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Bishop Cruz

ordained

at Cathedral

Archbishop John J. Myers ordained Most Rev. Manuel A. Cruz as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark on Sept. 8 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. A community of two cardinals, 20 archbishops and bishops, 400 priests and deacons and 1,500 faithful of the archdiocese were present at the festive, multi-lingual liturgy. The date of the ordination coincided with the Church’s celebration of the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the celebration of Nuestra Señora de la Caridad del Cobre (Our Lady of Charity of Cobre), the patroness of the country of Cuba. Bishop Cruz, a native of Cuba, will serve as the Regional Bishop for Union County and Vicar for the Hispanic Ministry in the archdiocese. “We have deep gratitude to Pope Benedict XVI for having appointed Bishop Cruz to serve among us,” Archbishop Myers said during his homily. See pages 2 and 6 for more photos.

Prayerful study illuminates Saul of Tarsus

BY FATHER LAWRENCE FRIZZELL

Catholic Advocate columnist

The Living Church

(Editor’s note: the following feature continues The Catholic Advocate’s coverage of the “Year of Saint Paul,” as proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI. Previous articles on Saint Paul have appeared in the July 16, June 18 and May 7 editions.)

When Saint Paul dictated his letters, could he have imagined that they would be proclaimed throughout the world in a great variety of translations? Could he have dreamed that commen-

taries on his writings would fill libraries and spark major conflicts over the centuries?

For some Christian communities the Pauline Epistles are favorite New Testament “books,” considered important because they are the earliest records of the Christian faith, even though the Gospels contain reminiscences that go back to the public ministry of Jesus and the eyewitness testimony of His passion and manifestations as risen Lord.

These letters appeal to philosophers and theologians in a way that

Gospel parables do not. For them, Paul is more in tune with Western modes of thought, but careful study reveals that Hebrew idioms lie behind many of his Greek phrases.


The Church exhorts the faithful to know the entire Scriptures and to esteem all parts of the revealed Word in relation to the Word-made-flesh. This is the ideal, especially for educators, but we can savor only portions of this vast library (the Bible) at any given time. For the coming year, Pope Benedict challenges us to know Saul of Tarsus—Saint Paul the

Apostle—more intimately through prayerful study of his letters.

Saul of Tarsus

As his two names suggest, this boy came from an observant Jewish home in the southern part of Asia Minor (now Turkey). At circumcision he was called Saul, appropriate for a member of the tribe of Benjamin (Phil 3:5), but among his Greek-speaking friends he was called Paul. He was bilingual and educated in the Pharisee tradition: “as to zeal, a persecutor of the Church, as to righteousness under the Law, blameless” (Phil 3:6; Gal 1:13).

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“Pray for me as I strive to share the gifts of faith, hope and love with all the People of God. Like Jesus, the Good Shepherd, I promise to serve you, praying that a spirit of tireless service to God and neighbor will always mark my episcopal ministry.”

—Bishop Manuel A. Cruz

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Australian odyssey energizes Salesians

BY RYAN PHELAN
Special to The Catholic Advocate

The pilgrimage of the Salesians of Don Bosco Youth Ministry, South Orange, to World Youth Day (WYD), Sydney, Australia, last July was a long journey and spiritual quest that was three years in the making. Sixty-six members of the group worked hard to prepare themselves spiritually for this pilgrimage, taking part in special masses, retreats, increased prayer and meditations. Preparations also included making financial sacrifices to pay for the trip.

Twenty-four hours worth of flights and a 12-hour layover in Vancouver, Canada, is what stood in between us and Sydney. However, the daunting travel experience actually strengthened the group and allowed for deep friendships to be formed, stories to be shared of previous WYD experiences and provided time for personal and group prayer opportunities.

We arrived in Sydney early in the morning on July 14. The month of July is part of Australia's winter, so it was chilly and overcast. Everyone was tired and a bit grouchy, but once we exited the airport in the midst of thousands of other pilgrims from across the world, our spirits skyrocketed.



Submitted photo

There was an international gathering of Salesians during World Youth Day. The long-distance trek last July proved to be a joyful opportunity for members of the Salesians of Don Bosco Youth Ministry, South Orange, to establish bonds with new friends from countries like South Korea.

After we settled into our hostel in the heart of Sydney, we went straight to Saint Mary's Cathedral to thank Mary for her protection on our journey and to ask God for guidance in our spiritual lives. We did some sightseeing—the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Sydney Opera House. As we walked the streets, we were sur-

Photos from another WYD journey, involving members of the Neocatechumenal Way, appear on pages 32 and 33.

rounded by thousands of young adults from various countries, who like us, were smiling, singing, and excited to be part of WYD.

The week began with the opening Mass

on Tuesday evening celebrated by George Cardinal Pell, Archbishop of Sydney. Over 150,000 people were present at this joyous celebration. Flags from all different countries were waved high and proud. This commencement called to our attention the beautiful diversity that is present in the Catholic faith today.

The next three days consisted of catechetical sessions in the morning. We took an hour-long train ride to a parish in the suburbs, where we had Mass and a Catholic teaching lead by Bishops from India, Australia, and New Zealand. During the afternoons there were various events coordinated by WYD, including guest speakers, singing performances, cultural festivals, vocation fairs and all day adoration.

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Lynch to address Cemeteries conference to provide wisdom on bereavement needs

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

NEWARK—Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark will host a seminar, "Continuing the Conversation; Burying Our Catholic Dead," on Monday, Oct. 13, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave., and the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Thomas Lynch, affectionately known as "America's Undertaker," who was featured in the acclaimed PBS Frontline documentary "The Undertaking," will be the keynote speaker for the event. Lynch, an author, poet and resident of Milford, MI, where he works as a funeral director, will serve as the keynote speaker for the conference, discussing traditional and nontraditional funeral services.

Andrew P. Schafer, the executive director of the archdiocesan Catholic Cemeteries Department, said the conference is designed to be a faith-based, educational experience that brings together clergy, funeral directors and cemeterians in order to discuss ways the three

groups can become more closely aligned in order to better serve the needs of Catholic families during the bereavement process.

"The Christian funeral commends the deceased person to God's merciful love and affirms the bond between the living and the dead in the communion of saints," Archbishop John J. Myers wrote in "Continuing the Journey; Preparing a Catholic Funeral," an educational booklet published last year by the Catholic Cemeteries Department. "It brings hope and consolation to the bereaved and celebrates Christ's passover and our participation in it through Christian initiation. Those of us who minister within the Church recognize the deep sorrow of the bereaved."

Lunch will be served at the Archdiocesan Center while the program will be held at the Cathedral. Registration information for the seminar is available online (www.njsfda.org) or by phone (800) 734-3712. Information also can be obtained by contacting Catholic Cemeteries at (973) 497-7981. The New Jersey Funeral Service Education Corp. provided a grant to underwrite the forum.



Thomas Lynch

Catholic Cemeteries maintains 10 cemeteries throughout northern New Jersey, many with mausoleums, and works with 15 local parish cemeteries. The group recently broke ground on two new mausoleum projects—in Jersey City and Mahwah—and began an expansion of its existing cemetery in Mahwah (see The Catholic Advocate, Aug. 20.)



Pope Benedict XVI

Respect Life theme cites pope's words

WASHINGTON (CNS)—“Hope and Respect for Life” is the theme for the 2008-09 Respect Life program, centered on Pope Benedict XVI's message during his April 15-20 visit to the United States (see related story on page 11). A packet of materials distributed by the U.S. bishops' Office of Pro-Life Activities includes pamphlets, a flier containing important points made by Pope Benedict during his U.S. visit. The Respect Life program packet mirrors the range of pro-life issues that are necessary for Catholics to comprehend regarding their Church's beliefs. The packet also contains a liturgy guide, program models and notable pro-life quotes, in both English and Spanish. The Committee on Pro-Life Activities creates this package annually to encourage schools, religious education programs and Catholic institutions and organizations to use these materials to help spread the Catholic Church's pro-life message. October is observed as Respect Life Month and the Church has designated Oct. 5 as “Respect Life Sunday.”

Saint Paul defines role of an apostle

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Although Saint Paul was not one of the initial companions and followers of Jesus, he was a true apostle, Pope Benedict XVI said. “Saint Paul dedicated his entire existence to the Gospel,” the pope said at his Sept. 10 weekly general audience at the Vatican (see related story on page one). The pope said Saint Paul makes clear in his letters that he did not place himself on the same level as the original Twelve Apostles who were called personally by Jesus and were his companions during His earthly ministry. The pope said the letters describe three key characteristics of an apostle: first, to have seen the Lord, that is, to have had an encounter with Him that completely changes one's life; second is to have “been sent.” The Greek word “*apostolos*” means “sent” as an ambassador of God and bearer of a message; third is that the messenger proclaims the Gospel and establishes new local Christian communities, usually at the price of great personal sacrifice and suffering. The pope said Saint Paul's encounter with the risen Christ on the road to Damascus “led to his mis-

sion. He could not continue as before, but was charged by the Lord to proclaim the resurrection, the Gospel, to be an apostle.” He said that while Saint Paul recognized the “completely special place” of the Twelve Apostles in the life of the Church, he knew that there were and would continue to be other apostles.

Interfaith effort eyes immigration

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Catholic Church has joined an interfaith effort to change U.S. immigration law. Representatives of the Church will take part in the Tour of the Faithful, an educational effort during September and October to convince people of faith to support changes in U.S. immigration policy. “We're in a dark period,” said Bishop John C. Wester of Salt Lake City, the chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Migration, during a Sept. 9 conference call to announce the 17-city Tour of the Faithful. “As a nation—a nation of immigrants, I might add—we cannot accept the labor of immigrants while undermining their basic human dignity,” Bishop

Wester said. “The issue of immigration reform is receiving little attention in the presidential race, and negative attention in the media.”

Pope taps women for Bible synod

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Choosing women and men from every part of the world and from a wide variety of professional spheres, Pope Benedict XVI nominated 32 voting members, 41 experts and 37 observers for the upcoming world Synod of Bishops. The nomination of six female scholars as experts and of 19 women as observers will give the Oct. 5-26 Synod of Bishops on the Bible the largest bloc of women ever participating in a Catholic synod. The 32 clerics Pope Benedict named as full members of the synod will join about 180 bishops who were elected by their national bishops' conferences, 10 priests elected by the Union of Superiors General and about two dozen cardinals and archbishops, heads of Vatican congregations and councils, who automatically are members of the synod. Observers attend all synod sessions.

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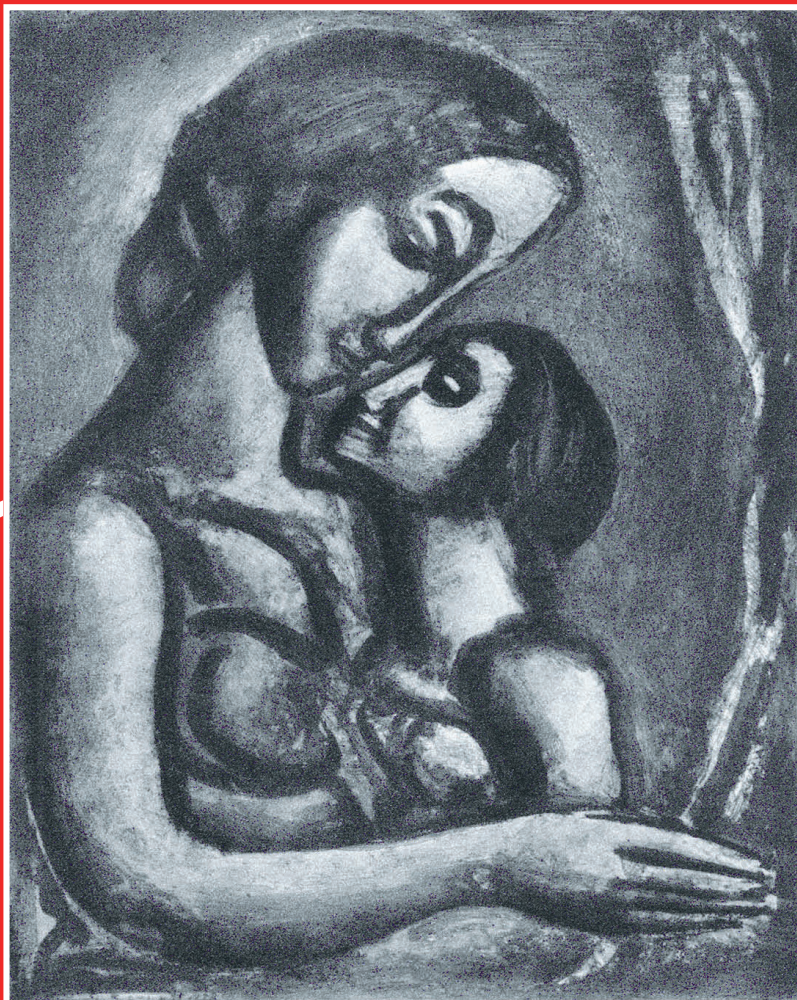
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Country's Catholics go online for evangelization conference

WASHINGTON—More than 500 national, diocesan, and parish ministry leaders from 102 dioceses will gather online Sept. 16, 17 and 18 to explore the beliefs, values, and spiritual longings of today's active and inactive Catholics.

"Proclaiming Christ 2008, Sharing the Gift of Our Catholic Faith," a national conference sponsored by the Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association (PNCEA), will take place entirely over the internet. Pre-recorded presentations will be available 24/7 through Oct. 16.

Using their Web-browser, attendees will click into the conference to hear and view the presentations when it fits their schedule.

The conference includes four major presentations: "A People Gathered and Sent" by Bishop Sam Jacobs from the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux; "American Catholics Today" by Mary Gautier, Ph.D., from the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, Georgetown University; "Reaching Today's Inactive Catholics" by Paulist Father Frank DeSiano; and "Models of Evangelization in American Catholicism" by Father Timothy Byerley, Ph.D., from Camden.

In addition to the presentations, there will be daily prayers with the opportunity for faith-sharing, facilitated discussion groups, exhibits and supplementary materials. All sharing and discussions will be done through text messages. Each day the keynote presenter will be available for a live question and answer session, also over the internet.

Optional peer ministry discussion groups will be available for diocesan and parish ministers, ministers who wish to explore faith and family, faith in the workplace, faith in politics, multicultural communities and prison ministry. There will be a discussion group for ministers under 35. Seventeen dioceses will have virtual break-out rooms

where attendees from their local churches can connect during the conference.

