of the parish in 2007 and last July was installed as pastor. "The people of Saint Casimir Parish are kind and generous," Fr. Ostaszewski said. "Thanks to their belief, love and support of the parish, the church is still in existence. During difficult times, they strongly believed that their parish would endure. Thanks to the volunteer efforts of many as well as active participation on the part of parishioners and friends, Saint Casimir Parish has grown spiritually and financially."



One hundred years ago Saint Casimir Parish was established for the increasing Polish population in the Ironbound section of Newark. Today, the parish serves 500 families and continues to celebrate Polish traditions and customs. The parish community is leading the formation of the Polish Apostolate for the Archdiocese of Newark.

Polish traditions and culture are upheld at the parish with celebrations such as Christmas Midnight Mass (*Pasterka*), Easter Resurrection Mass, street processions and 40-hour devotions. The parish also offers a Polish school for grades 1-8 every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the school year.

throughout the year with various fundraising events such as the Polish food sale, Easter food sale, luncheons and the annual parish picnic," Fr. Ostaszewski explained. "The people, though the love of their parish, are willing to work together, by way of their religious faith, toward a common cause."

Please see sidebar story on page 20 of this edition for a special reflection on Saint Casimir Parish, which will celebrate its centennial with a 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Sept. 14. A reception will follow Mass at The Newark Club, One Newark Center, 22nd floor (adjacent to the NJ Performing Arts Center; Web site: www.newarkclub.com).



Subjects such as religion, Polish language, history and geography are taught in Polish.

Fr. Ostaszewski believes the unity and spirit of volunteering in his parish contribute to its familial atmosphere. "The parishioners work closely to ensure the positive future of the church. This has been displayed

(Saint Casimir Parish is located on 164 Nichols St., One Pope John Paul II Plaza, Newark, NJ 07105-2596. The Mass schedule is as follows: Saturday 5:30 p.m. (English); Sunday 8 a.m. (Polish/English), 9:30 a.m. (English), 10:45 a.m. (Polish). Call (973) 344-2743 for more information.)



Submitted photos

An icon of the Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Czestochowa, lies beneath the painting of Saint Casimir that is above the tabernacle. When the icon is revealed, the painting of Saint Casimir is pulled up by an automated pulley system. The painting then lies hidden behind the altar while the icon is revealed.

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 6

Lumen Center, Caldwell, “Dreams,” 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., cost: \$35, (973) 403-3331 ext. 25.

September 7

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

Knights of Columbus Council 5427, Washington Township, charity picnic, 1-6 p.m., cost: \$20 in advance/\$25 at the gate/\$5 for children, (201) 664-0422.

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.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Nutley, support group for those who are separated or divorced, sessions held on Monday evenings, 7:30-9 p.m., (973) 667-2580.

September 9

St. Joseph Parish, Bogota, international food festival, through Sept. 13, 5-10 p.m., (201) 342-6300.

September 10

St. Mark Parish, Rahway, tricky tray, 6:15 p.m., (732) 499-9230.

Priests, Deacons, Religious and Laypersons interested in **Prison Ministry** are invited to call Director of Prison Ministry, Deacon Gregory C. Quinn (973) 618-3302 or email him at gquinn@caldwell.edu

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Queen of Peace Elementary School, North Arlington, Cub Scout Pack 120 information and sign up, 7 p.m., call Eric Dlugosz at (201) 988-4143.

Holy Family Parish, Nutley, St. Lucy Filippini Sodality meeting, 8 p.m., call Jo-Ann Brown at (973) 667-2633.

Xavier Retreat Center, Convent Station, “Meeting Jesus at the Well,” 10 a.m. - noon, cost: \$20, call Dian Lamb at (973) 290-5133.

Archdiocesan Center, Newark, annulment information evening, 7:30 p.m., (973) 497-4327.

September 11

St. Joseph Parish, Bogota, Sept. 11 memorial service, 7 p.m., call Barbara Dirr at (551) 265-3402.

September 12

Assumption Parish, Wood-Ridge, weekend retreat for separated or divorced, led by Franciscan retreat team in Newton, through Sept. 14, call Father Thomas Kelly, O.F.M. at (973) 985-9736.

September 13

Lumen Center, Caldwell, “Energy and the Grieving Process,” 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., cost: \$30, (973) 403-3331 ext. 25.

Notre Dame Parish, North Caldwell, support group for fathers whose children have died, 10 a.m., RSVP at (973) 497-4327.

September 14

St. Casimir Parish, Newark, centennial celebration Mass, with main celebrant Archbishop John J. Myers, 10 a.m., (973) 344-2743.

Spring Lake Pro-Life Friends, dinner honoring Cong. Chris Smith at Doolan’s in Spring Lake. Call John MacGowan (732) 245-5731 or e-mail jmacgowan2@verizon.net.

September 15

St. Joseph School, East Rutherford, Burger King Proceeds Night, 15 percent of all sales from Burger King on Rt. 17 in Rutherford will benefit the school, 4-8 p.m., (201) 939-3193.

Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth, Golf Classic and Spa Day at Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club, Scotch Plains, shotgun start at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., cost: \$650 per golfer/ \$125 for cocktail reception and dinner only, (908) 994-8249.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Scotch Plains, bereavement support group meetings, Mondays at 7-8:30 p.m., (908) 889-2100.

September 17

St. Mary Parish, Nutley, eight-week bereavement support group meetings, 7-8:30 p.m., call Patricia Little at (973) 235-0234.

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

September 18

The Passionist Missionaries, Union City, golf outing at Meadows Golf Club in Lincoln Park, proceeds go to the Passionists, shotgun start at 11 a.m., cost: \$175 per golfer/ \$700 for four-some/ \$75 for cocktail reception and dinner only, (888) 806-6606 ext. 7017.

St. Mary Parish, Nutley, eight-week Christian Foundations for Ministry program, 7:30 p.m., (973) 235-1100.

September 19


Holy Family Parish, Nutley, tea with Patricia Little and information session for her “I Have Manners” after school and weekend program, 7 p.m., (973) 235-0234.



Other

The Fall 2008 bereavement support group facilitator program is open for registration. The eight-session program will be offered on Tuesday mornings at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, and Thursday evening sessions at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield. Sessions will begin at the end of September and continue into November. Tuition is \$150 per participant. Call (973) 497-4327 for more information.

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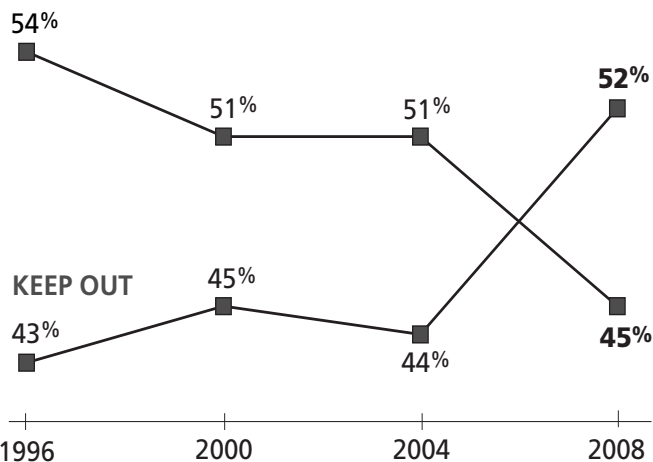
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Prison ministry seeks volunteers

Prison. The very word sends chills down one's spine. Yet that foreboding place is where the message of God's love is needed most.

Making sure that message is loud and clear to some 12,000 men, women and youngsters throughout a dozen facilities scattered throughout the Archdiocese of Newark is the formidable job of the Office of Prison Ministry under the direction of Deacon Gregory Quinn.

Deacon Quinn has issued a call for volunteers to priests, deacons, Religious and lay people (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Aug. 6). During the last two years feature articles in the pages of this newspaper have profiled those involved in prison ministry in the Archdiocese of Newark.

Let's be blunt—prison ministry is not for everyone. To his credit, Deacon Quinn is upfront about that reality. He is looking for confirmed Catholics who have demonstrated involvement in corporal works of mercy. If, however, any red flags show themselves, Deacon Quinn will explain why a person cannot be accepted into the ministry. Still that should not discourage anyone from considering this field of service.

Right now the archdiocesan program has volunteers ranging in age from 14 to 85 years of age. If youngsters want to become involved they must be at least 11 years old and would begin their training at Delaney Hall in Newark, a minimum-security facility.

Involvement in prison ministry will be as challenging as it is fulfilling. As Deacon Quinn has said, inmates have "an insatiable appetite for learning our devotions, developing a knowledge of our saints and deriving the source of our strength—the Trinity."

Those interested can call Deacon Quinn at (973) 618-3320 or e-mail him at Gquinn@caldwell.edu.



Deacon Gregory Quinn

Junior Frolics, Facebook; some things never change

Highland Avenue Daybook; 9/27/52

BY RUTH REILLY

Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

(Editor's note: Ruth Reilly was a columnist for *The Catholic Advocate* during the 1950s. The Reilly family resided in Glen Ridge at 73 Highland Ave. for many years and Ruth kept a daybook on family and spiritual reflections. The following column originally was published Sept. 27, 1952. Parents and students will be particularly interested in the Reilly family meeting 56 years ago on "back-to-school" rules regarding TV, and how that discussion compares with current controversies on the use of computers and video games. You know the old saying: the more things change, the more they stay the same.)

The Sunday evening before the first day of school was a busy time at our house. Dad busied himself with the long-deferred job of cutting the boys' hair. They emerged under the mop of hair as neatly groomed gentlemen once more. Ellen set her hair with bobby pins and each child had their clothes lined up and ready for the morning.

The children looked forward to the first day of school. The summer and no scheduled learning had been fun, but they had had enough of it.

Paul graduated into doing lawns this summer and, going into high school, his schedule was such that he gave up his paper routes. Philip and David were delighted with the chance to take them over, with David formally taking the morning route and Philip the afternoon route. Both boys go out on both routes and help each other. Being a twin comes in handy at times.

The take-off for school the first morning was hurry and flurry. Ellen and I came from morning Mass simultaneously with David and Philip returning from their paper route. Dad was busy making sandwiches for the children. Ellen and I set the table and Stephen came



down completely dressed—shoes tied and all!

We rang the breakfast bell. It was nice to see the children dressed up for school and sparkling in anticipation. The dining room was flooded with sunshine. It was a good day to start back to school. On this first day of school they were required to attend morning Mass to ask for God's blessing on their school year.

After they left, the house was suddenly so quiet and peaceful. Elizabeth and Joseph and baby John were my only companions. On the first day there seemed to be so much time. Besides the usual cleaning and meal preparations, I did up the curtains for our bedroom and a little work in the yard, too. With all my helpers away, I still can't figure out how so much could be accomplished.

Dinner that evening was full of "first-day-of-school" chatter and after the meal we had a little family meeting. It was time to put some school rules into effect. On school nights there would be no outdoor play after dinner, which would be reserved for homework time.

Then the boom fell: television was outlawed on school nights. The only exception would be in the case of an edu-

cational or religious program recommended by the school.

The announcement brought a storm of protest from the children.

"How come?"

"Supposing we don't have any homework?"

"Suppose we stay in and do our homework in the afternoon?"

"We might as well not have television!"

The absorbing magnet of TV might cause homework obligations to be forgotten. If one child had no homework and was permitted to turn on TV, it would necessarily distract the attention of the others. Arising early as they must to keep the paper route going, the twins must go to bed early and TV would be a definite temptation to them.

"Can we listen in the afternoon?" they wondered. After school we like them out-of-doors until dinner. However, if there is a ball game on they may listen; otherwise the only daytime program will be "Junior Frolics," when the children request it. (This was a children's show that was aired throughout the 1950s, hosted by Uncle Fred Sayles and featuring Farmer Gray and Bobby Bumps cartoons.)

"I'll bet none of the other kids have a rule like that!" Philip declared.

"Maybe not," Dad and I agreed, "but we've thought a lot about it and we feel that, on an overall picture, everyone will be happier working it this way."

We hadn't realized the difference TV—in the family for only nine months—had unobtrusively made in the children's daily routine until our set was removed for repair for a period of 10 days. Daytime programs have always been taboo except for ball games. But evenings, until their bed-times, the children spent largely before TV with cowboys riding the range in pursuit of law and order.

During the absence of the television the boys resumed checker games and jigsaw puzzles. They invited friends in for pool checkers and our horseracing game was brought forth and given its first workout in a long time. Ellen went back to her knitting. They shared their after-dinner hour in joint recreation instead of sitting next to each other—each absorbed in the television program.

So, after much thought and prayer, we announced the verdict: no television on school nights.

*I'll bet none of the other kids
have a rule like that!'*

— Philip Reilly, 1952

Striking the 'somber note' to admonish the wayward

Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 95; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20.

Among the most difficult tasks of a parent or educator is the spiritual duty of admonishing someone concerning failings or sins. There are so many ways to approach the given person and situation, yet so often the effort is rejected or misinterpreted. Clearly this is a subject worthy of prayerful reflection; the readings for the coming Sunday offer an opportunity to all for considering our way of handling this responsibility.

Through baptism and the other sacraments each Christian shares in the royal, priestly and prophetic offices of Christ. We are recipients of gifts flowing from these facets of Jesus' vocation and, as adults, we extend His work, "spreading a living witness to him, especially by means of a life of faith and charity..." (Vatican II, The Church, No. 12).

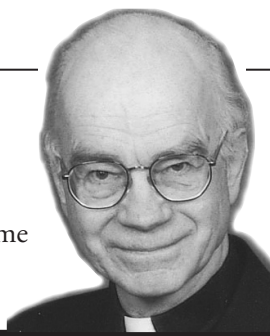
The major task of every Israelite prophet was to recall his or her generation to covenant-fidelity, the commandments being the gauge to measure people's response. At times, varying circumstances challenged the teacher to formulate God's message in fresh terms. However, even in

Jeremiah and Ezekiel admonished their contemporaries so that all would turn back to God's ways in their daily lives. Today, Church leaders, parents and other teachers are echoing the same call.

