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## Priesthood Sunday

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## All Souls/ All Saints

Heartfelt column from 1952 describes days of sadness and faith on Highland Avenue.

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**TRANSFERRING A HEALTHCARE MINISTRY**—In a formal ceremony held Oct. 17, Archbishop John J. Myers (left) hands the seal of Saint Michael's Medical Center to George R. O'Connell, chairman of Hope Ministries, symbolizing the transfer of religious sponsorship of the Newark hospital. Hope Ministries is a religious community affiliated with Catholic Health East, which now assumes stewardship of Saint Michael's healthcare mission. See story on page five.

## Speakers eye key issues at end of life

BY MELISSA MCNALLY  
Staff Writer

LINDEN—End-of-life decisions were the focus of two national leaders who spoke Oct. 4 at the annual Life Issues Seminar at Saint John the Apostle Parish.

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

Jim Sondey, chairman of the Pro-Life Commission, believes ethical questions that arise at the end of someone's life are important to the

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Advocate photo — Melissa McNally

Father Tadeusz Pacholcyk said caring for a seriously ill family member is a stressful, devastating time, but it can also be spiritual. "It benefits them and you to care for them. It is not easy to confront our own mortality."

## Groups help the bereaved chart pace of their healing

BY MELISSA MCNALLY  
Staff Writer

UNION—Learning to move on after the death of a loved one is difficult, but knowing you are not alone can begin the road to healing. Bereavement support groups throughout the four counties of the archdiocese, like the one at Holy Spirit Parish, provide a safe environment for those who are grieving to commiserate with others experiencing loss.

The bereavement ministry group at Holy Spirit, coordinated by Ronald Mowad, began 10 years ago. Using faith to guide the journey to healing, the eight-week session began on Sept. 24. Cora Galano is co-facilitator of the group along with husband Romy and has been involved with the ministry since its inception. The Archdiocese of Newark certifies the training of all ministry team members in grief counseling (see related story on page 20).

Typically, only six or seven people attend the Wednesday night group sessions at Holy Spirit—an intimate gathering that gives everyone an opportunity to share their experiences and feelings. The first meeting is crucial, Galano believes, and sometimes attendees have difficulties opening up.

"There is nothing more heart-breaking than our first session," Galano said. "Sometimes people just sit and cry. We introduce ourselves and they talk about the person they lost. If someone doesn't feel like sharing, they don't have to; they can just listen."

By the end of the first session, participants start to bond and form emotional connections with other group members. Galano said those attending the session feel comforted knowing that others are going through similar experiences.

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# Embracing beauty and change as autumn leaves surround us

Change is everywhere it seems. I feel a little different than I did a year or two ago; a little grayer, a little mellower, but much more wondrous about everything I see. I am ever so thankful to Our Lord for the way He continues to surprise and delight me with the gift of our world and its beauty, especially during the Fall.

The seasons change. When I was a boy in Illinois, harvest time would be going on right now. On my family's farm and on all of the other farms, we'd be involved in bringing in crops, or helping our neighbors with theirs.

We marked the change in seasons the way all Midwest farm communities do. One of the benefits of this kind of cooperation among families was that we all grew closer and shared more than just the experience of harvest. We shared the joys and sorrows of everyday life, and although I probably didn't think so much about it at the time, through these shared moments we were

the face of Christ to those who needed support, comfort and encouragement. And we received blessings ourselves by extending ourselves to those in need.

As some of you know, my father passed away about a year ago. Since then, I naturally have thought of the change that his passing has brought about in my own life and in the lives of my brothers and sisters and their families.

It is not always easy. I know that many of you have experienced that same difficulty of adjusting to such a

*You work through the issues that come to you each day and recognize as the season changes that something has changed in your own life.*

## Sincerely in the Lord

By Archbishop  
John J. Myers



loss. So you gather with friends and family, work through the issues that come to you each day and recognize as the season changes that something has changed in your own life.

As this new season begins to surround us, I encourage you all to embrace the change that is occurring naturally, and thank God for the beauty of autumn. I also encourage you to visit our Catholic cemeteries and remember with those who have supported you, and whom you have supported. You may even wish to join us for our annual masses on All Soul's Day.

As you do, I also encourage you to remember the words of the funeral liturgy: "Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed, not ended."

## Cranford kids point, click and celebrate



Advocate photos — Melissa McNally

**HIGH-TECH ACHIEVEMENT**—Students and teachers at Saint Michael's School, Cranford, celebrated as one of the five national grand-prize winners in the "Win a Wireless Lab" sweepstakes, a program sponsored by CDW-Government Inc. (CDW-G) and Discovery Education (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Sept. 17). On Oct. 9, the students participated in a training session that included representatives from contest sponsors, including Wayne Aquadro (far-left photo) from computer giant Hewlett-Packard (HP), Palo Alto, CA. Students in grades four through eight sampled the high-tech devices and learned how to utilize the new technology to support their studies. The school received: 20 HP tablet PCs, an interactive whiteboard, a projector, a printer, two digital cameras, two video camcorders and a \$5,000 software grant from Discovery Education. The Win a Wireless Lab sweepstakes began to help K-12 schools across the country easily and effectively integrate technology resources into the curriculum everyday. The total value of each grand-prize package exceeds \$45,000. Now in its sixth year, the prestigious sweepstakes drew 170,000 entries.



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# Conference planned by men's commission to provide forum for 'deepening of faith'

## Group hopes to reinvigorate sons, fathers

BY WARD MIELE  
Managing Editor

NEWARK — With in excess of 2,500 men from throughout the Archdiocese of Newark expected to attend the first Catholic Men's Conference next March, preparations for the massive undertaking are solidifying.

Under the auspices of the new archdiocesan Catholic Men's Conference and utilizing the theme "Fueled by Faith, United in Christ our Hope," the conference will take place Saturday, March 28, 2009, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Essex County Richard J. Codey Arena (formerly South Mountain Arena), 560 Northfield Ave., West Orange.

Calling it an important initiative, Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark and Vicar for Evangelization, described the Catholic Men's Commission "as effort to foster spiritual renewal and deepen



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men's relationship with the Lord. It is vitally important, that we seek opportunities to gather in worship as a community of men of faith to pray for guidance and strength and to develop avenues for good Christian fellowship so that we can be better fathers, sons, uncles, friend and business associates."

In addition to Mass celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers—a major proponent of the archdiocesan Catholic Men's Commission and conference—the day will include multicultural faith-based speakers, exhibits and the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Featured too will be a Spanish-speaking segment.

To date, several prominent speakers have been confirmed. Taking to the podium will be Father Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R., author, psychologist, spiritual director, co-founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal headquartered in Newark. Deacon Ralph Poyo, a youth minister for 20 years and founder of New Evangelization Ministries, also will make a presentation. Another speaker will be Dr. Philip Mango, director of Saint Michael's Institute for Psychological Studies, offering expertise in individual, premarital and marital therapy.

Designed for males from high school age and older, the admission price to attend the conference is \$25 for adults and \$15 for students and senior citizens. In addition, free-will donations will be accepted and sponsorship opportunities, which will be recognized by prominent signage the day of the conference, are also available. For information on the conference and commission, go online to [www.rcan.org/menscommission](http://www.rcan.org/menscommission), send an e-mail to [CatholicMen@rcan.org](mailto:CatholicMen@rcan.org) or call (973) 497-4545.

It is vital to reach out to men of the archdiocese and emphasize the importance of "their role in the Church and in the family,"

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Advocate photo — Ward Miele

**ANIMALS BLESSED**—With their beloved pets firmly in their grip, Lynda Veechie and "Cheeckie" (center), Rob Aiosa with "Petey" (right), along with Lisa Westheimer and "Petey" (left)—dog-loving parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, West Orange—wait on the front steps of the church to have their furry, faithful companions blessed by Parochial Vicar Father James P. Ferry (far right). The annual blessing of the animals, which was held Oct. 4, is in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi, in recognition of his love of animals. Father Joseph A. Petrillo is the pastor of the Essex County parish.



# Synod delegates say Bible promotes unity

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The Bible unites Christians, calls them to task for the divisions they have allowed to endure and urges them to reach out to the world's poor and suffering, said ecumenical delegates to the world Synod of Bishops.

Many Catholic members of the synod speaking Oct. 7-9 praised Protestant groups for their work in distributing Bibles and expressed admiration for the centrality their

churches give to the word of God. At the same time, the first three ecumenical delegates to address the synod expressed hope that as Catholics focus more on the Bible, the Christian churches would draw closer together in faith and in action.

U.S. Cardinal William J. Levada, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, told the synod Oct. 8 that a close relationship exists between the

Scriptures and ecumenism.

"The Bible is truly a terrain for unity," he said. However, the cardinal added that "one cannot ignore the historical fact that is at the root of the division between Christians: the controversial interpretation of certain important fundamental biblical texts," including those over the identity of Christ, the means of salvation and the role of the Church in interpreting Scripture.

In an Oct. 7 message to the synod, the Rev. Samuel Kobia, general secretary of the World

Council of Churches (WCC) and a Methodist minister from Kenya, said that Jesus' prayer in the Gospel of Saint John that His disciples would be one shows that "the search for the visible unity of the Church is an indispensable dimension of the life and mission of the Church."

The Rev. Robert K. Welsh, the U.S.-based president of the Disciples of Christ's council on Christian unity, told the synod Oct. 9 that "Christian unity stands at the heart of the Gospel's message; division within the body of Christ is a scandal before God and before the world."



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Israeli Rabbi Shear-Yashuv Cohen, the chief rabbi of Haifa, asked Pope Benedict XVI and Catholic leaders to continue learning to appreciate the Jewish people and to speak out to defend Israel. Rabbi Cohen was the first Jewish representative to address the synod. He spoke to synod members Oct. 6, describing the centrality of the word of God in Jewish life and prayer and its continuing relevance in response to modern concerns. The rabbi also made a veiled criticism of plans by the Church to beatify Pope Pius XII. (see related story, page 9).



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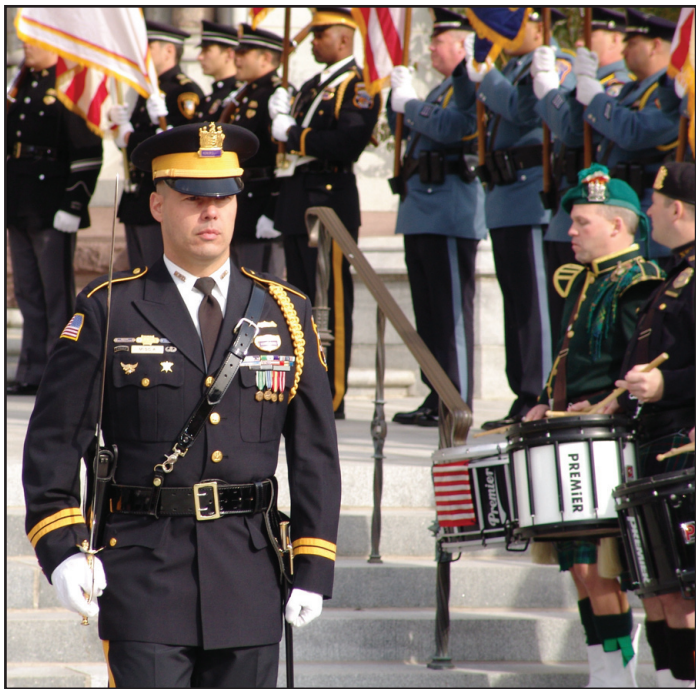


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**TRUE BLUE**—Archbishop John J. Myers will celebrate the 16th annual Blue Mass in honor of NJ law enforcement officers on Friday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m., at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St., Newark. Five officers who gave their lives in the line of duty during the past year will be remembered. Law enforcement officers from throughout the state and region, along with families and friends, are invited to attend. The Mass will be followed by a luncheon at The Rink in Branch Brook Park. Call the archdiocesan Office of Communications at (973) 497-4187 for details.