PNCEA consulted evangelization leaders from more than 60 dioceses in designing the conference. Using Web 2.0 technology, PNCEA is providing ministry leaders with insights from national experts, connections with their peers across the country, and the opportunity to view and review

new resources right at their own computers. Attendees can interact as much or as little as they please at their own convenience.

"Proclaiming Christ 2008" is supported in part by a grant from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Catholic Communication Campaign and PNCEA donors. To learn more about the conference, visit www.proclaimingchrist2008.org.

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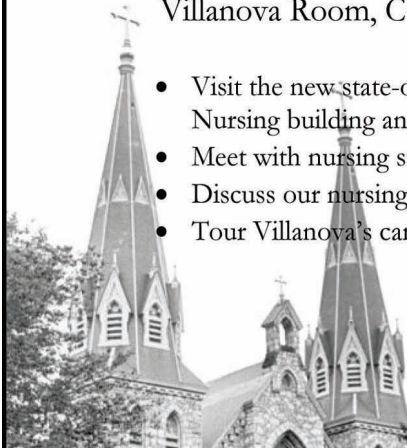
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GIVING THANKS—In his remarks to those gathered at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Sept. 8, Bishop Manuel A. Cruz acknowledged the many people who influenced his decision to respond to the call to serve Jesus Christ. “I want to express my gratitude for those who are not here today, especially the sick and homeless whom I have tried to care for throughout my years as a priest,” he said. “Their faith and prayers, and their witness to the Suffering Christ, mean so much to me.” Bishop Cruz also spoke of his gratitude to Archbishop John J. Myers and the two co-consecrators, Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety and Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus David Arias, as well as the many bishops, priests, deacons, men and women in Religious life, seminarians and laity who joined in the celebration. He also acknowledged his family for their support throughout his priesthood. Bishop Cruz asked the faith community of the archdiocese “to pray for me, that as I strive to share the gifts of faith, hope and love with all the people of God. I stand before all of you today with humility because I am all too aware that I am a fellow sinner. Although I have been called to be a shepherd of the Church, I will never forget how much more important is to acknowledge that the Lord is my Shepherd.”



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AN A-PLUS DAY—Saint Joseph School, East Rutherford, kicked off a series of events Sept. 7, marking its 130th year—the oldest continuously operating Catholic elementary school in Bergen County. Mass was concelebrated by Father Robert Sandoz, Saint Joseph pastor; Father Zachary Elliot, parochial vicar; and Father Kevin Hanbury, archdiocesan Vicar of Education and Superintendent of Schools. On hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony rededicating the school were (left to right) Father Sandoz, Principal Frances Alberta, Carlstadt Mayor William J. Roseman and East Rutherford Mayor James L. Cassella. The two mayors proclaimed Sept. 7 as “Saint Joseph School Day.”

Golden swimmer sparkles in Beijing

The glow of Cullen Jones’ gold medal at last month’s Olympics reached all the way from Beijing to the Archdiocese of Newark. Local pride in the young man’s stellar performance as a member of the U.S. men’s 400-meter relay swim team springs from his days at Saint Benedict’s Preparatory School in Newark. A standout on the Benedict’s swim team, the future Olympic champion graduated six years ago.

Jones, 24, who grew up in Irvington, was a fixture at the John F. Kennedy Pool and Recreation Center in Newark. He turned pro two years ago.

The former archdiocesan student reached the pinnacle of his sport through hard work, innate ability and unwavering dedication to be the best. Those attributes, no doubt, were nurtured while Jones was at Saint Benedict’s.

What he accomplished in far-off China is truly amazing. Not only was Jones on the winning team, but he clocked the fastest split among his teammates who included superstar Michael Phelps.

Jones, who now calls North Carolina home, is truly a role model for inner-city youngsters—and all youngsters—everywhere.

Everyone in the Archdiocese of Newark offers “our” Olympic champion hearty congratulations for a job well done. We look forward to his aquatic feats in the years to come and in London four years from now.



Cullen Jones

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointment.



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- Reverend George D. Gillen**, Pastor of Saint Genevieve Parish, Elizabeth, has been ratified in his election to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term, effective Sept. 11.
- Reverend John J. Laferrera**, Pastor of Saint Philomena Parish, Livingston, has been ratified in his election to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term, effective Sept. 11.
- Reverend James M. Manos**, Pastor of Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Bayonne, has been ratified in his election to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term, effective Sept. 11.
- Very Reverend Lewis V. Papera, V.F.**, Pastor of Corpus Christi Parish, Hasbrouck Heights, has been ratified in his election to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term, effective Sept. 11.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

- Reverend Stephen Aribe** was appointed parochial vicar of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Elizabeth, effective Sept. 5.
- Reverend Javier Flores, S.D.V.** was appointed parochial vicar of Saint Michael Parish, Newark, effective Sept. 8.

Reverend Rijo Johnson, S.D.V. was appointed parochial vicar of Saint Michael Parish, Newark, effective Sept. 8.

Reverend Sergio Nadres, Parochial Vicar of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Linden, was appointed parochial vicar of Christ the King Parish, Hillside, effective Sept. 1.

Reverend Babu Thelapilly, S.D.V. was appointed parochial vicar of Saint Nicholas Parish, Palisades Park, effective Sept. 8.

OTHER

- Reverend Donald K. Hummel**, Director of Continuing Education and Ongoing Formation of Priests, was also appointed chaplain of the Clark Police Department effective Sept. 3.
- Reverend John J. Laferrera**, Pastor of Saint Philomena Parish, Livingston, was also appointed chaplain of the Livingston Fire Department effective Sept. 3.
- Very Reverend Thomas P. Lipnicki, V.F.**, Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Oakland, and Dean of the Bergen Northwest Deanery, was also appointed chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Ramapo Valley Council No. 5846, Oakland, effective Sept. 2.
- Reverend David S. McLaughlin** was appointed chaplain at the Bergen County Jail, Hackensack, effective Sept. 2.

Make the scene at High School Expo

There’s one thing that teenagers and their parents have in common when beginning to look at Catholic secondary schools: questions, a lot of questions.

The perfect opportunity to get answers in an informal yet informative setting are the annual High School Expo sessions scheduled this year at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark on Sept. 24 and again Oct. 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The Archdiocesan Center is located at 171 Clifton Ave.

Laura Cristiano, the director of marketing and public relations for the archdiocesan Schools Office—phone: (973) 497-4258—is one of the key organizers of the event. Open to students in the sixth through eighth grades, the expos are conducted along the lines of a college fair. Staff and students representatives from high schools throughout the archdiocese will man booths to hand out literature and/or answer any questions posed by an inquisitive parent or teenager.

Not attending a High School Expo would be a mistake. For sixth graders it is never too soon to start exploring high schools and for eighth graders time is running out. To find out what high school will be in attendance each evening visit the Web site www.rcan.org/schools.

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‘Fatal Misconception’ exposes sinister engineering

This summer I read an important book. I did not read it for pleasure. I read it because I felt that, as a priest, it is my obligation to continue my education in theology, morality and history.

I thought that the book related the history of the birth-control movement in America that shaped so much of the debate of the 20th century—my century—and caused so much turmoil in our Church and completely changed family life in our time. I got much more than I bargained for.

The name of the book is “Fatal Misconception,” written by Matthew Connelly. It is packed with names of famous people and mentions at least 90 organizations that have been involved in the reproductive wars.

As I reached the end of the book I found that I had completed a terrible saga in world history. What was worse, as a fairly intelligent citizen who reads a great many newspapers and who has been a “news junkie” all of my life, I found that I had been almost totally in the dark concerning immense forces that had been at work in my time. It was as if I had been a citizen of Germany in the 1930s and had lived through, but had never understood, the true nature of the Nazi regime.

But there it was, in black and white, undeniable, proven by facts and figures. My own country, the United States of America, has had a part in one of the most massive, terrible and evil works of “social engineering” in the history of the human race.

It began in the 19th century. A few socialists were put on trial in London in 1877 for publishing a pamphlet, “The Fruits of Philosophy.” It taught of the necessity to educate people so that they might have sexual activity without producing children. The defendants spoke of a time “when the Earth cannot support its inhabitants,” when overpopulation would produce “war, famine, disease, misery, starvation,

overcrowding, preventable disease, infanticide, baby-farming, and all other horrors.” In other words, they endorsed the ideas of Thomas Malthus who, in 1826, predicted a future nightmare for the human race as we overcrowded the planet.

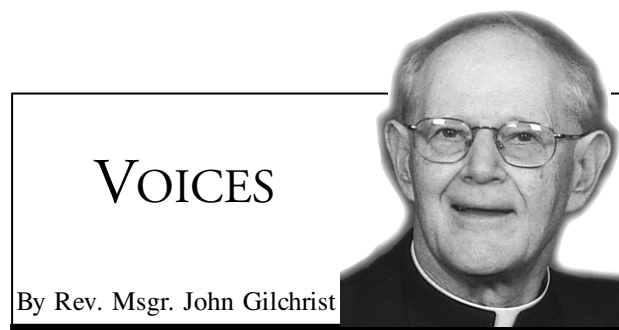
In the 20th century, five women—Margaret Sanger in America, Ottesan Jensen in Norway, Marie Stopes in England, Baroness Ishimoto in Japan and Lady Rama Rav in India—began a collective call for control of birth. They were interested primarily in the protection of women.

But these women were soon pushed aside by something greater and far more sinister. It was called “eugenics”—the improvement of the offspring produced by the human race. This was a movement driven by a hidden motive: racism. The white colonial powers and many people in the United States were afraid that the dark-skinned ethnic races of the world would ultimately invade and overwhelm the white people.

Raymond Pearl, a biologist at a eugenics conference in 1921, stated, “it is not only desirable in the eugenics interest of the race to completely extinguish the high birth rate of the unfit and defective but also to reduce the birth rate of the poor.” He was referring primarily to India.

After World War II, the United States, through the U.S. Agency of International Development (USAID) joined in an unholy alliance. This country distributed billions of dollars, as did the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, to non-profit organizations such as IPPF (International Planned Parenthood Federation). They, along with the Rockefeller Foundation, the Ford Foundation and National Family Planning Association began the all-out attempt to limit the reproduction of poor people throughout the world.

They now deny they ever did such things. But the proof is there. These agencies used coercive tactics, threats and cash rewards to cause the forcible implantation of IUD’s,



VOICES

By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist

sterilizations, and abortions upon millions and millions of poor women. These transnational social engineering experiments were a disguised neo-colonialism that used bio-politics to remake humanity. The people of the Third World remember these horrible events all too well. The rich nations have a massive collective guilt.

However, over the summer as I was reading this awful history, God gave me one great sign of hope and joy. Wherever I went—the shore, the city, or the playgrounds of New Jersey—my heart rejoiced at the sight of literally thousands of young people, from infants to teenagers. We are having a baby boom.

Even *The Sunday New York Times* Magazine Section, in its June 29 edition, predicted that there soon will be 400 million people in the United States. Praise God! Life blossoms on the planet.

(Editor's note: Msgr. John Gilchrist is pastor emeritus of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison. “Fatal Misconception; The Struggle to Control World Population” by Matthew Connelly, is published by Harvard University Press. Connelly is an associate professor of history at Columbia University, New York.)

Local News



RAISING ROOFS AND MONEY—Saint Cassian Parish, Upper Montclair, was honored by Habitat for Humanity, Newark, at a “Raising Roofs Gala” held May 15 at Nanina’s In the Park, Belleville. The Saint Cassian community raised over \$200,000 towards the construction of two houses in the Central Ward in Newark. Pictured are representatives of Habitat for Humanity Keena Mackay Hausman (far left) and Stuart L. Deutsch (far right) along with Father John Judge, pastor of Saint Cassian (second from left) and Brian Thompson, reporter for News4 TV New York.

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Sept. 29 confab to discuss Blessed John of Vercelli

AREA—The Bergen County Federation of Holy Name Societies will hold its quarterly convention meeting Monday, Sept. 29, at Our Lady of The Visitation Parish, 234 Fairview Ave., Paramus. The gathering will begin with Mass at 7 p.m. followed by a business meeting.

Fair Lawn resident Joseph Borowski, the president of Saint Anne’s Parish Holy Name Society, will serve as a featured speaker at the business meeting, discussing his participation at a gathering of the executive board of the National Association of Holy Name Societies, which was held in Hightstown Sept. 7. The national board is focused on the canonization of Blessed John of Vercelli and Borowski will describe his own miraculous healing through the intercession of Blessed John of Vercelli.

Contact Alfred DiGrazia Jr., the president of the Bergen County Federation of Holy Name Societies, at (973) 478-0166 for information on the Sept. 29 meeting.

In addition, Saint Anne’s Parish, 15-05 Saint Anne St., Fair Lawn, will hold its 69th annual Communion Mass and breakfast Sunday, Nov. 9, honoring Blessed John of Vercelli. Mass begins at 9 a.m. followed by breakfast.

Betty DeFusco, the former president of the Rosary Society of Saint Anne’s Parish, will be the guest speaker at the Nov. 9 breakfast. The cost to attend the event is \$15 per person. Contact Sal Scialdone at (201) 794-3485 for details.

Last April the Bergen County Federation held its 61st annual spiritual directors’ dinner in Garfield, which featured Msgr. Edward Hajduk as the keynote speaker (see *The Catholic Advocate*, April 9).

Year of St. Paul

Continued from page 1

Always convinced that he was serving God, Saul's commitment was refocused "through a revelation of Jesus Christ" (Gal 1:12) and he recognized that God had revealed His Son "so that I might proclaim Him among the Gentiles" (Gal 1:16). He took three years to integrate his thorough education in the Scriptures and their application to worship and the moral order into a synthesis that was centered on Jesus of Nazareth as Messiah and Son of God. No doubt this "retreat" was experienced in a small community of faithful Christians, with whom he would pray and test his insights into God's Word. "Then after three years I did go up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him 15 days..." (Gal 1:18).

He acknowledged the unique place of Peter in the Church and their complementary mission: Peter to the circumcised and Paul to the Gentiles (Gal 2:7-8). Knowing that circumcision was a major stumbling block for Greek and Roman men, Paul argued that Baptism into the Christian faith was the only requirement for membership in the Church and that imitation of Christ expressed obedience to God's Law for them (Gal 6:2).