SUNDAY READINGS

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
(Sept. 7, 2008)

By Rev. Lawrence Frizzell



exile, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and other prophets pointed back to the Sinai Covenant and its commandments. They also pointed beyond current dilemmas to a brighter future when God's authority (kingship) and chosen leaders (the Messiah, the prophet like Moses) would be respected.

The early teaching in Israel concerning the solidarity and dynamic relation between the individual and the community under proper leadership provided a profound insight into human nature and society. But some people blamed their leaders and past generations for their sufferings. "The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge" (Jer 30:29; Ez 18:2). This pernicious effort of exiled Jews to escape responsibility was combated vigorously by Ezekiel. He was a watchman on the city walls warning the urban population of imminent danger (see 3:17-21; 18:1-32; 33:1-20).

For long periods in their careers, Jeremiah and Ezekiel struck the somber note of admonition in their teaching. Although this made them unpopular and brought persecution upon Jeremiah, they both knew that they would answer to God—not for the "success" of their work, but for the fi-

delity they showed to the entire message of God to His people. They admonished their contemporaries so that all would turn back to God's ways in their daily lives. In spite of the criticisms of the worldly wise today, Church leaders, parents and other teachers are echoing the same call. A fine summary of this perennial message is offered by Saint Paul in the selection from the letter to the Romans (13:8-10).

The challenge to forgive ranks among the most difficult aspects of the Gospel message. It will be the subject of the next Sunday Readings column. The corollary of the call to forgive injuries committed against us, opening our hearts to the plea for pardon, is the demand that the sinner show sincere repentance by conversion. "If your brother (any member of the Christian community) sins (against you), go and tell him his fault privately" (Mt 18:15). The essential first step in "fraternal correction" is often neglected. How frequently a misinterpretation of someone's action or intention might be avoided by a personal discussion of the matter. Reconciliation becomes much more difficult after the supposed injury has been made public.

The Gospel principles apply to all human relationships, but the emphasis in our text is on reconciliation and spiritual growth within the Christian community. When we learn to live together, then our prayer will become more profound and more effective. More profound, because the community truly assembled in Christ's name and following His example will experience his presence as Immanuel (18:20). More effective, because all Christian prayer, and especially petition, must be ordered to building the Church as a witness in the world to the will of the heavenly Father (18:19).

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

What we sing affects what we believe, how we pray

Back in the day, before the parish repertoire was expanded to accommodate the hymn sandwich (the "opening hymn" and "closing hymn"), the "offertory hymn," and the almost-never-sung-by-parishioners "Communion hymn," Catholics in the United States didn't know a lot of hymns.

Everyone knew "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name:" disfigured by those baroque trills ("In-fih-ih-neh-ett thy vast do-oh-main") that aren't in the score, but the American Catholic fight song nonetheless. Then there were the Marian standards, of which the treacly confections ("Bring Flowers of the Fairest, Bring Flowers of the Rarest") were more prevalent than the noble classics ("O Sanctissima").

And there was "Lord, Who at Thy First Eucharist," which I may have learned for my first Holy Communion in 1958, but which was certainly a standard long before then. In an era of theologically thin hymn-texts, it was a eucharistic hymn chock-full of theology. It centered the Church's identity and unity in the Eucharist. It reminded Catholics of the ecumenical imperative. It closed with an image of the Supper of the Lamb, in the Kingdom where the redeemed live in the unity of trinitarian light and love.

It's a fine hymn and it's now been wrecked by that "great wreckovator," "alt."

You say you've never heard of "alt."? Go to the bottom of any page in the hymn section of your worship aide, and there you will find the ubiquitous "alt.," a protean character who seems to have rewritten virtually the entire repertoire. "Alt." did a particularly egregious job on "Lord, Who at Thy First Eucharist."

Here's the original last verse:

So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease; May we be one with all Thy Church above; One with Thy saints in one unbroken peace; One with Thy saints in one un-

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

By George Weigel



bounded love; More blessed still, in peace and love to be; One with the Trinity in unity.

"Alt.," who breaks out into hives whenever he encounters "Thy," was not content to wreckovate that into Eliza Doolittle English. No, "alt." had to flatten the theology as well as the vocabulary. Thus the wreckovated hymn now limps to the finish-line with a slavish repetition of previous verses: "O may we all one bread, one body be; Through this blest sacrament of unity."

What happened to the Kingdom-to-come? Or to the life of the blessed who live within the really Real Presence of the Most Holy Trinity? They've been jettisoned in favor of togetherness. This kind of gelding is not without consequences and the consequences aren't only literary; the deeper consequences are theological and liturgical. *Lex cantandi, lex credendi, lex orandi*—what we sing affects what we believe and how we pray.

As the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council taught in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, the celebration of the Eucharist, here and now, is our privileged participation in the liturgy of angels and saints that

goes on constantly around the Throne of Grace.

In the Eucharist, we experience the unity of the Church in this world, true; even more importantly, we experience our unity with what we used to call the "Church Triumphant." The Eucharist doesn't simply focus our attention on us and on now. The Eucharist, rightly understood, points us toward our fuller communion with the redeemed of the Lamb, in the time-beyond-time that is God's time—trinitarian time. To diminish this Kingdom-sense is to diminish an essential element of the Eucharist.

As I've argued in this space before, losing a sense of the Kingdom-to-come is one key factor in our post-Vatican II liturgical languors. If the reformed liturgy has failed to do what two generations of liturgical reformers expected it to do—equip the People of God for a new evangelical Pentecost in the world—that may have something to do with too intense a focus in our prayer and song on us, and on now.

The answer? Catechetical preaching on the Kingdom-dimension of the liturgy is essential. And might I suggest the proper authorities consigning hymnals defaced by the arch-wreckovator, "alt.," to the parish dumpster?

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

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Polish song of life anticipates next century at Saint Casimir

BY CAROLYN MARTINS-REITZ
Special to The Catholic Advocate

Saint Casimir Parish in Newark has been an integral part of my life for the last 44 years. My grandparents were among the earliest parishioners, arriving from Poland in the early 1900s. My parents met on the steps of Saint Casimir's and were married there in 1949 by Msgr. Paul Knappek. My great-aunts, aunts, uncles and cousins were also parishioners. Church was home and home was church.

Saint Casimir Parish, a beautiful Byzantine-style structure, is an artistic wonder to behold. The ornamentation makes up, as one priest said, a visual "catechism of the Catholic Church." Above the tabernacle is a magnificent icon of the Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Czestochowa. The gilded portrait of the Queen of Poland rests behind a painting of Saint Casimir. The icon is revealed at the beginning of every Mass, with a loving song, sung in Polish or English.

The worship of our Lord always has been enhanced by the



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Carolyn Martins-Reitz

rich Polish traditions of our church community. My parents, Thad and Mary Zjawin, were very active members of the parish. Some of my fondest memories are from being with them and the other parishioners when they volunteered at parish activities—card parties, picnics and anniversary celebrations. There were parish outings to the lake, bus rides to shrines and trips to far-away destinations like Mexico. No matter how much hard work was involved in planning these activities,

there was always singing and laughter. Throughout all these years this buoyant spirit has remained a constant.

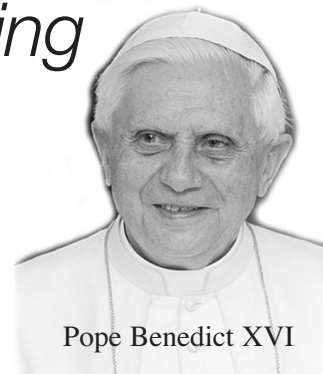
When you join Saint Casimir Parish, you are, as my husband says, part of "a closely knit family of several hundred people." The good people of Saint Casimir Parish share in each other's joys and sorrows. This is a manifestation of that common thread that brings generations of families together—the desire to give glory to God, to share in His love and share His love with others.

"Sto Lat" is a happy Polish song that wishes someone well. The rough translation of the lyrics is "Good cheer, long-life, may you live 100 years." On this centennial celebration of Saint Casimir Parish, I'd like to say "Niech nasza Parafia żyje następne sto lat!"—"May our parish live another hundred years!"

(Editor's note: This reflection on Saint Casimir Parish is a sidebar to the Parish Profile feature on page 16. Carolyn Martins-Reitz is a graphic artist on The Catholic Advocate staff.)

THE POPE SPEAKS

'Normal' gifts needed for the blessing of sainthood



Pope Benedict XVI

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS)—All people are called to holiness, and having extraordinary gifts does not make someone a greater saint than someone else, Pope Benedict XVI said.

"Precisely the 'normal' saints are the kind of saints God wants," the pope said Aug. 20, briefly setting aside the prepared text at his weekly general audience.

"Holiness is not a luxury. It is not the privilege of a few, something impossible for a normal person," the pope told an estimated 4,000 people gathered in the courtyard of the papal villa, which is located south of Rome. Holiness, he said, "is the common destiny of all people called to be children of God. It is the universal vocation of all the baptized."

Pope Benedict told the crowd that the summer holidays are a perfect time to pick up a biography or the writings of a saint, but that the Church's calendar also gives Catholics a daily opportunity to contemplate a saint.

"Naturally, not all saints are equal," he said, explaining that they are different from one another like rays of "divine light" that have passed through a prism.

A slice of life inspired by miracle loaf of bread

BY ANNE DEVIVO DEMESA
Special to The Catholic Advocate

You may not have heard about it, but a miracle happened on the street where John Wodzanowski lived as a boy. The evidence of that miracle remains intact today. A loaf of bread, as ordinary as any other, sliced and seemingly ready to eat. The only difference is this particular loaf of bread was placed on his family's doorstep on July 24, 1933.

A member of the Archdiocesan Legacy Circle Planned Giving Society by virtue of a Charitable Gift Annuity he has had since 2000, John is a bit of a miracle himself. He contracted polio at the age of 18 months, but went on to survive and thrive, with a wonderful, eternally youthful attitude, sense of humor and a unique devotion to those who came before him.

His 527-page memoir on his family genealogy, which took him 10 years to research and write, is a testament to his unique sensibility. Devoted also to his living relatives and without children of his own, John has always kept his 12 nieces and nephews, along with his 20 great nieces and nephews, near

and dear to his heart. His belief in the importance of a legacy and his dedication to those he will leave behind has motivated him to commit to financial planning, which includes his family and his parish, Saint Paul the Apostle Church, Jersey City.

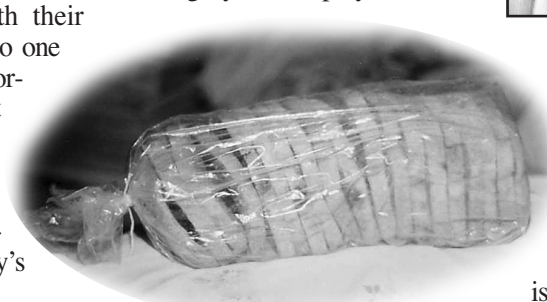
During the Great Depression, John's mother, Helen, undertook a special (and secret) Novena to pray for help to feed the family. After the ninth day of the novena, a loaf of bread was found at their kitchen door, along with their usual delivery of milk. No one in the family or neighborhood could say where it came from, but Helen took the bread into the house and although she would not eat it, always referred to it as the family's "Holy Bread."

After Helen's death, while going through her personal effects, John discovered a package at the top of her closet, wrapped in a newspaper dated 1934. When he and his brother Lenny unwrapped it, they found, intact, the bread from 1934! It is now known as "Helen's Holy Novena Bread" and it remains in the house, where John

prays over it each night, giving thanks for the gifts God has bestowed upon him and his family to sustain them in those difficult days.

"I thank you Heavenly Father, for this bread, which you gave to us during the depression," John says in prayer. "Let it be symbolic of the bread that you will place on the tables of future generations to come."

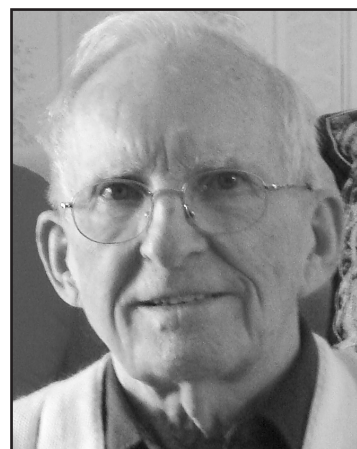
John's sense of humor is showcased annually when he attends the Legacy Circle prayer service



'Helen's Holy Novena Bread'

each year where he tells a story or shares a joke. The remainder of John's Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) will pass to his parish, Saint Paul the Apostle, at the end of his life.

Charitable gift annuities allow donors to make a gift to the



John Wodzanowski

Archdiocese of Newark or their parish and in return, receive annuity payments for life, with the advantage of subsequent tax benefits. The maximum number of annuitants is two. Annuities may also be deferred, which allows the donor to realize a charitable tax deduction in the current year while delaying the annuity payments for a future period of time.

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Annuities, Indianapolis (Web site: www.acga-web.org) determines income rates and the value of the payments one receives is dependent upon the size of the gift and the age of the donor. At death of the annuitants, what remains is a gift of cash to the charity.