# CHE assumes healthcare ministry of St. Michael's Medical Center

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE  
Editor

NEWARK—Archbishop John J. Myers, in a formal ceremony Oct. 17, officially transferred the Catholic mission, ministry and healthcare operations of Saint Michael's Medical Center to Hope Ministries, a religious community within Catholic Health East (CHE).

The ceremony formally marked the new sponsorship for Saint Michael's—a plan that was unveiled earlier this year (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Jan. 23).

“What has endured here at Saint Michael's has been a compassionate, healing spirit, a mission of mercy begun in God's name by a handful of dedicated women,” Archbishop Myers said, referring to the founding of Saint Michael's in 1867 by the Franciscan Sister of the Poor. “Today we transfer religious sponsorship of Saint Michael's to the capable

stewardship of Hope Ministries and Catholic Health East.”

Robert V. Stanek, president and chief executive officer of Newtown Square, PA-based CHE, in acknowledging the historic transition, pledged to maintain the medical center's Catholic values.

“Our goal is to touch the lives of all people in the greater Newark area, especially the poor; to help heal those who suffer and to help prevent disease,” Stanek said. “How do we see the future here at Saint Michael's? CHE looks to provide a transforming, healing presence in the communities we serve,” he continued.

Eight years ago the Vatican Congregation for Institutes of

Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life established Hope Ministries as a “public juridic person” of Pontifical right.

Robert H. Evans is the chief executive officer of Saint Michael's, providing the leadership at the 357-bed teaching hospital. Alexander J. Hatala is the chief executive officer of CHE-NJ, overseeing the operations of Saint Francis Medical Center, Trenton; Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center, Camden; Lourdes Medical Center of Burlington County, Willingboro; and Saint Michael's.

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**October 23**

**Xavier Center,** Convent Station, Twilight Retreat, Thursdays through Nov. 20, 7:30 -9 p.m., \$100 for five sessions, call Dian Lamb at (973) 290-5133,

**October 24**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish,** Nutley, sandwich-making

for the less fortunate, to be distributed at St. John Parish, Newark, on Oct. 25 at 7:30 a.m., (973) 667-2580.



**Benedictine Sisters,** Elizabeth, discernment retreat for women, through Oct. 26, call Sister Mariette Therese at (908) 352-4278 ext. 274.

**Church of the Presentation,** Upper Saddle River, wine and cheese reception for singles over 40, 8-11 p.m., cost: \$10, (201) 327-1313 ext. 34.

**St. Benedict's Preparatory School,** Newark, Urban Education Conference, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., call Candace Bradsher at (973) 792-5752.

**October 25**

**Resurrection Parish,** Jersey City, Feast of St. Jude festival, at St. Michael Church, 252 Ninth St., through Oct. 26, (201) 434-8500.

**The Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Teresa,** Jersey City, fall luncheon at the South City Grill, 1 p.m., cost: \$45, RSVP by Oct. 23, call Teresa C. Saltarella at (201) 653-7083.

**October 26**

**SS. Peter and Paul Parish,** Elizabeth, tricky tray, 2 p.m., (908) 352-2271.

**October 27**

**Holy Family Parish,** Nutley, Rosary Society meeting, 7:45 p.m., call Joyce Ritacco at (973) 235-0668.

**October 28**

**Holy Name Hospital,** Teaneck, blood drive in parking lot, 1-6:30 p.m., call Marie Forrestal at (732) 616-0798.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish,** Ridgewood, Cheryl Riley (facilitator for Project Rachel) lecture, 7:30 p.m., (201) 444-2000.

**October 31**

**Immaculate Conception Parish,** Montclair, "Halloween Spooktacular," 8 p.m., call Preston L. Dibble at (973) 509-1111.

**November 1**

**Holy Family Parish,** Nutley, International Dinner, 7 p.m., Call Pat Attanasio at (973) 667-2991.

**Prayer Rally,** Archdiocesan Retreat Center, Kearny, 9 a.m., call Donna at (973) 746-8667.

**November 2**

**Don Bosco Preparatory High School,** Ramsey, organist Sandor Szabo performance, 4 p.m., cost: \$20, (201) 327-8003 ext. 188.

**St. Paul the Apostle Parish,** Jersey City, autumn auction at Casino in the Park, 1-5 p.m., cost: \$40, call Kathy at (201) 435-8448.

**Sacred Heart Parish,** Lyndhurst, parish Communion breakfast at San Carlo Restaurant, 10 a.m., cost: \$20 for adults/ \$9 for children 12 and under; purchase tickets by Oct. 29, (201) 939-6680.

**November 5**

**Holy Spirit Parish,** Union, Holy Hour for Life, 7:30- 8:30 p.m., (908) 687-3327.

**November 6**

**Our Lady of Good Council Parish,** Washington Township, "Faith and Forgiveness" presentation with Det. Lieut. Steven D. McDonald, 7:30 p.m., (201) 664-1674.

**November 7**

**The Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Teresa,** Jersey City, recitation of the "Little Office," 3:15 p.m., call Katherine T. Crossan at (201) 689-1471.

**Office of Family Life Ministries, Archdiocesan Center,** Newark, Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, through Nov. 9, call 1-800-823-5683 or e-mail sylvia12@aol.com.

**November 8**

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**HURRICANE VICTIMS**—Recovery for people in the Caribbean could take years due to a staggering amount of damage from four recent hurricanes. That is the grim assessment of the international aid agency Food for the Poor Inc. The group already has sent more than \$24 million worth of aid to storm victims in Haiti, Jamaica, the Dominican Republic and the Turks and Caicos, but the need remains overwhelming. Anyone wishing to make a tax-deductible donation to assist Caribbean storm victims can visit the group's Web site ([www.foodforthe poor.org/hurricane](http://www.foodforthe poor.org/hurricane)) or call Food For The Poor, based in Coconut Creek, FL, at (954) 427-2222.

## As markets quake, remember the poor

The worldwide financial roller coaster of the past few weeks has caused legitimate concern and even outright panic among many Americans. Still, now more than ever, the less fortunate among us must not become victims of this unprecedented fiscal turmoil that has touched numerous households in the Archdiocese of Newark.

While most of us are worried about the value of our stocks, bonds and retirement funds, the poor have far more basic and immediate needs: a roof over their heads; warm clothing for the approaching winter; and their next meal.

An understandable reaction among those whose investments have been battered to a degree unimaginable just a short time ago is to cutback on spending. Too often giving to archdiocesan charities and similar vital programs is on the top of the list when it comes to conserving funds. Bad idea!

The best program to help the poor can do nothing if it does not have the dollars to keep functioning.

While watching the family budget is indeed a responsible reaction, remember that there are those in much more dire straits. Giving to the poor now will be a significant sacrifice but it will make doing so that much worthwhile and pleasing in God's eyes.

## Solemn day to pause, pray and remember

While our departed loved ones are always in our hearts, All Souls Day allows those of us left behind to remember their lives among us and celebrate their new life with the Father in heaven.

That solemn day on the Church calendar, this year on Sunday, Nov. 2, is for Catholics to poignantly pause to pray for and to their father, mother, sister, brother, relative or close friend.

In our increasingly secularized society, following the loss of a loved one, people often are told to simply "move on" with their lives. While there is certainly a time for that, the death of someone close to you leaves a hole in your life and heart that never totally goes away.

## Life issues

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pro-life movement.

"End-of-life issues is an important topic and there are a lot of families going through this right now. The Pro-Life Commission tries to cover a different topic each year that is under the larger subject of 'respect life,'" Sondey explained.

Schindler began the day by clarifying aspects of the Schiavo controversy that are often misinterpreted. 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 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 at nearby Pinellas Park Hospice 13 days later.

"Terri was not dying therefore her case was not really an end-of-life issue. She had a profound cognitive disability and was relatively healthy before she suddenly collapsed. We need to look at this issue with the same energy and

earnestness of the abortion issue," Schindler stressed.

The result of the Schiavo case revealed a "culture of death," according to Schindler, and the media perpetuated false information about his sister. "America is disconnected and desensitized by violence. Food and water is no longer basic care but is considered extraordinary care."

He also takes umbrage with the term "persistent vegetative state" (PVS) and feels it is denigrating to the disabled. "The PVS diagnosis should be abolished. It is extremely dangerous and it is done to attack the personhood of the disabled. A person is dehumanized and is referred to as a 'vegetable.' The term is cruel and offensive," Schindler declared.

The mainstream media made egregious mistakes while reporting the Schiavo case and Schindler believes there is disdain for his family and their supporters to this day. Politicizing the controversial case, he believes, was also promoted by the media.

"Lies are lies even if everyone believes them. The media did not want to recognize Terri as a woman with a disability. Over 30 local disability organizations supported my sister. To label her case a 'Republican, right-wing issue' is disingenuous and an outright lie. I feel like I am constantly correcting the media."

There were several news reports that described Schiavo as

"brain dead," a point that Schindler vehemently denies. "Terri was very much alive and responsive, so the term 'brain dead' is medically inaccurate. This is journalism today. They will not correct something that is factually wrong."

In 2001, the Terri Schindler Schiavo Foundation was created to save Schiavo. Today the foundation focuses on helping others avoid the tragedies similar to what she endured. The organization also educates and advocates for millions of Americans suffering from disabilities.

Laws that support assisted suicide, such as the Death with Dignity Act in Oregon, concern Schindler. "What we are doing is making it easier to kill people with brain injuries. What happened to Terri did not end with her. We need to stand and fight against these laws."

The Schiavo case is a reflection on humanity and how our culture deals with death, according to Schindler. Fighting for his sister's right to live, Schindler believes, is not extraordinary or heroic. "My sister's case was about (society) and how we treat the disabled. My family did nothing out of the ordinary; we did what are called to do as a family. The real heroes are those who dedicate their lives to caring for people who need help 24 hours a day."

Schindler believes there is apathy on end-of-life issues and as-

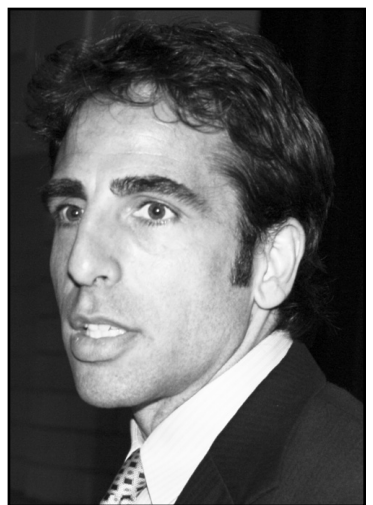
sisted suicide. In Washington State, for example, Initiative 1000 is on the ballot in November that would legalize assisted suicide in the state.

"These laws are getting passed because people are not seeing the repercussions and ramifications," he warned. "People are not seeing this as a serious issue."