Through Baptism people take on a new identity; clothed in Christ, they are united in such a profound way that distinctions between Jew and Greek, slave or free, male or female become relatively insignificant. Most important is their unity in Christ as children of God and descendants of Abraham, the man of faith (Gal 3:26-29).

Paul and Jews

How did Paul regard those Jews who did not accept his message that Jesus is the Anointed One, the Son of God? Did he at times assess his approach, review the contents of his message? He told the Corinthian community that he had founded: "I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified" (1 Cor 2:2). Indeed, he wanted to reach everyone, whether in the local synagogue on the Sabbath or in the tent factory where he earned his livelihood, but he would not tamper with the Gospel to be popular.

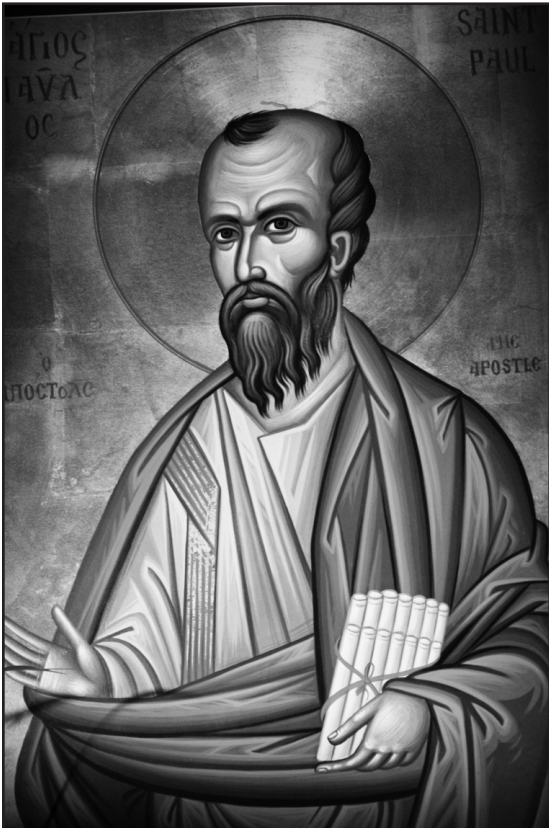
Paul warned Christians that they could expect misunderstanding and persecution; they were to become imitators of Jesus in His Passion, "imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, for you suffered the same things from your own compatriots as they did from the Jews..." (1 Thess 2:14). Logically, this last word might be rendered "the Judeans," since Paul was referring to the mother Church in Jerusalem and other places in Judea. However, the passage continues with a two-fold indictment: "They killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets and drove us out; they dis-

please God and oppose all men..." (2:15). First, Paul indicated that all the prophets died as martyrs at the hands of their own people (see Mt 23:29-36; Heb 11:35-38, drawing on Jewish traditions); then he added an accusation of the Romans who interpreted Jewish avoidance of "civil religion" in patriotic celebrations and social restrictions because of the dietary laws to be evidence of misanthropy. In his protective concern for his converts, Paul lashed out with a zeal that seemed reminiscent of his earlier days. How could he lambaste his fellow Jews with hateful bigotry? Similar self-incriminating words are found in some contemporary rap lyrics, so anger can take strange forms.

The Letter to the Romans

A few years later Paul composed his longest letter, to a Christian community of Jews and Gentiles that he hoped to visit. The

The Living Church



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The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, is displaying a reproduction of a Byzantine icon painting of Saint Paul throughout the year.

Epistle to the Romans presented his theological synthesis in a calm and orderly fashion. We might read the text prayerfully over a period of weeks to see the context of the readings we hear on Sundays in the first year of the three-year cycle.

In Romans chapters 9-11 Paul has made a most significant contribution to the important question of the Church's relation to the Jewish people. The Second Vatican Council, held during the 1960s, drew upon this synthesis in the Declaration on the Church's bond with the Jews (*Nostra Aetate*).

Paul's zeal and passion are evident as he acknowledged that his preaching of the Gospel to Jewish groups was not very successful. He listed seven prerogatives with which Jews are blessed: "They are Israelites and to them belong the filiation, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the Law, the worship and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ..." A brief reflection on these titles should remind us of their implications.

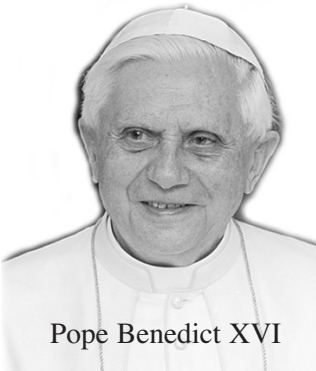
Israel was the name given to the patriarch Jacob after he wrestled with God (Gn 32:23-31); probably it means "one who struggles with God." This became the special designation for the Twelve Tribes that descended from Jacob and his wives, emphasizing their privilege of serving God.

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

(Father Lawrence Frizzell is the director of the Institute of Judaean-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University, South Orange, and a longtime columnist for The Catholic Advocate. Part two of this article will appear in the Oct. 8 edition.)

THE POPE SPEAKS

Communion with others reflects spirit of Saint Paul



VATICAN CITY (CNS)—While Saint Paul had a dramatic personal experience of the risen Christ and received a mission directly from Him, he still had to be baptized and become part of the Church community, Pope Benedict XVI said.

"There is only one proclamation of the risen Lord because Christ is only one," the pope said Sept. 3 at his weekly general audience, part of his series of talks dedicated to the 2,000th anniversary of the Apostle's birth.

"The Acts of the Apostles and the letters of Saint Paul both say the risen Lord spoke to him, called him to the apostolate, made him a true apostle—a witness of the resurrection—with a specific mission to proclaim the Gospel to the pagans," Pope Benedict explained.

Despite Saint Paul's "immediate relationship with the risen Lord, he had to enter into the communion of the Church, he had to be baptized, he had to live in communion with the other Apostles," he said. "Only in this communion with all could he be a true Apostle."

The dramatic and unusual details of the conversion of Saint Paul, who had been a zealous persecutor of Christians, sometimes claim so much attention that people miss the essential fact that conversion is a result of a relationship with Jesus—not a blinding light or being knocked to the ground, the pope said.



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WITNESSES TO CHRIST—Consecrated virgins from five area dioceses met in August at Centro Guadalupe in Union City for their fifth-annual retreat. Under the direction of Father Juan Luis Calderon, O.A.R., (pictured in the back row, far right) the center's assistant director, participants spent the day in prayer, reflection and discussion of the difficulties and joys of their vocation. Several women in the group recently traveled to Rome for a three-day International Congress-Pilgrimage of Consecrated Virgins. They shared their experiences of being with 500 consecrated virgins from around the world and of meeting with Pope Benedict XVI. Consecrated virgins come from all walks of life and serve in their parishes as administrators, catechists and leaders in various capacities. They have in common a total and undying love for Jesus Christ and complete commitment to Him and His Church through being His witnesses in this world and the next. Among those attending the retreat this year were Carol Stronach and Anne Marie Sweeney of the Archdiocese of Newark; Barbara Blumers and Susan Monroe from the Archdiocese of New York; Junette Romero, Diocese of Brooklyn; Karen Hund, Diocese of Erie, PA; and the Metuchen Diocese's Cathy Leahy, Helen Quo and Beatrice David.

Community embraces 'linkage', welcomes immigrants

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

Polish immigrants first settled in the Elizabeth area in the 1870s. To celebrate Mass in Polish, they traveled to Saint Stanislaus Parish in New York City, and then to Saint Stanislaus Parish in Newark, and Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Elizabeth.

In 1905, a delegation of Elizabeth residents contacted Rev. Msgr. Vitus J. Masnicki, pastor of Saint Stanislaus Parish in Newark, requesting assistance in forming their own parish. He suggested that they gather interested Poles in the area for a Mass and meeting. As a result, more than a thousand people assembled on May 21 in the Grand Army Hall on East Jersey Street. They were unanimous in their intent and assessed themselves \$25 each to purchase land. The group decided to name the parish after the patron and apostle of Poland: Saint Adalbert Wojciech.

The church building, originally a combination church and

school, was built on land purchased in August 1905. Blessing of the cornerstone took place Dec. 17 and work was completed the following June. Msgr. Masnicki was pastor of both the Newark and the Elizabeth parishes, commuting between them by trolley or bicycle. By 1908 both parishes had grown so much that he decided to resign the Newark pastorate and move to Elizabeth. A rectory was established on East Jersey Street and a convent on Fulton Street.

Saint Adalbert, Elizabeth

A school was established in 1909 with the arrival of Felician Sisters from Buffalo, NY. Due to the rapid growth of the school, a separate facility was built on Third and Fulton streets during 1911. In September remodeling work was begun on the church. The original building was gutted and side aisles added converting it into the present structure of Saint Adalbert Parish. Major renovation of the church took place in the 1930s with the installation of the copper roof, new wiring and electrical fixtures as well as interior redecoration.

Msgr. Masnicki died in 1956 after a pastorate of 51 years. His successor, Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Smolen, was a native son of Saint Adalbert Parish. Msgr. Smolen was concerned about the deteriorating condition of the convent and rectory. He started a fund-raising drive and built a new convent in 1960 and replaced the existing rectory in 1961. New pews were installed in the church, the upper nave windows replaced and the building was air-conditioned during the later 1960's. Msgr. Smolen retired in 1972 and was succeeded by Father Joseph A. Marjanczyk.

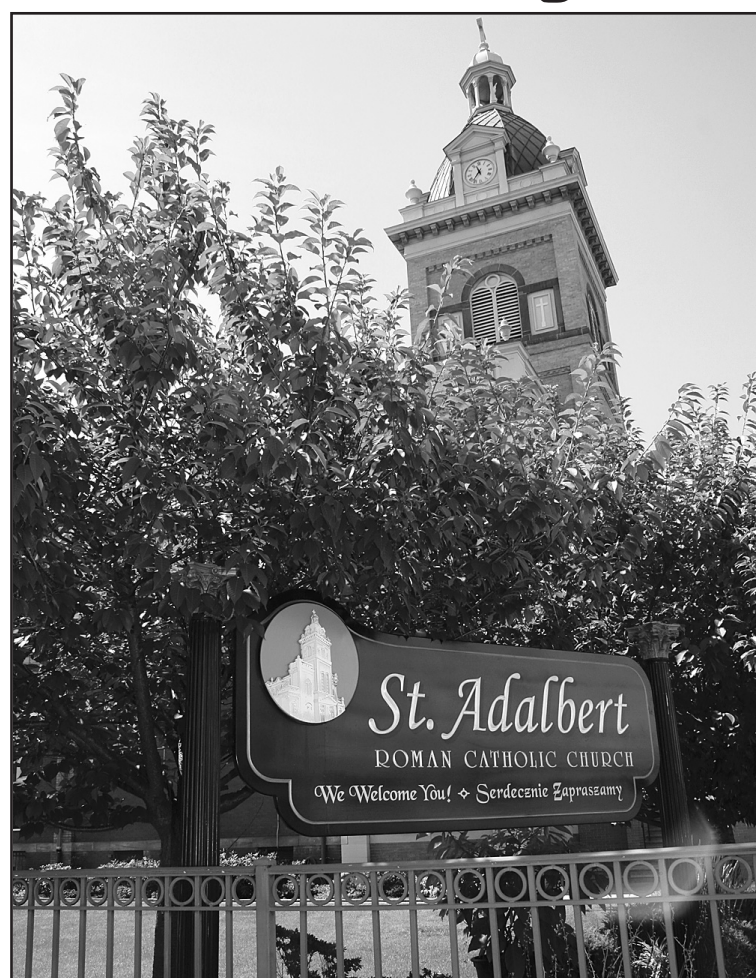
Twelve years ago the parish community embarked on a restoration campaign. While the

main focus of this campaign was the renovation of the church building, other projects were deemed equally important. Pledges from current and former parishioners and friends exceeded the original monetary goal of the campaign within two months.

The copper roof was replaced and extensive brickwork on the upper external levels of the church was completed. The church was closed for services on Jan. 5, 1998 so that the restoration of the interior could be conducted and reopened for services on Holy Thursday on April 9 that same year. During that three-month period, the community conducted daily Mass in the church basement and Sunday Mass and other services in the parish hall.



Advocate photos — Melissa McNally To commemorate Saint Adalbert Parish's centennial year in 2005, a statue of the late Pope John Paul II was blessed and placed in a niche in the parish garden. The life-size Italian bronze statue, an image of the late pontiff, is a source of pride for the Polish community.



Saint Adalbert Parish has 650 enrolled families of mostly Polish heritage. Father Krzysztof Szczotka, the pastor, said a large segment of the parish population is made up of parishioners who are the first-, second- and third-generation descendants of Polish immigrants. In addition, the parish population also includes recent immigrants.

The last element of the restoration project—the addition of a handicapped ramp and renovation of the front steps—took place during the spring and summer of 1998.

In July 2004 Father Krzysztof Szczotka, S. D.S., was named the sixth pastor of Saint Adalbert Parish. He had served as an associate pastor since 2000. In commemoration of the Jubilee Year, a statue of the late Pope John Paul II was blessed and placed in a niche in the parish garden. The rich legacy of the first Polish-born Pope is a source of tremendous pride for the parish community.

Under the auspices of the archdiocesan New Energies Program, Saint Adalbert Parish and Saints Peter and Paul Parish were permitted to establish a "linkage" allowing for continued independent structures under a single pastor, Fr. Szczotka, and clerical staff. While the communities were apprehensive at first, the linking of the parishes so far has exceeded the expectations of Fr. Szczotka.

"What we thought would be an extremely difficult project and what we thought would be very difficult to explain to the parishioners turned out to be a wonderful and amazing success," Fr. Szczotka said. "Our linkage,

which is beginning its fourth year, was welcomed with open arms by our parishioners and has proved to enrich not only Saint Adalbert, but also our sister parish—Saints Peter and Paul. Both parishes, by working together, have improved on a number of levels."

Families with close ties to the parish work to keep Polish ethnic and cultural celebrations alive. Even the building's decorations conjure fond memories for parishioners, Fr. Szczotka believes.

