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Archbishop John J. Myers (right) concelebrated Mass at Ramapo College with Father William Sheridan on Feb. 20. "When we get into a relationship with grace, with God, things change," Archbishop Myers told students in his homily. "We have to stretch ourselves. We offer ourselves to one another, knowing that Jesus has given us the example of His loving self-surrender."

## Mass at Ramapo celebrates campus, parish connection

BY JAMES GOODNESS  
Director of Communications

Most days, the richly wood-paneled York Room in the historic Birch Mansion of Ramapo College in Mahwah is home to chamber music and jazz performances, lectures by visiting professors and authors, art and seasonal exhibits and other events.

However, on Feb. 20, the York Room was transformed into worship space as Archbishop John J. Myers celebrated the Eucharist with

more than 50 members of the college's Catholic Campus Ministry group—Catholics at Ramapo United (CRU)—and members of the school's faculty and administration.

The celebration on that sunny and blustery Wednesday afternoon signaled the formation of a stronger link between the Ramapo campus ministry students and nearby Immaculate Conception Parish in Mahwah—a strategic, spiritual bond that may become a model for other archdiocesan campus ministry programs.

Concelebrating with Archbishop Myers were Father William P. Myers celebrated the Eucharist with

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## Dispatches from the pro-life front lines

### Two Caldwell students add their energy to movement

BY MELISSA MCNALLY  
Staff Writer

CALDWELL—On Jan. 20, two days before thousands gathered at the March for Life in Washington D.C., 800 students from across the country showed their deep commitment to the pro-life movement at the Students for Life of America (SFLA) conference.

Caldwell College students Rebeca Muñoz and Lia Canavan were among the young people who attended the annual conference at the Catholic University of America.

"There were young people from different college campuses willing to be taught how to spread the pro-life message throughout their schools more effectively," Muñoz explained, adding that New Jersey Republican congressmen Mike Ferguson (7th District) and Chris Smith (4th District) also attended the conference.

Founded in 1988 at Georgetown University in Washington, SFLA, formerly "American Collegians for Life," was started by a handful of students to educate and identify pro-life student leaders, equip college pro-lifers with the training, skills and resources to be effective and successful while promoting student activity to other local, college and national groups.

The SFLA conference featured education, training and networking sessions along with workshops for students interested in making a difference on their campuses.

One of the highlights for Muñoz was the Feminists for Life Panel. "Ten women spoke about their experiences with abortion," she said. "It was so inspiring to see their strength and vulnerability. It is a life-or-death issue."

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Rebeca Muñoz, left, and Lia Canavan

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# Vatican official seeks healing in post-Castro Cuba

HAVANA (CNS)—The Vatican's secretary of state said he had asked Cuban leaders for "gestures of reconciliation" and confirmed he would be the first foreign official to be received by Raul Castro, the island nation's new president. Raul Castro was chosen Feb. 24 to lead the country after his brother, longtime communist dictator Fidel Castro, resigned.

Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, who arrived Feb. 20 for an official and pastoral visit, met Feb. 25 with Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque. At a press conference after that meeting, he said he hoped his encounter with Castro would be one of "clarity, sincerity and sharing of ideas."

He also called the U.S. embargo against Cuba "ethically unacceptable" and said the Vatican is trying "to push the United States to eliminate it. It is a violation of the independence of the people," the cardinal said. "The Vatican confirms this position."

The cardinal also said he personally had asked "the United States government to facilitate the reunification of families" with members in Cuba and in the United States. "It is a humanitarian instrument. We will do everything possible in this direction," the cardinal said.

Cardinal Bertone and the new Cuban president met Feb. 26, just hours before the prelate was to end his visit, which marked the 10th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's trip to Cuba in January 1998. The cardinal said he had arrived in Cuba "at a special, extraordinary moment" and said he believed that "Raul Castro will continue...with a vision ... of development" both in Cuba and in Cuba's relations with other countries.

Noting that "relations with Cuban authorities are excellent," Cardinal Bertone expressed his thanks for "all the assistance" they provided during his travels around the island. He said he had the chance to "discuss various problems face to face and to share various goals" with Cuban leaders, and he said it was important that he had never before been able to "speak with Cuban authorities as much as during this third visit." The cardinal visited Cuba in 2001 and 2005, before he became secretary of state. He said he hoped that relations between the church and the Cuban government would "continue to mature" and said "there is a visible way forward" in relations.

He also conveyed a "respectful greeting to (retired) President Fidel Castro" recalling that "he has spoken so highly of (Pope) John Paul II, (Blessed) Mother Teresa of Calcutta and (Pope) Benedict XVI."

On Feb. 19, Fidel Castro, announced that he was stepping down. He has not appeared in public since a serious illness and surgery in July 2006 forced him to hand over affairs of state to his younger brother, Raul.

Here in the Archdiocese of Newark, when word of Castro's failing health first became public 18 months ago, Catholics with Cuban family ancestry living in the Union City area shared thoughts on their homeland (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Sept. 20, 2006). Parishioners of Saint Augustine Parish, Union City, offered prayers for better days for the Cuban people, but harbored bitterness towards the communist dictator who led the revolution that overthrew President Fulgencio Batista in 1959. Most recalled when Catholics were persecuted and constantly harassed by the Cuban government during the 1960s and 1970s.

"This person (Castro) has destroyed so many lives and so many families," Elsy Garcia said in a page-one story written by Melissa McNally. "The only one who will judge Castro is God. When he (Castro) comes face to face with Him, he will realize the damage he has done."

The recent release of some political prisoners by the Cuban government was a positive gesture, Cardinal Bertone said, adding that the Church had not asked Cuban officials for amnesty, but for "gestures of reconciliation." In mid-February Cuban officials freed seven prisoners, including four members of a group of 75 dissidents jailed in 2003. The freed prisoners traveled to Spain after their release.

"Good gestures, like those it made in the time of John



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Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque, left, receives the apostolic nuncio to Cuba, Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi, center, and the Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, right, at the foreign ministry in Havana Feb. 25. The cardinal said he hoped his visit to the communist island-nation would help advance Church/state relations.

Paul II, like those it made...with the release of some prisoners, are positive gestures that help reconciliation, that give signs of hope," the cardinal said.

The Vatican asks for "gestures of reconciliation among all parties, all forces here in Cuba," he said. The Church has asked to be allowed to provide spiritual aid to "prisoners of all types," saying that "is not a political problem for us; it is a humanitarian problem, a matter of spiritual assistance."

Earlier, Cardinal Bertone traveled to the Diocese of Santa Clara, in the center of the island, and the eastern Archdiocese of Santiago de Cuba and Guantanamo-Baracoa, Cuba's newest diocese. In Santa Clara, he dedicated and blessed the first monument built in Cuba in honor of Pope John Paul II, saying that the message the pope carried

to the island in 1998 is still relevant today. The monument, donated by the Vatican, is located on a thoroughfare popularly known as "Pope Street."

From there the cardinal traveled to Santiago de Cuba, the island's second-largest city, and visited the sanctuary of Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre, the patroness of Cuba, and prayed the rosary with several thousand pilgrims.

Cardinal Bertone urged Catholic youths to "work for the good of all, and for those who need it most: the poor, the marginalized, the excluded, the ill and those of your age, who are often, because of their youth, the most vulnerable." He offered a message of encouragement and hope, telling Cubans that they can "count on the closeness" of Pope Benedict.

## Caldwell

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Currently in her junior year, Muñoz is involved in SFLA activities at Caldwell College, while Canavan, a sophomore, serves as the local president for the campus organization. Being part of a pro-life group on campus can be difficult, Munoz confessed. "It is not the 'in' thing to do. It is more convenient to be pro-choice. In class, I feel that I am the only one who isn't for abortion. People always ask about the 'exceptions' to abortion. I have to keep focusing on the truth and find support at Mass and through my friends who share the same values."

Although this was Muñoz's first SFLA conference, she has attended the March for Life eight times. "This March was much calmer than previous years. More people attend the marches each year and it inspires me to continue fighting the good fight.

You have to keep speaking the truth even if it does not want to be heard. You have to keep believing in pro-life and keep walking with Jesus."

Muñoz sees a lack of publicity on the March for Life, which she calls a 'blip on the radar' of today's mainstream media. However, she is hopeful that her voice will be heard. "The March for Life brought me so much joy and hope for my generation. Even if it was not publicized or acknowledged by others, I felt empowered and even privileged to be walking for truth and life."