Fr. Pacholczyk believes that making morally informed decisions at the end of life is extremely important. For Catholic families, making these choices can be difficult. However, options such as suicide and euthanasia are never justified. The "Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Healthcare," according to Fr. Pacholczyk, is a "great source to be aware of."

He believes people have a "double fear" of living connected to machines and feeding tubes at the end of their life. "We are afraid of getting stuck in a web of technology, almost like suspended animation, and people will not let us die. We also fear that someone will not care for us and that we will be dispatched too soon."

In the Schiavo case, artificial nutrition and hydration was deemed an "extraordinary" way to keep her alive. According to Pope John Paul II, inserting a feeding tube is not a medical act. "The pope called a feeding tube a natural means of preserving life. Our first human response is to feed our loved ones. We do not want peo-



Bobby Schindler

ple to spend their last days thirsty and starving," Fr. Pacholczyk explained.

He believes the media's misinterpretation of a PVS in Schiavo's situation is harmful. "A persistent vegetative state is not a coma, brain death or personal illness. People who are brain dead cannot breathe on their own. You cannot equate Terri's brain damage with a death sentence. Brain damage is not an automatic indicator that you are dying."

Family members close to death often say: "I don't want to be a burden," but Fr. Pacholczyk argued that taking care of others is not a burden, but a privilege. "We have the right to be burdens—that is what it means to love each other and to be a family. This is the beautiful cycle of life and death."



# Political attacks expose shallow agenda of deists

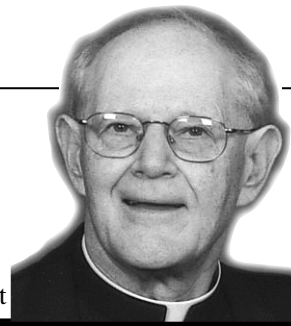
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## VOICES

By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist



The attacks upon Sarah Palin, the Republican candidate for the post of vice president of the United States, have been beyond the bounds of decency. The hate and vituperation poured out upon this woman exceed all limits of proper debate and discourse.

We have here something far more than just politics. In fact, the assault has come not just from Americans but from people, especially females, in other countries as well.

The question is "Why?"

What could possible have triggered such vicious resentment among a large segment of our population? After all, she is simply a Christian woman, a devoted wife and mother, a successful public figure who juggles home and service to her constituents. Why the rage?

I would like to suggest that Sarah Palin is a lightning rod—not just because of who she is, but because of what she represents. I could devote pages to this subject, but I would suggest just three areas that provoke this assault. They are religion, philosophy and psychology.

First, Palin is a practicing Christian. The people who are so angry are basically "deists." By that I mean they are products of over 200 years of Western society that has relegated God to a mere figurehead. God, for them, is a far-off, distant and totally irrelevant abstraction. Religion has no real practical place in human life. People who live their religion are perceived as a threat to deists even if they personally profess to be Catholics, Protestants, Muslims or Jews.

Secondly, philosophies that have had their origins in academia and revolutionary movements over the years have worked their way into society. Secular humanism is the reigning moral code in today's modern culture. It is the final result of many "isms"—positivism, empiricism, materialism, existentialism, nihilism, communism and a dozen others. It

began with names like Descartes, Comte, Hobbes, Hume, Locke, Spinoza, Diderot, Voltaire, Rousseau, Kant and others. It continued in the 20th century with people like Marcuse, Dewey, Heidegger, Sartre and Camus.

Not many people know these names, but they have formed our society. The result today is a self-centered liberal who says: "I am the captain of my fate. I am the master of my soul."

Sarah Palin, with her dedication to home, family and children, is a total reproach to them. A baby with special needs should never have been born.

Last of all, there is a psychology that accompanies liberalism. Liberalism always ends up in despotism. In the 1600s, reformers who attempted to tear down the hierarchical Roman Church were "liberals." Then they deliberately attacked consecrated life in any form. They could not permit renunciatory vocations to exist. They were too "different." Monasteries and convents had to become "Bare Ruined Choirs." Those same reformers became the puritans who hanged witches and heretics. We called them "Puritans."

Communists were originally "liberals." Then they created a homogeneous society that used prison camps and executions for all who did not conform.

Western liberals today are in the same mode. They cannot abide diversity. They must call the tune and they want everyone else to dance to that tune.

These are a few reasons why they are furious with Sarah Palin. She stands for everything that they have rejected. However, she should not be discouraged. My mother, a true Irish philosopher, had a saying: "Every knock's a boost."

My mother was right.

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



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**CLASS OF 2011 GATHERS**—Members of the newest class of permanent deacons for the Archdiocese of Newark and their wives gathered Sept. 24 in the crypt chapel of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark for an evening prayer service conducted by Archbishop John J. Myers. Following the service the archbishop hosted a reception in his quarters. The 35 men studying for diaconate will be ordained in 2011.

## Paramus forum to welcome catechists

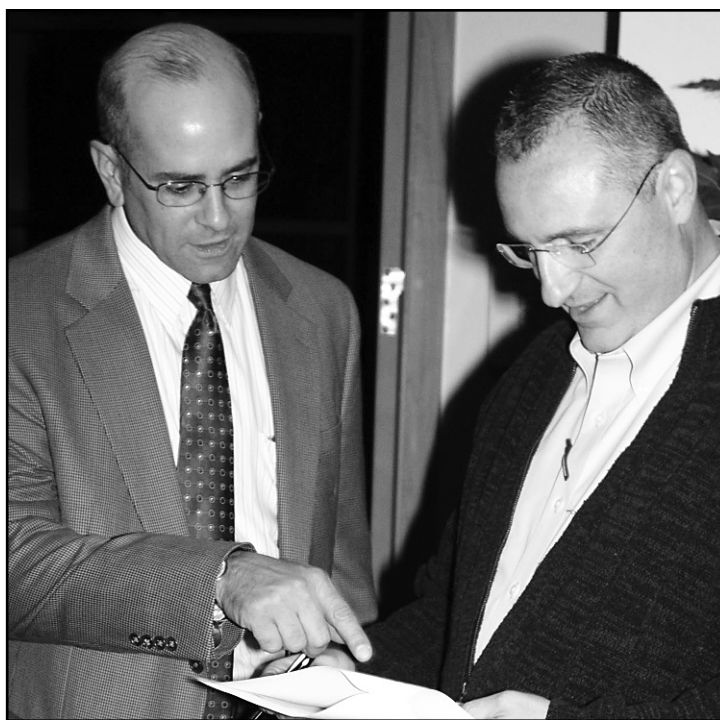
**PARAMUS**—The annual archdiocesan Catechist Convocation will be held Saturday, Nov. 15, at Paramus Catholic Regional High School, 425 Paramus Rd. Hospitality and registration opens the convocation and runs from 8:15-8:45 a.m. Workshops will start at 9:45 a.m.

“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).

The deadline for registration is Nov. 10. Registration will not be accepted at the door on the day of the convoca-

tion. Make checks payable to Catechetical Office and mail to: Catechist Convocation, Archdiocese of Newark, Catechetics Office, 171 Clifton Ave., Box 9500, Newark, NJ 07104. Contact Elizabeth Foer (phone: (973) 497-4297; e-mail: foereliz@rcan.org) for more information.

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.

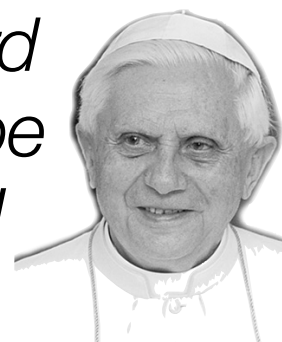


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**BUILDING COMMUNITY**—Over 100 permanent deacons gathered Oct. 2 at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark to take part in the first of a continuing education series, which featured a talk by Father Pablo T. Gadenz, S.T.D., an assistant professor at Seton Hall University, South Orange. Fr. Gadenz (left), gave a presentation on the life and ministry of Saint Paul. Born in Chile in 1967, Fr. Gadenz recently completed his doctoral studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome. Deacon John J. McKenna, archdiocesan director of deacon personnel (right), points out program notes to Deacon Pat Quagliana of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Roseland. Deacon McKenna said that, along with continuing education, the main purpose of the series is to “build community among the brothers.” Fr. Gadenz’s lectures on Saint Paul will continue at the chancery on Nov. 13 and Dec. 4. Contact Deacon McKenna at (973) 497-4125 for details.

## THE POPE SPEAKS

### Faithful still wait for word on Pope Pius XII



Pope Benedict XVI

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—

Among the thousands who crammed into St. Peter’s Basilica on Oct. 9 for a Mass commemorating Pope Pius XII, many were hoping for an announcement about his beatification, a step toward sainthood.

However, that didn’t happen. Pope Benedict XVI strongly praised Pope Pius and prayed that his sainthood cause would make progress, but he made no promises and set no dates.

He did not declare Pope Pius “venerable,” the step that would have advanced the cause and, no doubt, would have prompted much applause in the basilica. To make sure that no one got the wrong idea, the Vatican spokesman, Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, told reporters not to expect the pope to go off and sign such a decree immediately after the Mass.

The pope was demonstrating his “spiritual union” with those hoping for canonization, but gave no indication about future steps, Fr. Lombardi said. The words of the pope and his spokesman were significant because the decision on whether Pope Pius’ cause will be moved forward or kept waiting lies squarely with Pope Benedict.

Last year, the Congregation for Saints’ Causes unanimously recommended that the pope declare Pope Pius venerable, meaning that he heroically had lived the Christian virtues. Once such a declaration is made, a miracle may be attributed to the late pope’s intercession, the final step before beatification.

But instead of approving the congregation’s recommendation, in late 2007 the pope appointed a commission to study new archival information about Pope Pius and how his beatification would affect Catholic-Jewish and Vatican-Israeli relations. Sources said that commission has finished its work. But no formal report has been made public, and the waiting, which Fr. Lombardi said the pope wants as “a time of reflection,” continues.

There is strong Church sentiment inside and outside the Vatican for beatification, especially among those who feel Pope Pius has been wrongly accused of not doing enough to save Jewish lives during World War II.



## Benedictine Sisters plan weekend vocation retreat

ELIZABETH — The Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth will hold a vocation discernment retreat Oct. 24-26. Open to Catholic women over the age of 18, the retreat will begin Friday at 4 p.m. and end 1 p.m. on Sunday.

The retreat will include group and individual discussions on the discernment process in addition

to the Liturgy of the Hours with the monastic community. The discernment retreat, explained Vocations Director Sister Mariette Therese, "is a chance to get to know the Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth and their life."

Call Sr. Mariette at (908) 352-4278 for additional information or e-mail her at SrMariette@aol.com.

## TV show inspires teens to get 'real'

TRENTON — With its second prestigious Gabriel Award safely on the shelf and a new lineup of relevant programs in the pipeline, teen talk show "Realfaith TV" once again will reach out with real-faith answers to real-life questions that young people face everyday.