"Our church is modestly decorated yet it has the uniqueness of painted scroll work on the ceiling the pictures depicting the life of Christ," he said. "Pictures like the Annunciation and the Resurrection. The serenity of the church makes it a very peaceful place to pray. The parishioners have a bond with the church. To be born into Saint Adalbert Parish is to be a part of Saint Adalbert's forever."

(Saint Adalbert Parish is located at 250 East Jersey St., Elizabeth, 07206. The Mass schedule is as follows: Saturday 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 7:15 a.m. (Polish), 8:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m. (Polish), 12:15 p.m. Call (908) 352-2791 for more information.)

Meet the Pastor



Father Krzysztof
Szczotka S.D.S.

Birthday: June 9, 1962
Hometown: Zywiec, Poland
High School: Milowka, Poland
Seminary: Salvatorian Major Seminary, Bagno, Poland
Graduate School: Licentiate in Moral Theology at Saint Thomas Aquinas University in Rome, Italy
Ordination: May 28, 1988, Bagno
Hero: Pope John Paul II
Favorite Saint: Saint Hedwig
Favorite Sports: Soccer and tennis
Favorite Food: Italian
Favorite Subject in School: Geography
Favorite Movie: James Bond series
Last Book Read: *Gift and Mystery* by John Paul II

Seminar to feature talk by Terri Schiavo's brother

Oct. 4 forum to gather at Linden parish

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

LINDEN—Archdiocesan and national leaders in the pro-life movement will speak at a Life Issues Seminar on Saturday, Oct. 4 at Saint John the Apostle Parish, 1805 Penbrook Terr.

Co-sponsored by the Respect Life Office and Pro-Life Commission, the seminar will spotlight two speakers: Bobby Schindler, brother of Terri Schiavo, the brain-injured Florida woman who died three years ago after a court ordered cessation of nutrition; and Father Tadeusz Pacholczyk, a columnist for *The Catholic Advocate* and director of education at The National Catholic Bioethics Center, which is headquartered in Philadelphia.

The cost to attend the seminar is \$10 general admission and \$5 for students and parish pro-life contacts. Checks should be made payable to the archdiocesan Respect Life Office and are due no later than Sept. 25. The mailing address is 1805 Penbrook Terr., Linden, NJ 07036.

Two years ago Schindler was a featured speaker at a lecture series held at Seton Hall University (SHU), South Orange (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Nov. 8, 2006). His sister, Theresa "Terri" Schiavo died on March 31, 2005 at the age of 41. She collapsed in her home

in 1990 and experienced respiratory and cardiac arrest. She fell into a coma and within three years, was diagnosed as being brain damaged and in a "persistent vegetative state."

The dispute over her fate began to receive national attention and included a legal history of numerous appeals, motions, petitions and hearing in Florida courts and Federal District Court. Her feeding tube was removed on March 18, 2005 and she died 13 days later at Pinellas Park Hospice in Florida. The controversy regarding Terri Schiavo's final days galvanized the nation, sparking discussions on end-of-life issues.

"My sister was killed," Schindler alleged during his 2006 presentation at SHU. The family's "only intention" was to "take care" of Terri. There was an abundance of "confusion" on the matter among Catholics, he pointed out. Schindler said his sister was not dying and nutrition and hydration kept her alive. There was a moral obligation to do so, he stressed.

Fr. Pacholczyk spoke at SHU last year about the ethics of stem-cell research and cloning (see *The Catholic Advocate*, March 7, 2007). He earned a Ph.D. in neuroscience from Yale University and aimed to "cut through the spin" of the media and government policies regarding stem cells and cloning. He believes a majority of the public does not understand basic terminology of the research and has misconceptions about embryonic versus adult stem-cell research.

Stem cells can be molded and can change into different cells found in the body (i.e. muscle,



Bobby Schindler

skin and organ tissue), as explained by Fr. Pacholczyk. In embryonic stem-cell research (ESCR), stem cells are taken from five-day old embryos called blastocysts. The cell lines are then ripped from the developing fetus and thus destroy it.

Other sources of stem cells for research—adult stem cells—can be used instead of human embryos including: umbilical cords, amniotic fluid, bone marrow, fat from liposuctions and nasal epithelium.

A common misconception in the stem-cell controversy is that the Catholic Church is against all forms of stem-cell research. In fact, the Church supports adult stem-cell research but strongly opposes embryonic stem-cell research.

"There are no fundamental objections to adult stem-cell research. There is a collaboration of evil that can happen when an ethical discussion is not approached," Fr. Pacholczyk explained.

The seminar continues to attract prominent speakers who have been at the center of major



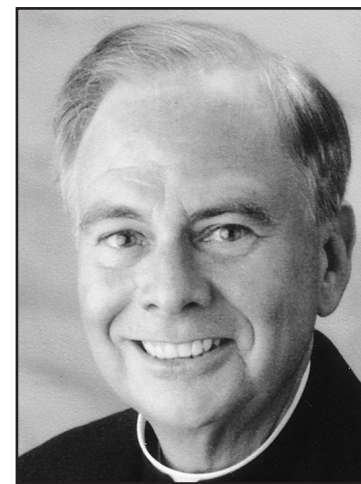
Father Joseph A. Meagher

life issues. Last year, Norma McCorvey—the plaintiff "Roe" in the landmark Supreme Court case known as *Roe v Wade* that, in 1973, legalized abortion in the United States—was the feature speaker at the Life Issues Seminar (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 24, 2007). A record number of seminar attendants—about 200 people—listed attentively to McCorvey as she spoke about her involvement in the landmark case.

Once considered the national "poster girl" for abortion, McCorvey today is a passionate Catholic speaker who shares her testimonial in a crusade to end abortion.

"I am sorry that I listened to the lies. I was part of the court case that brought the Holocaust of abortion into this country and for that, I deeply apologize," she said last year at the seminar.

Born Norma Lee Nelson in Louisiana, McCorvey was asked by lawyers Sarah Weddington and Linda Coffee in 1969 to be the plaintiff in a case to challenge the Texas state law prohibiting abortion. McCorvey, who was pregnant at the time, was cited as "Jane Roe" in the court case. She never had the abortion and McCorvey felt as



Msgr. John E. Doran

though the two lawyers used her as a pawn.

In the summer of 1997, with the assistance of her friend, Ronda Mackey, McCorvey began her own pro-life ministry, "Roe No More," based in Dallas (Web site: www.leaseru.com/norma). She also attends theology classes at the University of Texas.

The Oct. 4 seminar begins at 11 a.m., with Mass celebrated by Rev. Msgr. John E. Doran, archdiocesan Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia. Lunch and networking follows at noon. At 12:35 p.m., Father Joseph Meagher, director of the archdiocesan Respect Life Office, will give the opening prayer followed by welcoming remarks by the chairman of the Pro-Life Commission, James Sondey.

Schindler is scheduled to speak at 12:50 p.m., while Fr. Pacholczyk will begin his presentation at 1:45 p.m. A question-and-answer segment follows the speaker presentations at 2:45 p.m. and the program concludes with a closing prayer from Fr. Meagher at 3:30 p.m.

For additional information contact the archdiocesan Respect Life Office by phone at (732) 388-8211 or via e-mail to arnewrespect@sjanj.net.

Religion editor Wilma Supik succumbs

AREA—Wilma J. Supik, a newspaper religion editor for four decades, died on Sunday, Aug. 11. A funeral Mass was celebrated at Saint Margaret of Cortona Parish, Little Ferry, on Aug. 14.

A lifelong resident of Little Ferry and a parishioner at Saint Margaret of Cortona Parish, Supik, 83, worked as a columnist and religion editor for *The Record*, based in Hackensack, for 42 years, from 1950-1992. She was a graduate of New York University and She was also a volunteer in the pastoral care department at Hackensack University Medical Center for 23 years.

Supik was fondly remembered as a journalist and member of the Little Ferry faith community by Father Arthur F. Humphrey, V.F., the pastor of Saint Margaret of Cortona. Father Patrick W. Donohue, V.F., the administrator of Holy Trinity Parish, Hackensack, said many Catholics throughout Bergen County looked forward to reading Supik's column in *The Record*.

"Wilma indeed was an ecumenical writer who did not limit her column to the Catholic experience," Fr.

Donohue said. "While the Catholic press is a vocation that many have responded to, I think of others like Wilma and Tim Russert (the recently deceased NBC TV commentator) who have lived out their Catholic faith in the secular media."

The Cursillo Movement, which was flourishing in the archdiocese in the 1970s while she was a columnist, was a favorite topic for Supik, he recalled. Founded in Spain during the 1940s, the Cursillo Movement featured three-day evangelization retreats. "Not only was she a participant in the renewal program, but she also served as the editor of the monthly Cursillo newsletter," he said.

While serving as a priest at Holy Trinity Parish, Fr. Donohue often visited parishioners at Hackensack University Medical Center. "I would meet Wilma bringing communion to patients. Her eyesight was limited but I think she was able to relate to the sick with empathy through her own physical limitations," he said.

(Editor's note: The Record provided information for this obituary.)

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DAISY award to recognize efforts of Trinitas nurses

ELIZABETH—Nurses at Trinitas Hospital will be honored with “The DAISY Award For Extraordinary Nurses.” The award is presented in collaboration with The American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE), Washington, D.C., and is part of the DAISY Foundation’s program to recognize outstanding nurses.

Trinitas is the first New Jersey hospital to become involved in the DAISY program and expects to begin selecting individual nurses for monthly Awards beginning in October. More than 250 hospitals in the United States participate in the DAISY program.

Based in Glen Ellen, CA, the DAISY Foundation (Web site: www.daisyfoundation.org), a not-for-profit organization, was established by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes who died at the age of 33 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little-known auto-immune disease. DAISY is an acronym that stands for Diseases Attacking the Immune System.

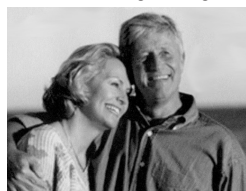
“We became involved in this program because it provided a way to recognize our nurses who do every-day things in an extraordinary manner,” explained John Lanier, RN, nurse manager of the Six North Nursing Unit at Trinitas and co-chairman of the hospital’s Nursing Recruitment and Retention Committee.

“DAISY Award nominations can be made by anyone, including co-workers, managers, patients, visitors and physicians,” explained Annie Madsen, RN, Staff Nurse of the Six South Nursing Unit, and co-chairman of the Recruitment and Retention Committee.

“Everyday in our hospital, we see these extraordinary nurses on our units, at the patient’s bedside,” she added. “We are excited about this opportunity to give something back to these extraordinary people who have given so much of themselves,” Madsen said.

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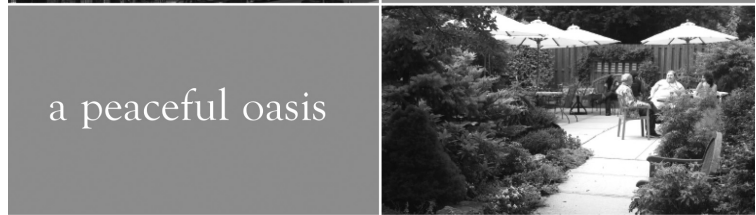
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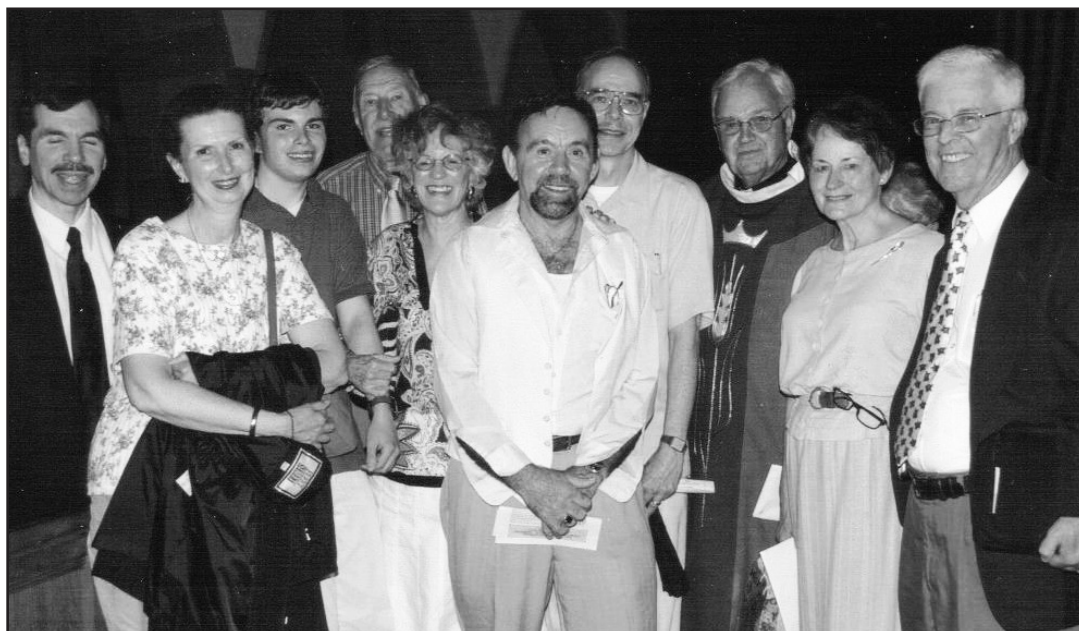
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EIGHTY REASONS TO CELEBRATE—Father Paul Lehman, third from right, pastor emeritus at Saint Antoninus Parish in Newark, recently celebrated his 80th birthday at a special liturgy. Offering congratulations are, left to right, Paul, Lynn and James Werner, Joseph and Wendy Hoffman, Lenny Paolillo, Doug Sterner, Eleanor and Thomas Benson and Thomas Morris.

Catholic Charities plans to open day care site in Bergen County

RIVER EDGE — Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark will open its second social day care center for senior citizens this fall. Applications are now being taken through the Catholic Charities’ Bergen County Senior Center.

The new social day care center is located at 415 Fifth Ave., which

is the site of the former convent of Saint Peter the Apostle Parish.

Transportation will be provided to the center, which opens at 8 a.m. Available programs provide a variety of social and other related support services in a protective setting during any part of the day but less than 24-hour care.

The New Jersey Adult Day

Services Association (Web site: www.njdaycenters.com), Bayonne, defines “social day care centers” as providers of community-based programs designed to meet the needs of functionally and/or cognitively impaired adults through an individual plan of care.