Until this year Canavan never had been to the March for Life and was impressed with the amount of young people who attended the demonstration. "I was overwhelmed by the march," she said. "Everyone had such a positive energy and the youth rally (the Rally for Life and Youth Mass at the Verizon Center in Washington) before the march was out of this world. There was a family atmosphere there. Even if you didn't know the person

next to you, they had so much enthusiasm and were very kind. I can't wait to go back."

As president of SFLA on campus, the conference was a great resource for Canavan. "I really felt surrounded with amazing people. The conference was a long day that went by so quickly because it was so thoroughly interesting, energetic and loads of fun."

Canavan also is active in campus ministry and sees the trepidation with young people when discussing abortion. "It is difficult to be pro-life, but I strive to have energy and keep the faith. I feel some young people are pro-life and are afraid to come out and say it. It is such a distinct, strong call to conscience and the facts and truth are in front of everyone's face.

"Being at the march was seeing democracy in action," she said. "People don't want change. The (SFLA conference) gave us an opportunity to all network and be motivated by each other, which I think was such a gift."



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# Carol Fay engages youthful hearts on her mission of social teaching

BY WARD MIELE  
Managing Editor

DEMAREST—A career of Catholic social teaching in and out of the classroom has come full circle for Carol Fay at the Academy of the Holy Angels (AHA).

Fay, who has been at the school 32 years and chairman of its Religion Department the past 14 years, is cited in a new teachers' resource publication, "Engaging Faith in the World: Exploring Catholic Social Teaching and Global Solidarity," which was designed for Catholic high schools by Sister Katherine Feely, S.S.N.D., who ministers in the nation's capital. Sister Feely is director of the Education for Justice Project of the Center for Concern. She joined the center in the fall of 2006 as a senior program associate.

The center's goals are to explore and analyze global issues and social structures from an ethical perspective based on Catholic social teaching and become involved in strategies and projects that promote the good of the entire global community and the integrity of every individual, according to its Web site ([www.educationforjustice.org](http://www.educationforjustice.org)).

Sister Katherine also is involved with the center's Engendering Economic and Social Justice Project. Her background includes work in the fields of social justice, advocacy, community organizing, programming and teaching theology. She is consulting with the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) on a global solidarity project.

Working through a CRS grant, the manual project was begun four years ago with the goal of establishing the best way to measure the understanding and integration of Catholic social teaching in Catholic schools nationwide in conjunction with



Carol Fay

how to best draw on and extend the experience of educators' participating in the Frontiers of Justice program.

Founded a decade ago, Frontiers of Justice is a partnership between CRS and NCEA. It is designed to provide teachers and administrators with the opportunity to experience the Church, education and CRS development projects in developing parts of the world.

In the acknowledgements, Sister Katherine writes about Fay that she "accompanied the author throughout the multi-year process serving as reviewer, assisting with the interview process and offering moral support along the way."

Fay worked the phones the past two summers preparing the resource manual.

Stressing that her students take Catholic social teaching "seriously," Fay sees its instruction as an important way to reach the "heads and hearts" of young people. Catholic social teaching is "part of our faith journey (that) speaks to the heart," she said.

She strives to impress on her students "that religious beliefs don't stop or start at the church door. Catholic social teaching is the Church's way of looking at Scripture and traditions (and) recognizing how they help Catholics live in the world today."

"I know of no other person who lives the Gospel more authentically than Carol. I am so happy for her and proud of her," Jennifer Moran, AHA principal, said regarding Fay's acknowledgement in the resource manual.

A major element in her spiritual life took place eight years ago when Fay traveled to the African nation of Ghana with other Catholic educators under the auspices of Frontiers of Justice. Reflecting on her trip, which she said gave her "a better view of the world," Fay said that "Africa is called the 'dark continent.' It is not dark; we are in the dark about it."

Fay and the other educators visited a variety of CRS projects. The experience, she explained, gave her "a greater appreciation of the work of CRS," which she described as "attending to the needs of the neediest in a way that respects their dignity." The trip, Fay added, also gave her more credibility in the classroom.

## Salesians plan pro-life rally on April 18 for young adults

SOUTH ORANGE—The Salesians of Don Bosco will host the fifth annual New Jersey "Pro-Life Youth Rally" for all NJ high school students at Seton Hall University (SHU) on Friday, April 18. The themes of this event will be fostering a pro-life culture and chastity.

Registration and check-in will begin at 8:15 a.m. at SHU's Regan Recreation Center. The rally's program will start at 9 a.m. and is slated to conclude around 2 p.m. The day will include Mass, opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a pro-life musical performance by students from Queen of Peace High School, North Arlington, a presentation by internationally acclaimed pro-life speaker Gianna Jessen and various breakout sessions.

The deadline for registration is March 21. Registration is open to high school contingents, parish contingents and individuals. The cost for the entire day is \$10 per person, which includes lunch.

To register for the event, download and send in the form found under "Salesians for Life" at the bottom the Salesians' homepage: [www.salesianym.com](http://www.salesianym.com). For additional information, contact Elizabeth Jarocki, Salesian pro-life coordinator, by e-mail at [SalesianProLife@gmail.com](mailto:SalesianProLife@gmail.com) or by phone at (973) 761-0201.

Last year more than 1,000 people attended the pro-life rally (see *The Catholic Advocate*, May 9, 2007). The Salesians of Don Bosco, the second-largest religious order in the Catholic Church, was founded by St. John Bosco in 1859 and is dedicated to youth ministry.



**FIRST PLACE**— Saddle River resident Amber Wade, an eighth grade student at Holy Trinity School, Hackensack, was the national first-place winner in the junior-high division essay contest, held annually by the March For Life Committee, Washington, D.C. The contest asks students to reflect on the sacredness of life. Wade and her parents attended the March for Life rally in January, where she received her award.



Pope reaches out to caregiver families

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Society and labor laws should give concrete support to family members so they can attend to terminally ill loved ones, Pope Benedict XVI said. While guarantees must be made for all people to receive necessary medical care, special provisions also

must be put into place for the patient's family members, he said. The pope made his comments during a Feb. 25 audience with more than 300 participants in a Vatican-sponsored congress on the pastoral needs of and ethical obligations toward the terminally ill. Titled “Close By the

Incurable Sick Person and the Dying: Scientific and Ethical Aspects,” the Feb. 25-26 congress brought together caregivers, medical specialists and scholars in the fields of theology, law and bioethics. The international congress was organized by the Pontifical Academy for Life and was held to coincide with the Lourdes jubilee year.

Pontiff seeks aid for flood victims



VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI appealed for international assistance to Ecuador, where flooding has left 16 dead and forced tens of thousands to evacuate their homes (see photo below). The coastal flood-

ing came as an eruption of the Tungurahua volcano forced residents of two interior Ecuadorean villages to evacuate, officials said. “I express my personal closeness to those experiencing anguish and tribulation,” the pope said.



CNS photo

Pope Benedict XVI has called for international assistance for the victims of flooding in Ecuador that stuck Feb. 23 and caused severe damage to several coastal cities, with at least \$200 million in damage to the nation's economy. Nearly 300,000 acres of crops have been destroyed, leading officials to warn of possible food shortages. In addition, 20,000 people have been forced to leave their homes.



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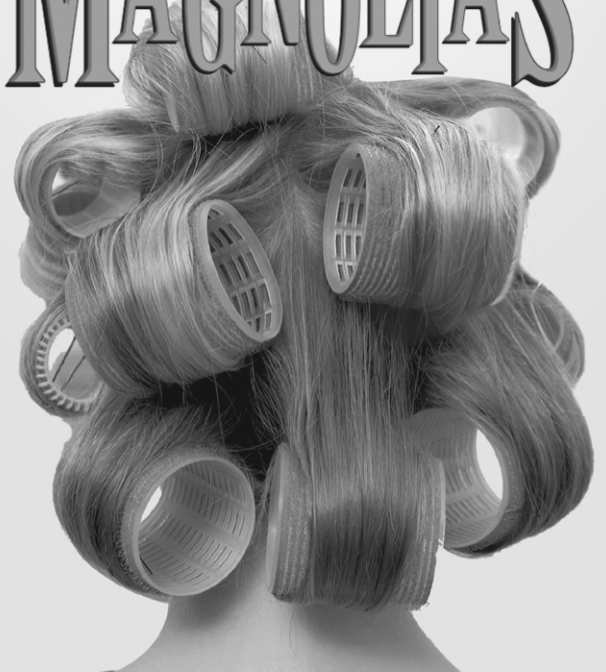
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# Retrouvaille aids marital relationships

NEWARK—In recent months the Archdiocese and all of the Catholic dioceses in the state have undertaken a strengthening of their efforts to educate both Catholics and non-Catholics about the what and why of the teachings of the Church about marriage. It is important that the Church undertake this mission, because marriage is under attack in today’s society from many fronts.