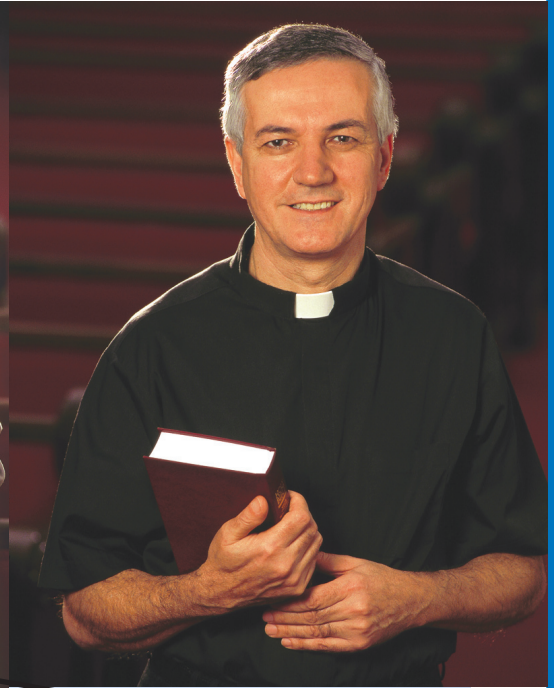
The Archdiocese of Newark stands behind the annuity and guarantees income payments for the life of the donor. John's CGA has allowed him the benefit of a steady stream of income during his retirement years.

What is your story of faith? What will your legacy be? Please share it with us. If you have included your parish or the archdiocese in your will, let us know. We would like to thank you and welcome you as a member of the Legacy Circle Planned Giving Society. Your plans will be treated with the strictest confidentiality.

If you would like to learn more about life income gifts to benefit either your parish or the archdiocese, contact Anne DeVivo DeMesa in the Office of Development, Planned Giving Department at (973) 497-4048, or visit the Planned Giving Web site at www.rcan.org/plannedgiving.

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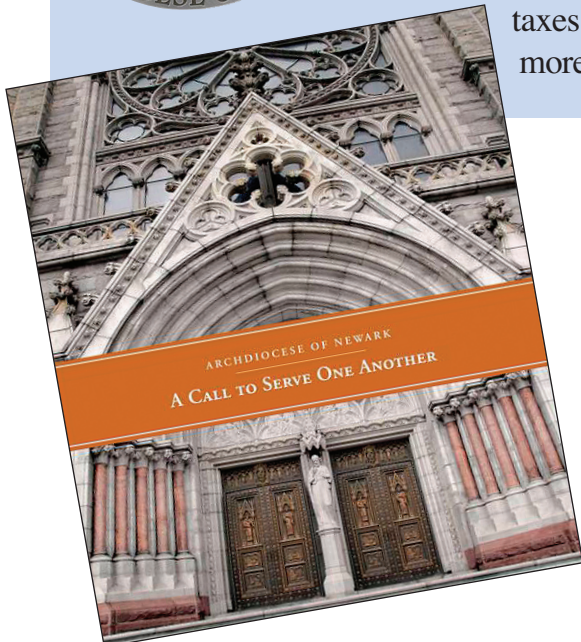
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Stewardship Day to focus on time, talent, treasure

Annual gathering slated for Oct. 18

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

AREA—Msgr. Michael J. Corona, pastor of Saint Philip and Saint James Parish in Phillipsburg, will be the keynote speaker at the annual archdiocesan Stewardship Day, which will be held Saturday, Oct. 18 at Paramus Catholic High School, 425 Paramus Rd. The event, which is free and open to the public, is scheduled to run from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

An internationally recog-

nized expert on stewardship, Msgr. Corona is a past president and long-time board member of the International Catholic Stewardship Council (Web site: www.catholicstewardship.org), Washington, D.C. He has made stewardship presentations throughout North America and Europe, and serves as the moderator of the council's annual stewardship retreat, which is held in Danville, CA.

In his keynote presentation, Msgr. Corona will offer insight and reflections on the impact and

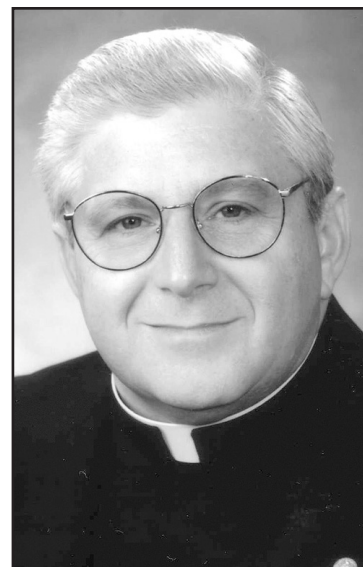
benefits of diocese stewardship program and implementing applied-stewardship principles at individual parishes.

He said that by making his parishioners aware of the many gifts God gave them, and their responsibility to be good stewards of these gifts, the parish grew and flourished and stewardship campaigns were highly successful. Msgr. Corona will share his personal stewardship experiences—the programs he has instituted at his parish; how the parishioners responded; and the resulting in-

creases in the parish's spiritual life, activities, parishioner involvement and treasure.

Carla L. Gonzalez is the executive director, Office of Development, which sponsors the annual Stewardship Day event. The conference targets clergy, parish stewardship committees and interested parishioners, providing information and resources to help increase their understanding of stewardship.

Last year, in a guest article, Gonzalez explained that Catholic stewardship consists of individuals giving time, talent and treasure to



Msgr. Michael Corona

lief that security lies in your relationship with God and not in material possessions."

Stewardship Day will feature a variety of noteworthy speakers from throughout the archdiocese, including Father Larry Evans II, chaplain of Paramus Catholic High School; Father William J. Halbling, pastor of Saint Antoninus Parish, Newark; Father Bob Laferrera, pastor of Saint Mary's Parish, Dumont; Father Charles Pinyan, pastor of Guardian Angel Parish, Allendale; Sister Marilyn Minter, C.S.S.F., director of music and liturgy at the provincial house in Lodi and the campus minister of Immaculate Conception High School, also in Lodi; Kay Furlani, director of the archdiocesan Office of Human Concerns; and Gonzalez.

In addition, there will be presentations by James S. Friend, Jr., director of development from the Diocese of Allentown, PA; Laurie Whitfield, associate director, Office of Parish Stewardship, Diocese of Rockville Centre, NY; and Robert Cammarata, coordinator of pastoral development/business manager of Saint Brigid's Parish, Westbury, NY.

There will be a separate Spanish-language track presentations at the Stewardship Day event, featuring: Father John J. Galeano, the pastor of Saint Francis De Sales, Lodi; Jose DeJesus, president of Millennium Consulting, Coram, NY; and Fr. Halbling.

Contact Lynn Gully, associate director of stewardship, by phone at (973) 497-4589, or via e-mail at gullylyn@rcan.org for details on Stewardship Day. Admission is free but online registration (www.rcan.org/stewardship) is suggested. Registration includes a free continental breakfast and lunch.



Carla Gonzalez

God as gifts of gratitude for the many blessings in life (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 10, 2007). In particular, she urged young adults to become involved in local parish ministries as part of an active stewardship outreach.

"When you give from your substance rather than your abundance, a conversion takes place," Gonzalez wrote, regarding the underlying philosophy of stewardship. "The things you think you need are placed second to the needs of others who lack basic necessities. You begin to act on a be-

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HOBOKEN FESTIVAL—The 82nd annual Hoboken Italian Festival in Sinatra Park, which runs Sept. 4-7, will feature a day-long procession Saturday, Sept. 6, with the Madonna Dei Martiri statue (pictured above) and a re-enactment of an ancient “the Blessing of the Fleet” ceremony on the Hudson River. The procession begins Saturday, Sept. 6 with an 11 a.m. Mass at Saint Francis Parish, located at the corner of Jefferson and 3rd streets. Following Mass, the procession will march to Sinatra Park and the fleet blessing will take at 4 p.m. The festival runs 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. Visit the Web site www.hobokenitalianfestival.com for details.

Planned Giving slates forum Sept. 30 on wills and taxes

NEWARK—The Archdiocese of Newark’s Office of Planned Giving will host a seminar on income tax reduction, estate tax elimination and writing wills from a Catholic perspective on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 6 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 1 Passaic St., Ridgewood.

The meeting is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. Call (973) 497-4048 to make reservations to attend. Dinner and refreshments will be provided.

Sal Salvo, co-founder of the Institute for Family Wealth Counseling in Parsippany (Web site: www.thefamilywealthinstitute.com), and a nationally recognized financial educator, will be the featured speaker at the seminar.

William T. Evans is the executive director of major gifts for the Archdiocese of Newark. Anne DeVivo DeMesa serves as the director of gift planning and Theresa Lynch serves as the development coordinator. The Office of Planned Giving is based at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave.



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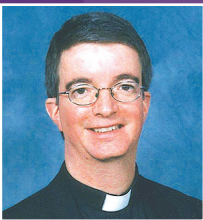
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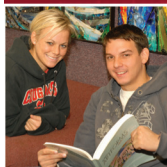


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Homecomings: principals enjoy full-circle moments

BY LAURA CRISTIANO

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Heather Muller

NEWARK—The first day of school will not be a new adventure for just kindergarteners or freshmen in high school. This year, there will be 14 schools that will have new principals at their helm.

In keeping with archdiocesan policy, each of these principals hold both teacher and administrative certification; some are even working on their doctoral dissertations. Each principal has a unique background that he or she brings to this new ministry. Most previously have taught in Catholic schools or are products of Catholic education themselves. For some this is their first venture into administration, while others are seasoned veterans who are enthusiastically starting a new education ministry.

The call of alma mater, not to mention the archbishop, was answered by Father Warren Hall. Fr. Hall was studying at Saint Thomas University in Miami when he re-

turn to his roots—and he is not alone. After working in public schools for a number of years, James Newman will lead Saint Joseph School in Bogota from where he graduated in 1965. One of the new, exciting happenings at Saint Joseph will be that the school is opening a pre-school for the first time this year.

Three of the new principals—Gail Ritchie, of Saint Paul Interparochial School in Ramsey; Anthony LaPolla of Roselle Catholic Regional High School; and Patricia Malloy of Immaculate Heart Academy in Washington Township—previously served as teachers and/or administrators at the schools they will now lead.

Sister Elizabeth Calello, M.P.F. of Saint Bartholomew Academy in Scotch Plains, Sister Eileen Jude, S.S.J. of All Saints Catholic Academy in Bayonne, and Sharon Goodman of Holy Family Catholic Academy in Norwood, are returning to the archdiocese after having worked in neighboring dioceses. They also have the exciting challenge of leading schools that have recently raised their academic bars, and are now operating as academies.

Catholic Academy of the Northern Valley, Closter and Demarest, and Holy Family Interparochial School, Norwood, combined to form Holy Family Catholic Academy (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Feb. 20). The new academy will serve the educational ministry of seven area parishes. Bayonne's seven parishes created All Saints Catholic Academy through a consolidation of four schools (see *The Catholic Advocate*, March 19 and Jan. 23). The Bayonne academy, which will



Br. Lawrence Lavalley

ceived a phone call. "The caller ID said it was from Newark and there's only one person that could be," he recalled. It was Archbishop John J. Myers, who called to ask Fr. Hall to return home to take the helm of his alma mater—Hudson Catholic Regional High School in Jersey City.

The school, which averted financial crisis earlier this year, is facing a new challenge as it transitions itself to a co-ed school from an all-boys institution (see *The Catholic Advocate*, June 4 and May 21). The first co-ed classes are slated to begin in the fall of 2009.

A Jersey City native and a member of Hudson Catholic's Class of 1981, Fr. Hall didn't hesitate to accept the invitation to re-

be located at the site of the former Saint Mary, Star of the Sea School, expects an initial enrollment in excess of 550 students.

After spending a number of years as Catholic elementary school teachers, Gina Marie Iacona of Saint Anne School in Jersey City, and Heather Muller of Assumption School in Wood-Ridge, will become principals for the first time.

Iacona previously taught in a variety of schools in New York City. Muller is a former faculty member and administrator at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School in Tenafly. She received her bachelor's degree in elementary education and theater from Rider University. She holds a master's degree in administration and supervision from Saint Peter's College in Jersey City.

Among the most well traveled of the new archdiocesan principals

is Christine Lopez of Marylawn of the Oranges Academy in South Orange. Lopez has lived in such varied places as Cape Cod and Germany.

Brother Lawrence Lavallee, F.M.S., a member of the Marist Brothers of the Schools since 1974, is the new principal at Queen of Peace High School (QPHS), North Arlington. Br. Lawrence comes to QPHS with 34 years of experience in Catholic education in a wide range of assignments including teaching, campus ministry, guidance, dean of studies and principal.

Br. Lawrence holds a bachelor's degree in English and Theology from Wheeling Jesuit University, a master's degree in Theology from Mundelein College, Chicago, and has done post graduate studies in secondary school administration at the University of San Francisco and McGill

University, Montreal. He is certified in administration and supervision in the State of New York.

A literal shift in perspective will occur for new elementary principals, Thomas Berrios of Our Lady of Peace School, New Providence, and Rose Perry of Hoboken Catholic Academy. As former administrators in Catholic high schools, they are accustomed to students who meet them eye-to-eye—an experience that will benefit their work in the months ahead.

(Laura Cristiano is the director of marketing for the Archdiocese of Newark's Schools Office.)



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Sister Elizabeth Calello, M.P.F. (center), of the Religious Teachers Filippini, is the new principal at Saint Bartholomew Academy (SBA). Marybeth Boyle (left) and Suzanne Florendo, will serve as assistant principals.

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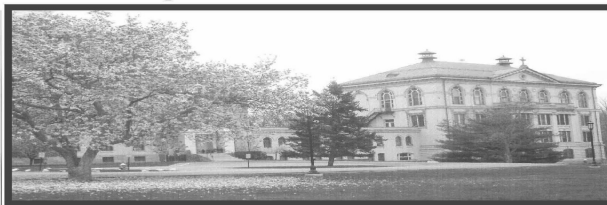
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Oct. 11 Heritage Tour to visit treasured churches and friary

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

AREA—The Archdiocese of Newark will host the annual Heritage Tour on Saturday, Oct. 11, an all-day bus excursion that will visit three treasured churches in Newark and Elizabeth, as well as a friary.

The tour agenda includes stops at Saint Patrick (Immaculate Heart of Mary and Saint Patrick Parish), 215 Court St., Elizabeth; Saint Columba Parish, 25 Thomas St., Newark; Our Lady of Good Counsel, 654 Summer Ave., Newark; and Most Blessed Sacrament Friary, 375 13th Ave., Newark.