“Even with the best of care in their own home, some seniors appreciate the opportunity to mingle with their peers,” Clare Elton, director of adult services for Catholic Charities, said, citing the growing number of seniors in surrounding communities. “Caregivers like their loved ones to be in a place where others love them too.”

“The day is filled with reminiscent activities, chair exercises, meals trivia games and more,” Elton continued. “Caregivers who appreciated the much-needed break have said they don’t know what they would do without it. Seniors like the opportunity to socialize with people their own age, which has been found to be an aid in preventing depression,” Elton added.

The first Catholic Charities social day care center opened 26 years ago in Cranford, which serves an average of 25 clients on a daily basis. Both sites are designed to care for persons over the age of 60.

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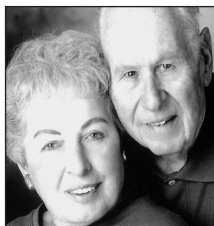
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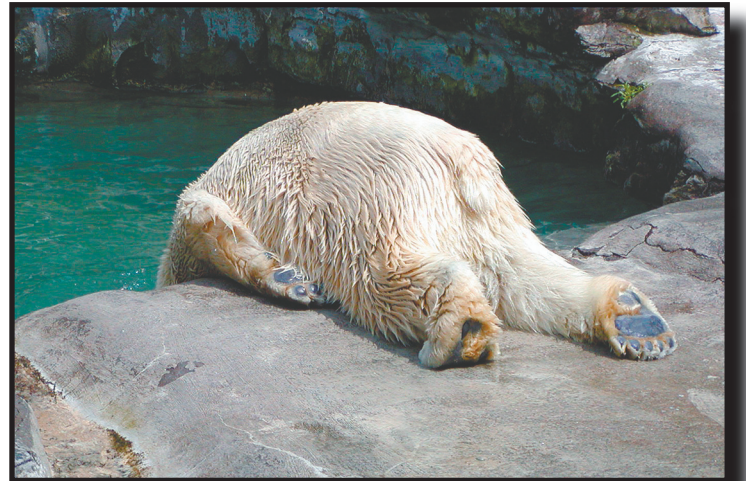
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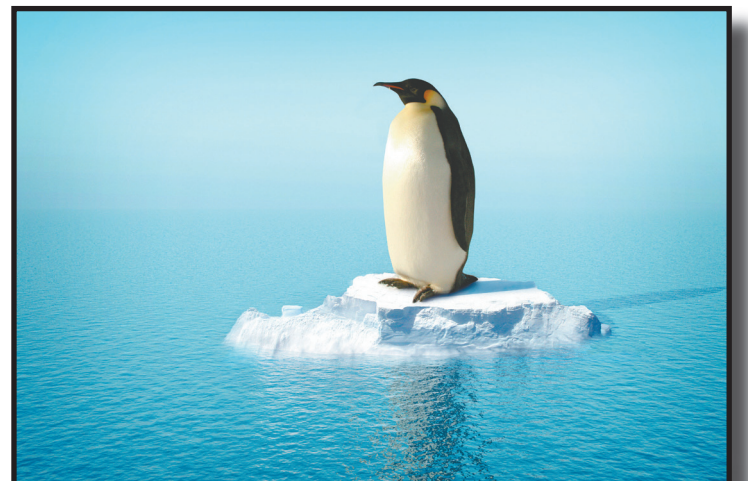
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'Citizenship' eyes election issues

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

"With every new election cycle, we are often asked about how the Church can and should address the many challenges that this nation faces—political and economic, scientific and technical, ethical, moral and spiritual," Archbishop Myers wrote in a letter to pastors in the archdiocese.

"We face fundamental questions of life and death, war and peace, who moves ahead and who is left behind," he said. "As you know, 'Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States' was approved during the bishops' meeting in November 2007.

"Preach on the Church's teaching and key moral issues. Encourage people to help shape the priorities and policies of our nation by being informed about the

Church's teaching and issues that affect the life and human dignity of each person, especially the unborn and those who are poor and vulnerable," the archbishop said.

Parishes will receive a DVD entitled "Faithful Citizenship: A Matter of Conscience"; Faithful Citizenship posters; a two-page summary of "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship that can be duplicated and distributed to parishioners." Call the archdiocesan Office of Human Concerns at (973) 497-4341 for more information.



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PRINTING MILESTONE—Archbishop John J. Myers (left), assisted by Father Michael A. Andreano, vice chancellor and secretary to the archbishop, recently celebrated Mass marking the 150th anniversary of Paulist Press, an award-winning publisher of hardcover, and paperback books, audio and video presentations and educational materials for parish renewal programs—a major component of the work of the Paulist Fathers. The Mass was celebrated at Saint Paul Parish, Ramsey. Paulist Press (Web site: www.paulistpress.com) is headquartered in Mahwah. The Paulist Fathers, a society of missionary priests, was founded in 1858.

Saint John to install new pastor

HILLSDALE — Most Rev. John W. Flesey, Regional Bishop of Bergen County, will be the principal celebrant at the installation Mass of Father John J. Korbela as the eighth pastor of Saint John the Baptist Parish, 69 Valley St., at noon Mass on Sunday, Sept. 21.

Rev. Msgr. Philip D. Morris, pastor emeritus, as well as parish priests Father Bruce E. Harger, Father Midyphil Billones and Rev. Msgr. Thomas M. O'Leary, in residence, and Fr. Korbela will concelebrate Mass at the Bergen Country parish.

A reception will be held in the Parish Center immediately following the Installation Mass. Call the parish at (201) 664-3131 for more information.

Plainfield choir to perform at Sacred Heart on Sept. 21

NEWARK—Sacred Heart Parish, 481 Sanford Ave. (in the Vailsburg section of the city) will launch a concert series on Sunday, Sept. 21. The performance will feature the HERITAGE (Helping to Enhance Resources by Incorporating the Arts to Gain Education) Show Choir of Plainfield.

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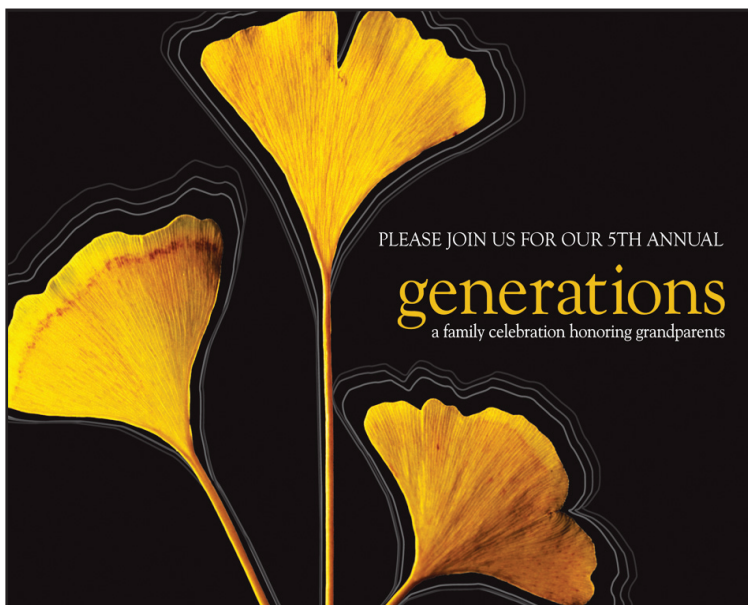
JERSEY CITY — The Margaret Anna Cusack Care Center, 537 Pavonia Ave., will celebrate National Grandparents Day with a brunch on Sunday, Sept. 21 at Casino in the Park, 1 Nunda Ave.

Beginning at noon and hosted by the center's Grateful Families Committee, the fifth-annual event will honor "Grandparents of the Year" William and Catherine Macchi along with Jack and Joan Quigley. Both couples will be recognized for their work in the cause of the elderly at the city, county and state levels. Other activities include a journal, raffle, children's activities and family portrait sittings.

"Proceeds of this unique celebration will go to the center's 'Forget Them Not' fund designed to enrich the lives of our elderly who have no family of their own," Mary Beth Stull, event chairman, said.

"It might not surprise anyone that government funds such as Medicare and Medicaid do not cover the full cost of basic long-term care let alone those little extras," Thomas P. Sheehy, the center's new administrator, said.

For additional information or to purchase tickets, call Susan Sims, director of development, at (201) 653-8300, ext. 2161.



The ginkgo leaf, a symbol of longevity and memory, is the logo for this year's Grandparents Day brunch planned by the Margaret Anna Cusack Care Center (Web site: www.cusackcarecenter.org).

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Career ministry plans workshop on Sept. 21

RIDGEWOOD — The Career Resources Ministry of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 1 Passaic St., will resume its workshop outreach series at noon, Sept. 21, in the meeting room of the lower church, to help those seeking employment.

The workshops are open to the public and parish membership is not a pre-requisite. Call Carol Shea at (201) 447-4215 details. The Sept. 21 workshop, "Create Your Communications Strategy and Resume," will focus on resume writing. Those planning to attend should bring their most recent resume or job experience information.

Members of the Career Resources Ministry are professionals in their field who provide job seekers with encouragement and the tools needed to obtain a new position. The workshop is the first of a four-part series to be held this fall and winter.



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A Mass of Thanksgiving and veneration of the stone relic on which Our Lady appeared (in 1608) will highlight the anniversary celebration. Mass and a procession begin at 11 a.m. Most Rev. Dominic A. Marconi, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Newark, will be the main celebrant. Concelebrants will be Father Krzysztof Szczotka, S.D.S., the pastor, and Father Daniel Staniskis.

A luncheon will follow in the parish hall. The church is located at 211 Ripley Pl. and the parish hall at 216 Ripley Pl. For tickets and additional information call the parish rectory at (908) 352-2271.

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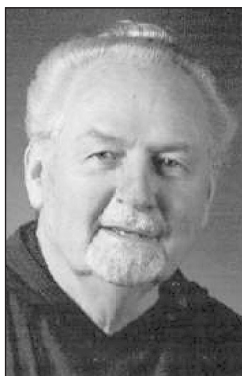
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HIGH SCHOOL EXPO—Students in grades six to eight, along with their families, are invited to attend High School Expo 2008 on Wednesday, Sept. 24 and Wednesday, Oct. 8 at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave., Newark. Both evening expos run 7 to 8:30 p.m. and are sponsored by the archdiocesan secondary schools and Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Newark. School administrators and student representatives from various archdiocesan high schools will be on hand to share information answer questions. Contact Laura Cristiano, director of marketing and public relations for the archdiocesan Schools Office by phone at (973) 497-4258 or via e-mail (cristila@rcan.org) or visit the Web site www.rcan.org/schools for details.

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Date	Time	Topic
Saturday, Sept. 27	5:00 p.m. Mass	Confession: Jesus Christ: The Great Psychologist, The Supreme Psychiatrist
Sunday, Sept. 28	7:30, 10:00, 11:15 a.m. Masses	Confession: Jesus Christ: The Great Psychologist, The Supreme Psychiatrist
	7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Talk, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction	Why Stay Catholic? The Holy Father and the Holy Eucharist
Monday, Sept. 29	8:00 a.m. Mass	
	4:00 p.m. Holy Hour for Children	
	7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Talk, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction	Love: The Only Thing That is Divine in This World
Tuesday, Sept. 30	8:00 a.m. Mass	
	7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Talk, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction	Suffering: Why Bad Things Happen to Good People
Wednesday, Oct. 1	8:00 a.m. Mass	
	7:00 p.m. Mass (St. Therese of the Child Jesus)	Mary: Not Even God Could Have Made Her Any Better

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Parish feast to be a 'blast from the past'

RIDGEFIELD PARK—Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, 114 Mount Vernon St., will hold its 35th annual feast the weekend of Oct. 3-5. Feast hours are Friday, 6 to 11 p.m., Saturday, noon to 11 p.m. and Sunday 12:30 to 7 p.m.

Under the theme of a "Blast

from the Past," the feast will feature a variety of food, rides and games. There will also be karaoke performances and a super 50/50 raffle.

A feast highlight will be an indoor "White Elephant sale," where participants can purchase slightly

used and new items. The parish hall also will be the site of baked goods and plant sales. New to the feast this year will be pony rides and a chance to test one's strength trying to ring a bell with the swing of a rubber sledgehammer.

Ride bracelet days will be in effect Saturday and Sunday of the feast from 1 to 5 p.m. The \$15 bracelet allows youngsters to access all of the rides on the day the bracelet is purchased. For additional information call (201) 641-6464.

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Singer Angrisano to fuel the ‘glow’ at Saint Francis

RIDGEFIELD PARK—Nationally acclaimed Catholic singer and songwriter Steve Angrisano will perform Friday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m. at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, 114 Mount Vernon St.

The Bergen County parish’s youth ministry is organizing and hosting the event. Tickets for the concert are priced at \$10 per person. Youth ministry programs are eligible for a group discount. Call Jenn Ferraioli at (201) 641-6464 for reservations.

Angrisano was a featured speaker and performer at “Youthfest 2007,” which was held at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny. He has shared his music and message with thousands of people in more than 200 dioceses throughout the United States. His performances blend laughter, song, story and audience interaction.

In recent years Angrisano has been featured at major conferences and events around the world, including the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) and World Youth Day events held in Sydney, Australia, Cologne, Germany, and Denver.

The concert by Angrisano kicks off the Saint Francis youth ministry’s theme of GLOW (God Lights Our Way), which will culminate with the 16th annual Antioch retreat in October. The youth group remains active throughout the year, meeting on Wednesdays and Fridays and organizing social and spiritual activities, such as the Living Stations of the Cross, held on Good Friday.

Father Eugene J. Field is the pastor of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish. Jenn and Tom Ferraioli have led the Saint Francis Youth Ministry since 1992. The group focuses on activities for high school and junior high school students and also reaches out to college-age students.



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The Youth Group Ministry of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish connected with singer/songwriter Steve Angrisano last year at the “Youthfest” event held at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny. Members of the youth ministry pictured at the 2007 Kearny event are (back row, left to right) Kim Grein, Matt Graves, Tom Ferraioli, Angrisano, Pat Heaney, Tim Van Woeart; (front row) Jenn Ferraioli, Danielle Crantiello and Sara Grein.