Most stories in *The Catholic Advocate* during this time have dealt with the central purpose of marriage and how we as Church help couples prepare to enter the married state. Sometimes, though, married couples have troubles. How does the Church minister to those husbands and wives who find that they need help to maintain the loving commitment they made before the altar, before God and before their community of faith?

Fortunately, many of the clergy, Religious and lay staff in parishes are trained in counseling, and can offer couples support, guidance and direction.

But sometimes, more is needed. For those couples, there is Retrouvaille.

Retrouvaille (“Rediscovery”) is a ministry of the Catholic Church specifically designed for struggling marriages. First begun in Quebec in 1977, the program soon became available in the United States and currently serves couples in many countries worldwide.

Since the Office of Family Life Ministries of the archdiocese first offered Retrouvaille in 1998, hundreds of couples—some separated—have received the strength and practical tools necessary to rebuild their relationships and repair faulty communication. The program can be tremendously successful if both partners are willing to do the work of restoring their marriage.

Retrouvaille is a three-fold program that begins with a weekend experience. Three team couples whose marriages have been healed through Retrouvaille, and a Catholic priest specially trained in the program, offer a series of pre-


sentations as well as instruction in the dialogue method of communications. It is important to note that no participant couple is ever asked to share the story of their marriage with the group. Recognizing that a marriage cannot be reconstructed in a weekend, the program continues with the post-weekend phase, during which couples attend meetings once a week for six weeks to obtain additional support and an opportunity to explore further the marital relationship.

Once this phase is completed, the couples are invited to attend monthly CORE (continuing our Retrouvaille Experience) meetings and continue their discussions and explorations.

One couple who completed a Retrouvaille weekend expressed themselves this way: “We have been receiving other professional help but all points lead to our going our separate ways. Within this community we were able to find the hope to go back to the way we had been when we had wed. We are very

grateful for all who kept us and the other couples experiencing this weekend. We felt as if God had finally shown us the way which we had been searching for after such a long time.”

The next Retrouvaille weekend for the Archdiocese is set for April 4-6 at the Xavier Retreat Center on the grounds of the College of St. Elizabeth at Convent Station. Anyone interested in this program should contact the Office of Family Life Ministries at (973) 497-4327.



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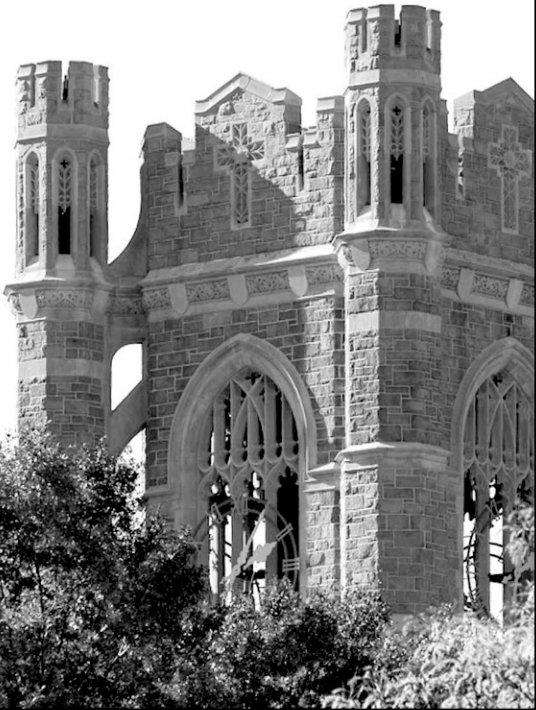
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## Official Appointments

**Archbishop John J. Myers** has announced the following appointments:



### CHAPLAIN

**Reverend Richard D. Carlson**, pastor of St. Anthony Parish, East Newark, was appointed chaplain for the Watchung Assembly of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus, Westfield, effective Feb. 13.

**Reverend Robert J. Cio**, parochial vicar of St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Jersey City, has been appointed chaplain at the Apostleship of the Sea in Port Newark with residency at Holy Cross Rectory, Harrison. The appointment was effective Feb. 25.

**Reverend Richard J. Kelly**, pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Jersey City, has also been appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Paulus Hook Council No. 475, Jersey City, effective Feb. 5.

### DEACON

**Deacon James P. Tobin**, permanent deacon of the Church of Assumption, Emerson, was appointed permanent deacon of St. Mary Parish, Closter, effective Feb. 2.

### PASTOR

**Reverend James P. Whelan**, administrator of St. Lawrence Parish, Weehawken, was appointed pastor Feb. 25.

**Reverend Monsignor Joseph J. Granato**, pastor of St. Lucy Parish, Newark, has had his pastorate extended one year ending Feb. 1, 2009.

### ADMINISTRATOR

**Reverend Donald K. Hummel**, director of Ongoing Formation & Continuing Education of Priests, has also been appointed administrator of St. Agnes Parish, Clark, effective Feb. 25.

### PAROCHIAL VICAR

**Reverend Celso Martins Junior, CSsR**, was appointed parochial vicar of St. James Parish, Newark, effective Feb. 20.

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### March 7

**Mother Seton Regional High School**, Clark, Parent's Guild gift basket auction, 7:30 p.m., cost: \$10 in advance/ \$12 at door, (732) 382-1952.

### March 8

**St. Bartholomew the Apostle Parish**, Scotch Plains, Healing Mass of Anointing, 1:30 p.m., (908) 322-5192.

**Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish**, Garfield, St. Joseph's Dinner, 7 p.m., cost: \$20 for adults /\$10 for children, (973) 772-2295.



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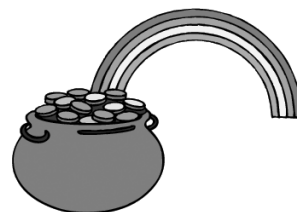
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Thursday, March 13, 2008  
from 5pm to 7pm in the  
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**St. Bartholomew Academy**, Scotch Plains, Pot of Gold Gala, 7 - 11 p.m., cost: \$100, contact Joanne Guarnuccio at jguarnuccio123@yahoo.com.

**Our Lady of Assumption Catholic War Veterans Post 1612**, Bayonne, blood drive, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., (201) 652-3210.

**Knights of Columbus Council 12769**, Secaucus, St. Patrick/St. Joseph dinner, 6:30 p.m., cost: \$25, call Neal McGarity at (201) 223-7967.

### March 9

**Seton Hall University**, South Orange, presentation on an interfaith Ugandan Fair Trade coffee coop 'Mirembe Kawomera,' 2 p.m., call Jill Matthews at (973) 378-2695.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish**, Ridgewood, career resource ministry workshop, noon, call Carol Shea at (201) 447-4215.

**Our Lady of Sorrows Parish**, South Orange, "Magnificat House," 9 a.m., call Frank Franzonia at (973) 378-9039.

**St. Joseph Regional High School**, Montvale, spring craft show and sale, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., cost: \$2, call Sue Scova at (201) 391-2099.

**St. Andrew Parish**, Westwood, "The Cross of Love" concert, 3 p.m., (201) 666-1100.

**St. Casimir Parish**, Newark, 100th anniversary celebration, 10:45 a.m. Mass followed by a luncheon, cost: \$20 for adults/ \$5 for children, call Anna at (973) 491-9860.

### March 11

**Knights of Columbus Council 6386**, St. Patrick's Party, 7 p.m., cost: \$20 for adult/\$10 for children; call Jake Dalton at (973) 376-2103.

### March 12

**St. Thomas the Apostle Parish**, Bloomfield, "The Passion of Jesus" one-woman play, 7:30 p.m., call Anna at (973) 338-9538.