The Diocese of Trenton, through its Office of Radio and Television, produces the 30-minute show with the support, talent and dedication of hundreds of

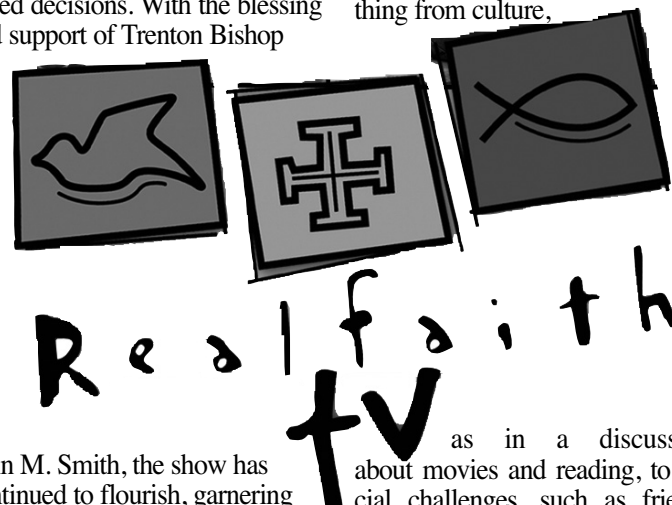
teenagers who volunteer their time during summer breaks.

Patrick Dolan, who formerly resided in the Archdiocese of Newark, is a producer at Realfaith TV. Dolan, a 2001 graduate of William Paterson University, grew up in the Bergen County town of River Edge, where he was involved in community outreach activities at Saint Peter the Apostle Parish.

Launched in 2000 as a creation of diocesan staffers Marianne Hartman and Ken Perry, Realfaith TV explores moral issues that challenge teens to make faith-based decisions. With the blessing and support of Trenton Bishop

Realfaith TV airs on the Comcast network (CN8) in Philadelphia and New Jersey, as well as other local cable stations. It can also be seen in some of the largest media markets in the country. In addition, the show streams live on its Web site ([www.realfaithtv.com](http://www.realfaithtv.com)).

Realfaith TV's new season, which debuted Sept. 27, will feature such topics as The Ten Commandments of Driving; Teenage Fathers, and Consumerism. With 13 episodes scheduled for Fall and 13 for the spring season, Realfaith TV covers everything from culture,



John M. Smith, the show has continued to flourish, garnering a long list of awards including most recently the 2008 Gabriel Award for its episode "Overcoming Eating Disorders" and the 2007 Gabriel Award for its episode "Companioning a Pregnant Teen."

As in all Realfaith TV episodes, young people explore important topics by discussing questions and beliefs among themselves in the studio, through on-location interviews with other teens and an interview of a spotlight guest with a unique experience or knowledge of the subject.

Now in its ninth season,

as in a discussion about movies and reading, to social challenges, such as friendships, break-ups and gossip, to global issues, like welcoming immigrants, forgiveness as a path to peace, and eco-activism.

Among the highlights of the season is an interview with a young man who was serving time for his role in the drunken driving accident that caused the death of his friend (set to air this spring). Teens will also tackle the challenge of forgiving those who seek to harm us, when they hear the personal story of a young woman who survived the campaign of genocide in Rwanda.

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## Prayer rally in Kearny to 'heal nation'

KEARNY — A prayer rally for "Healing of Our Nation" will be held Saturday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, 499 Belgrove Dr.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9 a.m. will be followed by recitation of a patriotic rosary, the joyful mysteries and the luminous mysteries. Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m.

The afternoon session begins with silent adoration at 12:30 p.m., followed by a patriotic rosary.

For additional information call (973) 746-8667.





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**NEW GYM**—Saint Paul Interparochial School, Ramsey, last month took the wraps off its new gymnasium. The Property Management Administration department of the Archdiocese of Newark, led by Steve Belloise, executive director, and Nassar Shabo, assistant director of construction, oversaw the \$3-million project. Malanga Construction, Fairfield, was the primary contractor, while Michael Elkin of Elkin and Sobolta Associates, Rutherford, served as the architect. Msgr. Lawrence W. Cull is the pastor of Saint Paul Parish.

## Hunger program draws bank's interest

NEWARK—The Feed the Hungry program at Saint John Parish has received a \$5,000 grant from the Investors Savings Bank Charitable Foundation. The foundation awards grants to not-for-profit programs in communities served by Investors Savings Bank. “Saint John Parish is truly making a positive difference in its community. Their volunteers and staff work tirelessly and selflessly

to help those in need,” Kevin Cummings, president and chief executive officer of Investors Savings Bank, said.

Saint John Parish, 22 Mulberry St.—the oldest parish in New Jersey—operates the non-sectarian program Tuesday through Saturday providing between 500 and 800 meals daily for the home-

less as well as low income individuals and families.

“We are here for the community doing all we can do to provide for people who need our help, said Vincent Smith, parish manager. For additional information on how to make a donation to the Feed the Hungry Program or on volunteering, call (973) 623-0822.

## Friars to host ‘brave’ retreat

NEWARK—An all-day men's retreat, “Sword of the Spirit: Courageous Catholicism,” will be held at Most Blessed Sacrament Friary, 375 12th Ave., on Saturday, Oct. 25, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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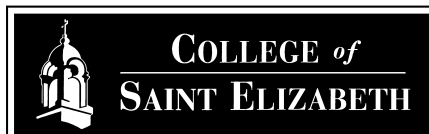
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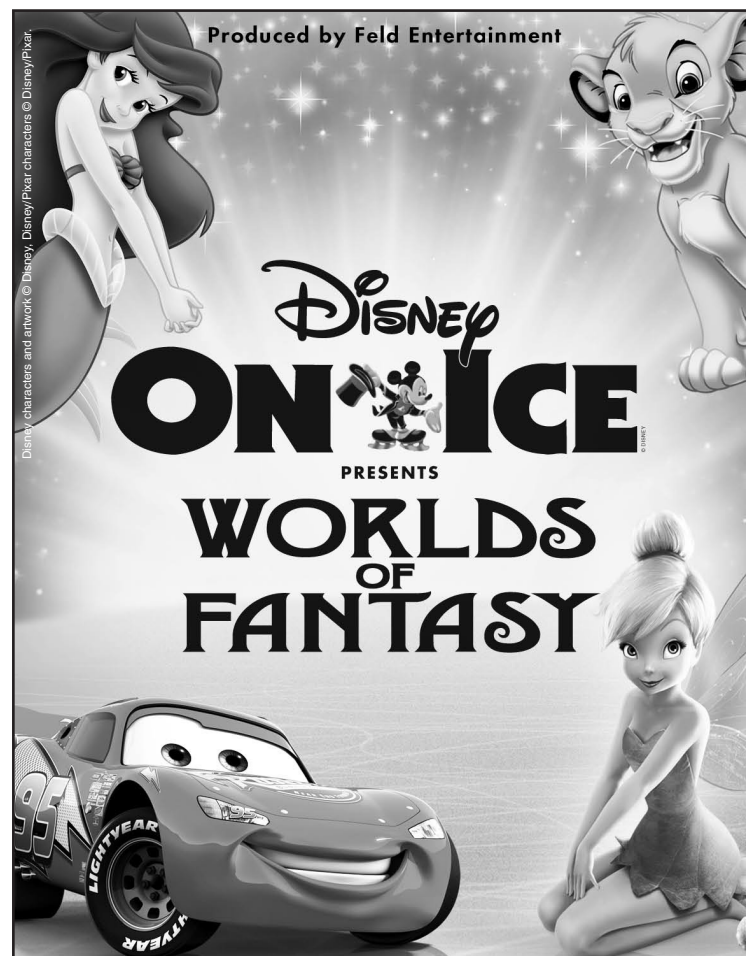
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## Marylawn of the Oranges welcomes Principal Lopez

SOUTH ORANGE—Veteran educator Christine H. Lopez has been installed as the new principal of Marylawn of the Oranges. Lopez, who succeeds retired Principal Mary O'Connor, has been a classroom teacher, children's librarian and media specialist.

The new principal holds a masters degree in Library and Information Studies from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, in addition to a master's degree in Educational Leadership from Kean University, Union, where she also earned supervisor, principal and business administration certificates. She is enrolled at the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station working on her doctoral program.

Stressing that she maintains an "open door policy," Lopez has been busy introducing herself to the students and the community. "I'm looking forward to maintaining the high academic standards steeped in value-based edu-



**Christine Lopez**

cation provided by Marylawn while embracing the family environment school like Marylawn embraces," she said.

Sister Barbara Garland, chair of the school board, said "Mrs. Lopez's experience, enthusiasm and sense of the mission of Marylawn already indicate that she will lead our school and its young women into a future characterized by an excellent education of the whole person. The Sisters of Charity and the board of trustees welcome her."

## Saint Patrick High School plans a sweet performance

ELIZABETH—Students at Saint Patrick High School, 221 Court St., will present "Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" Friday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 9 at 2 p.m.

Thomas N. Tyler will direct the production. Brother Daniel McCulloch, C.F.C., will provide the musical direction and choreography will be under the guidance of Mary Beth Santos.

Following school tradition, a 50th class reunion will be held Sunday. A buffet lunch will follow the matinee at a cost of \$15

per person. Tickets for the show are \$6 per person in advance and \$8 at the door. Call the school at (908) 353-5220 for reservations.

The popular musical is based on the classic story written by Robert Dahl. It is the story of a group of young people who win gold tickets for admission into a famous candy factory along with a lifetime supply of chocolate. The amazing tour of the factory finds most of the ticket winners selfishly disobeying the rules, but ultimately Charlie's goodness is rewarded.

## Honor Society selects six

LYNDHURST—Sacred Heart School inducted six students into the Helen K. Gerity Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. Inductees include Michael Pettigrew, Megan Bridge, Lauren Beglin, Brittney

Cammisa, Maria Economou and Jennifer Bono.

Students in grades six through eight must achieve academic excellence and participate in school functions and outside organizations in order to qualify.

## Nuns selling religious items

WEST NEW YORK—The Nuns of the Monastic Fraternity of the Assumption and Saint Bruno will be at Holy Redeemer Parish, 569 65th St., Nov. 8 and 9 (Saturday and Sunday) to sell stat-

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## Scholar has right 'tonic' to fuel her achievements

ROSELLE—Louise Tonic, a senior at Roselle Catholic High School, has been cited as a "commended student" in next year's National Merit Scholarship program.

Over 1.5 million students nationwide took the preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Test in October 2007. Traditionally only a small percentage qualify as a commended student.

Tonic represents an elite group of African-American high school seniors who are semifinalists in the national Achievement Scholarship program. As such, she will be able to pursue scholarship funding awarded to candidates.

During her years at Roselle Catholic Tonic has been a member of the Founders' Scholars program, the Student Council and the National and Spanish honor societies (Web site: [www.rosellecatholic.org](http://www.rosellecatholic.org)). She has worked with the school's homeless outreach program, tutors over the summer at her church and has volunteered at East Orange General Hospital and The Elizabeth Coalition for the Homeless.

Principal Anthony LaPolla (left), and Brother Owen Ormsby, F.M.S., president of Roselle Catholic High School (right), congratulate senior Louise Tonic on achieving "commended-student" status in the National Merit Scholarship program. Tonic is president of the senior class, plays on the school's basketball team, participated in the Festival of Lights (the school's annual Christmas show) and is a member of the school's yearbook staff. The coed school, located at 1 Raritan Rd. and founded in 1959, represents the Marist Brothers' tradition of excellence in teaching. The Marist tradition serves as the core of the school's Campus Ministry program, which aids in the spiritual development of students, with an emphasis on community service and outreach.