Troy Joseph Simmons, archdiocesan historian and associate director of capital campaigns for the archdiocesan Office of Development, said the Newark friary represents the highlight of the tour. It was founded as Saint Dominic Monastery in 1880. Today the friary is home to novices of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.

Registration, along with continental breakfast, will be set up at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave., Newark, on Oct. 11, 7:30-8:15 a.m. Secure parking for tour participants will be provided at the Archdiocesan Center. Buses will depart at 8:30 a.m. sharp and are scheduled to return at 4 p.m.



The tour includes expert docents who will discuss the architectural and historical significance of each site. Catered lunches will be provided to each passenger and

there will be a Mass celebrated at the friary. Simmons and Msgr. Robert Wister, professor of Church History at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall

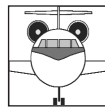


Advocate photos — M. Gabriele

Saint Columba Parish will be one of the stops on this year's Heritage Tour, which will be held Oct. 11. The Newark church was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. Dedicated in 1899, Saint Columba's exterior design is almost an exact copy of the Chapelle Royale of Versailles, France. The recently renovated interior features Tiffany-style stained glass windows and a dramatic curved ceiling. Renowned architect Charles Edwards, who also designed Saint Aloysius Parish in Jersey City, designed Saint Columba. "Each structure is distinctive and tells the story of the faithful Catholics who sacrificed to build parish churches," Msgr. Wister wrote in a guest article last year, defining the mission of ecclesiastical patrimony. "If we do not pause and look, we lose a great opportunity to immerse ourselves in our rich heritage."



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sponsors for the event.

Two years ago Archbishop John J. Myers established the Commission for Ecclesiastical Patrimony, recognizing the need to secure the heritage, documents, architecture and priceless works of art found throughout the Archdiocese of Newark. The mission of the group is to assist parishes in the conservation of buildings and records.

Saint Joseph Parish gets set for a big bash in Jersey City

JERSEY CITY—Saint Joseph Parish will celebrate its 152nd anniversary during the annual parish festival, which will be held Tuesday, Sept. 9 through Sunday, Sept. 14.

The combined societies of the parish will host the six-day event at Baldwin and Magnolia avenues on the "hilltop" of Journal Square. Hours are 6 to 11 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and Sunday 4 to 9 p.m.


Festival highlights include an "alumni and their babies night" on Sept. 12, a Spanish celebration Sept. 13, followed by a Filipino celebration. There will be a 50/50 raffle on Sunday, along with a variety of rides, food and live entertainment. Call (201) 656-0392 for more information on the anniversary event.



VISITORS FROM THE ZOO—Twenty Bible camp students at Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield, listened attentively to a presentation on Aug. 20 by Vince Sharp (right photo), education curator at Turtle Back Zoo, West Orange. The summer camp transformed the parish’s Nardiello Hall into an enchanted rainforest with floor-to-ceiling decorations assembled by the students and staff, including Jessica Makowski, eucharistic minister, and Nancy Plate, director of religious education. For more information on Sacred Heart’s Bible camp, call Jessica Makowski at (973) 356-9419.

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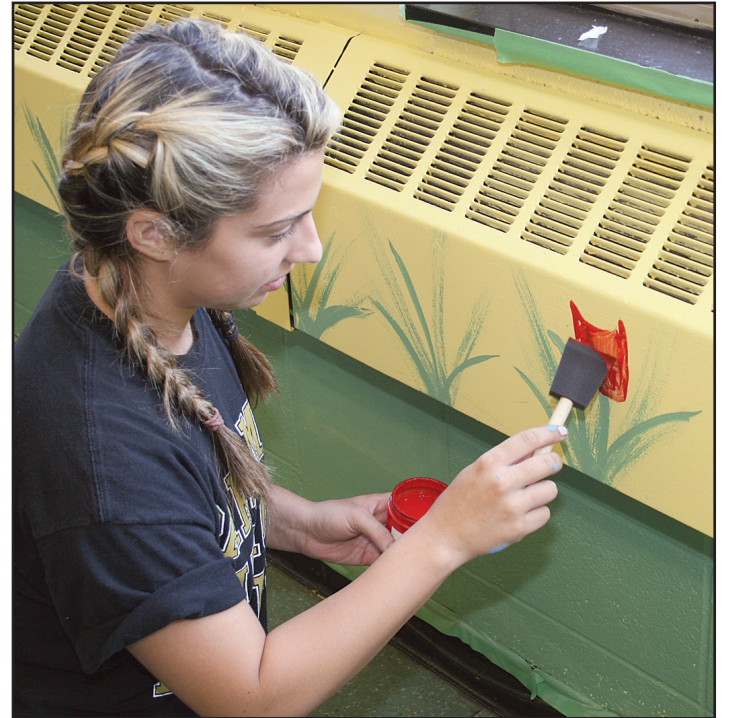
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Joseph Haemmerle (left), Bergen Catholic assistant principal of student affairs and technology, congratulates Dumont resident Stanley Zak after receiving the school's first-ever "Technologist of the Year Award."

ORADELL—Bergen Catholic High School (BC) named staff member Stanley Zak as "Technologist of the Year," rewarding him for his innovative ideas and hard work. Zak received the award last June.

Since arriving at BC two years ago Zak has supervised the transition of the school library, which provides technical support to teachers. He maintains a book collection of 10,000 volumes and manages subscriptions to 26 magazines and online databases for staff and student use. As media specialist, Zak teaches a course for media interns, which helps students produce posters, videos, and still images for school projects.

A graduate of Saint Mary High School in Rutherford, he attended Villanova University and the University of Pittsburgh, where he earned undergraduate and graduate science degrees, respectively.

Joseph Haemmerle, BC assistant principal of student affairs and technology, praised Zak as a "terrific mentor who lives his faith and brings light to everyone."



Advocate photo — Ward Miele

PRECISION ARTWORK—Stephanie LaTesta was among a busload of artistic Paramus Catholic High School students, siblings and parents who visited Saint Joseph Elementary School in East Orange on Aug. 16 to help spruce up the school building for the opening of classes. The faithful contingent included the Paramus Catholic Cheer Team and Dance Team, fulfilling their commitment of 1,000 hours of community service under the theme of "Spread the Spirit." Several days earlier the volunteers taped off window frames and wood trim in preparation for the painting project. The building's interior was painted in blue—the official school color—much to the delight of Saint Joseph Principal Marion L. Alexander.

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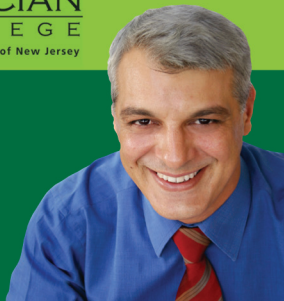
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Archdiocesan students excel in TerraNova Assessment test

NEWARK—Results of standardized achievement tests administered last March to students in first through seventh grades in the Archdiocese of Newark's Catholic schools indicate that students achieved scores above the national average for all subtests, according to information provided by the archdiocesan Schools Office.

The TerraNova II Assessment is the standardized battery of tests used by the Archdiocese of Newark and is aligned with the archdiocesan curricula and NJ state standards. CTB-McGraw Hill headquartered in Monterey, CA, publishes the TerraNova II Assessment.

"Assessment guides school leaders in setting performance standards, planning curriculum and its revision and development," Brother Ralph Darmento, F.S.C., deputy superintendent of schools, said. "Once again our students' performance is an indication that our curricula and instruction have set high standards for our students and our students are responding admirably."

"For the long term, data analysis indicates that our Catholic school students improve their performance from grade to grade," Br. Ralph indicated. "The longer a child is enrolled in a Catholic school, the greater his or her achievement level."

Br. Ralph said the performance of students in Newark, Elizabeth and Jersey City are particularly impressive as most of them scored at average to above-average percentiles. "The combination of academic rigor and caring relationships between students and teachers may be the key to the success of our students," he said.

The TerraNova II Assessment, used by both public school districts and Catholic schools across the country, is considered a key indicator in assessing student performance. The Archdiocese of Newark has been administering standardized achievement tests from CTB-McGraw Hill since 1993.

There are 130 Catholic elementary and secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Newark with an enrollment of 40,500 students. Nearly all students who enter Catholic high schools graduate and 97 percent go on to college or university. Information on the Archdiocese of Newark's 97 elementary and 33 secondary schools can be found online at www.rcan.org/schools or by calling the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at (973) 497-4260.



Father Patrick McPartland

Trenton ordains priest from East Orange

AREA—East Orange native Father Patrick McPartland was one of two men ordained recently to the priesthood in the Trenton Diocese by Bishop John M. Smith. The ordination was held in Saint Mary of the Assumption Cathedral.

Born in East Orange on Nov. 10, 1973, Fr. McPartland is one of four children born to Francis and Carol McPartland. He and his three sisters were raised in Linden where the family attended Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish.

Fr. McPartland is a graduate of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Elementary School and Roselle Catholic High School. He began his college career at Rutgers University where he earned a bachelors of science degree in mechanical engineering. Upon graduation, he entered the University of Pennsylvania and earned a master of science degree in mechanical engineering.

He conducted his priestly formation in Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, where he earned a Master of Divinity degree. He exercised his diaconal ministry and formation in Sacred Heart Parish, Trenton, from June, 2007 to this past April. He also completed several summer parish assignments, including Saint Dominic Parish, Brick, Saint Bonaventure Parish, Lavallette and Our Lady of Peace Parish, Normandy Beach.

Among his many interests are riding motorcycles, playing hockey and softball, playing the guitar and listening to Christian rock. "There's a lot of joy in wanting to be in a parish and among the people," Fr. McPartland said, reflecting on his recent ordination. "It's really a gifted life to be a priest."

Verona service to remember 9/11 victims

VERONA—Our Lady of the Lake Parish will mark the seventh anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack on this country at an Interfaith Memorial Service on Thursday, Sept. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

A half-hour before the service,

attendees can visit the town's Memorial Monument to the victims of 9/11, which is located at the Municipal Plaza on Bloomfield Avenue, a short distance from the church. There will be a silent remembrance and tribute to those who lost their lives. Following this

tribute, participants will be invited to attend the interfaith service at Our Lady of the Lake Parish, 32 Lakeside Ave.

In urging the public to attend, a spokesman for the event said

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'Enrichment' series to support marriage vocation



Father Marc Vicari and Janet McCormack

NEWARK—The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark this month is launching a series of interactive information sessions for Catholic married couples to help them fully live their vocations as husbands and wives.

Known as the "Marriage Enrichment Series," sessions will begin Thursday, Sept. 11, continuing on a bi-weekly basis through Saturday, Nov. 22. Most sessions will be held at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave., 7:30-9 p.m.

The final installment in the series, "A Day of Reflection for Married Couples," will take place Nov. 22 at the Xavier Retreat Center, 23 Convent Rd., Convent Station (Web site: www.xaviercenter.org), 9 a.m.-4

p.m. Father Mariusz Koch, C.F.R., popular EWTN commentator, will lead the retreat.

The series is designed to assist couples in fortifying their marriage vows, both spiritually and practically, as society's understanding of marriage has become clouded and attempts are underway to discard the historic and traditional meaning of the institution. Topics to be covered in the series include "God's Plan for Marriage," "Improving Communications," "Healing a Troubled Marriage," "The Spirituality of Marriage" and "Finance from a Christian Perspective."

Father Marc Vicari, archdiocesan Vicar for Family Life, underlined the importance of ongoing formation for married couples and described how faith-based programs, such as the Marriage Enrichment Series, can bolster and enrich those formation efforts.

"Our focus in this program will include discussions on the theological basis of marriage, our understanding of marriage from a Catholic and Christian perspective, and about the realities of

recommitting to marriage every day in light of challenges of daily living," Fr. Vicari explained.

"Pastors and laypeople involved in ministering within parishes have often told us that the Church does a very good job of preparing couples for marriage, and in reaching out to those whose marriages are experiencing troubles," he continued. "Pre-Cana programs and ministry to the divorced and separated, as well as counseling services, all fill a need, but it is critical for the Church to continue to help husbands and wives reaffirm their commitment to the sacrament of marriage and to each other. Someone once said to me, 'The Church works at making better couples before marriage. It's important that we also work to make better couples throughout marriage.' That makes sense not only for us, but also for the vast majority of Catholic couples, too."

Information about the Marriage Enrichment Series is available online (www.rcan.org/familife) or by contacting Janet McCormack, associate director of Family Life Ministries, at (973) 497-4327.

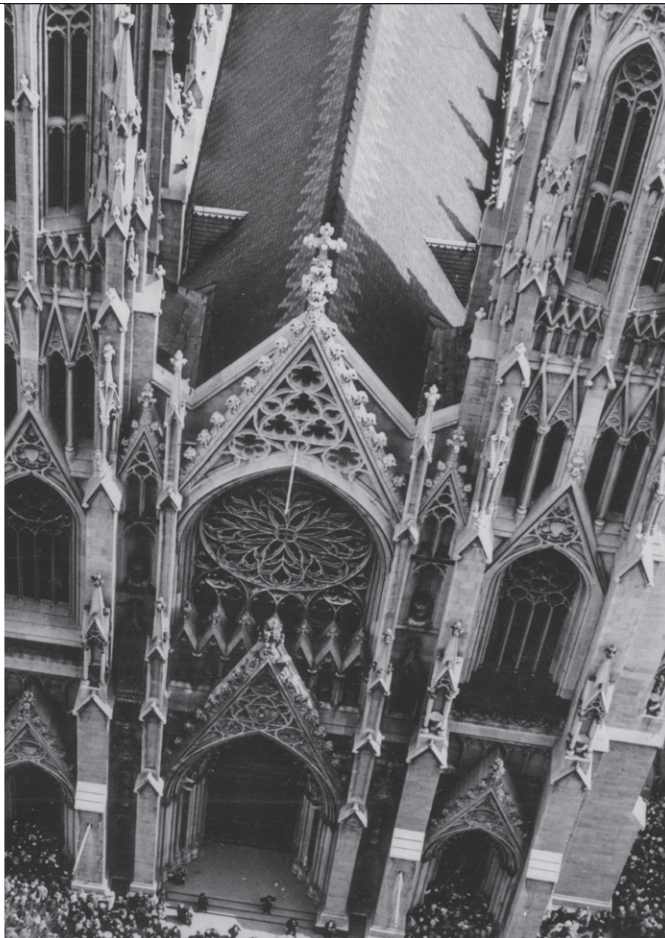
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Mount Virgin to celebrate Italian festival Sept. 4-7

GARFIELD—The 12th annual “La Festa Italia” at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, 188 MacArthur Ave., will be held Sept. 4-7.