**Xavier Center**, Convent Station, "The Bent Over Woman: A Wednesdays for Women Program," 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., cost: \$30, (973) 290-5100.

**Seton Hall University**, South Orange, award-winning novelist Eduardo Lago, 8 p.m., call Kathy Coyle at (973) 378-2647.

### March 14

**Salesians of Don Bosco**, South Orange, "Live-in Experience" retreat, through March 16, call Natalie Smith at (800) 221-1807.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish**, Ridgewood, Eucharistic Lenten Retreat with Father William Halbing, 7 p.m., (201) 447-3150.

### March 15

**Knights of Columbus Council 3428** Ladies Auxiliary, North Arlington, International Dinner and Dance, 6:30 p.m., cost: \$20, (201) 991-9606.

**Knights of Columbus Council 5427**, Washington Township, St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance, 7 p.m., cost: \$30, call Jim Dugan at (201) 666-3425.

### March 16

**Immaculate Conception Convent Chapel**, Lodi, An Evening of Praise, Worship and Song, 7 - 8:30 p.m., call Sister Marilyn Minter at (973) 473-7447.



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Seton Hall University FOCUS missionaries (left to right) Renee Burke-Drazba, Jenny Harnish, Andy Day (team director), Michael Landers and Amanda Piri demonstrate their exuberance and sense of humor during a missionary training program held last summer in Kansas. Contact Landers by phone at (720) 560-4925 or via e-mail (mlanders@focusonline.org) for more information on FOCUS.

# Young adults keep ‘focus’ on faith at Texas confab

BY BRIAN WISOWATY  
Special to The Catholic Advocate

There seemingly could be little to draw 56 New Jersey college students to the Lone Star State the day after the New Year began. However, an overwhelming love and appreciation for the Catholic Church along with the distinct presence of the Holy Spirit at the Garden State schools inspired the journey.

Nearly 3,000 students and members of religious orders from across the nation convened in Grapevine, TX, Jan. 2-6, for the 2008 Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) national conference. The five-day event was held at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center.

Five FOCUS missionaries from Seton Hall University (SHU), South Orange—team director Andy Day, Renee Burke-Drazba, Jenny Harnish, Michael Landers and Amanda Piri—led a contingent of NJ students from Montclair State University, SHU, Ramapo College and Monmouth University. Overall, the conference attracted young adults from 33 campuses throughout the country. Traveling with the students from the Garden State were 10 members of local religious communities, such as the Community of St. John, along with representatives from Catholic Campus Ministry.

Founded in Colorado in 1998, FOCUS (Web site: [www.focusonline.org](http://www.focusonline.org)), according to its mission statement, fosters the “fullness of life and truth in the Church” through small-group Bible studies, leadership training, Christian fellowship, missions and retreats and one-on-one discipleship. The group is based in Denver.

Students heard presentations from noteworthy national religious leaders, including Father Benedict Groeschel, Mother Assumpta Long, and Deacon Alex Jones. In addition, Catholic author and theologian Jeff

Cavins (who will deliver a Bible history seminar March 8 at the Archdiocesan Youth and Young Adult Retreat Center in Kearny) and Curtis A. Martin, the founder of FOCUS, declared that it was time for “a new evangelization” to commence.

Mike Sweeney, all-star captain of the Kansas City Royals baseball team, offered his heartfelt testimony as a Catholic and a professional athlete. Sweeney spoke of his commitment to the Church and its teachings.

Musician Matt Maher and Grammy Award-winning group Third Day rocked the event, giving students a chance to embrace their faith in an energetic way. In addition to prayerful group Adoration, the hearing of confessions, and Mass, there was a bit of the Catholic Church for everyone to embrace based on their preference of worship.

The tagline for the event came from the words of St. Ignatius of Loyola: “Go, and set the world on fire.” The FOCUS conference called on Catholic young adults to work within their respective campuses and hometown communities. Looking at all of the vast knowledge and spirit that was in Grapevine during the conference, there is little doubt New Jersey college students will be inspired to spread the Good News about Catholic religion on their respective campuses and beyond.

It was a remarkable time to help put things into perspective, especially in terms of what Jesus Christ is calling Catholics, especially young adults, to do. The faith-filled messages gave those in the audience the ability to truly see the potential for religious growth.

To say the Holy Spirit filled the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center would be an understatement. The event in Grapevine provided a game plan to light hearts ablaze. It’s now up to us to answer the call.

(Editor’s note: Brian Wisowaty, a resident of Matawan, is a freshman at Seton Hall University and a FOCUS student leader.)

# Budgets shouldn’t crunch the poor

Because of Gov. Jon S. Corzine’s controversial proposal to hike tolls on such busy thoroughfares as the Garden State Parkway and New Jersey Turnpike, this year’s state budget crisis is drawing unprecedented attention from beleaguered taxpayers.

The state is mired in red ink and Gov. Corzine is pitching budget cuts of \$2.5 billion. However, as the New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC) sees it, whatever fiscal remedies are implemented, none should come at the expense of the poorest and most vulnerable residents of the Garden State. That is a stance lawmakers cannot and should not ignore. Those in the NJ Statehouse would do well to realize that tough fiscal decisions can be both sound and compassionate.

Last month the Trenton-based NJCC joined forces with Legal Services of New Jersey’s Poverty Research Institute and the Anti-Poverty Network of New Jersey in releasing “Eye on the Budget 2008.” The document is the fifth edition of an ongoing analysis of New Jersey’s response to the basic needs of citizens that often are marginalized.

As Marlene Lao-Collins, NJCC’s director of social concerns, aptly put it: “This is a document we believe will help guide policy makers make sound and compassionate decisions as they consider cuts to the state budget.”

Statistics cited by NJCC and the Anti-Poverty Network of New Jersey illustrate the harsh reality faced by the state’s less-fortunate citizens. Using federal guidelines, the statewide poverty rate three years ago was a staggering 8.7 percent. That translates into 738,969 residents living below the poverty line. Using the true cost of living in New Jersey, the groups point out, would make that total “significantly higher.”

Most devastating of all, however, is that children are disproportionately impacted by poverty with nearly 12 percent or 251,999 New Jersey children living in poverty. Senior citizens don’t fare well either, with 8.5 percent in poverty. Such conditions are no way to begin a life and certainly not a way someone should have to live during the “golden years.”

Here in the Archdiocese of Newark, there are strong advocates for those who are less fortunate. One is Kay Furlani, the director of the archdiocesan Office of Human Concerns, who took part in the eighth annual “Anti-Poverty State of the State” conference, held in Trenton last December (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Dec. 5, 2007).

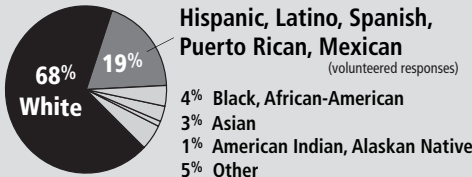
All too often lawmakers make decisions based on political expedience rather than compassion. The stakes are too high this year for business as usual.

## U.S. Catholics: Race and Ethnicity

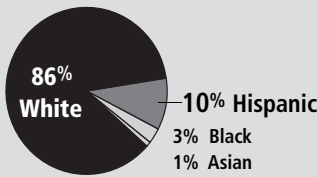
A look at two polls 20 years apart shows an increase in the number of U.S. Catholics claiming Latino ancestry.

### What is your race?

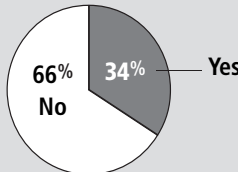
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### Are you of Spanish, Hispanic or Latino descent?



Information for the 2007 poll was conducted using the preferred language of the person interviewed, either English or Spanish. The 1987 was conducted in English only. The 2007 poll was conducted with a random sample of 1,091 self-identified Catholics. The margin of error is plus or minus 3 percentage points. Percentages rounded up to the nearest whole number.

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The U.S. Catholic population is more diverse than it was 20 years ago. One-third of all U.S. Catholics now claim Latino ancestry, and there have been slight increases in the percentages of black and Asian believers.



# Father Adolfo Nicolas ponders difficult questions

The 35th General Congregation of the Society of Jesus, on Jan. 19, elected Father Adolfo Nicolas, a Spaniard, as general of the order. A few days later, Father Nicolas gently chided Roman journalists for running some “not so helpful” stories about alleged problems between the Jesuits and Pope Benedict XVI.