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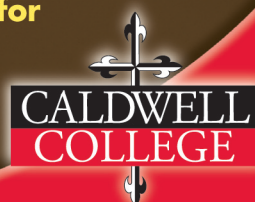
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**THREE DECADES—** Priscilla Marion, who is celebrating 30 years at Visitation Academy, Paramus, was honored by parents and faculty at the first Home School Association meeting of the new school year. A Pre-K teacher for most of her career, Marion was praised for her love for children, her open rapport with parents and her professionalism. "We are a family, working together and praying for the good of the children," Marion said. "Watching my students grow and move on, ready for their primary years, is such a rewarding experience."

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# Walter Patrick, first-born son and saint of the Reilly family

*(Editor's note: Ruth Reilly was a columnist for The Catholic Advocate during the 1950s. The Reilly family resided in Glen Ridge at 73 Highland Ave. for many years and Ruth kept a daybook on spiritual reflections. The following column by Ruth originally was published Feb. 7, 1952.)*



**W**e went to visit Walter Patrick yesterday. "He's fine, just had a haircut and is the very picture of health," we tell our friends and relatives who remember to ask about him. What more can we say? Words are so clumsy and inadequate. Walter Patrick is our second child, our first-born son and we'd like to give just a hint of the happiness and heartache, the soaring hope and dull despondency that have gone hand in hand with watching Walter grow into a lad now almost 15 years old. I shall never forget the day of his birth. He was a placenta-previa birth and in such cases two-thirds of the babies and one third of the mothers die. I remember the awful anxiety of the family; my father's delightful outrage when his blood did not match mine for transfusion and then the overflowing wordless joy, the prayer of thankfulness, when Dr. Condon smiled and said: "It's a boy!"

Walter was a wonderful baby and a bubbling-over happiness filled the first full year of his life. He teethed, sat up, fed himself, and walked at an average age, but he made no infant sounds or syllables—only a throaty, singsong chant. We consulted our pediatrician who originally made light of Walter's behavior.

Before he was two we realized Walter wasn't advancing as he should and we sought the advice of one Dr. Seidman who, after long careful examination, told us that, in his opinion, Walter was "subnormal."

Our subconscious minds must have suspected, but the cruel, hard hammer of the doctor's words hitting our brain stunned us. The next step was a thorough examination by Dr. Wile of Mount Sinai Hospital of New York. He concurred with Dr. Seidman's view.

There are no Catholic facilities for such children in this area and it was the Children's Home and Welfare Association of Montclair that guided us. On our seventh wedding anniversary Dr. Plant examined Walter. He laid Walter's troubles to deafness and discounted the diagnosis of subnormality. Our joy knew no bounds.

We then took him to a nursery school for special training and to the Trenton School for the Deaf for tests, but they held that he was not deaf. We took him to the Neurological Institute for a series of examinations and X-rays and our hopes again were dashed. He was subnormal and had an almost complete deafness besides. Because of his youth, it was difficult to place his exact level, but they held that he would never advance beyond an 18-month-old mentality and time has borne them out.

What can a parent say or do? What indeed, but accept it as the will of God and pray for strength and courage and guidance.

How parents look for and cling to the slightest hope. On "good days" our spirits would soar—he was all right! On "bad days" a depression would fill us. However, with passing time, Walter changed from a happy toddler to a desperate unhappy little boy. He learned to scale the fence of the enclosed play area and often ran away. We decided the porch would be safer and left the screens up all year round for his benefit.

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Sometimes while out on the porch he would just sit and repeat his sad singsong sound in a hopeless, broken-hearted tone; he would scream it out loudly and violently. "Can no one help me?" his cry seemed to say as you stood by helplessly.

Walter loved freedom, but unfortunately he was constantly enclosed. In frenzies of anger he would let fly any object at hand. He developed a real cunning for escape and despite our best efforts he managed to get away two or three times a week. The police became our friends and helpers as time after time we left the other children and went out in search of Walter.

He loved his bath and we prolonged it. He loved sweets and always had more than his share. He loved tumbling and roughhousing and so we had a regular tumbling hour. The other children sensed his need and were overgenerous with him, yet he grew increasingly unhappy.

Finally we came to the difficult decision that we must—for Walter's sake and his alone—find him a spot where he could be with his equals. He needed a place where he would have greater freedom of action, where he would not be in constant competition with his brothers and sisters.

We were not "weeding him out" for the sake of the others. We were trying to make him happy. The thought of parting with him cut to the quick. We couldn't bear it, but looking at it reasonably and logically, we knew we not only could, we must.

Walter was entrusted to our care so we went about the job of looking into institutions. We visited the training

school in Vineland. It was our first peek into this other world of "special" children. People often take their "normal" children for granted. They do not realize that over one out of every hundred children born is mentally handicapped to a degree, requiring special training and a special way of life. Our hearts swelled with deep compassion for all the little Walters in the world and their parents.

Walter Patrick's condition did not warrant sending him to a training school such as Vineland or Woodbine; the lowest-grade institution in the state was the answer. Each step

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took crawling months of it. At length, Dr. Yepson came to the house to examine Walter and looked over our general household setup. It was a rainy Saturday and the youngsters were all in the house. May Ann, then eight years old, Walter almost seven, Paul five, David and Philip (the twins) four, Peter three and Ellen age two.

Dr. Yepson, my husband and I discussed our problem as Walter Patrick ran about. The doctor acknowledged Walter's need and said we would hear from him shortly. What followed were endless days of not hearing; dark, shortsighted days when we tried to pray, but felt sapped of grace and bone dry.

Then everything happened so quickly. A vacancy occurred at Woodbine, which Walter was accepted to fill. March 6, 1944 was set as his day of entrance. We'll never forget that first trip to Woodbine with Walter.

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# Healing

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"At the first meeting, we talk about the stages of grief, including denial, guilt and anger. Everyone grieves at their own pace. (The facilitators and moderator) give them assurance that the emotions they are feeling are normal. No one else should tell them what they are supposed to be feeling."

After the eight weeks, Galano makes herself available for anyone who might want to talk. Many of the support group members become friends and reach out to each other. During the Christmas season, the bereavement ministry has a reception and invites all previous support group members.

"The get-together provides help during the holidays. It is great to see how people have progressed. Current group members get to see that there is hope for healing," she said.

The bereavement support group is Christ-centered and opens with prayer and song, reminding participants that the Lord is always present. For those suffering from the loss of a loved one, God may feel distant and they might even feel anger toward Him.

"We don't condemn anyone if they are angry with God and they shouldn't be afraid to tell us they are angry. Even Jesus wept when Lazarus died. We try to connect what people are going through with Scripture. We remind them that the Lord is always there for them, even if they are not aware that He is," Galano explained.

Galano, who lost her father in

1987, empathizes with the support group members but tries to separate her work with the bereavement ministry from her personal life. "With a lot of prayer, I try not to bring the work home with me. I just hand over all of their suffering to God and try to leave it at the door. I try to use my head, not my heart."

"Sometimes people have 'grief bursts' where something triggers a person to remember their loss; they feel like it is happening all over again," she continued. "They can call us anytime. Most of what we do is listening; if you feel like crying, just cry. We will be there."

Crying can lead to joy at the end of the sessions. "There is actually a lot of laughter toward the end. Everyone feels closer to one another. With God's help, 99 percent of the people who have participated in the group say it was effective in helping them heal."

Father Alfred Burke is the moderator for the bereavement ministry at Holy Spirit Parish. He feels the role of the moderator is one of presence and encouragement.

"A support group should be a

positive environment in which people can be themselves and express how they truly feel," Fr. Burke said. "When an individual can surface and address what they are feeling, they gain a sense of control and direction they didn't have before. It has been said: 'If you can't feel it, you can't heal it.'"

"As a parish-sponsored support group, we bring a faith dimension to the experience," he said. "In the context of the dialogue, we share how faith can make a difference in the grief process."

Having lost his own mother as a young man, Fr. Burke had to face his own feelings while ministering to others. When appropriate, he shares this and other loss experiences to demonstrate that the group is more than merely an academic exercise. In working with other people the participants come to trust, including other support group members, they are helped in reconciling their loss by sharing common experiences at their own pace.

"We are not looking for 'closure.' Rather than 'letting go,' we encourage participants to 'let

their loved one be,'" Fr. Burke explained. "It is not a question of letting go of the deceased, but rather of letting them be in their new life so that the survivor can ultimately get on with their own life. Ideally, that is when the healing takes place, if and when the person is able to do so."

While working in parish ministry as a young priest, Fr. Burke realized that he gravitated toward the sick and dying and was involved in hospital ministry for many years.

"I hate to see people in pain," he said. "This ministry helps give a sense of peace to people in the midst of suffering. In bereavement ministry it is rewarding to see the peace people can attain. After the eight-week session, you can see a change in people. It isn't necessarily dramatic, but it is there."



Cora Galano encourages past group members to call her (908-688-2770) for ongoing support. The bereavement ministry team at Holy Spirit includes Deacon Stanley Kwiatek, Lois Gannon, Romy Galano, Mary Mowad, Marilyn Force and Antonio Munoz.



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We came upon a sign that read: "Quiet—Hospital Zone." It loomed before us and we had the urge to turn and run, but instead we calmly drove in.

At the Colony Hospital, where newcomers are placed in quarantine for several days. The starched nurse who took Walter's bag said to us: "You'd better just go, the quickest way is the best." We retracted our steps with a lump in our throats and a great empty hole in our hearts.

That painful day, now seven years past, is as vivid as yesterday. We visit Walter regularly as we can. Walter no longer knows us as parents, but is always glad to see us and happy for the outing he knows our presence implies.

Our visits follow a sort of pattern. After registering at the office we make our way to Kipp Cottage, where Walter lives, and talk with Mrs. Payne, his house mother, while we see Walter engaged in his normal activity of the day: at play in the big yard, or in the large reception room on bad days: or at lunch in the bright homey dining room.

We often take Walter out and share a picnic lunch with him. He loves to eat and downs a steady stream of cookies and sweets most of the afternoon. He loves the wind in his face and we open the car windows as we drive over to Townsend Inlet where we roam along the beach enjoying as much as he the space and freedom, the fresh clean sweep of the place. We always stop at Saint Joseph's, a little church at Sea Isle City on the way back with

Walter, to ask God's blessing on our boy. Occasionally Walter resents our retuning home, but more often he just runs into the large bath and dressing room to be helped change into his play clothes and slip back into Kipp Cottage routine.

We gratefully realize Walter is happier at Woodbine than he could be anywhere on this earth. As the years have passed we have come more and more to admire and respect the staff at Woodbine and we thank God for them and the wonderful job they are doing of creating a haven—a small, special world apart to fit the needs of these "little ones" among us for whom the everyday world we live in would be a fearful and a hurried and unhappy place.

We are blessed by the fact that Walter's physical development has been normal, but with advancing years the contrast between the growing body and infant mentality is sharper and sadder to see. It follows that he will never progress spiritually; never on this earth will he "taste and see that the Lord is sweet." Never on this earth will he knowingly sing forth God's praises, but there is joy and deep, rich recompense in the knowledge that Walter—fresh in his baptismal innocence—is sure of getting to heaven. Through it all we understand we have a saint in the family.

*(Editor's note: Walter Patrick Reilly currently resides at the Woodbridge Developmental Center, where his brothers and sisters visit him often.)*



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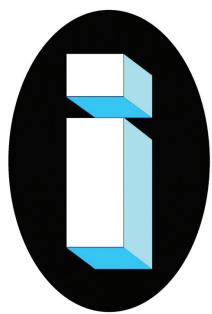
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During this eight-session program, participants will explore the experiences and tasks of mourning. They are invited to become a "bereavement-support group" and to experience the dynamics of the group.