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Liturgical services will be held each day of the feast. Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. on opening day, followed by recitation of the rosary. The next day, also at 7 p.m., Mass will be celebrated followed by exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Mass, exposition and adoration will take place again on Sept. 6 at 5 p.m. On the final day of the feast, Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. in Italian and English, followed by a formal procession.

In addition to traditional Italian food, the festival will feature rides, games, raffles and live entertainment. Father Peter J. Palmisano is the pastor of Our Lady of Mount Virgin. Call the parish rectory at (973) 772-2295 for details or visit the parish Web site (www.mountvirgin.com).

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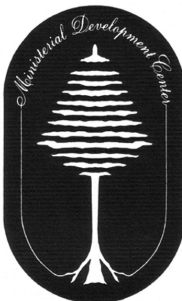
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Rev. Msgr. Michael A. Komar

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on June 30 at Holy Family Parish, Linden, for Rev. Msgr. Michael A. Komar, 87, who died on June 24.

Ordained on June 6, 1936, Msgr. Komar attended Seton Hall University and Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington. He served the community as a priest for almost 72 years.

His assignments in the Archdiocese of Newark included: Saint John Nepomucene, Guttenberg, parochial vicar; Christ the King, Jersey City, parochial vicar; Assumption, Jersey City, parochial vicar; Saint Joseph, Elizabeth, parochial vicar; Holy Family Parish, Linden, administrator.

Father Morris B. Wells, O.Carm

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Aug. 19 at Saint Raphael Parish, Englewood, FL for Father Morris B. Wells, O.Carm, 70, who died on Aug. 14.

From 1984-1987, Fr. Wells was pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, Bogota. In 1987, he was

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Sister Mary Bonaventure Grabowski, C.S.S.F.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on July 30 at Our Lady of Lourdes Hall, Lodi, for Sister Mary Bonaventure Grabowski, C.S.S.F., 89, who

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Sister Bonaventure entered the Felician Sisters in Lodi in 1935 and received the habit in 1936.

Her assignments in the Archdiocese of Newark included: Saint Anne, Jersey City; Saint Stanislaus, Newark; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bayonne; Saint Anthony High School, Jersey City; Felician College, Lodi; Saint Michael School, Lyndhurst; and ministry at Provincial House, Lodi.

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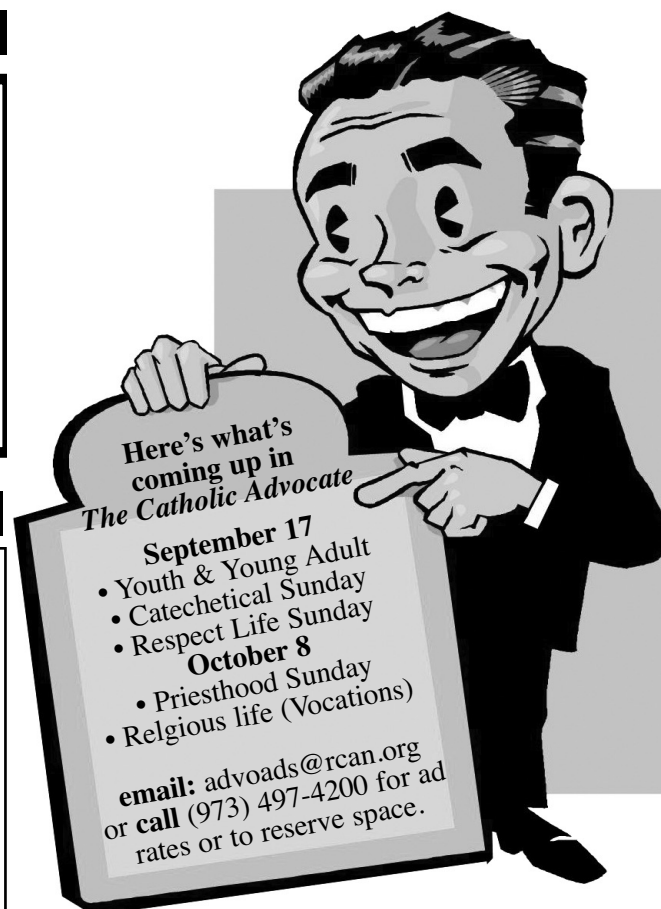
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Marking 30 years, RENEW expands outreach efforts

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Thirty years ago a Scripture-based renewal program took root in the Archdiocese of Newark; since then it has spread throughout the United States and overseas.

Originally intended to be an archdiocesan effort in 1978 simply known as “Renew,” RENEW International (Web site: www.renewintl.org), headquartered in Plainfield, today offers faith-based programs and resource materials being used in more than 150 U.S. dioceses and 23 countries.

Dominican Sister of Blauvelt, NY, Theresa Rickard, O.P., RENEW executive director, said much like the leafy tree in its logo, the organization continues to branch out, “renewing” and updating itself. For example, RENEW recently took responsibility for expanding the growing “Theology on Tap” phenomenon, after working out a partnership with the Chicago archdiocesan priest who founded it, as a way to bring young people together to talk about their faith in a friendly, informal setting, like a local pub.

Sr. Terry recalled a participant in a RENEW program known as “Why Catholic?” who brought Communion and food to the elderly in her Arkansas parish and grew disgusted with the sorry physical

state of one woman’s home, which regularly leaked when it rained. Discussing the situation during her Why Catholic? session and resolving to put her faith into action, the participant in just three days marshaled the volunteer efforts of eager teens and experienced bricklayers to build a new, leak-free home for the woman right next to the dilapidated house in which she had been living.



CNS graphic

Why Catholic? involves small groups, typically number eight to 12, meeting for eight six-week “seasons,” once in the fall and once to coincide with Lent, according to Deirdre Malacrea, a RENEW spokeswoman. Malacrea leads RENEW programs at Saint Helen’s Parish in Westfield, where she is a parishioner.

Malacrea said Why Catholic? covers Catechism of the Catholic

Church: the creed, the sacraments, Christian morality and prayer. “You’re really covering a lot of terrain over that time,” she said. The typical 90-minute, small-group session opens with a prayer or a song, followed by some written reflections, then discussion questions interspersed with scriptural content—all of it “in the context of prayer, but always in a supportive group,” Malacrea said.

“We explicitly encourage the small groups to collectively or individually take ideas they can use in the coming weeks to do something in their family or in their parish or in their community to put that into action,” she said. “And we always close with a prayer.”

Twenty years ago, because of the widespread use of RENEW, the Newark archbishop under which the program began—Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety—asked the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Doctrine to evaluate it. The committee’s report praised many aspects of RENEW, while noting that some participants needed to be given a more complete understanding of Catholic faith and doctrine. RENEW adopted the suggestions in the committee report.

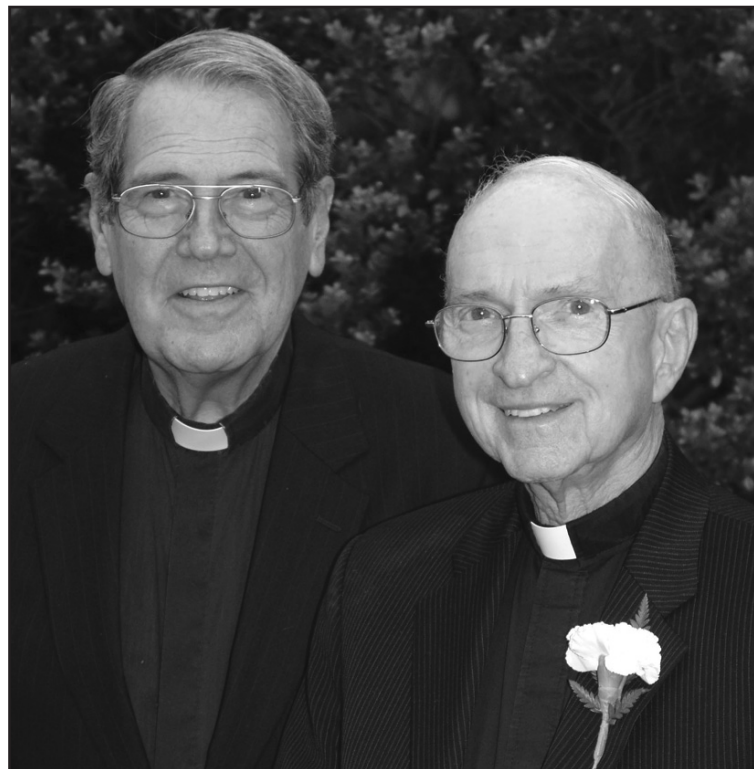
“We’re not liberal; we’re not conservative. We try to be faithful

Catholics. We try to transcend that kind of ideology,” Sr. Terry pointed out. “We never go (into a parish) without the permission of the bishop.”

She said she was excited about bringing RENEW to the Archdiocese of Boston, led by Cardinal Sean P. O’Malley. Cardinal O’Malley used RENEW in the Diocese of Fall River, MA, when he was bishop there. Boston

will use a RENEW program called “Arise Together in Christ,” a three-year process intended to deepen people’s faith, develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community and reach out in service to others.

“This is their bicentennial year. His (Cardinal O’Malley’s) intent was to bring spiritual renewal and healing to the archdiocese,” Sr. Terry said.



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Msgr. Thomas Ivory (left) and Msgr. Thomas Kleissler, working under then-Archbishop Peter L. Gerety, founded RENEW International in the Archdiocese of Newark three decades ago. The group recently held its ninth-annual gala and awards dinner in West Orange. Dr. Irma Chavez, one of the recipients of RENEW’s “President’s Award,” was profiled last month, reporting on her 25-year, faith-based outreach efforts in Central America (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Aug. 6).

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:



ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY/MINISTRY

Reverend Monsignor Michael J. Desmond, Pastor of Saint Aloysius Parish, Caldwell, has been ratified in his re-election to the Archdiocesan Priest Personnel Policy Board for a three-year term effective Sept. 1.

Reverend Monsignor Donald E. Guenther has been ratified in his re-election to the Archdiocesan Priest Personnel Policy Board for a three-year term effective Sept. 1.

Reverend George D. Gillen, Pastor of Saint Genevieve Parish, Elizabeth, has been ratified in his election to the Archdiocesan Priest Personnel Policy Board for a three-year term effective Sept. 1.

Reverend John J. Laferrera, Pastor of Saint Philomena Parish, Livingston, has been ratified in his election to the Archdiocesan Priest Personnel Policy Board for a three-year term effective Sept. 1.

Reverend James M. Manos, Pastor of Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Bayonne, has been ratified in his election to the Archdiocesan Priest Personnel Policy Board for a three-year term effective Sept. 1.

Very Reverend Lewis V. Papera, V.F., Pastor of Corpus Christi Parish, Hasbrouck Heights, has been ratified in his election to the Archdiocesan Priest Personnel Policy Board for a three-year term effective Sept. 1.

Reverend Michael A. Saporito, Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, Maplewood, has been ratified in his election to the Archdiocesan Priest Personnel Policy Board for a three-year term effective Sept. 1.

PASTOR

Reverend Andrzej Ostaszewski, Administrator of Saint Casimir Parish, Newark, was appointed pastor effective July 1.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Reverend Miroslaw Kusibab, Parochial Vicar of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Wallington, was appointed parochial vicar of Epiphany Parish, Cliffside Park effective June 2.

Reverend Armand Quinto, S.D.B., was appointed parochial vicar of Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Orange, effective Sept. 1.

CHAPLAIN

Reverend Monsignor Robert E. Harahan, Pastor of Saint Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff, was also appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Council No. 13678, Wyckoff effective Aug. 8.

Reverend James G. Tucker, Parochial Vicar of Immaculate Conception Parish, Secaucus, was also appointed Faithful Friar of the Knights of Columbus Assembly No. 1543, Secaucus effective Aug. 8.

CHAPLAIN/CAMPUS MINISTER

Reverend Marc A. Vicari, Vicar for Family Life for the Archdiocese of Newark and Campus Minister at Rutgers Newman Center, Essex County College and NJIT, Newark, was also appointed Chaplain/Campus Minister at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark effective July 1.

PASTOR EMERITUS

Reverend Stephen S. Feehan was named Pastor Emeritus of Little Flower Parish, Berkeley Heights, effective July 1.

Novena podcast to provide reflections on ‘Citizenship’

WASHINGTON—The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has called upon Catholics to pray a novena before the Nov. 4 presidential election for life, justice, and peace. “Novena for Faithful Citizenship” is available for download as a podcast.

Joan Rosenhauer, associate director for the USCCB’s Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development, said the special novena is part of “the bishops’ campaign to help Catholics develop well-formed consciences for addressing political and social questions.” The U.S. bishops issued their statement on “Faithful Citizenship” in November 2007.

Helen Osman, the USCCB’s secretary of communications, said the novena could help Catholics enter into prayerful reflection as they prepare to vote. Osman explained that the USCCB wants to support Catholics as they weigh pre-election issues and that “providing a prayer resource on the Web can help us focus on our common values and identity as Catholics.”