Any notion of a rift with the Vatican, he said, was “an artificial tension” created by outsiders unaware that “the Society of Jesus from the very beginning has always been in communion with the Holy Father.” The Jesuits “want to collaborate with the Holy See and to obey the Holy Father,” Father Nicolas averred. “That has not changed and it will not change.”

## About which, some questions:

What will Father Nicolas do about Jesuits who are manifestly not obedient to the pope or to the teaching authority of the Church? Take, for example, the case of Father James Keenan, S.J., of Boston College. Several years ago, Father Keenan testified before the Massachusetts Legislature, arguing that the principles of Catholic social doctrine did not merely tolerate “gay marriage,” they demanded it.

That position is manifestly not “in communion” with the teaching of popes past and present on the nature of marriage. Now what?

Father Nicolas cannot be unaware of Jesuit colleges and

*What will Father Nicolas do about Jesuits who are manifestly not obedient to the pope or to the teaching authority of the Church?*

## THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

By George Weigel



universities whose Catholicism—measured by curriculum, faculty, and mode-of-life on campus—is vestigial at best. Does he think it appropriate for Jesuit institutions to honor Jesuits who taught the precise opposite of what the popes have taught about abortion, and distorted the meaning of papal teaching in counseling others?

Georgetown University’s Law School has an endowed chair in international human rights law named after the late Father Robert Drinan, S.J., who did more than anyone else to convince Catholic legislators that the settled teaching of the Church on the grave immorality of abortion had no bearing on their legislative work. Father Drinan gave Catholic legislators a pass on the great civil rights issue of our time, yet a Jesuit university hosts a human rights chair named for him. How does this square with the society’s commitment to social justice and with the obedient fidelity St. Ignatius bade his followers to observe in their relationship to the Church’s magisterium and to the Bishop of Rome?

Then there is the third-rail issue in religious orders today: homosexuality. In a letter to the General Congregation, Pope Benedict suggested that there were

serious problems with how some Jesuits undertook the pastoral care of persons with homosexual desires. He could have gone farther and addressed this problem within the Society of Jesus itself; it was not that long ago, after all, that the Web site of the Jesuits’ California Province featured photos of “Pretty Boy” and “Jabba the Slut” in gay drag at a novices’ party.

Will Father Nicolas demand that Jesuits observe their vows of chastity, whatever their sexual preferences? Will there be consequences for those who violate those vows or cover for those who do? Will Jesuit vocations offices and novitiates obey the 2005 Vatican instruction, which states that “those who practice homosexuality, present deep-seated homosexual tendencies, or support the so-called ‘gay culture’” must not be admitted to seminaries or to holy orders?

A fourth point: the tendency among some Jesuit theologians to minimize the unique salvific role of Christ. That problem is most apparent in Asia, where Father Nicolas has lived for decades. The Holy See has addressed it in recent disciplinary actions against Jesuit theologians. Does Ignatian communion with the pope still require Jesuits to affirm the Nicene Creed, the Council of Chalcedon’s teaching on the hypostatic union and the teaching of Dominus Iesus on Christ as unique savior of the world?

The Long Lent of 2002, which revealed the disastrous consequences of sexual corruption and malfeasant leadership in the Church, should have hammered home to every Catholic the dangers of euphemism, and of winking-and-nodding. When the future of a great religious congregation is at stake, there is no room for anything but the unvarnished truth. I pray that Father Nicolas provides it.

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

# Jesuits must clarify acceptance of Church teachings, authority

BY CINDY WOODEN  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI asked the Jesuits to continue to be pioneers in dialogue, theological research and work for justice, but insisted that they also must make clear their faith and their acceptance of the teachings of the Catholic Church.

“The Church needs you, counts on you and continues to turn to you with trust,” the pope told more than 200 Jesuits chosen to represent the almost 20,000 members of the Society of Jesus for the order’s General Congregation.

Led by Spanish Father Adolfo Nicolas, elected superior general of the order Jan. 19, the congregation delegates met Feb. 21 with the pope. “In communion with the Church and guided by the magisterium, we are seeking to dedicate ourselves deeply to service, discernment and research,” Father Nicolas told the pope.

The members of the General Congregation are aware of their

responsibility to the Church as a whole, he said, but they also are aware of the need for humility, “recognizing that the mystery of God and of the human person is much greater than our ability to understand.”

The new superior told the pope that “it saddens us” when people try to present the Jesuits as a group of rebel theologians opposed to traditional Church teaching or to the hierarchy.

“The inevitable insufficiencies and superficialities of some of us,” he said, “frequently are only manifestations of human limits and imperfections or of the inevitable tensions of daily life.”

Pope Benedict told the Jesuits that the rapidly changing world—with its technological advances and its wars, its aspirations for peace and its threats to the environment, the new possibilities it offers for dialogue and its new forms of poverty—call for a response of hope and of salvation from the Church. While 450 years ago the Jesuits were sent to far-off lands to preach the Gospel, “today new peoples do not know

the Lord or know Him poorly” and are far from the Church culturally more than geographically, the pope said.

“The obstacles that challenge those who proclaim the Gospel are not seas or great distances,” but rather new barriers that modern societies and cultures have placed between “faith and human knowledge, faith and modern science, faith and the commitment to justice,” he said.

The pope encouraged the Jesuits to continue ensuring a high level of intellectual, cultural and spiritual preparation of their members so that they could cross the barriers and demonstrate how faith not only is not opposed to knowledge, science and justice, but rather is the ingredient that enables them to respond to the deepest desires of the human heart.

Reminding the Jesuits of the letter he sent them before they elected Father Nicolas, Pope Benedict said the Jesuits must continue their theological work on themes related to sexuality and to other religions, but they must do so in a way that helps



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Father Adolfo Nicolas (right), the new Jesuit superior general, is pictured with Pope Benedict. Spurred by recent statements from the pope, the Jesuit General Congregation is pondering its ministry, a discussion that will affect Jesuits worldwide.

people understand Church teaching on the topics.

“The themes of the salvation of all people in Christ, of sexual morality, of marriage and the family—continually discussed and questioned today—must be deepened and enlightened in the context of contemporary reality, but maintaining the harmony with the magisterium that will avoid provoking confusion and concern among the people of God,” the pope said.

Pope Benedict also objected to

the idea some Jesuits have that the order’s special “fourth vow of obedience” to the pope is limited to obeying him when he asks an individual Jesuit or the entire order to undertake a specific mission. He said the “fuller meaning” of the vow, according to the thought of Jesuit founder St. Ignatius of Loyola, is “to love and serve the vicar of Christ on earth with that ‘effective and affective’ devotion that makes you his precious and irreplaceable collaborators in his service of the universal Church.”



# Bishops' Holy Week Schedule



**Most Rev. John J. Myers**  
Archbishop of Newark

**Palm Sunday**, March 16; noon Mass, Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.  
**Chrism Mass**, March 17; 8 p.m., Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.  
**Holy Thursday**, March 20; 11:30 a.m., midday prayer and lunch with priests of Hudson County, St. Henry Parish, Bayonne.  
**Holy Thursday Liturgy**, March 20; 7:30 p.m., Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. Rev. Msgr. John E. Doran, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, preacher.  
**Good Friday Liturgy**, March 21; 3 p.m., Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, Father Mariano Dellagiozonna, parochial vicar, Holy Redeemer Parish, West New York, preacher.  
**Holy Saturday**, March 22; 8 p.m., Easter Vigil, Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.  
**Easter Sunday**, March 23; noon Mass, Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.

**Most Rev. Peter L. Gerety**  
Archbishop Emeritus of Newark

(All at St. John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale. Archbishop Gerety will be the presider and homilist.)  
**Holy Thursday**, March 20; 8 p.m., Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Supper.  
**Good Friday**, March 21; 3:30 p.m., Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.  
**Holy Saturday**, March 22; 8 p.m., Solemn Easter Vigil Liturgy.

**Most Rev. Edgar da Cunha**  
Auxiliary Bishop of Newark

**Palm Sunday**, March 16; 11 a.m. Mass, St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Elizabeth.  
**Holy Thursday**, March 20; 7 p.m., Solemn Liturgy, Holy Spirit and Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, East Orange.  
**Good Friday**, March 21; 7:30 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, Saint Michael's Parish, Newark.  
**Holy Saturday**, March 22; 8 p.m. Easter Vigil, Sacred Heart Parish, Vailsburg, Newark.  
**Easter Sunday**, March 23; 11:30 a.m. Mass, St. Raphael Parish, Livingston.