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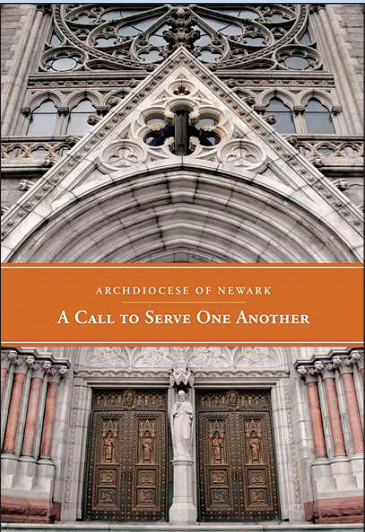


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Understanding God's Word in mission of Church

BY RONALD L. PIHOKKER
Special to The Catholic Advocate

The very life of the Church centers upon the Word of God. It is altogether fitting, therefore, that the bishops of the United States have chosen "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church" as the theme for this year's Catechetical Sunday celebration.

Each year, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops asks the Church in the United States to pause on the third Sunday in September to consider the catechetical ministry and its unique place in the Church's life and work.

This year, the bishops have chosen to set as the Catechetical Sunday theme the same as that chosen for the upcoming Synod of Bishops to be held in Rome during October. Coming together from the four corners of the earth, the representative bishops of the whole world will spend three weeks reflecting, praying and considering the place of sacred Scripture in our life as a community of faith.

The bishops will be discussing how the work of Scripture scholars touches the lives of Catholics and their understanding of the Old and New Testament. They will reflect on how the Bible is used in prayer

and worship and in personal study, and also what particular approaches throughout the world are most successful in making Bible study effective in the lives of Catholics.

But when we speak of the "Word of God," it means more than the printed word contained in the Bible. While it does signify the sacred Scripture, its meaning is much deeper than that. It also refers to the sacred tradition of the Church that continues to echo

God's Word from one generation to the next. Most important, it refers to Jesus Himself, the living Word of God revealed to us as the Second Person of the Trinity.

Among the very first words of the Gospel, according to John, we read: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (Jn. 1:1). It is this Word of God on whom we focus the effort and energy of the catechetical ministry.

This ministry of the Word should serve to draw those whom it seeks to serve into nothing less than a living relationship with Christ, the living Word of God.

It is appropriate, too, that this is also the year in which the Church has focused in a special way on Saint Paul, the most prolific of all the New Testament writers, whose mission and ministry should serve as an example of the power and energy with

which catechists today are called to exercise their ministry.

Like Saint Paul, it is given to the Church and to catechists to be faithful in passing on God's Word by teaching completely and faithfully what the Church has received: the Apostolic tradition.

It is the catechetical task of the Church to take the Word received and make it understandable and relevant to our world by applying it faithfully to the situations of daily life. It falls to the catechist and the parish catechetical leader (PCL) to assist the pastor in each parish setting and to the principal and religion faculties in our Catholic schools to carry out this commission.

This ministry springs from Baptism "through which all believers come to share in the prophetic ministry of Christ and the evangelizing mission of the Church. Their commissioning by the Church is a participation in the divine calling to teach as Jesus did" (NDC 54, 8).

On Catechetical Sunday each year, we pause to express gratitude and to celebrate that commission in prayer by blessing and dedicating the generous men and women who serve in this ministry.

The archdiocesan Catechetical Office serves to assist the Church of Newark in carrying out the awesome responsibility of supporting

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Definitions of important terms

- **Catechesis:** Derived from the Greek word "katechein," which means "to teach." It is the process of teaching the Catholic faith; to "catechize."
- **Catechetics:** The field of religious education in which the Catholic Church's doctrinal and moral principles of faith are taught.
- **Catechism:** A book that systematically explains faith teachings. Last year the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops published a new catechism book for adults, updating the "Baltimore Catechism," which was first published in 1885.
- **Catechist:** A teacher of catechetics, also known as a religious educator or CCD teacher.
- **Catechumen:** An unbaptized person being formed in Christian faith and preparation for life in the Catholic Church. However, an already baptized person preparing for entry into full communion with the Church is known as a "candidate."
- **Catechumenate:** The period and process of formation, preparation and education for a catechumen, which involves the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (see below).
- **Cathedral:** From the Greek word "kathedra," which means "chair or throne." The officially recognized church in a given diocese or area where the bishop "sits" or presides, symbolizing the governing authority of that bishop. In the Archdiocese of Newark, this "seat of authority" is the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, located at 89 Ridge St.
- **CCD:** Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. The abbreviation typically is used to refer to Catholic, parish-based religious education.
- **DRE:** Director of Religious Education
- **PCL:** Parish Catechetical Leader.
- **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:** Also known by its acronym "RCIA." This is the process of education for catechumens and candidates, which involves faith-based information on the history, norms and rituals of the Church.

(Source: Saint Mary's Press Glossary of Theological Terms, by John T. Ford, C.S.C.; and The Catholic News Service Stylebook on Religion.)

Online courses deliver enrichment for catechists

Traditional parish efforts enhanced through Web site

BY ELIZABETH FOER

Special to The Catholic Advocate

AREA—The Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark has joined with the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer online certification courses to catechists throughout the archdiocese.

available throughout a given year, including "Sacraments," "Scripture," "Catechesis," "Social Justice," "Jesus," "Ecclesiology" and "Church History." The online courses typically run three to six weeks. Each course is capped at 15 participants and is designed to be an experience within a small "virtual" community—not an independent study.

Courses are password protected and each course is \$40. Because of the online outreach of the program, the certification courses can be done in the convenience of a catechists' home, provided there is reliable Internet access.

Along with receiving catechist certification for these courses, participants also will be given "continuing education units" for each course they take. A certificate will be given for each course and is co-signed by the University of Dayton and the Catechetical Office of the

Archdiocese of Newark.

Another program is a closed-group setup, which represents an option for Catholic school teachers who also need to be certified to teach religion. In this setup the pastor or the principal may act as facilitator. The group will come together for discussion and some activities will be performed online. Saint Stephen School, 131

Midland Ave., Kearny, will serve as the site to launch the program this year.

Along with the opportunity to participate in these online courses, the archdiocese will continue to offer other programs such as the "Echoes of Faith" and "Spotlight on the Catechism."

Those interested in the online program should contact

Elizabeth Foer (phone: (973) 497-4297; e-mail: foereliz@rcan.org) for English language information or José Planas (phone: (973) 497-4290; e-mail: planasjo@rcan.org) for Spanish language information.

(Elizabeth Foer, M.A., is the associate director, catechist certification and enrichment, for the archdiocesan Catechetical Office.)



Elizabeth Foer

VLCFF (Web site: www.vlc.udayton.edu), based at the University of Dayton, OH, is an Internet distance-learning initiative that supports catechetical formation of the Church. In collaboration with its partners throughout the country, VLCFF works to complement and support traditional diocesan efforts to enhance pastoral and educational services.

Over 45 online courses are

Annual convocation to be held on Nov. 15 at Paramus Catholic

The annual archdiocesan Catechist Convocation will be held Saturday, Nov. 15, at Paramus Catholic Regional High School, 425 Paramus Rd.

Organized and hosted by the Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark, the convocation will welcome parish catechetical leaders, teachers, eucharistic and youth ministers, parents, liturgists, priests and deacons and adult faith formation teams.

Hospitality and registration opens the convocation and runs from 8:15-8:45 a.m. The opening prayer and acknowledgement ceremony will begin at 8:45 a.m. Workshops will start at 9:45 a.m. and will be held throughout the

day. A closing prayer is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

"Early bird" registration (before Oct. 27) to attend the convocation for a group (up to five people) is \$35 per person (\$25 for each additional person). After Oct. 27, the fee climbs to \$40 per person, \$30 for each additional person.

The deadline for registration is Nov. 10. Registration will not be accepted at the door on the day of the convocation. Make checks payable to Catechetical Office and mail to: Catechist Convocation, Archdiocese of Newark, Catechetical Office, 171 Clifton Ave., PO Box 9500, Newark, NJ 07104. Contact Elizabeth Foer (phone: (973) 497-4297; e-mail: foereliz@rcan.org) for more information.

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Pope provides catechism commentary

WASHINGTON (CNS)—One of the welcome signs of modern pastoral outreach has occurred through the initiative of Pope Benedict XVI to dialogue with groups large and small. From 2005 to 2007, the pontiff met with children before their first Communion, youth groups from Rome and the rest of Italy, and priests from the Italian dioceses of Rome, Albano, Treviso and Belluno and Feltre.

With "Questions and Answers," these dialogues have been translated and collected in a little volume of questions put to the pope, together with his responses. Each page delights with gifts of modesty and joy and intellectual sincerity.

Many have commented that this pope is shy and retiring. None of that is in evidence here. With laser-sharp precision, and the depth of a scholar, the pope takes on a wide variety of questions. From the children: "Dear pope, what are your memories of your first Communion?" The pope replied that he remembered it very well and that he prayed to the Lord and asked that He always remain with him. "So I went on living my life like that; thanks be to God, the Lord has always taken me by the hand and guided me, even in difficult situations."

The pope also took questions from older audiences, such as those from youths and clergy: How do we acquire a practical,

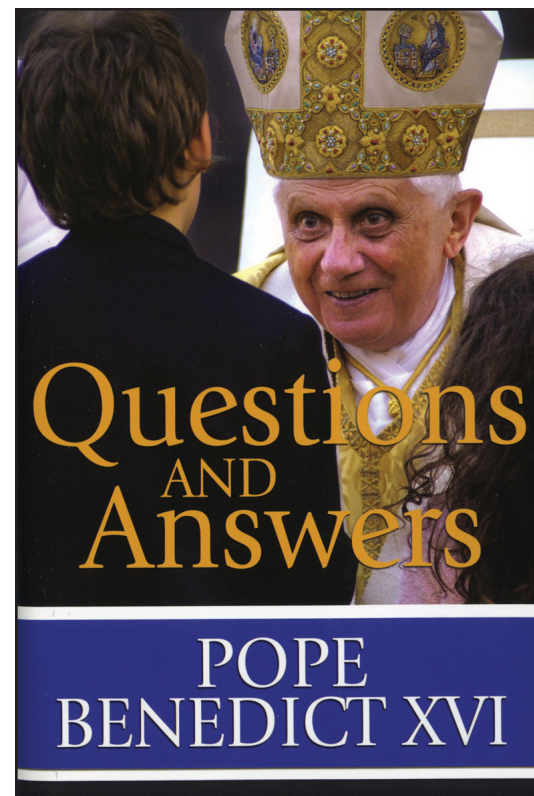
lively, effective faith? What are the best ways to reach families, with their special spiritual needs? How can our people avoid cults? How can we best understand the Scriptures?

At the heart of the pope's responses is an abiding catechetical impulse. One senses a clear connection to each person's inquiry and to the larger hunger that exists among Catholics in Europe.

Although the Holy Father makes no explicit reference to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, he often drew from its contents in the course of his remarks. As one of the principal authors of the Catechism, the pope is intimately familiar with its utility as a sure guide for the development of the faith.

As a tool for understanding the Catholic Church and its theology, the Catechism stands alone for its scope and purpose. However, it does not encompass every facet of the faith. It does lay out in broad strokes a comprehensive exposition of Catholicism's essentials. Commentary on the Catechism, therefore, is something to be welcomed, particularly insofar as it brings a better application of its contents to the lives of believers and interested seekers.

"Questions and Answers," by Pope Benedict XVI is published by Our Sunday Visitor (Huntington, IN, 2008).



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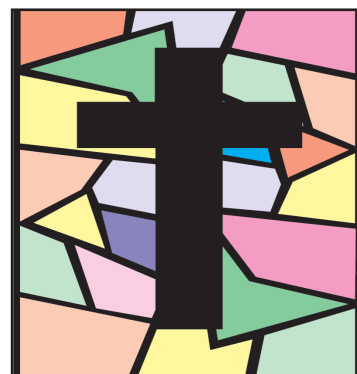
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God's Word

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catechists and their ministry. One of the principal tasks of the Catechetical Office is in the recruitment and formation of catechists. The office assists pastors in finding and hiring qualified professional PCLs to serve parishes as directors of religious education and pastoral associates for catechesis, and supports catechetical leaders through regular programs of orientation and formation opportunities.

Throughout the year on a regular schedule, new catechetical leaders are gathered together for programs to introduce them to the catechetical structure and process as it is carried on in the archdiocese. Programs concerning catechist recruitment and formation, safety issues, the catechetical curriculum, sacramental preparation, as well as the use of media and the Internet and administration in catechesis, are introduced. In addition, experienced catechetical leaders receive ongoing formation and training programs to keep them up to date with new and helpful strategies.

One of the most important events each year presented by the Catechetical Office is the Cate-



Ronald L. Pihokker

chist Convocation occurring this year on Saturday, Nov. 15 at Paramus Catholic Regional High School, 425 Paramus Rd. (see related article on page 21). Many workshops in both Spanish and English will be offered for catechists and parish catechetical leaders at the convocation. An opportunity to pray and enjoy fellowship together as catechists, see the latest materials from the various catechetical publishers, and be recognized for their critically important contribution to the life of the Church will all be a part of this major event.

The Catechetical Office also presents many opportunities for adult faith formation and catechist certification and enrichment throughout the four counties of the

archdiocese as well as convening regular meetings and programs throughout the year with catechetical leaders, like our annual "Gathering" event, which will be held Thursday, Nov. 6, at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave., Newark.

Along with offering formation and professional programming, the Catechetical Office is called upon to collect data on the various catechetical programs offered in our parishes, oversee and provide resources for the selection of catechetical texts, materials and audio-visual resources and offer advice to pastors and PCLs.

Finally, the Catechetical Office represents the archdiocese with other diocesan and national catechetical leadership entities and organizations.


May the observance of Catechetical Sunday this year be an occasion for each Catholic to express gratitude for the Catechetical ministry.

(Editor's note: Ronald L. Pihokker, M.A., Ed., is the director of the Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark.)