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Programs begin in September and February and sessions run for eight consecutive weeks. Sessions

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Contact Janet McCormack, associate director, Family Life Ministries, at (973) 497-4327 for further information regarding training dates, schedules and fees, or to obtain information about existing parish support groups in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union counties. Pre-registration is required to participate in the program.

Family Life Ministries sponsors parish-based support groups and other bereavement services throughout the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark. Father Marc A. Vicari is the archdiocesan vicar for Family Life Ministries.

All archdiocesan bereavement groups are open to people of all faiths who are grieving the death of a loved one. Trained facilitators provide information on the grief process and help participants find support through the sharing of their experiences.

The following is a list of four support groups for parents whose children have died, sponsored by the Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark. It's suggested that those interested in attending should use contact information to confirm times, dates and locations:

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# Answering the call for those who grieve

## Lynch shares his wisdom on heroes, faith

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE  
Editor

NEWARK—A priest once asked Michigan funeral director Thomas Lynch why it is that Lynch is often the first person many people call right after they experience the devastating loss of a loved one, even when they are forced to place that urgent call at 2 a.m.

"Because they know I'll pick up the phone," Lynch answered.

The story served to illustrate a key theme during Lynch's enlightening seminar "Continuing the Conversation; Burying Our Catholic Dead," which was held Oct. 13 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

With his disarming dry wit and charm, Lynch used the tale to underline the point that, when it comes to the bereavement experience, "we must meet the grieving faithful where they are. We must let them know they're not alone."

Affectionately known as "America's Undertaker," Lynch—a prolific author and poet who was

featured in the acclaimed PBS Frontline 2007 program "The Undertaking"—is the director of Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, Milford, MI. It is a noble profession he has pursued for more than 35 years. Last month the Frontline program received the Emmy Award for Arts & Culture documentary.

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark, along with the New Jersey State Funeral Directors Association Inc., Manasquan, hosted the seminar, which received a grant from the New Jersey Funeral Service Education Corp.

While the Oct. 13 presentation was organized as an education forum for local clergy, funeral directors and cemeterians, Lynch's message carried spiritual insight for all people of faith.

"Do you want to be a hero?" he asked the seminar audience. "Then pick up the phone," he said, harking back to his conversation with the priest to symbolically describe individuals who, literally, answer the call and "go the distance" to help those who mourn.

Engaging the audience, Lynch offered observations on how the bereavement process has taken on a different tone in recent years. Lynch said for many funerals

today, the focus is on cherished pastimes and personal accomplishments of the person who has died, rather than sacred beliefs. Instead of a time for proper, respectful mourning and remembrance, some funerals have shifted to "celebrations of life."

Lynch suggested this current emphasis on "time to be happy" profoundly misses the point of bereavement—negating the spiritual essence that comes from the human need to express sorrow over the passing of loved ones. It is a heart-wrenching ordeal, but one that is necessary in a faith tradition, he said.

"Before we can celebrate life we must first acknowledge the death," Lynch declared. "We deal with death by dealing with the dead. The dead don't care, but the dead matter; they matter to the living. When the dead get to that edge of oblivion, then we, the living, get to where we need to be. This is the human mystery—the miracle of being able to let go."

"The most important thing is to have people know you care," he continued. "We're working on a deeply human thing. We're in this together. We bring our faith to help those who hurt. This is big medicine."

He paid tribute to heroic people

who have changed his life, such as devastated young parents who must bury a child. Somehow, he said, they walk upright, endure the tragedy and remain people of faith. "We ask ourselves: 'Why this, God?' but we never hear the answer. We have a lot to learn from our clergy and from those who dig graves."

Lynch also praised Church liturgy as a critical part of the bereavement journey. "Our sacred rituals do the needful human work," he said.



Thomas Lynch

## Knights to host Memorial Mass Nov. 9

WASHINGTON TWP.—Deceased members of Knights of Columbus, Mother Seton Council 5427, will be remembered at the annual Memorial Mass to be celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 9, noon, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 668 Ridgewood Rd.

A brunch will follow at the

Knights of Columbus Hall, 79 Pascack Rd. Reservations and tickets must be obtained in advance.

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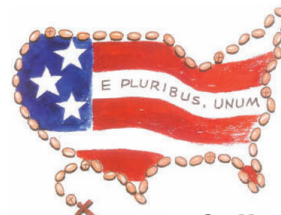
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## Conference

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Bishop da Cunha said. "The Church needs family and the family needs the role of the father. It is important for fathers to share the faith with their children through involvement with the Church."

Bishop da Cunha had one

word for men thinking of attend the event: "go." The conference, he said, will be a "first step" toward bringing a good number of men back to the Church. That is so, Bishop da Cunha feels, because at the conference, surrounded by other men active in their faith, a man will start thinking he

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Gerry Nolan, a member of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Roseland, and a lay co-leader for the archdiocesan Catholic Men's Conference, lamented that many men have become a passive, "silent majority" in the daily life of the Church. The March 28, 2009 conference "will be good for me and many other faithful Catholic men of all ages."

## Mass, awards on Nov. 15 to honor bishop

NEWARK—The Office for Black Catholic Ministry will honor the late Most Rev. Joseph A. Francis, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, on Saturday, Nov. 15 with a Mass and awards luncheon.

Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, will celebrate the noon-time Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The awards luncheon will follow at 1 p.m. in the Archdiocesan Center.

Individual tickets to the luncheon are \$25, a table of 10 is \$250. Checks, payable to the Office for Black Catholic Ministry, should be mailed no later than Oct. 25 to the ministry office at 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104-0500. Call Marissa Acosta at (973) 497-4013 for additional information.

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6:00 p.m. Holy Rosary

6:30 p.m. Guest Speaker **Father Benedict Groeschel**, CFR Author and Founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

7:15 p.m. Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Sacrament of Reconciliation  
will be available

8:00 p.m. Veneration of **First Class Saint Faustina Relic**

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9:00 p.m. Benediction  
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## Conference

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can do the same.

Deacon Joseph A. Dwyer, Jr., Vice Chancellor for Administration for the Archdiocese of Newark and a member of the commission, said the March 28 conference signals it's time for a "deepening of the faith."

The conference will be a time to help bring the relationship of men with the Lord to where it should be, Deacon Dwyer said. This is important, he noted, for a man's own spiritual peace and for the people at home with whom he interacts. Deacon Dwyer said he "guaranteed" that those attending the conference will experience an "additional spark" in their faith life.

"I challenge the men of the Archdiocese of Newark to be

present in Church ministries and to take an active role as leaders in their community as good stewards by sharing their time, talent and treasure," Jorge Repollet, director of cemetery services for the Archdiocese of Newark and co-chair of the Catholic Men's Commission, commented.

Repollet said it is important to "reinforce the power of prayer in our lives as Christians. I ask for everyone's prayers for the success of this conference."

Gerry Nolan, a member of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Roseland, and a lay co-leader for the conference, sees it as the "perfect opportunity to feed those who feed others." Stressing that the conference is for "all men" of the archdiocese, Nolan urged those planning to attend to bring along family members and friends.

"There is strength in num-

bers," Nolan pointed out. "It is important to demonstrate your faith. It is time to be proud of being Catholic."

Citing his involvement with Men's Cornerstone weekends, Nolan said he has come to realize that there are many men who have a need to get closer to God, but are experiencing difficulties availing themselves of opportunities to do so.

Gregory Floyd, a eucharistic minister at Our Lady of the Mount Parish, Warren (part of the Diocese of Metuchen), teams

with Nolan as a lay co-leader for the conference and will serve as its master of ceremonies. Bringing a men's commission to the Archdiocese of Newark, he said, is important because it will actively reach out to men at a time when they are waning in their involvement in the everyday life of the Church. The commission, he is convinced, will "reinvigorate or re-awaken" the relationship of men with the Lord.

There is, Floyd stressed, "power" in such a gathering—creating a spiritual venue to inter-

act "with your brothers." In today's crisis-laden society—with gnawing worries over financial meltdowns and international conflicts—it is especially important to experience the "strength and security of being sons of God, brothers fighting the good fight of faith."

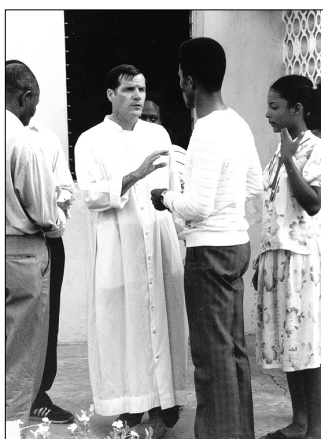
"No matter what point of the (faith) journey a man may find himself, I am confident God will give something to every man who walks through the door that day," Floyd said, encouraging men to attend the conference.

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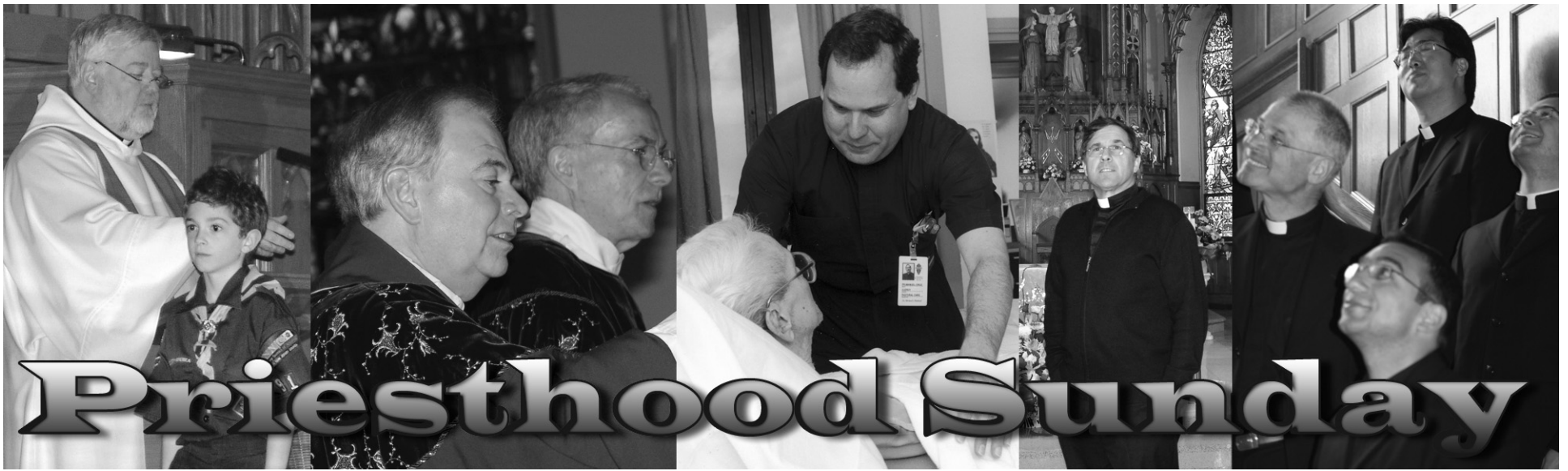
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# Four profiles trace footprints of faithful journeys

**BY MELISSA MCNALLY**  
*Staff Writer*

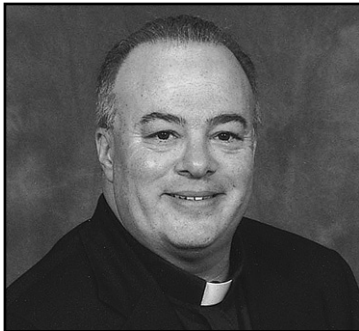
Many are called, but few are chosen (Matt 22:14). For clergy in the Archdiocese of Newark celebrating years of faithful service on Priesthood Sunday (Oct. 26), they all heard the call, felt the “spark” and chose to answer, dedicating their lives to serving the Lord. This article offers four biographies, describing four distinct spiritual journeys that inspired each man to seek the priesthood.