The novena for Faithful Citizenship runs for nine days and can be used consecutively, one day each week prior to the election, or “in any way that works best for a community or individual,” Rosenhauer said. It’s available for download until the election and can be obtained online at: <http://fc.mach1media.com/resources/podcasts>. For other Faithful Citizenship resources and materials visit the Web site: www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

Singular joy

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"He has been such a dedicated priest, especially to the poor and the needy; it is a blessing for the Church and the Hispanic community," Sr. Ana said. "I have known him for many years and I truly believe he is a hope for the Hispanic population. I know that he will be a pastor according to the heart of Jesus Christ. He is a man of faith who will be a true shepherd not only to the Spanish-speaking community of the Archdiocese, but for the whole Church."

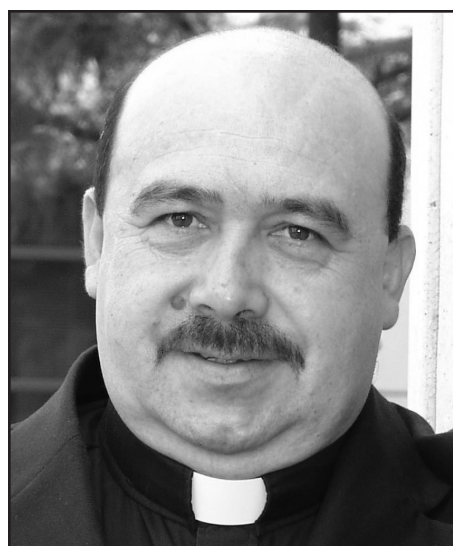
Father Juan Luis Calderon, O.A.R., the assistant director of Centro Guadalupe, Union City—the Hispanic Pastoral Center and Pastoral Formation Institute of the Archdiocese of Newark—expressed great pride and admiration for the homegrown ministry of Bishop-elect Cruz.

"I'm an imported priest," Fr. Calderon pointed out, noting he came to the archdiocese from his homeland of Spain seven years ago. "I have grown as an American, but it has been a difficult transition for me. Bishop-elect Cruz was born in Cuba, but he is a bishop from Union City. He was 'made' here. He truly knows what it means to be a Hispanic in the archdiocese. I am so happy that the Holy Spirit decided to create a bishop from Union City. I am very proud to say he is my friend. He will help bring the values and traditions of the Hispanic community to the Church of Newark."

Fr. Calderon also admired how the ministry of Bishop-elect Cruz has gained great



Father Juan Luis Calderon



Father Jose Gamba

'Bishop-elect Cruz truly knows what it means to be a Hispanic in the archdiocese.'

—Father Juan Luis Calderon

wonderful for the archdiocese."

Father Raul Comesanas, pastor of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish in Newark, who also hails from Cuba, described the announcement naming Msgr. Cruz as a new auxiliary bishop as "a gift from Our Lady of Charity to not only the Cuban community in New Jersey, but to all the Cuban communities outside of Cuba."

A friend of Bishop-elect Cruz for many years, Fr. Comesanas stated the archdiocese desperately needs clergy like Bishop-elect Cruz who can bridge the language and cultural gap between English-speaking

people and Spanish-speaking communities. "Bishop-elect Cruz is going to play an important role in bridging that gap, especially because of his command of both languages," Fr. Comesanas said.

Fr. Gamba, who also serves as pastor of Saint Peter Claver Parish in Montclair, said Bishop-elect Cruz's ministry represents "a long journey of service to all people in the archdiocese. Now, in his new ministry as a bishop, we know he will be a great instrument of the grace of God. He is a kind, compassionate man," he said. With regard to the ongoing mission of the archdiocesan Hispanic Apostolate, Fr. Gamba envisions Bishop-elect Cruz as an "important figure to help lead and inspire our diverse Hispanic community."

Born in Havana on Dec. 2, 1953 to Juan and Caridad Cruz, Bishop-elect Cruz came to the United States in 1966 with his parents. He went to school and grew up in Union City and was ordained a priest for service in the archdiocese on May 31, 1980.

Thirteen years ago Bishop-elect Cruz became a chaplain at Saint Michael's Medical Center and later was named director of the Archdiocese's Office of Pastoral Care. As director of Pastoral Care he managed the full range of Catholic chaplain and pastoral care services at all hospitals and medical centers in the Archdiocese of Newark.

(Editor's note: Junno De Jesus Arocho is the bi-lingual public relations assistant in the Department of Communications of the Archdiocese of Newark and also serves as a coordinator for New Jersey Catolico, the monthly, Spanish-language sister publication of The Catholic Advocate.)

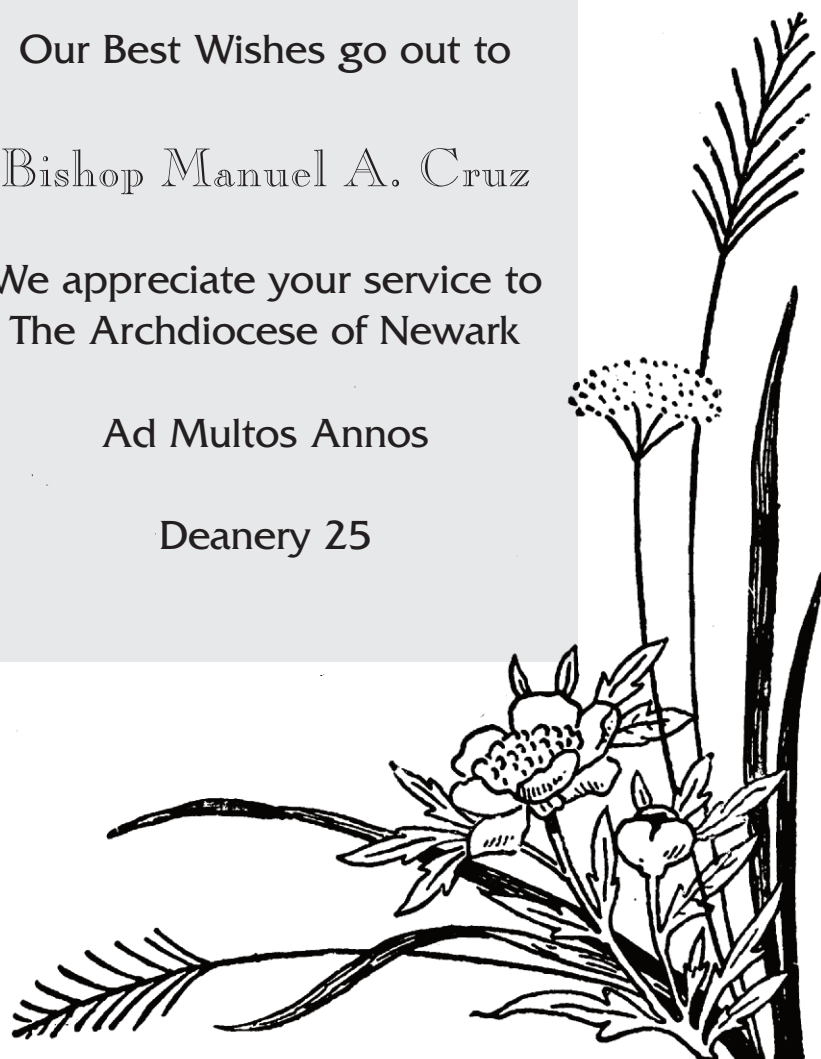
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Article offers snapshot of life and faith in Cuba

(Editor's note: On the eve of the Sept. 8 episcopal ordination of Bishop-elect Manuel A. Cruz, The Catholic Advocate is providing readers with an article on Cuba—the beloved homeland of Bishop-elect Cruz. The feature by Catholic News Service (CNS) highlights the rise of Catholic mission houses and recaps the visit last February of Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the Vatican's secretary of state.

Due to the ongoing trade embargo, travel restrictions and simmering tensions between Communist dictator Fidel Castro and Washington D.C. that have defined the Cuba/U.S. relationship since the early 1960s, Americans rarely get a glimpse of everyday life on the Caribbean island, especially when it comes to the Catholic faith. Last June, when he was named as a new auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Newark, Bishop-elect Cruz spoke proudly of his Cuban heritage, saying that “in my heart, I am grateful to be a Cuban and to be known as a Cuban refugee.”)

PEDRO BETANCOURT, Cuba (CNS) —As a summer afternoon rainstorm brewed, nearly two dozen Cubans gathered on a friend's covered porch to celebrate Mass. Wooden chairs were lined up, row by row, to accommodate neighbors. A visiting priest turned a small table into an altar. Another man strummed the opening song on his guitar while a couple of horses rested on the nearby grass, languishing in the muggy heat.

Liturgies at home have become a phenomenon in Cuba as the Church slowly rebuilds communities of faith. The trend can be seen as one example of slowly emerging expressions of religious freedom that Cuban Catholics have gained in recent years, which were noted by Vatican officials during a visit to Cuba earlier this year.

The missionary houses of prayer are known as “casas de mision” and Santa Catalina Parish in Pedro Betancourt has about 15 satellite mission homes and a chapel. These efforts are a way of bringing Jesus into the barrio instead of expecting that people make their way to a church they might not have attended in decades—or ever.

Isabel Maria Marishal, 65, offers her home as a mission house in this particular neighborhood. Transportation is difficult in the island country, and bus service is hard to come by in the farmlands. Marishal, who has heart problems and diabetes, stopped going to Mass for a time; the chapel about a mile away was too far for her to walk. So she welcomed the opportunity to gather neighbors in her home for liturgy.

“God helps me,” she said. “I pray a lot to God.” Her husband is often working and her two children are grown and no longer live

with them. “I feel alone, but I’m not alone,” she added. “I’m with God.”

Marishal said she learned the faith from her family as a young girl. It’s a faith she’s held onto even after Fidel Castro's revolutionary government came to power in 1959 and Castro declared himself a Marxist-Leninist in 1961. Cuba was officially “atheist” until 1992, when that word was struck from the Cuban Constitution. Missionary homes began appearing in the 1990s as tensions started easing between the government and the Catholic Church.

Jesuit Father Robert Alonzo, pastor of Santa Catalina Parish, makes his way up the hill to Marishal's home on a compact motorcycle. During the homily one Saturday afternoon, Father Alonzo talked about Jesus' cup of suffering, which the priest said was widely misunderstood by the apostles as they bickered among themselves for power.

“This is what is distinctive about being a Christian—service,” said the silver-haired priest. “You all know that there are many ways to serve. Even giving an aspirin to a neighbor who comes by with a headache; that’s a service. Allowing someone to take a ‘guayaba’ fruit from my tree so they can make a little juice drink; that’s serving. All that I do to serve my brothers and sisters, to alleviate their situation; that’s service. We

are going to ask God in our Eucharist today to help us to serve; that we live with an attitude of service.”

Victor Sanchez and Vivian Sosa have been answering the call to service and Christian love since the 1970s. They met as catechists during a retreat, married and have three children. They participated in the earliest mission homes and offered their own home when few people openly practiced their faith.

The two are committed to working as volunteer youth ministers in the community because “of our love for children,” said Sanchez. They said they are trying to nurture the faith of the next generation.

“It’s nothing more than the Holy Spirit pushing and inspiring me,” said Sanchez. “I got to know youth from catechesis and I haven’t stopped since.”

Sanchez recently gathered the youths for a craft project to make rosaries using brightly colored beads and materials brought by U.S. visitors. He also plays the guitar and leads the choir, bringing messages of hope and faith through music. “People have many preoccupations,” including illnesses and concerns about employment, he said.

“We volunteer because of God’s love,” said Sosa, whose own mother has been very ill.

Evangelization is done best through actions and good works more than words, Sanchez said. One member of the local faith community has been visiting the elderly and

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another, a nurse, tends to the sick. “We have to do God’s will,” said Sanchez, putting his hand on his heart.

Earlier this year, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the Vatican secretary of state, visited Cuba and asked Cuban leaders for “gestures of reconciliation” (see *The Catholic Advocate*, March 5). Cardinal Bertone—in an interview with the Vatican newspaper, *L’Osservatore Roman*, earlier this year—said that during his Feb. 20-26 visit he was able to discuss specific Church-state problems with the government and that the local Church would now carry forward those talks. He emphasized that, despite some limitations, the Church in Cuba enjoys a certain degree of freedom of expression and worship, such as the growing trend of mission houses.

Asked why he avoided the term “persecuted Church” during his visit, Cardinal Bertone said that “because the Church in Cuba is not a persecuted Church.” While the government exercises vigilance and control over Church activities, the cardinal said “in some way there exists the possibility to express one’s faith, even publicly.”

While visiting a medical school, for example, he saw that Catholic students were able to express their Church identity and their commitment to promoting Christian values in society, he said. Likewise, he said, there have been government concessions on public worship, small gains in Church-run media and progress on visas for foreign church personnel. The state even helps to restore some older churches, he said.

Although the Church recognizes it is



CNS photo

Nearly two-dozen Cubans gather for Mass at a mission home in the neighborhood Diana in the province of Matanzas, Cuba. Gathering in homes for liturgy is an increasingly popular way to bring the Catholic faith to Cuban neighborhoods. The “casas de mision” trend among Cuban Catholics began to flourish after Pope John Paul II made a historic visit to the island in 1998. Earlier this year, the Vatican’s secretary of state observed the Church in Cuba today enjoys a certain degree of freedom of expression and worship.

working under limitations, “we should accept these small steps that have occurred over the last 10 years and which are continuing today,” he said.

Echoing what he said in Cuba, Cardinal Bertone strongly criticized the U.S. embargo against Cuba and similar economic sanctions imposed by the European Union. “Those who suffer most from the embargo

are the people—in this case, the Cuban people,” he said. He added that the Vatican would continue to work so that economic sanctions are eased, if not eliminated.

He said that in his lengthy meeting with Cuba’s new president, Raul Castro, he was able to draw attention to several concrete problems, including spiritual assistance to

Catholic and non-Catholic prisoners. The cardinal also said he presented Castro with a list of prisoners who might be released on humanitarian grounds.