**Most Rev. Thomas A. Donato**  
Auxiliary Bishop of Newark

(All at St. Henry Parish, Bayonne)  
**Holy Thursday**, March 20; 7:30 p.m. Mass.  
**Good Friday**, March 21; 7:30 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion.  
**Holy Saturday**, March 22; 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil.  
**Easter Sunday**, March 23; 8 a.m. Mass.

**Most Rev. John W. Flesey**  
Auxiliary Bishop of Newark

**Holy Saturday**, March 22; 7:30 p.m., Easter Vigil, Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes.

**Most Rev. Charles J. McDonnell**  
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Newark

(All at Holy Trinity Parish, Hackensack)  
**Holy Thursday**, March 20; 7:30 p.m. Mass.  
**Holy Saturday**, March 22; 8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil.  
**Easter Sunday**, March 23; 12:30 p.m. Mass.

**Most Rev. Dominic A. Marconi**  
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Newark

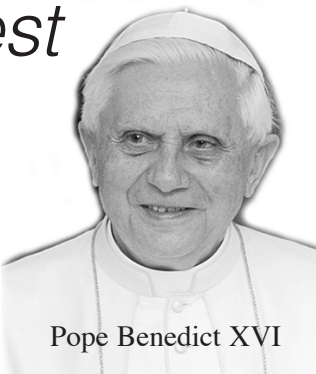
**Palm Sunday**, March 16; 10 a.m. Mass, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Linden.  
**Holy Thursday**, March 20; 7 p.m. Mass, St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Elizabeth.  
**Good Friday**, March 21; 7:30 p.m., celebration of the Lord's Passion, St. Margaret of Cortona Parish, Little Ferry.  
**Holy Saturday**, March 22; noon, blessing of Easter food, St. Theresa Parish, Linden.  
**Holy Saturday**, March 22; 8 p.m., Easter Vigil, St. Adalbert Parish, Elizabeth.  
**Easter Sunday**, March 23; 9 a.m. Mass, St. Theresa Parish, Kenilworth.

**Most Rev. David Arias**  
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Newark

**Holy Thursday**, March 20; 11 a.m., Holy Hour for priests of Hudson County, St. Henry Parish, Bayonne.  
**Holy Thursday**, March 20, 7 p.m. Mass, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Newark.  
**Easter Sunday**, March 23, 11:30 a.m., Mass, St. Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York.

## THE POPE SPEAKS

### St. Augustine's life reveals quest for the truth



Pope Benedict XVI

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Calling St. Augustine “one of the greatest converts in Christian history,” Pope Benedict XVI said the writings of the North African bishop have had a huge influence on his life as a priest and theologian.

The pope spoke of his “personal devotion and recognition before a figure to whom I feel very closely tied because of the part he played in my life as a theologian, priest and pastor.” The pope said his encyclicals “*Deus Caritas Est*” (“God Is Love”) and “*Spe Salvi*” (“On Christian Hope”), were influenced heavily by the work of St. Augustine, “the doctor of the Church” who lived from 354 to 430.

“From the beginning, St. Augustine was a passionate seeker of the truth and remained so for his whole life,” the pope said. “Even though during his youth he lived an errant life, he always felt a deep attraction to Christ.”

His esteem for reason and his search for truth led St. Augustine to study philosophy, but it did not hold all the answers to his questions, the pope said. The turning point came when he read St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, which tells people to abandon the works of the flesh and align themselves with Christ.

“He understood that this verse at that moment was addressed personally to him,” Pope Benedict said, adding that St. Augustine's conversion culminated in baptism, but did not conclude there, because following Jesus is a lifelong process of drawing nearer to him.



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The College of Saint Elizabeth (CSE) will kick off its annual spirituality convocation with a concert at Annunciation Center (pictured here) on Friday, April 11, 7 p.m. Composer and pastoral musician Jaime Cortez will perform music for prayer experiences. The concert is free, but pre-registration is required due to limited seating.

## CSE convocation to open ‘gateways’

MORRISTOWN—The College of Saint Elizabeth (CSE), 2 Convent Rd., will host its 16th annual spirituality convocation on Saturday, April 12. The convocation, “Gateways to the Fullness of Life,” will be held on the CSE campus in Annunciation Center. Presentations and workshops will be offered in both English and in Spanish.

Sponsored by CSE's Center for Theological and Spiritual Development, the convocation opens with registration and check-in at 8 a.m. and will conclude with the celebration of the Eucharist at 4 p.m.

The cost for attending the convocation is \$35 per person. To register, call the CSE Center for Theological and Spiritual Development at (973) 290-4300 (for English) or contact Maricela Quintana, coordinator of CSE Lay Ministry Affairs at (973) 290-4346 (for Spanish). Registration also is available online (Web site: [www.cse.edu/center](http://www.cse.edu/center)) for both English and Spanish.

Featured speakers for the event include

John L. Allen, Jr., senior correspondent for the *National Catholic Reporter* and senior Vatican analyst for CNN, and Dr. Coleen Griffith, faculty director of Spirituality Studies at Boston College's Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry, and adjunct associate professor of Theology. Allen's presentation is titled: “The Upside Down Church: Megatrends in Catholicism,” while Griffith will explore “Resurrecting the Body: Reflections on The Physicality of Spirituality.”

Parallel to the English-speaking sessions, the Spanish-language segment of the convocation will feature Edgard R. Beltrán, noted scholar and pastoral ministry educator as the day's keynote, along with five breakout workshops.

Dr. Linda Baratte serves as the director of the Center for Theological and Spiritual Development at CSE. Sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, CSE enrolls nearly 2,000 full-time and part-time students, many from the Archdiocese of Newark.



# An invitation

to attend, or help others to attend,

the International Eucharistic Congress, held in the  
beautiful North American city of Quebec - June 15th-22nd, 2008



Dear Friend in Christ,

This coming June of 2008, the Church in North America will celebrate a great event for the Faith, an event that is being watched with great anticipation.

The Holy Father has given me the privilege of leading this event, the International Eucharistic Congress, in Quebec City.

And I, in turn, have invited the Holy Father to celebrate our final Mass of the Congress.

Would there be a possibility that you and your family and friends might be able to join us in Quebec in June, and even to send us your support today?

The International Eucharistic Congress is a great opportunity for the new evangelization of North America. It is an occasion to rekindle the flame of the Catholic faith in our countries, where in the past there was a deep unity between the culture and the Faith.

Now, the urgency of Faith is obvious for an increasingly secular and materialistic world. It is not too late to regenerate Christian culture.

Each day, catechesis and testimonies will be offered to the thousands of participants—the present and the future leaders of the Church—and a solemn Eucharistic liturgy will be celebrated. There will also be processions of the Blessed Sacrament, as well as special religious events for young adults and families, and activities to promote brotherhood.

We hope that the International Eucharistic Congress will bring about a greater emphasis on the sacred character of the Eucharistic celebration, a deepened understanding of its sacrificial dimension, and a renewal of Eucharistic adoration, prayer, and good works.

This theme, the Eucharist as “Gift of God for the life of the

world,” will begin with Sunday’s invocation of the Holy Spirit, who reminds the Church of all that Jesus did and then left in our care.

Monday will focus on Jesus’ institution of the New Covenant, completed by the offering of His own blood, while the following day concentrates on the sacrificial dimension of the Eucharist. Wednesday invites us to explore the first result of this gift of God; in giving Himself and in being received in the faith of the Church, the Eucharistic Christ founds the Church and opens up the communion of divine persons for the communion of human persons.

The Eucharist gives life to worship, which embraces all of life, prayers and ritual gestures, but also gives life to human relationships, work, joys and sorrows, sufferings and hopes. Thus, Thursday focuses on adoration, as the evening concludes with a public procession with the Blessed Sacrament in the heart of the city.

The theme of Friday is the Eucharist and mission: it emphasizes charity and engagement for peace and justice.

Finally, the week concludes with teaching on “ordinary” holiness at the heart of the world, inspired and nourished by the Eucharist.