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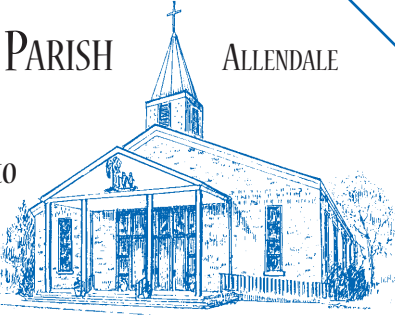
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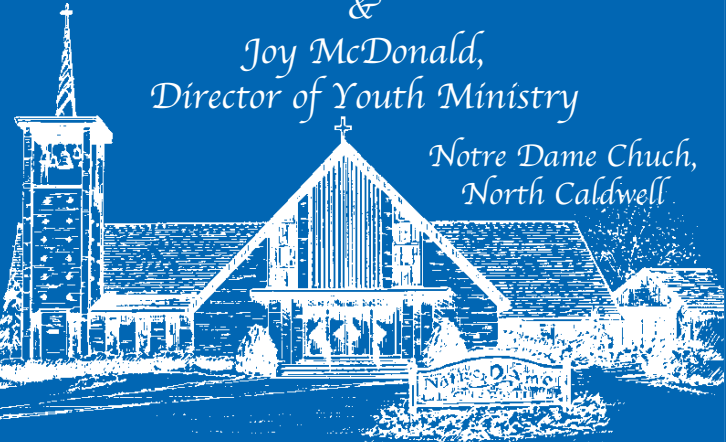


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McGuire relishes her role as a catechist

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

SUMMIT — Catherine McGuire has always been involved with community life— from being president of the parent-teacher organizations at her children's schools, to volunteering and becoming a catechist at Saint Teresa of Avila Parish.

Recently elected Mid-Atlantic regional representative of the National Association of Parish Catechetical Directors (NPCD), Washington D.C., McGuire is

now a religious education advocate on a larger scale.

"My job is to support directors (of religious education programs) in spiritual growth and guide them; show them that they are not alone," McGuire explained.

Elected to the regional representative position in June, McGuire balances the responsibility along with being coordinator of religious education at Saint Teresa of Avila Parish. The program, which has classes from Sunday to Wednesday, includes grades 1-9 and has 1,500 students. Ron

Pihokker, director of the archdiocesan Catechetical Office, nominated McGuire as Mid-Atlantic regional representative.

McGuire moved from Manhattan with her husband, Dennis, to Summit 20 years ago. A former analyst at an insurance company, she relocated to Union County to ensure that her children's faith and sense of community would be enriched. At Saint Teresa of Avila Parish, she has found a place to call home.

"We wanted to move into a more family-oriented community. The parish is very ministry centered and everyone is involved. We are so blessed," McGuire said.

Growing up in Staten Island, NY, McGuire had a rich Catholic education, a faith foundation that she wanted to share with her children. Inspired by that parental experience, she soon became a catechist for other children and went to the College of Saint Elizabeth, Morristown, to further her education.

"I had the opportunity to teach my own children and it was so rewarding," she said, tracing her development as a catechist. "I want to be a model of faith for my kids. I want them to

be good, practicing Catholics."

Managing 72 class groups and 600-700 parent volunteers can be a challenge, but McGuire welcomes the responsibility. As the regional representative for the NPCD, addressing the problems faced by religious directors is a top priority.

"We have three meetings per year and we get to brainstorm ways to help our mission," she explained. "You get to see what other parishes have done for religious education. Finding catechists and reaching out to the families of students can be difficult. I hope to help the parishes grow and learn new ways to energize the kids."

Not only has she participated in the religious education program for 10 years, McGuire is also a member of the welcoming committee, is on the "Invitation to Peace" weekend retreat team and sits on the liturgy committee.

McGuire and her team of catechists work hard to make their program enjoyable to children and young adults while still being informative. Volunteering and service to others is also stressed to the children and parents. Using quizzes, word jumbles, computer programs and readings, the children learn best by being "hands-



Catherine McGuire

on," according to McGuire. Parents and children collect donations for the food bank at the parish, have clothing drives and puppet shows. To celebrate Catechetical Sunday (Sept. 21), students in the religious education classes—about 100 in total—will form a circle, raise their hands and say a prayer for their catechists.

McGuire enthusiastically encourages not only parents, but also children's relatives, to become catechists. "The opportunity to touch a child's life and share your faith is great," he said. "Teaching a child about faith will carry him or her through life and you never know where that might lead. The most rewarding part of my job is to think I have touched a family's life."

Established in 1976 by the Department of Religious Education at the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA), the NPCD advances excellence in catechesis by networking, representing and empowering catechetical leaders at the local, regional and national levels. The NCEA Web site: (www.ncea.org) represents more than 200,000 educators serving 7.6 million students in all levels of Catholic education.

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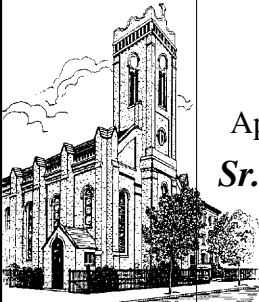
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NUTLEY FESTIVAL—Holy Family Parish, 28 Brookline Ave., Nutley, will hold its 17th annual Italian Festival Sept. 25-28 (Thursday to Sunday), which honors Maria Santissima Addolorata (Our Lady of Sorrows). Festival times are: Thursday, 6-10 p.m.; Friday, 6-11 p.m.; Saturday, 4-11 p.m.; and Sunday, noon-9 p.m. Masses in Italian will be celebrated Sept. 25-27 at 7 p.m. The event features traditional food (like golden zeppolas, pictured above), rides, games and music. Call the parish rectory at (973) 667-0026 for details.

Kathy DiFiore to receive SOAR award

NEW YORK—Kathy DiFiore, a member of Saint Paul’s Parish in Ramsey and the founder Several Sources Shelters, a refuge for women and their babies, will receive Supporting Our Aging Religious’ (SOAR) highest award at the organization’s annual fund-raising dinner Oct. 7 at Tavern on the Green, West 67th St.

The organization also will present its Father Victor Yanitelli S.J. Award to Sister Dorothy Burns and Sister Jeanne Burns—unrelated members of the Dominican Order—for their many years of work in Catholic education.

DiFiore left the corporate world and turned her home into a shelter for mothers and their babies. As demand for her help with pregnant women increased, DiFiore established a corps of volunteers in the operation of four residential shelters in New Jersey, along with a 24-hour national hotline for pregnant women and five information-oriented Web sites.

A fifth shelter, Ladies Rest, located in Newark, assists poor and homeless women. Several Sources Shelters is based in Ramsey (Web site: www.severalsourcesfd.org).

Edward Cardinal Egan will be the evening’s guest of honor.

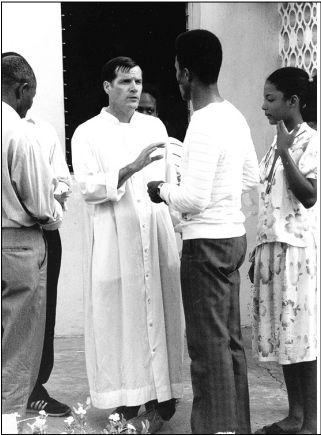


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SOAR will present Kathy DiFiore with its Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award on Oct. 7 at the group’s annual fund-raising dinner. Tickets for the event, priced at \$250, are available by calling Peg Zukowski at (732) 564-9975.

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Odyssey

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Thursday afternoon, Pope Benedict arrived in Sydney, touring the city in his famous pope mobile. Fortunately for us, we found an opening along his route and he drove by us; a mere five feet away. In being so close, we were able to notice something about the pope—his face showed that he was just as thrilled and eager to be in Sydney as we were.

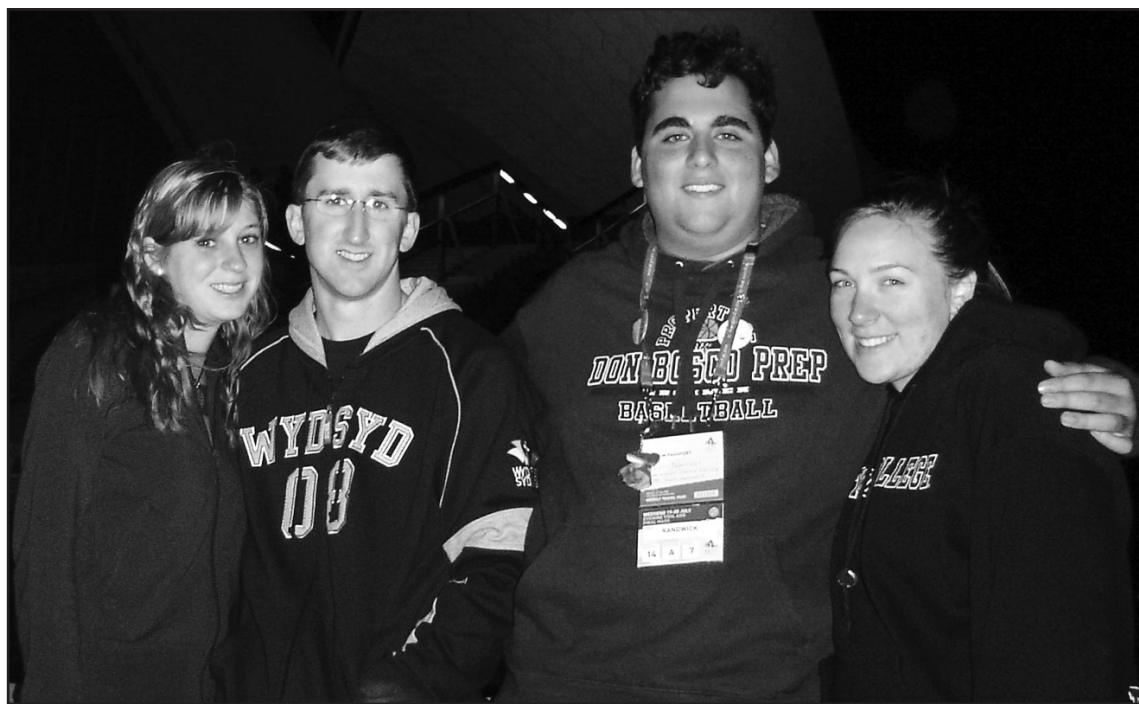
Friday afternoon we witnessed a live re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross. The stations were spread out throughout the city and displayed on large screens for the hundreds of thousands of pilgrims to witness. This was a moving portrayal of the passion and death of Jesus and served as a reminder to all pil-

grims of Jesus' sacrifice and how we are all called to follow Him.

As the week was drawing to a close, all of the WYD pilgrims and many of Sydney's residents congregated at the Randwick Racetrack for an overnight campout. Nearly 500,000 people were in attendance at the racetrack for an evening vigil and closing Mass. The pope spoke of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and how we must open ourselves up to receive those gifts.

As we were leaving Sydney, we were physically tired from the early mornings, late nights and miles of walking; yet we were alive—mentally and spiritually—and ready to conquer the world for Christ. We had learned our mission and we returned home to proclaim the Good News.

God had done His part: "You will receive power when the



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Guest author Ryan Phelan (second front left) is pictured outside of the Sydney Opera House with fellow pilgrims (left to right) Sarah Shea, John Barron and Jennifer Hoeffner—one of their sight-seeing stops during World Youth Day. Phelan led the journey to Australia as 66 intrepid members of the South Orange-based Salesians of Don Bosco Youth Ministry traveled "Down Under" to see Pope Benedict and participate in the international, faith-filled event.

Holy Spirit comes upon you." Now it was our turn to complete the deal: "And you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8).

(Editor's note: Guest author Ryan Phelan is an alumnus of Temple University, Class of 2006. He has worked with the Salesians

of Don Bosco as the Associate Director of Youth Ministry, South Orange, during the last two years and served as the group leader for the WYD journey to Australia. This was Phelan's second WYD event; he also traveled to Cologne, Germany, in 2005.)

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The Shrine of Saint Joseph, Stirling, Country Fun Festival, 10 am. - 5 p.m., (908) 647-0208.

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Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Irvington, card party/ social, noon, cost: \$5, (732) 225-5965.

St. Joseph Parish, Maplewood, parish family picnic at Maplecrest Park, 1-5 p.m., (973) 761-5933.

Knights of Columbus Council 5427, Washington Township, flea and craft market, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., call Jerry Rider at (201) 845-8358.

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Holy Spirit Parish, Union, bereavement group meeting, for seven consecutive sessions, 7:30 p.m., (908) 964-7653.

September 25

Ascension Parish, New Milford, trip to Atlantic City’s Taj Mahal Casino, bus departs

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September 27

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Orange, flea market, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., (973) 674-2052.

Lumen Center, Caldwell, “Leaves that Never Fade: The Psalms of Christian Prayer,” 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., cost: \$35, (973) 403-3331 ext. 25.

Parish of the Transfiguration, Newark, religious education and faith formation program, classes at St. Ann Convent, call Sister Mary Theonilla at (973) 642-4217.

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St. Aloysius Parish, Caldwell, fall harvest celebration to benefit Genesis Farm, 2-5 p.m., (973) 226-0221.

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, blood drive, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., call Peggy Zeuner at (862) 849-3660.

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September 30

Xavier Retreat Center, Convent Station, “Many Faces of Prayer,” four consecutive Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., cost: \$40, (973) 290-5100.

St. John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, parish carnival, through Oct. 4, 6-10 p.m., (201) 384-0101.

October 1

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

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St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, “Health and Wholeness Healing: Body, Mind, Spirit” retreat, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., call Anna at (973) 338-9538.

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Other

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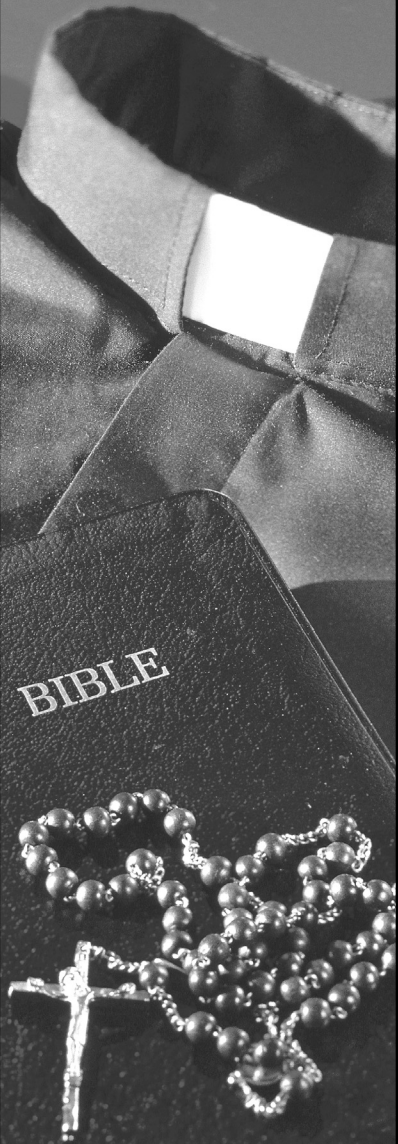
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Programs in archdiocese, U.S. look to promote Bible literacy

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Forty years ago, following the Second Vatican Council, American Catholics dusted off their family Bibles and began charting the unfamiliar territory of personal Bible reading.