The president, citing the principle of reciprocity, raised the case of five Cubans currently imprisoned by the United States, suggesting the possibility of an exchange, the cardinal said.

“So I went forward in my life, and thanks to God, the Lord has always taken me by the hand, guided me even in difficult situations.”
— Pope Benedict XVI

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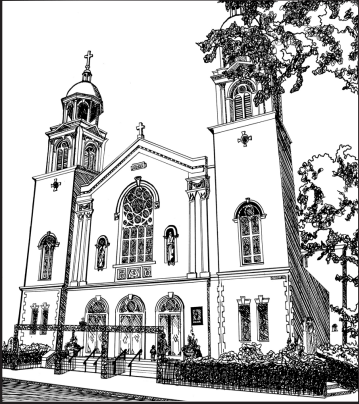
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Bishop-elect Manuel A. Cruz, addressing the audience at the Archdiocesan Center during the June 9 press conference, lauded the courageous, pioneering work of Bishop David Arias—the first Hispanic bishop consecrated in New Jersey (at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, on April 7, 1983). “With your help and prayers I will continue Bishop Arias’ legacy of service for the Hispanic community of our archdiocese,” Bishop-elect Cruz proudly declared. He also asked those in the archdiocese to “pray for me that I will hold on fast to the Cross of Christ.”

‘Surrender’

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be shipped to the island for a sick young woman. “The medicine is expensive and hard to get in Cuba. This situation really put things in perspective for me. You ask yourself ‘Why am I here? Why am I so different?’ As a refugee, you realize that everything you have is a gift.”

Msgr. Cruz is indebted to the religious communities in the archdiocese who offer him prayers and continue to serve the community. As a young boy in Cuba, he was greatly influenced by the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul and still has a connection with the Religious.

“I am grateful for the Dominican nuns and friars at the Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary in Summit. I am grateful for their prayers,” he said. “Prayer and surrender to God’s will is essential and is a continuing source of hope. We are all followers of Christ. We are all in the same boat.”

At Saint Michael’s Medical Center, the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, who reside at Most Blessed Sacrament Friary in Newark, would visit patients, especially those without families. Bishop-elect Cruz was in awe of their dedication and spirit.

“The Franciscan novices recognized Christ in the sick and they had such a commitment to follow Christ. They brought Christmas gifts for AIDS patients and prayed for them.”

He emotionally recalled one night when the friars sang Christmas carols to a bedridden patient. “One of the novices held sheet music for a patient and she sang ‘Silent Night’ for the first time. She felt loved and accepted. She felt like a human being. That is what (our work) is all about—lifting people up. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ.”

Bishop-elect Cruz is constantly inspired by the faithful in the community and the people he will serve. In his new position as auxiliary bishop, he intends to share his humble spirit with the archdiocese. “I am just a human being. I don’t have any new ideas or concepts. It is just about being a priest to the fullest for people in need. The Lord wants to use my gifts to serve the community. This is not about me; it is about the Lord using me to do His will.”

Msgr. Cruz views his new assignment as an even greater way in which to serve others. “This is not a promotion; it is a calling. My hope is to respond at every turn to God’s will.”

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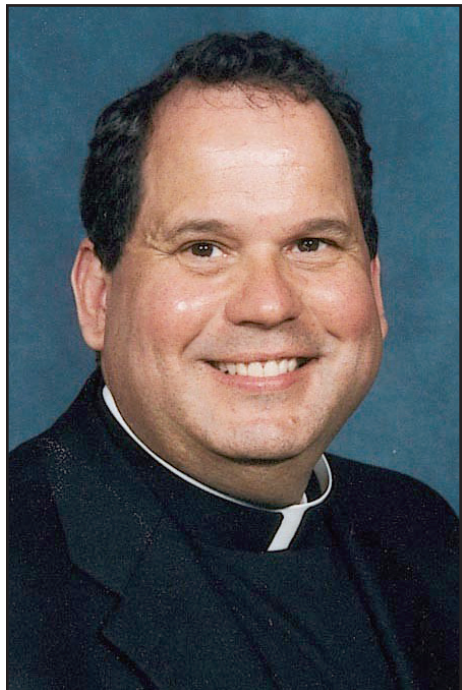
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Union City memories: young man of faith, humility

In early July, some of my relatives from Austria paid a visit to New York City. It was their first trip to the United States. My sister, Marilyn, joined me for one of the days, during which we picked them up from their hotel in the Big Apple and took them through the Lincoln Tunnel to get that fantastic Manhattan Skyline view



Bishop-elect Manuel Cruz

from atop the Palisades in Weehawken.

They marveled at seeing the Empire State Building, which they had toured the day before, and asked about where the World Trade Center had been and what that fateful day had been like.

Sept. 11, 2001, of course, was a day both beautiful and horrific. The weather was picture perfect and crystal clear, yet the terrorist acts which killed close to 3,000 people twisted not only towers of steel but also feelings of certainty and confidence.

Indeed, just two days previously I had toured the South Street Seaport on another gorgeous day, and viewed those majestic towers, seemingly without a care in the world. I reflected on when they were first constructed, and the exhilarating experience I had had, with another priest who knew someone overseeing the construction, as we stood on one of the breezy, almost completed roof tops with a hard hat being our only safety gear.

The 9/11 image of Father Mychal Judge being carried out of those demolished towers also wearing a hard hat seems somewhat ironic as I think of it now. As we remember again this year those who lost their lives then, and since then, we recall just how fleeting life is, and how precious, too!

As I gazed at the skyline from Hamilton Plaza this July, I also thought of the history behind me. I grew up in West New York,

served as a deacon in Saint Augustine Parish in Union City (1972-73), and had my first priestly assignment at Holy Family Parish just a few blocks across town (1973-78). I've previously written about Holy Family (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Dec. 19, 2007 edition).

It seems fitting to reflect on my year at Saint Augustine's this September, though, as we prepare for the episcopal ordination of Bishop-elect Manuel A. Cruz.

I first met "Manny" at Saint Augustine's in the summer of 1972. He had arrived from Cuba only six years before, but, as he himself related at the press conference in June announcing his appointment, he truly felt the hand of God and the Blessed Mother bringing him and his family to safety in the United States, and also felt the call to priesthood.

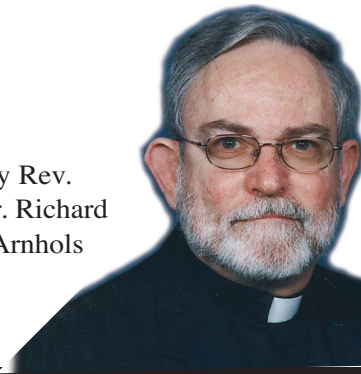
We had some wonderful conversations that year about God's call to priestly service, and I could see in Manny a young man of great faith, tender care, and deep humility. I had every confidence that he would become an outstanding priest, but surely neither of us thought then about his participating in the apostolic office of bishop.

He will be a wonderful addition for all God's people, particularly those in Union County and of Hispanic background, whom he will specifically represent and serve.

Saint Augustine's was, and is, a won-

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derful, large, active, alive city parish, an ever-changing balance of Irish old-timers and Hispanic newcomers, although many of the latter have been there for 30 years or more.

Sister Roberta O'Hea continues her selfless leadership of the school, and the parish, after many years of service by dedicated archdiocesan clergy, is now ably staffed by the Augustinian Recollects (as is Holy Family, too!).

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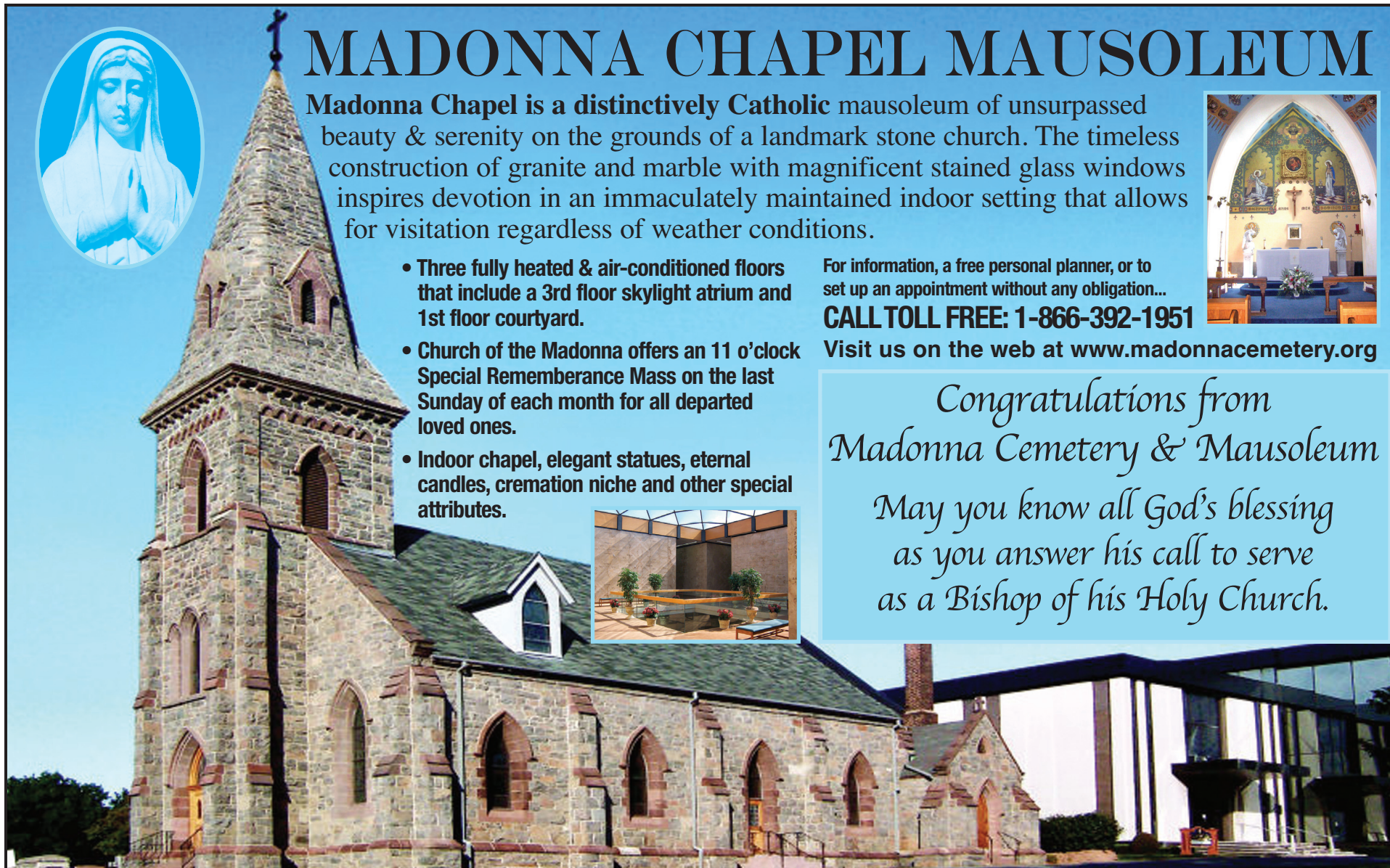
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A decade ago, when Pope John Paul II visited Cuba, then-Father Manuel Cruz made a nostalgic trip back to San Francisco de Paula Parish, where he received First Holy Communion.



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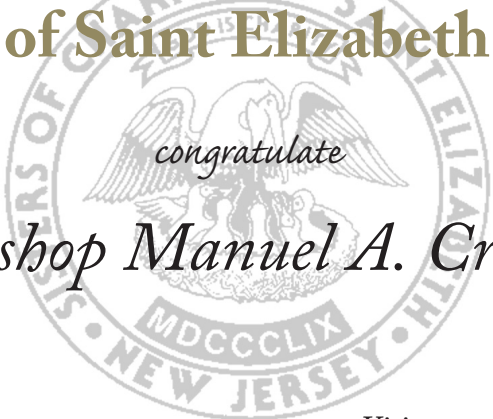
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CRS (Web site: www.crs.org) is the U.S.-based arm of Caritas Internationalis, which is headquartered in the Vatican City State. Over the last 14 years, CRS, in consultation with Caritas Cubana, the Cuban government and various Church-related partners, has shipped more than \$27 million in emergency and humanitarian relief supplies to those in need. In addition to these humanitarian efforts, CRS provides immediate emergency response and long-term rehabilitation in the event of natural disasters such as floods and hurricanes in Cuba.

For example, two years ago, when widespread flooding hit the Cuban city of Camaguey—destroying homes and leaving many without adequate shelter—Caritas Cubana issued an appeal for help. The U.S. operations of CRS promoted CRS-related delegation visits to the island, strengthening the relationship between the Archdiocese of Camaguey, Cuba, and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, as well as other organizations and institutions. The Mission Office of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis (Web site: www.archindy.org) responded with a donation of \$10,000.

“Only God knows how deeply grateful we are for this gesture of brotherhood from those sisters and brothers who, although far from us, are united with us through the same faith and love through Jesus Christ,” Mario Gonzalez, Caritas Cubana director, said.

Despite various difficulties, CRS has developed relationships with local Cuban Church partners. CRS has adapted programs to the Catholic Church in Cuba’s pastoral plans and to the needs of Caritas Cubana. A major component of this partnership is humanitarian and emergency response work.

CRS supports Caritas Cubana’s efforts to strengthen the ability of its national staff and countrywide network of volunteers as it responds to the social and pastoral needs of Cuba’s poorest and most vulnerable groups—the elderly and children with Down syndrome. Caritas Cubana also has developed a national program in all 11 dioceses and 14 provinces, organizing multiple workshops on the local level aimed at increasing social awareness and spiritual development, while enhancing technical and coping skills of these vulnerable groups and their families.

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*Most Reverend
Manuel A. Cruz*

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of St. Michael’s Medical Center,
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on the occasion of his Episcopal Ordination

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On the occasion of your Episcopal ordination
for the Archdiocese of Newark.