At this great gathering, which will be closely watched and reported by the news media around the world, public testimonies for the essential role of the Faith and witness to the centrality of Jesus in our lives will give us an unparalleled opportunity to evangelize millions upon millions of people, and especially those in our troubled countries—for example, perhaps your own neighbors, family and friends!

First, by your fervent prayers to Almighty God that the Congress will reawaken the faith and ecclesial life of the people of Canada, especially the people of Quebec. For many

dioceses throughout North America, there is a direct link to Quebec, which gave birth to the Church on our continent.

Second, the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, as Pope John Paul II, and now Pope Benedict XVI, have repeated so often in their magnificent teachings. We are invited to celebrate this Congress together.

Third, I invite you to help me to make this Eucharistic Congress a possibility, a reality, and a blessing for many people in Latin America and in the Third World who might never have the opportunity to experience the graces and blessings of the International Catholic gathering without your generosity and financial assistance.

There will also be a myriad of other costs associated with an event of this magnitude – yet our budget is modest, and we seek only to cover what is necessary.

Without the support of our brothers and sisters in the Faith from the United States, our effort cannot be called a complete success.

We must not fail, with the eyes of a skeptical secular world and the media upon us. On the contrary, together, united with the Holy Father himself, we must show even the doubters the way to Christ!

I need your assistance, and I thank you in advance for your generosity in helping to make the International Eucharistic Congress accessible to many people.

Yours in the Eucharistic Jesus,

Marc Cardinal Ouellet  
Archbishop of Quebec  
Primate of Canada  
President, 49th International Eucharistic Congress

## A Message from Archbishop John J. Myers

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In times of joy, in times of trouble, we Catholics turn to the altar and to the central act of worship of the Church, the celebration of the Eucharist, the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ. Christ, present in the Eucharist, is our spiritual food and the source of all grace.

Throughout the ages, this selfless sacrifice has united us in faith, and been a sign to all of the Resurrection and of God’s merciful love and caring for us. The Eucharist defines us as the people of God. When we gather at Mass to receive Christ in the Eucharist, we truly give witness to the meaning of Communion.

The International Eucharistic Congress is a call to proclaim the centrality of the Eucharist – indeed, of Christ—in our lives, and I encourage all in the Archdiocese to consider joining Catholics from throughout North America in Quebec in this important evangelization movement.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely in the Lord,

✠ Most Reverend John J. Myers  
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# A History of Heritage

## Seton Hall offers sacred spaces to reflect, remember

**BY GREG TOBIN**  
*Special to The Catholic Advocate*

The campus of the diocesan university of the Archdiocese of Newark, Seton Hall in South Orange, reflects the mission of the Catholic Church in some unique ways. Founded by Bishop James Roosevelt Baley in 1856, the college was named for his aunt, Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton, who was canonized more than 30 years ago and is remembered as the founder of the Catholic school system in the United States.

With the university's spiritual roots so very deep, it is little wonder that students and visitors sense immediately that they have stepped into a "sacred space" when they enter the Seton Hall campus.

Others—employees, faculty and alumni—also appreciate the value of the physical place, though any of us who work here may take

it for granted after a while. The familiar in this case can breed comfort, rather than contempt.

Over the past 12 to 15 years the campus landscape has been transformed with new and renovated buildings. It looks very different than it did a generation ago, with a domed Walsh Library, the sweeping façade of Jubilee Hall, the Richie Regan Recreation Center that incorporates the old gym along with modern athletic facilities and the expanded and renovated Science and Technology Center on the site of McNulty Hall.

Amid dozens of new trees and a skyline that combines old and familiar with new and futuristic, there are such places that can be called sacred, offering opportunities for quiet reflection.

Often called the jewel of the campus, the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception represents the spiritual heart of Seton Hall University. The Chapel has been a center for spiritual reflection and

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## Felician maintains places to envision peace on earth

**BY BARBARA LYNCH**  
*Special to The Catholic Advocate*

RUTHERFORD and LODI—The life of a college student can be hectic—balancing classes, homework assignments, service to the community and employment. Fortunately, Felician College offers several quiet, spiritual places on campus where students, faculty and staff are invited to slow down and take a minute for reflection and prayer.

As the Franciscan College of New Jersey, the ideals and teachings of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi are woven into the daily lives of everyone on campus and serve as the inspiration for these sacred places.

Twenty-three years ago the Felician grounds at Lodi were dedicated as an official peace site through New Jersey Peace Action. Faculty, staff, students and Sisters gathered to celebrate the creation of a place of peace. This is a space made sacred by the spirit of the people who live and work at Felician.

The late Louis Kousin, who founded the Peace Sites International in 1981, believed that the sites created a positive way to

establish a visual, vibrant presence where people congregate in peaceful pursuits.

Located next to the Felician Sisters' Chapel, the Peace Site includes a bench inscribed with the words: "May all who come here to pray, study, work and celebrate go forth from this site bringing the Peace of Christ to their homes, communities, and our global families."

St. Francis and his love of nature served as the inspiration for the Elliott Terrace Garden on the Rutherford campus. This tranquil garden is located near one of the dormitories, where a statue of St. Francis beckons everyone to take a moment to reflect on God's creations, especially "Brother Sun and Sister Moon." The garden offers plenty of room for students and faculty to sit on the terrace to relax, study or simply enjoy the outdoors.

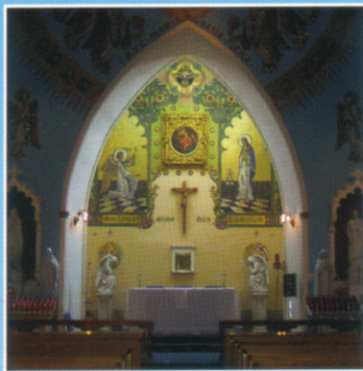
With renewed emphasis on sustaining the environment, the garden is a reminder that we are all stewards of the earth. Each October, the Felician community gathers at the garden with their pets for the annual "Blessing of the Animals" during Franciscan Heritage Week.

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## Felician

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Students walking across the quad at the Rutherford campus have the opportunity to stop and reflect at the Peace Pole. Erected on the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the Peace Pole is surrounded by benches where students pause to reflect on renewal, hope, peace and all good in the world. Franciscans are called upon to be peacemakers and the message on the Peace Pole is the same in any language: "may peace prevail on earth."

A small chapel is located in the heart of each campus, where students and staff can attend Mass or pause for prayer and meditation during the day. An active campus ministry department fosters the spiritual and personal

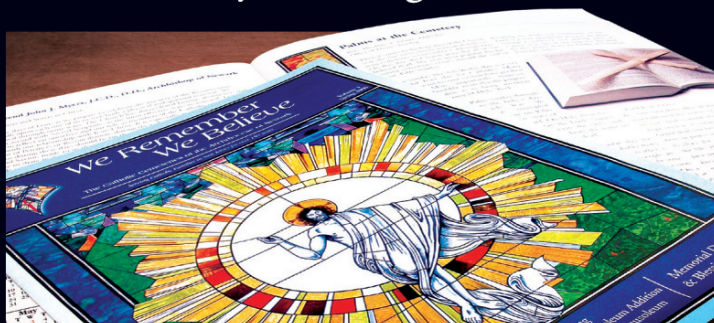
growth of Felician students through a variety of events.

As time goes by, students will move on and leave behind these sacred places that they passed every day on their way to classes. However, they will always carry with them the Catholic, Franciscan values that will continue to nourish the soul. They will have a respect for all creatures and the environment, peace and justice, service to others, and reverence for the dignity of everyone. When these beliefs are put into action, Felician students truly follow in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare, and the sacred spaces will forever remain in their hearts.

*(Editor's note: Barbara Lynch is the director of public relations at Felician College. There are 30 Peace Sites in New Jersey, including: Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Jersey City; and Saint Peter Claver Parish, Montclair.)*



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The Peace Pole located on the Rutherford campus of Felician College.



## Seton Hall

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sacramental life on the Seton Hall campus since it was erected in 1863. Designed by renowned architect Jeremiah O'Rourke, the oldest building on campus has endured numerous facelifts and restorations, inside and out.

For the university's 75th anniversary in 1931, marble side al-

tars were added and the mural on the chancel wall was enriched with fresh colors, including the dazzling stars and angels' wings. Then in 1972 the most radical renovations—for post-Vatican II liturgical requirements—were undertaken.