**Father Richard Kelly**  
 For some priests, like Father Richard Kelly, pastor at Saint Aloysius Parish, Jersey City, he always knew the priesthood was calling him. However, it was not until he attended graduate school and spent years in the workforce did he chose to enter the seminary. “In first grade, Sister Francis Genevieve at Our Lady of the Valley School in Orange said: ‘You are going to be a priest.’ That feeling was always there; that feeling of being close to the Church,” Fr. Kelly recalled.

He earned a master’s degree in industrial organizational psychology at Stephens Institute of Technology in 1982 and worked as group manager at Blue Cross/Blue Shield for two years. Throughout his youth, Fr. Kelly was involved with parish activities at Our Lady of the Valley Parish, including religious education teacher, folk group member and being involved in a parish youth athletic program. While at a retreat, the young future priest realized he should consider the priesthood. “The first big ‘spark’ or inclination that I should join the priesthood was in junior high school during a search retreat,” he said. “I found Jesus there in a way I never had before. This feeling culminated in 1982 when my pastor said I should look into joining a seminary.” Two years later, he enrolled at Immaculate Conception Seminary. Fr. Kelly’s commitment to youth has played a major role in his ministry. He was a youth minister at Holy Spirit Parish in Westfield for six years. “There were 150 kids in my youth group. That group is still important to me


and we still have a bond and a connection. Now I am doing their weddings and baptisms for their children.” From 1999-2000, he was appointed vocations director for the Archdiocese of Newark due to his faithful zeal and commitment to evangelizing youth. While working to promote vocations, he targeted young people, encouraging them to be open to the idea of a priestly life. “Every other weekend I visited a parish and preached on vocations,” he said. “We had vocation rallies and vocation weekends. Often, someone would come up to me and ask if they could talk. That would be the beginning of their discernment.” Fr. Kelly is still a member of the vocations council for the archdiocese and is not deterred by the declining number of priests. In 2003, he was appointed pastor of Saint Aloysius Parish. “Being appointed was a huge surprise. It was very humbling and I was anxious. It was pretty special.” Along with being pastor, Fr. Kelly is also dean of Jersey City South, serves on the presbyteral

council and is chaplain for the Knights of Columbus and Serra Club. Fr. Kelly sees all of his responsibilities as blessings. His skills in time management and personal relations he acquired while working at an insurance company help him balance his responsibilities in the Church. “I use my personnel skills everyday. I am very much a people-person. I have to be a good at delegating and be very organized,” he said. “I never realized I had to be involved in the day-to-day maintenance of the church. You can never plan for pipes breaking or an emergency. Sometimes I have to be conflict manager. The seminary can never prepare you for that,” Fr. Kelly explained, adding that the lay staff and volunteers have helped him tremendously. **Father Fabio DeJesus Brenes-Chaves** Much like Fr. Kelly, Father Fabio DeJesus Brenes-Chaves, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary and Saint Patrick Parish,




**Father Richard Kelly**  
 Elizabeth, knew from a young age that the priesthood was his calling. “On Oct. 30, 1966, I had my First Communion,” Fr. Brenes-Chaves said. “I could really feel the Lord even though I was just nine years old. There was a parish priest that inspired me. I wanted to be just like him. One week later, I became an altar server. In my heart, I knew there was a higher power calling me.” Growing up in Costa Rica, Fr. Brenes-Chaves felt the call again as a teenager. “When I was 17-years-old, I joined the youth group and went to weekend retreats at a local seminary. I was a reader and

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# Journeys

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member of the choir at my parish. I have since devoted the last 33 years of my life to the Lord."

Twenty-three years ago he was ordained into the Diocese of Solola, Guatemala, and studied at Central Seminary in San Jose, Costa Rica, Pontifical Seminary in Guadalajara-Jalisco, Mexico and Pius Seminary of Our Lady of the Way in Solola.

His first assignment in the archdiocese was at Saint Rose of Lima Parish in Newark, where he served until 1993. Two years later Fr. Brenes-Chaves was incardinated into the Archdiocese of Newark. Then, he was assigned to Most Holy Name Parish, Garfield, in 1998, where he was asked to

start a Spanish Apostolate. His knowledge of several Latin-American countries aided him to form a community at the parish. "The Hispanic community in the area used to go to the Diocese of Paterson for Mass. The Spanish Apostolate at Most Holy Name is still strong today."

He became pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary and Saint Patrick Parish in 2003, when it was undergoing a merger due to the New Energies initiative. "It was a real challenge," he confessed. "We left one building to combine both parish communities. I tried to be there for people and assure them that, at the Resurrection, we will all be united in heart and mind as one flock. The Church is the people. I tried to respect what they were feeling and motivate them."

Although the task of uniting two parishes could be daunting, the new pastor trusted that the merger would benefit the community. With a large Hispanic population, one major challenge was to make the parishioners from disparate countries come together through culture and faith.

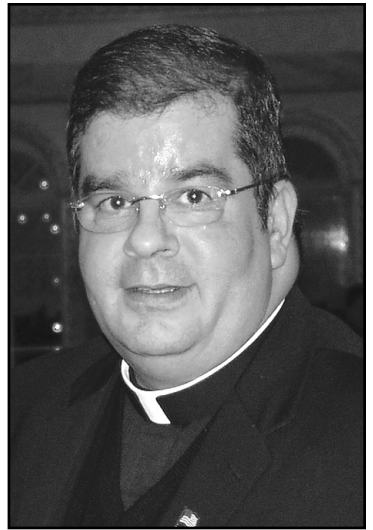
"I felt grateful to be appointed pastor," he said. "I feel grateful to the Lord and the Blessed Mother. I was used only as their instrument. We are close to the waterfront and Elizabeth is a port city. We have Colombians, Puerto Ricans, Mexicans and people from many other countries."

Now in charge of delegating and being responsible for many tasks, Fr. Brenes-Chaves realized he had to make adjustments. "All of a sudden, I had five areas to

manage, including a parish cemetery and Raphael's Life House. As pastor, I had to deal with the challenge of administrating to others and managing resources. I learned quickly," he said with a laugh.

Preaching the word of God to others has always been priority for Fr. Brenes-Chaves and it is a practice he enjoys. "I feel a strong need to preach and evangelize. We need to catechize. We have to start from the basic doctrine of the Church. When I preach, I get back to the foundations of the faith. It is refreshing when I say a homily and someone comes up to me and says that my preaching touched them. Priests have to be men of faith and mentors," he said.

Preaching in today's society can be difficult, he believes, due to a materialistic culture, but Fr.



**Father Fabio DeJesus Brenes-Chaves**

Brenes-Chaves hopes to leave a legacy of a simple man who lived his faith and encouraged others to do the same.

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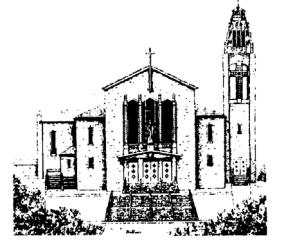
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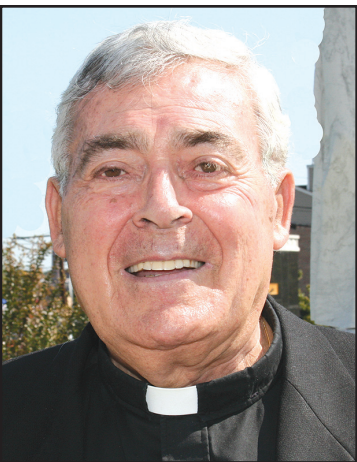
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**Father Dante DiGirolamo**  
Simply being a servant of the Lord while hoping to have a profound impact on others has been Father Dante M. DiGirolamo's life mission. It is a mission that has focused on cultivating insightful communication skills.  
Born in Castelvecchio, Italy, he studied at the major seminary in Turin, Italy, before completing his studies for the priesthood at the Gregorian University in Rome. He was ordained a Marist priest on March 13, 1948 and incardinated into the archdiocese in 1970. Although he retired from active ministry in 1997, he still celebrates Mass in Italian at Holy Family Parish, Nutley, and Saint Lucy Parish, Newark.  
In his 60 years as a priest, Fr. DiGirolamo has learned five languages, taught at Seton Hall University (SHU), South Orange, and a major seminary in Italy, went to most of the Italian parishes in the archdiocese to minister,

began a Spanish Apostolate at Saint John Parish in Orange and has dedicated his life to beatify Dolores Immacolata "Mama" Gili. What he hopes to be known for, however, is as "a man whose greatest joy was celebrating Mass and helping people."  
During a childhood with a "very religious mother" Fr. DiGirolamo became an altar boy and sang in the choir. A friendly parish priest encouraged him to attend a minor seminary at the age of 11. After his discernment at the age of 18 while studying at a seminary, he learned Greek, Latin and French.  
In 1954 and 1957, the young priest visited the United States to preach at the Italian parishes in the archdiocese. Many of these parishes had Italian festivals in the summer and he would celebrate the Italian Mass. In 1957, Fr. DiGirolamo decided to stay in America. However, he had one major obstacle—learning to speak English.  
"It was very difficult for me to interact in English, but I loved the work I was doing," he said. While

in Italy, the only English he learned was from a British radio show, which posed a problem when ministering in the Garden State.  
"I sounded like an English actor when I was celebrating Mass. The pastors had to teach me how to say certain words correctly," he explained with a smile.  
As a result, he took English courses at SHU and at Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. He also enrolled in Spanish courses while in the archdiocese. Learning languages is still a passion for him.  
In 1962, Fr. DiGirolamo would use his knowledge of Spanish while assigned to Saint John Parish. He was asked to start a Spanish Apostolate and the Hispanic community saw the Italian priest as one of their own. What was supposed to be a temporary position lasted 29 years.  
"Two young parishioners from Costa Rica told me there was a need for a Spanish-language Mass and I began having them once a month. Then, I brought the idea to Archbishop Thomas A. Boland.

We started having the masses once every week." As a result, Fr. DiGirolamo became an intrinsic part of the Hispanic community, even helping recent immigrants find employment.  
Seventeen years ago Fr. DiGirolamo was appointed director of the Eucharistic Shrine of the Adorable Face in Kearny. He saved the building from being sold by receiving a donation from a millionaire who has decided to remain anonymous. Today, the shrine is part of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary.  
A vital part of Fr. DiGirolamo's faith formation was Dolores Immacolata "Mama" Gili. Mama Gili was born in Italy and moved to America at 14-years-old. She had a home in Orange where she invited people to come and pray. She served as a valuable adviser and was a pious, deeply religious woman who also had a devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus found in the Shroud of Turin.  
"My mother died when I was young and when I met Mama Gili, she was like my spiritual mother," he said. "She was a fer-




Father Dante DiGirolamo

vent and balanced Catholic who had a gift for listening and helping others." After her death in 1985, because of his devotion to the prayerful Mama Gili, Archbishop Theodore McCarrick asked Fr. DiGirolamo to work on

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The Parishioners and Staff of St. Leo's extends their appreciation and gratitude to **Rev. Joseph A. D'Amico, Pastor** and **Rev. James Moran, Parochial Vicar** for their dedication and love of St. Leo's Parish. We are blessed to have you serve our parish and be the inspirational faith leaders that you are in our spiritual home.