*May God continue to bless you abundantly in
your new ministry as
Auxiliary Bishop to the good people of
the Church of Newark.*

Union City

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to the pulpit before Mass one Sunday as a visual aid for my homily on Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 10, verse 42. Many parishioners told me after Mass that they were still trying to figure out how I carried that cup of water up the aisle without their seeing it or my spilling it, since I did actually pour the water out of the cup and into the garden during my homily. It gave me a chance to talk about our baptismal call to works of charity, all signified in that cup of water.

In his response to my recent letter of congratulations to Bishop-elect Cruz, he graciously replied, "How could I forget your homilies during your diaconate at Saint Augustine's?" I am privileged to have participated in some way in the development of his spiritual life, and, I hope, that of many parishioners too.

Since I had been seminary organist, I was drafted as music director for the parish's annual musical. I gathered together a wonderful group of teen musicians from Weehawken High School, and together we managed to provide a melodic and rousing accompaniment to the actors and singers performing "Man of La Mancha." The kids gave me a desk set engraved with their words of thanks, which I still cherish, and I continue to keep in contact with Bill Oppelt, originally from Bergenfield, who was one of the "stars."

It was a good preparation for me, as I

became choir director at Holy Family the following year. Many lasting friendships were forged from that group of enthusiastic singers, whose lives I still touch through weddings, baptisms, and funerals.

Bishop-elect Cruz, like all bishops, will have a challenging ministry of teaching, governing, and sanctifying. There is less time for building friendships, or even maintaining old ones, in the regular flurry of episcopal responsibilities and constantly changing congregations. That's why prayer is so important: on their part, that they may keep a close relationship with God; on our part, that we entrust them daily to the love of Christ and the guidance of the Spirit.

Being an immigrant himself, Bishop-elect Cruz certainly has an appreciation for the many who come to our country seeking freedom and prosperity. Growing up in West New York, I was well aware of the influx of refugees from Communist Cuba who came to North Hudson to start working in the embroidery mills. My mother was part of our parish's program to teach English to these newcomers. As I sat with her and heard their stories of oppression, sacrifice and hope, I realized how lucky I was to be born in this country.

Already thinking of the priesthood as I began high school, I opted to take four years of Latin, three years of Spanish, and an honors typing course, along with participating in the public speaking and debate teams, to help me be a more effective communicator. In my years as seminarian

and young priest, I also got the chance to teach spoken English myself, which again helped me to appreciate the struggles so many endure to pursue a better future for themselves and their children.

Immigration, of course, is one of those hot-button issues, which can be seen from many perspectives. The Church has consistently tried to encourage us to see all issues affecting any

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human being through the prism of the right to life and the dignity of the children of God. With all the issues continually being raised in our country's presidential campaign, it is important that we have as clear an understanding as possible about those that really matter.

Archbishop Myers has designated Sunday, Sept. 28, as "Faithful Citizenship Sunday," asking pastors and parishioners

to become more familiar with the marvelous document, "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States." It reiterates the values every good Catholic should weigh when making decisions about people in government leadership positions—not only the ideals but also how you deal with the usual dilemma of having no candidate who embraces all of them.

Presumably many parishes will show the timely videos they have received ("A Matter of Conscience," for adults; "Go Make a Difference" for teens) and publish a summary of the key points of the bishops' teaching in their parish bulletins. Anyone can access these and more information at the USCCB Web site: www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

As Archbishop Myers, assisted by Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus David Arias, and other attending archbishops and bishops, confers upon Manuel Aurelio Cruz the fullness of Holy Orders through his ordination as bishop, on the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Feast of La Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre, Patroness of Cuba, let us resolve to pray daily for these successors of the apostles, that they may lead us to greater growth in holiness and sound formation of conscience, through their spirit-filled teaching and example!

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

*We proclaim our support
and affection for
Bishop Manuel A. Cruz*

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MILESTONE CELEBRATED—One of then-Father Cruz's favorite nuns, Sister Monica Cabodevilla, back in Cuba, is also one of the most humble persons the bishop-elect has ever known. Over a decade ago he held a surprise party to celebrate her 70 years in religious life. To get Sr. Monica to come, he had to tell her the party was for him.


We joyfully celebrate the
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Ad Multos Annos!

Bishop Manuel A. Cruz




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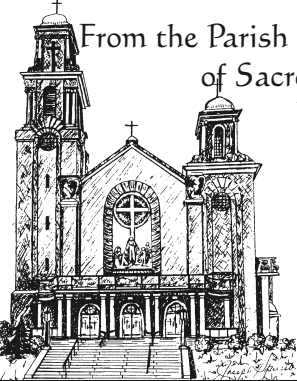
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as you celebrate your episcopal ordination



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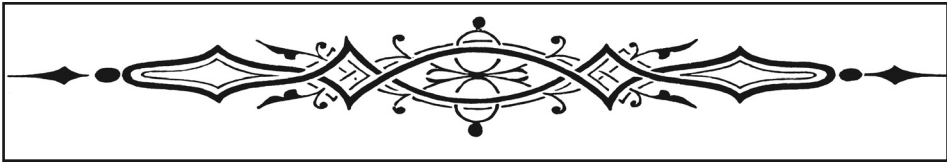
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(Acts 20)*

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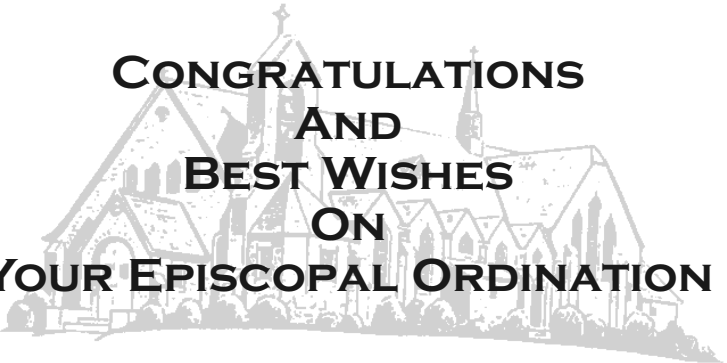
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*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
“Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?”
“Here I am,” I said; “send me.”*

Isaiah 6: 8

*God bless our newest Bishop,
The Most Reverend Manuel A. Cruz*

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon him:
a spirit of wisdom and understanding,
a spirit of counsel and of strength,
a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord.*

- Isaiah 11: 2




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*The spiritual journey of
Bishop Manuel A. Cruz
is a source of hope and
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SPECIAL VISITOR—A beaming Father Manuel Cruz welcomes his mother Caridad to Holy Rosary Parish in Elizabeth, which was his first assignment following ordination.



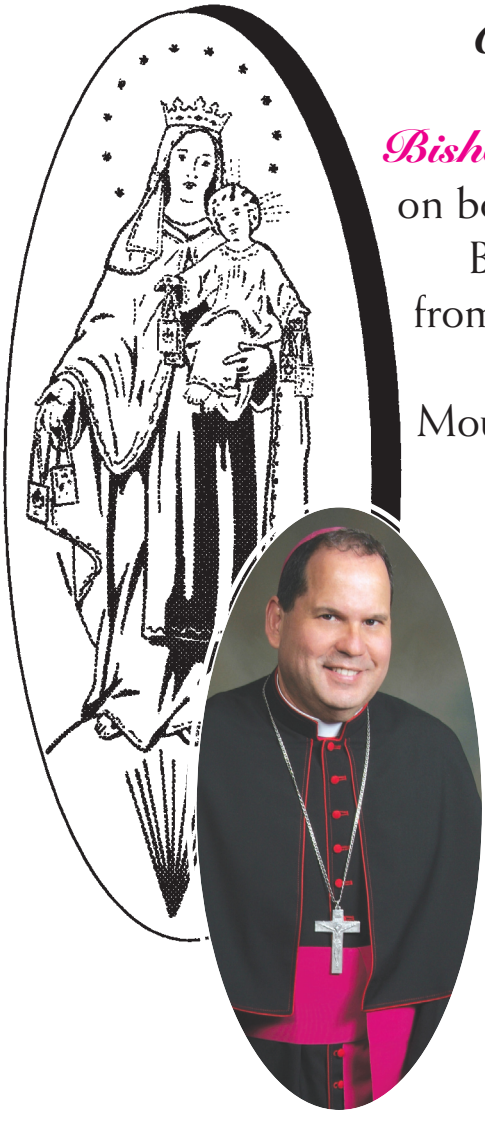
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Through the intercession of
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May our good God bless our new bishop
Most Reverend Manuel A. Cruz
on the occasion of his Episcopal Ordination



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*"I have come to pray for priests..."
St. Therese*

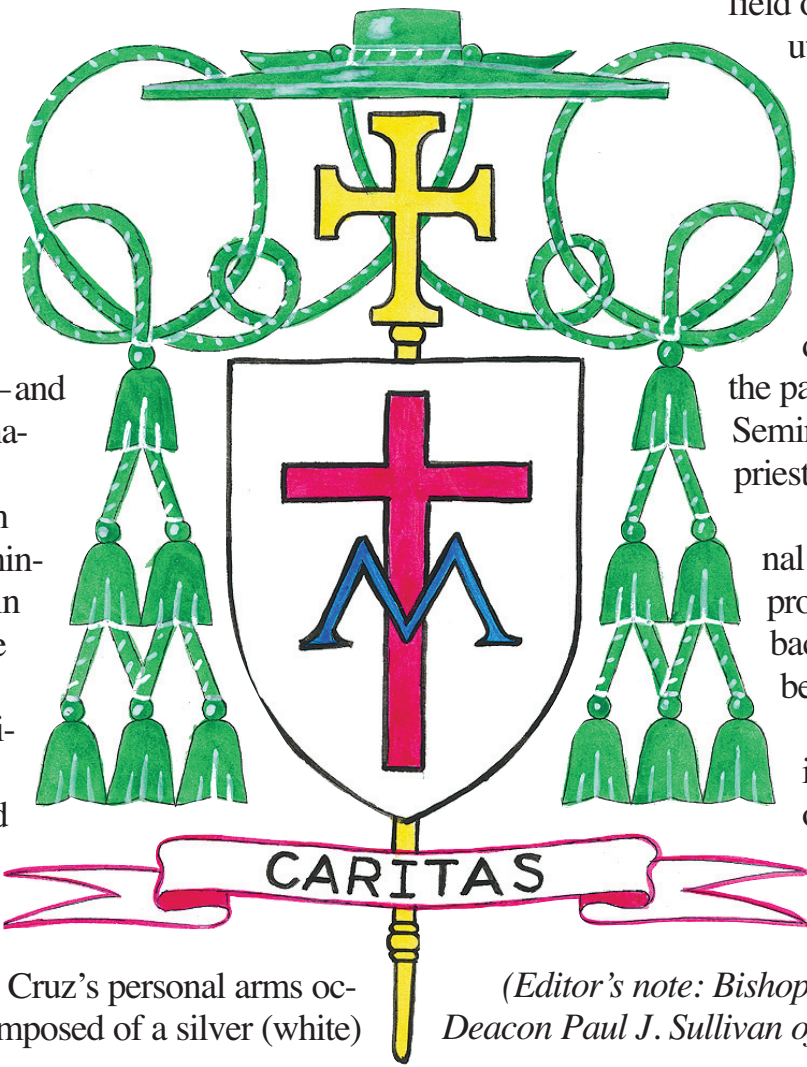
Coat of arms proclaims ministry focused on charity

Most Rev. Manuel Aurelio Cruz, D.D., Titular Bishop of Gaguari and Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, has chosen a single word for his motto: “*Caritas*,” the Latin word for charity. His personal coat of arms is composed of a shield—the central and most important part of the design—and a scroll with his motto and external ornamentation.

“*Caritas*” is the goal toward which Bishop Cruz has directed his priestly ministry, especially his pastoral care work in the healthcare ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Newark.

The motto also has a special significance to the bishop for it is his mother’s name (Caridad), who with husband Juan, brought the family to the United States from Cuba in 1966.

As a bishop without canonical jurisdiction (an auxiliary bishop), Bishop Cruz’s personal arms occupy the entire shield. The arms are composed of a silver (white)



field on which is placed a red Latin cross, to utilize His Excellency’s name (Cruz), which is Spanish for “cross.” Upon the cross is a blue “M.” The letter is taken from the arms of Pope John Paul II and is the monogram of the Blessed Virgin Mary to whom Bishop Cruz has a deep and profound devotion. It also recognizes Our Lady as the patroness of Immaculate Conception Seminary where Bishop Cruz studied for the priesthood.

The coat of arms is completed by external ornamentation, which consists of a gold processional cross that is placed in the back of the shield extending above and below the shield.

The pontifical hat, a “gallero,” with its six tassels in three rows on either side of the shield are all in green. These are the heraldic insignia of a prelate with the rank of bishop by instruction of the Holy See on March 31, 1969.

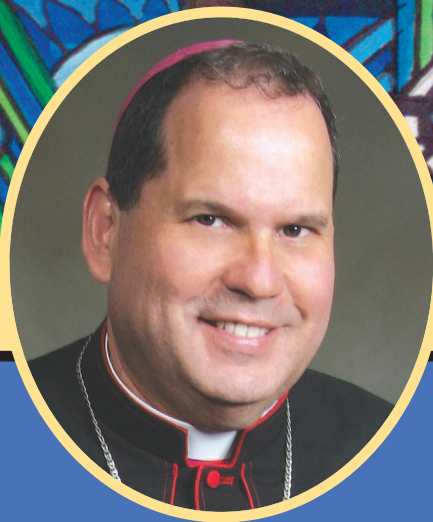
(Editor’s note: Bishop Cruz’s coat of arms was designed by Deacon Paul J. Sullivan of the Diocese of Providence, RI.)



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*Bishop Cruz,
Archbishop John J. Myers
and the priests & staff of
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Ad Multos Annos*