But the same enthusiasm that sent adults in droves to parish Bible studies and discussion groups apparently did not catch on with Catholic youths, according to statistical estimates from a national survey.

During the 1990s, nearly 30 years after *Dei Verbum*, the Second Vatican Council's document on divine revelation—promulgated by Pope Paul VI on Nov. 18, 1965—only 20 percent of

Catholic young people in a Gallup Poll said they ever read the Bible on their own on a regular basis, compared to about 60 percent of youths from other Christian denominations.

Bible study groups, which look to attract young adults and teens, are being formed throughout the Archdiocese of Newark. Liliana Soto-Cabrera, the coordinator for the archdiocesan Office for Evangelization, said the list of programs includes Saint Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff; Saint Michael's Parish, Lyndhurst; Saint Peter's Parish, River Edge; and Saint Joseph's Parish in Oradell/New Milford.

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Evangelization's Great Adventure Bible Studies Working Committee is promoting DVD-based Bible studies for teens and young adults throughout the Archdiocese of Newark, Soto-Cabrera said. "Our goal is that all may come to know God's word and encounter Jesus Christ." Contact Soto-Cabrera by

phone at (973) 497-4353 or via e-mail at sotolili@rcan.org for more information on establishing parish Bible study groups.

Last March, Jeff Cavins—an author, theologian and TV commentator, presented "Great Adventure, A Journey Through the Bible," a program held at the Archdiocesan Youth and Young Adult Retreat Center in Kearny (see *The Catholic Advocate*, March 19). The program, sponsored by the archdiocesan Office of Evangelization, attracted over 200 people, including many young adults.

As a complement to Cavin's Great Adventure effort, a Web site, www.scripturesynod.com, provides information on the Church's Synod of Bishops which will be held Oct. 5-26 in Rome. The synod, expected to attract 250 bishops from around the world, is

a forum designed to promote Bible literacy and Christian evangelization.

Brian Singer-Towns, editor of the "Catholic Youth Bible," published by Saint Mary's Press in 2000, said Catholic teens and young adults need to become biblically literate, meaning they should be able to pick up a Bible and know how to find a particular

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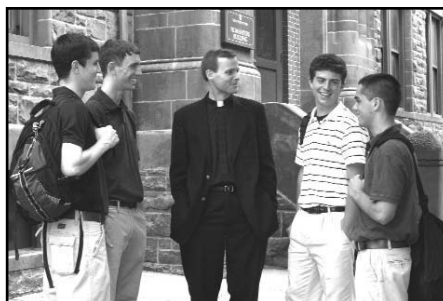
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Maryknoll to trumpet 'superheroes'

MARYKNOLL, N.Y.—David Golemboski, a 23-year-old Harvard Divinity student, will serve as the keynote speaker at Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers Youth Day, which will be held at the Maryknoll Mission Center in Ossining, NY, on Saturday, Sept. 20, 1-8 p.m.

The event, aimed at teens and young adults was created as a follow-up to Pope Benedict's recent Youth Rally in New York and to World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Aug. 6). At those events, the Holy Father emphasized the role of young people in the life and mission of the Church. The theme of Maryknoll Youth Day is: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8).

Golemboski will set the tone for the day when he addresses the audience about the importance of witnessing, sighting well known heroes of the faith as well as those who quietly go about making a difference in people's lives.

"Superheroes of faith, like Thomas Merton and Oscar Romero, not only bear witness to what they have seen, but they are witnesses of what is to come and what could be," Golemboski said, providing notes from his keynote presentation. "They not only re-

mind us of the past or awaken us to the present, but they call us to envision with them the dream of God's reign made real on earth. In this way, they are prophets: witnessing to a world where God's will is done—on earth as in

heaven. They call people to new ways of seeing, being, and living,"

Last year the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops honored Golemboski with the "Cardinal Bernardin New Leadership

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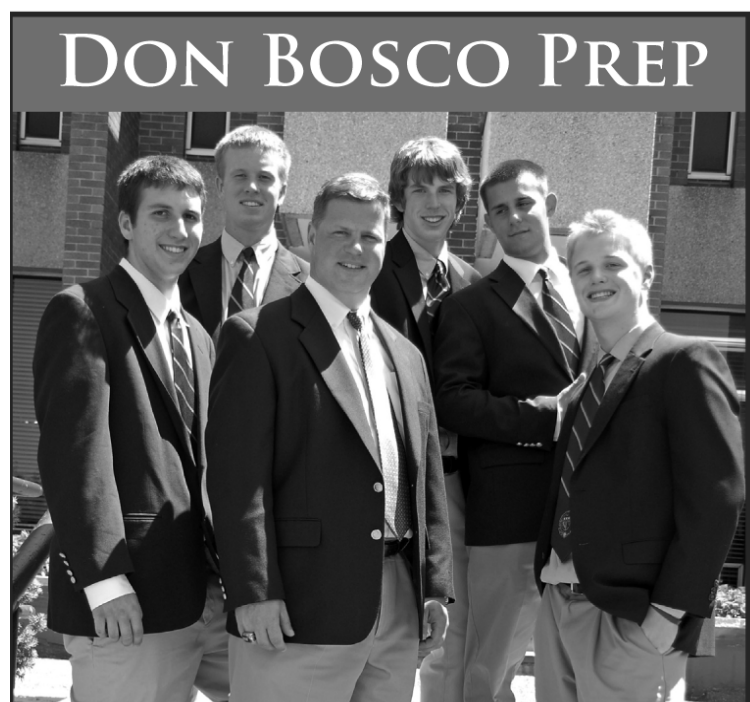
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BANNER MOMENT IN AUSTRALIA—Members of the Neocatechumenal Way communities of the Archdiocese of Newark proudly displayed their colorful banner in Sydney, Australia, last July during World Youth Day 2008. There are almost 100 Neocatechumenal Way communities spread throughout 25 parishes in the archdiocese. Among the faces in the crowd, in the photo at right, are Father Guiseppe Fedele, parochial vicar of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark; Father Roberto Santamaria, parochial vicar of SS. Joseph and Michael Parish, Union City; and Father Justino Cornejo-Castillero, parochial vicar of Immaculate Heart of Mary and Saint Patrick Parish, Elizabeth. In the top photo, Father Sean Manson (holding the microphone), a parochial vicar at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, addressed a gathering held at Albury, Australia. As part of their faith-based pilgrimage, young people of the archdiocesan Neocatechumenal Way visited Australian cities on their trip to Sydney, announcing the love of God to all and following the call to evangelize, which was made by Pope John Paul II at World Youth Day 1993 in Denver.



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THE CARDINAL AND JUNNO—Cardinal Christoph Schönborn of Vienna is pictured with Junno Arocho, bi-lingual public relations assistant of the Archdiocese of Newark, during a meeting of youth of the Neocatechumenal Way, which was held at Domain Park in Sydney, Australia. “We can always see more clearly when a gift of God is received with faith,” Cardinal Schönborn said. “Families here received a gift from the Church and it is flourishing, Youth saying ‘Yes’ to life. The people of Australia were moved by their love to make such a long journey.”

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Bible study

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book or a certain passage. He also said they should also know the "big picture" of the Bible, such as its historical and cultural context and how certain books or passages have been interpreted by the Church.

The reason other Christian youths are picking up the Bible on their own is because "their leaders are training them to do that," Singer-Towns declared. "We need to do the same thing," he said, stressing the importance of students reading directly from the Bible in religion classes instead of reading biblical passages inserted into textbooks.

A senior development editor for Saint Mary's Press (Web site: www.smp.org), Singer-Towns, who lives in Winona, MN, joined

the publishing group's editorial staff after more than 15 years in volunteer and professional youth ministry. He leads workshops for leaders around the country presenting various ways for bringing Catholic youth and the Bible together.

For its part, Saint Mary's Press, and a few other publishing companies have recently tried to make inroads in the Catholic youth Bible market. Along with the Catholic Youth Bible, marketed for teens, the company also offers a Bible specifically for middle-school students and one for college students.

Jan Millner, a theology teacher at Saint Francis High School (Web site: www.stfrancis.org), an all-girls, college preparatory school in Sacramento, CA, strives to encourage the reading of the Bible

among teenagers and young adults. She uses the Bible as much as possible, having students read from it during structured times of prayer, act out certain passages, translate the message to modern times, and put the words to music.

Mark Hart, executive vice president for Life Teen International (Web site: www.lifeteen.com) and author of "T3," an interactive DVD Bible-study series for teens published two years ago by Ascension Press, said today's youths "crave authenticity," which the Bible is all about.

"Teens so badly want to be engaged," he said, and as he sees it, the Bible is the best tool to speak

to them because "it is so bold and it doesn't compromise."

Hart, a resident of Mesa, AZ, is optimistic about Catholic teens reading the Bible, based on workshops he's given across the country. He's been particularly impressed with the optional Bible studies offered early in the mornings at Catholic teen conferences that have been packed with participants.

"They're eating it up," he said. "There is a huge groundswell of young people trying to read Scripture."

For parishes or Catholic religion classes where the Bible has not yet caught on with teens, Hart

advises youth ministers and teachers not to even attempt to teach the Bible if they are not reading it themselves. "If you're not currently reading the Bible, start the class in six months," he advised.

Hart likened becoming familiar with the Bible to working out, where you "have to get in the rhythm and learn how to move." He suggested youth leaders and teens should at least read the Sunday Mass readings, noting that if people did this for one month prior to Mass, they would "be amazed at how Mass comes to life." Reading these Scriptures will change your life," he said.

(Michael C. Gabriele, editor of The Catholic Advocate, contributed local information to this report.)

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Kearny center lists activities

AREA—The following is a list of events developed for teens and young adults in the Archdiocese of Newark. Information was provided by the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, 499 Belgrove Dr., Kearny. All events listed (see sidebar at right) will be held at the Kearny center, unless otherwise noted.

Activities are subject to change

Maryknoll

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Award," a national honor presented annually to a young adult who demonstrates leadership in fighting poverty and injustice.

Among his many ministries, Golemboski has taught English as a second language to refugees, served as associate director of Crossroads Ministry (2006-07) and helped develop a national program for young people called "Justice Walking."

Born May 20, 1985 in Ithaca, NY, he graduated from Oldham County High School, KY, in 2003. He holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy and Spanish from the University of Louisville (2007). He is currently working toward a master's degree in theological studies with a concentration in religion, ethics and politics at Harvard Divinity School, Boston.

"Maryknoll Youth Day promises to be a wonderful opportunity of faith sharing, spirited music and mutual encouragement to become Jesus' witnesses," said Father Dennis Cleary, director of Maryknoll's Mission Education and Promotion Department. "Maryknoll Youth Day calls us to become alive with God's Spirit through music, personal testimonies, prayer opportunities, chances to meet other youth and missionaries from around the world," he said.

"Maryknoll Youth Day will convene young people to not only animate the spirit of youth—daring to share our communal faith, deepen our friendships, recognize our gifts and center our lives in the journey, actions and prayer of Jesus, but having completed this celebration we will be sent on the journey to our homes, our schools, our communities to be bearers of God's Spirit," he added.

Information about Maryknoll Youth Day is available online at www.livesofservice.org. Call (888) 627-9566 for more information. Ossining is on the eastern side of the Hudson River, about 50 miles from Newark.

and some information was not available at press time. It is strongly advised that those interested in attending any of these events should first contact Sister Loretta DeDomenicis, associate director, Young Adult Ministry, by phone (201) 998-0088, ext. 4147, or by e-mail (dedomelo@rcan.org). In addition, the Kearny center's Web site (www.newarkoym.org) provides updated information.

The month of January 2009, the fourth-annual "Young Adult Month" organized by the Kearny center, will feature a host of ac-

tivities, such as the popular "Theology on Tap" sessions at locations in Bergen, Hudson, Essex and Union counties.

Young Adult Month also will feature special programs, such as the Festival of Praise (Jan. 10); Young Adult Outreach (Jan. 17); bus rides to the Right to Life March in Washington, D.C. (Jan. 22); and Sons and Daughters of the Light Retreat (Jan. 23-25). These special events during January typically require pre-registration and forms are available on the Kearny center's Web site.



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Monday, Nov. 17

Workshop: "Organizing Ministry Teams and Volunteers";

Our Lady Mount Carmel Parish, 1 Passaic St., Ridgewood

Thursday, Nov. 20

Workshop: "Legal Issues in Youth Ministry," 7:30-9 p.m.; Saint Theresa Parish, 541 Washington Ave., Kenilworth

Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009

Workshop: "Co-Workers in the Vineyard Workshop," presented by Zeni Fox

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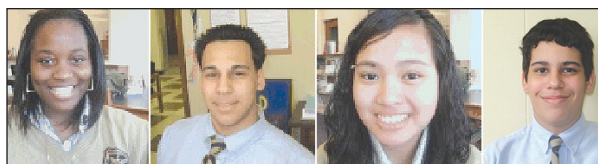
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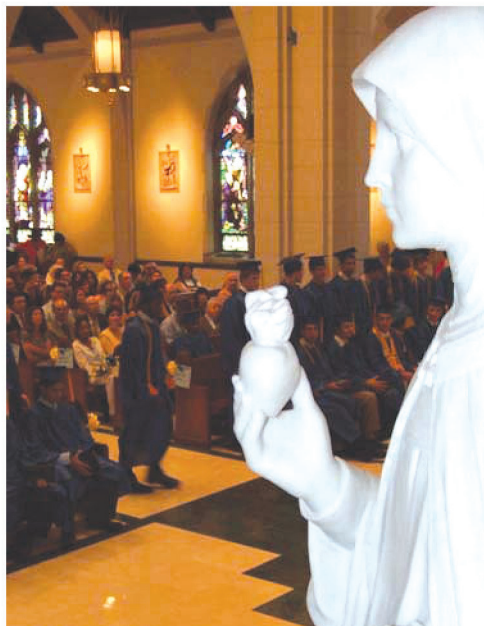
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