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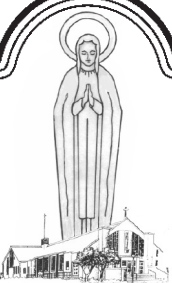
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for all you do for our Parish Family!**

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## Profiles

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the cause of her beatification.

Fr. DiGirolamo, 83, shares a wealth of knowledge on the subject of priestly ministry. Although he once was asked to be pastor, he said he prefers not to undertake the assignment.

"There are so many external obligations," he said. "You have to be an administrator and take on so many other responsibilities. I love the more religious aspect of the priesthood." Today he maintains a busy schedule and would not want it any other way.

"It is a joy to be a father of so many and it is beautiful to serve as a bridge between God and His people," he said. "It is wonderful to see the value of life, even in suffering. It is an honor to bring true joy to people."

### Father James Reilly

Father James J. Reilly, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Kearny, knew at the age of 13 that being a priest would be his life's work. As student at Saint Aloysius School in Jersey City, *The Jersey Journal* once interviewed him in support of a vocations drive. "I always wanted to help serve God

and His people," he said.

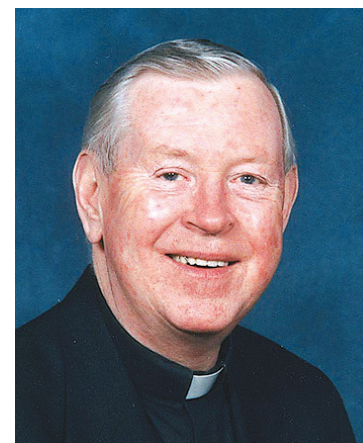
A native of Jersey City, Fr. Reilly attended Seton Hall Prep and SHU. He received a Licentiate in Sacred Theology and Master of Church Administration at the Catholic University of America. In 1990, he received a Master in Public Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU), Rutherford.

Three years later, he was appointed chaplain/campus minister at the FDU and at Upsala College, East Orange, and Kean University, Union, in 1994. Working with young people was a great privilege for Fr. Reilly. "Working with young people keeps you young," he said. "They are vibrant and looking for spirituality."

Ordained on May 25, 1968, Fr. Reilly recently celebrated 40 years as a priest. He noted that our secularized society needs priests to evangelize and spread the good news in a culture rife with relativism.

"We have to reach out to those Catholics who have fallen away from the Church. We need to re-educate a generation of Catholics."

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish is known as the "little parish with a big heart" and Fr. Reilly, appointed



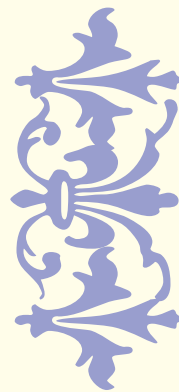
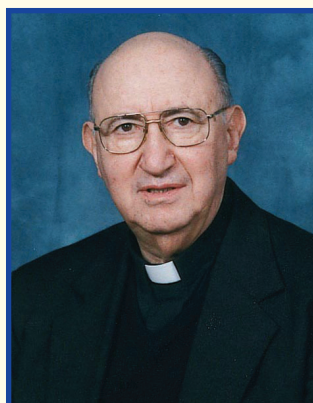
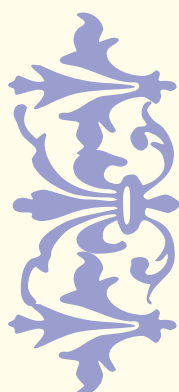
**Father James Reilly**

pastor in 2005, is keeping the heart of the parish alive with spiritual tradition. Fostering new devotions to Saint Jude, having novenas in honor of the year of Saint Paul and installing statues of Padre Pio and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux are all recent steps he has taken to ensure a more vibrant parish.

Over the years Fr. Reilly has traveled to the Holy Land, Lourdes, France and Knoch, Ireland. These travel experiences, he believes, has enriched his faith.

"I have been to the Holy Land four times. To go there is like the 'fifth Gospel.' To actually walk in the places where Jesus walked, everything comes alive."

## The Parish Family of St. Lucy's Church, Newark (National Shrine of St. Gerard)



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We pray with St. Therese of Lisieux:

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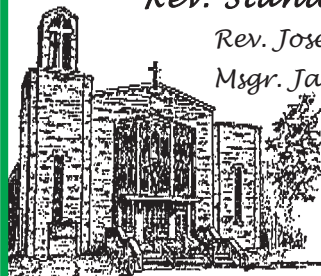


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## ANCC taps St. Joseph's nurses for excellence

PATERSON—Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center/Saint Joseph's Children's Hospital has been honored as a three-time recipient of the Magnet Award for Nursing Excellence, the American Nurses Credentialing Center's (ANCC) gold standard for nursing excellence.

"The Magnet Award recognizes facilities that provide the very best in nursing care and uphold the traditions that support



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Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center/Saint Joseph Children's Hospital is a three-time recipient of the "Magnet Award for Nursing Excellence." Pictured (left to right) are MaryAnn Hozak, clinical education specialist and Magnet Program director, Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center; Marie Brennan, chief nursing officer; and Janice M. Wojcik, advanced practice nurse, critical care, Saint Joseph Medical Center.

professional nursing practice. Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center, which includes Saint Joseph's Children's Hospital, is proud to be honored for sustained nursing excellence since 1999,

and for innovation and creativity in nursing practice," said Maria Brennan, M.S.N., R.N., C.P.H.Q., chief nursing officer, Saint Joseph's Healthcare System, and vice president, Patient Care Services, Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center.

Magnet hospitals must meet stringent quantitative and qualitative standards that define the quality of nursing practices and patient care.

During the ANCC's site visit to St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, more than 250 nurses, from all shifts and areas, were interviewed. Surveyors attended multidisciplinary committee meetings.

"It is with great pleasure that we add this momentous success to our long list of accomplishments," said William A. McDonald, president and chief executive officer, Saint Joseph's Healthcare System.

## A 'leap of faith' by Kelly yields nursing scholarship

SOUTH ORANGE—As part of a constant effort to help alleviate the nation's nursing shortage, Seton Hall University's College of Nursing has awarded its Dr. Ruth Hutchison Scholarship to Lisa-Ann Kelly of Parsippany.

Having devoted her life to pediatric nursing through such positions as pediatric nurse practitioner and adjunct professor, Kelly made the switch to school nursing 18 months ago.

"I felt that with all of my experience working with children, as well as educating students in the field of pediatrics, it was time to serve my community through school nursing," Kelly said. "It was definitely a leap of faith because I left the comfort and security of my full-time position as a pediatric nurse practitioner to become a substitute school nurse in Parsippany in order to gain experience in the school setting."

Kelly is pursuing her school nurse certification at Seton Hall. The graduate certificate program, which is approved by the New Jersey Department of Education, is based on the conviction that the school nurse should play a significant role as a school and community healthcare provider.

Kelly and her peers gain a critical focus on the prevention of illness, health education, health promotion and health maintenance.



Lisa-Ann Kelly

Already a Seton Hall College of Nursing alumna, having earned both her B.S.N. and her master's degree in Primary Health Care Nursing at the College, Kelly is thrilled to continue her education at her alma mater.

"I've always found the instructors to be superb and the experience enlightening," she said. "My education at Seton Hall has not only prepared me to serve the community through my healthcare profession, but has also prepared me for life."

She is especially appreciative to be the recipient of this year's Dr. Ruth Hutchison Scholarship, comparing it to "winning an Olympic gold medal. Receiving the scholarship reassures me that I am following the path in life that God has directed me to." Kelly anticipates graduating from the program in December.

The Dr. Ruth Hutchison Scholarship – now in its fourth year – is named after the distinguished College of Nursing professor emeritus who, in 2006, was named Seton Hall University's Woman of the Year. A certified school nurse and school nurse practitioner, Hutchison has been teaching school nursing since 1969 and has received a variety of awards both from the University and in the professions of nursing and public health statewide, nationally and internationally.

Hutchison has created the scholarship in memory of her mother, Margaret Reagan, to address the need for "dedicated and qualified school nurses in our schools."

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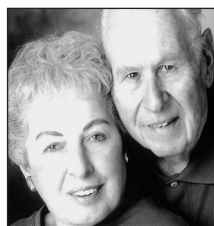
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# Orthopedic surgeon joins St. Michael's

NEWARK — Dr. Richard Boiardo, an internationally acclaimed orthopedic surgeon, has joined Saint Michael's Medical Center as of chief of orthopedics. With the addition of Dr. Boiardo to its staff, Saint Michael's is building one of the region's leading centers of excellence for joint replacement, arthritic surgery, sports medicine and general orthopedic care. (See related story on developments at Saint Michael's on page 5).



Dr. Richard Boiardo

Recent international speaking engagements for Dr. Boiardo have included presentations for the Spanish Hip and Knee Society at the Universidad de Salamanca in Salamanca, Spain; the Greek Hip and Knee Society in Larissa, Greece; and lectures on the topic of

advances in arthroplasty in Russia. Dr. Boiardo, who maintains a private practice in West Orange, graduated summa cum laude from Georgetown University, Washington D.C., and received his medical degree from New York Medical College in Valhalla, New York. His residencies have included Lenox Hill Hospital, New York, and the Children's Hospital Medical Center at Harvard Medical School, Boston. Dr. Boiardo completed two post-graduate orthopedic fellowships at the University of Washington in Seattle, and the Kerlan-Jobe Orthopedic Clinic at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

He has served as the chief of the Department of Orthopedics at Meadowlands Hospital, Secaucus and chief of the Department of Orthopedics at University Hospital in Hoboken.

In addition, he held the post of chief of Joint Replacement at Cabrini Medical Center in New York, and chief of the Department of Sports Medicine at Saint Mary's Hospital, Passaic.

Certified by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery, Dr. Boiardo is a founding member of the Association for Arthritic Hip and Knee Surgery. He is also a member of New Jersey Medical Society and the American Society for Sports Medicine.

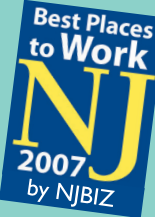


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**VALUABLE LESSONS —** Just days before classes began at Oratory Prep School in Summit, teachers and staff members prepared for medical emergencies by taking part in CPR and First Aid classes, which included information about the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and instruction in the Heimlich maneuver. Peter Herslow, a CPR instructor with the Atlantic Health System at Overlook Hospital (left) was on hand to lecture and demonstrate life-saving techniques. He and his fellow instructors presented the basics of First Aid that included procedures for bee stings, heat stroke, choking and triage situations.

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to go visit the graves of their dear ones and to pray for them."*

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Program to include Maurice Duruflé's REQUIEM, with works of Brahms, York and Goodall.

Guests are invited to enroll names of their deceased loved ones into the Book of Remembrance.

A free-will offering will be received—no tickets required.

For more information please call the Cathedral Music Office. 973-484-2400, or visit [www.cathedralbasilica.org](http://www.cathedralbasilica.org)

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