Another major interior redesign began Jan. 1. This project will further update the sanctuary, restore some of the classic artworks and make important liturgical adjustments such as mov-

ing the tabernacle to the center of the worship space.

The intimate chapel of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton was created in 1963 and sits where the original chapel entrance once stood. Dozens of Seton Hall alums return to campus each year to be married in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception—and have done so for generations.

Seton Hall holds a very special place in the history of Jewish-Christian relations. Six decades ago, Msgr. John Oesterreicher founded the Institute for Judaeo-Christian Studies.

Six years ago the Yom Hashoah menorah, a replica of the first menorah placed in the Vatican, was presented to the University by the Center for Interreligious Understanding in tribute to Sister Rose Thering, O.P., Ph.D. The memorial stands unobtrusively outside Mooney Hall on a small swath of grass, inviting the curious to look more closely.

Visitors who take that closer look are amply rewarded with a startling and emotional connection to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust that took millions of lives during World War II.

In the dark, early morning hours of Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2000 a fire broke out in Boland Hall, a dormitory that houses hundreds of undergraduates as well as the campus ministry offices. The fire claimed three lives and injured many others, some severely.



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Built in 1863, the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception on the South Orange campus of Seton Hall was designed by Jeremiah O'Rourke, one of New Jersey's greatest architects.

There had, in fact, been other fires in Seton Hall's long-ago history, which had threatened the close the school for good. In those cases, the diocese and other benefactors had to make the difficult decision to fund the rebuilding and keep the Catholic college's doors open for another year or two until it could get back on its feet.

In 2000, the entire university community rallied quickly and with remarkable unity to move forward, but never to forget those who had been killed and injured in the terrible fire. That vow has been kept, and the "Remember" stone is one visible sign of that time and

those young people who were lost or hurt (see photo on page 11). It also reminds the community of the students, clergy and emergency workers who saved lives and comforted friends in those dark hours. The campus bells nearby (outside Jubilee Hall, across the plaza from the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception) toll every quarter hour in memory of those lost lives.

(An author of many books on the Catholic Church and a former editor of The Catholic Advocate, Greg Tobin is the senior advisor for communications at Seton Hall University, South Orange.)

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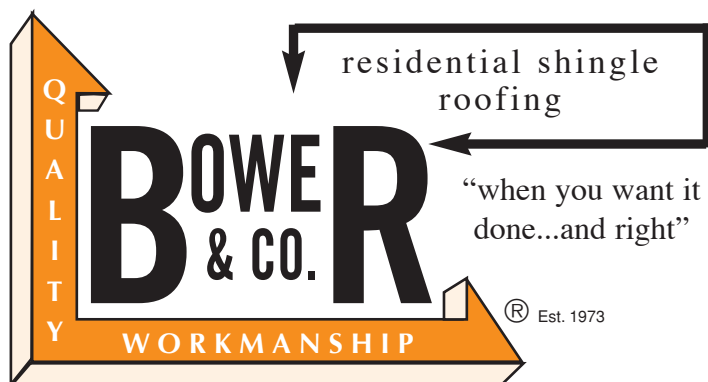
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# Treasured windows help illuminate faith legacy

BY TROY J. SIMMONS

Special to The Catholic Advocate

In medieval times, the imagery of the stained glass window was used to depict scenes from the Bible, vignettes from the life of some saints and great events in the history of the Church. More than just intricate works of art, these windows were created to tell the story of Christianity through the ages, teaching the Christian faith to the masses through art and iconography.

In our time, the stained glass windows of a church offer us more than just lessons in religious education. They tell the story of those who came before us—those who commissioned their creation. As such, the stained glass windows of our churches are portals into our communal past, shedding light on both the collective and individual histories of the patriarchs and matriarchs of our parish communities.

The care of these treasures in the archdiocese is the mission of ecclesiastical patrimony—preservation of the artwork, architecture and documents that constitute our faith heritage.

In the early 1850s, German immigrants first came to the area now known as Union City. Like their fellow immigrants of Swiss, Austrian and Dutch origin, they too



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The stained glass windows of Holy Family Parish, Union City, colorfully illustrate the German heritage of the Victorian gothic structure. Hiemer and Co. Glass Studio, Clifton, recently completed a restoration of the windows.

had been attracted to the area by its large expanses of land that could be purchased for inexpensive sums.

Immigrants from each of these groups would introduce the European style of embroidery to the area, a trade for which Union

City would eventually become internationally known. Financial growth would bring domestic prosperity and social establishment. Soon, social, athletic and musical clubs, schools and religious houses of worship would

be organized. These institutions would be the center of life for the community.

One such institution for the German community was Holy Family Parish. Located on 35th St., the Victorian gothic structure was completed in 1886 and, like other German Catholic parishes of its vintage, the rather stark exterior gives no hint to the quality and intricacies of craftsmanship that are to be found within.

Holy Family's stained glass windows are among its most valuable items. Installed shortly after the church's completion, the suite of windows is attributed to the Innsbruck Art Glass Studio of Austria. Each window depicts an event from the lives of Joseph, his wife Mary and their young son Jesus.

Following the end of World War II, many veterans relocated their families to Essex and Bergen counties where newer, more spacious suburban housing was being developed. By the 1960s, the old neighborhood around Holy Family Parish would become home to Cuban refugees fleeing Castro's revolution. Today, the pews of Holy Family are representative of Catholics from not only Cuba, but also countries throughout South and Central America.

Father Paco Legarra, O.A.R., Holy Family pastor, is adamant in his testimony that the current faith community holds in high esteem the parish's history. This group of Latin Americans is very proud of their parish family and its German American heritage;

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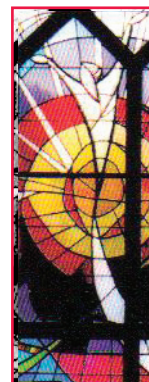
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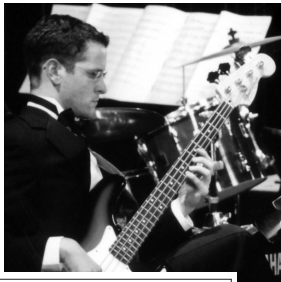


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# Polish group cites work of Fr. Boyd

SOUTH ORANGE—Father Ian Boyd, C.S.B., president of the G.K. Chesterton Institute for Faith and Culture at Seton Hall University, recently was honored by the American Institute of Polish Culture Inc. for his promotion of Polish history and culture. Father Boyd received the Institute’s “Special Appreciation” award last month at its 36th annual International Polonaise Ball in Surfside, FL. The award was in recognition of Father Boyd’s work as editor of the institute’s journal, “The Chesterton Review.”

Last summer, the institute released a special Polish issue of the journal. Its largest to date at 430 pages, the issue contained articles, film and book reviews, and other “news and comments” items from a variety of sources. Its main theme was a defense of Poland against charges of anti-Semitism, but it also addressed such topics as Polish history and accounts of Chesterton’s 1927 tour of Poland. “This award is a great honor. I accept it on behalf of Dermot Quinn, Gloria Grabois and my other colleagues at the Chesterton Institute,” Father Boyd said.

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## K of C council offers scholarships

WASHINGTON TWP.—Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council 5427 is accepting applications for this year's James Picarella Memorial Trust Fund scholarships.

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**GENERATIONAL CELEBRATION**—Each year on the celebration of the Baptism of Our Lord, those who were baptized in the previous year are honored by Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in West Orange. Congratulating newly baptized parish member, six-month-old Ciara Cabrera is lifelong parishioner 96-year-old Loretta Landers.

## Display dazzles Maplewood

MAPLEWOOD—The Maplewood Civic Association recently selected Saint Joseph Parish, 767 Prospect St., as the recipient of its annual "Outstanding Outdoor Christmas Display" award.

Members of the civic association presented the award during a ceremony at the Winchester Gardens. Adjunct priest Father J.M. Manolo A. Punzalan received the award on behalf of St. Joseph Parish. Very Rev. Michael A. Saporito, V.F., is the pastor of Saint Joseph.

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## Shrine welcomes 'Celtic Soul' performance on March 12

STIRLING — Singer and recording artist Carmel Boyle of Meath, Ireland, returns to The Shrine of St. Joseph for two programs on Wednesday, March 12.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Boyle will present "Dance of the Celtic Soul" at Trinity House. Using Celtic themes and imagery she will "awaken your spirit and connect with your soul." The suggested donation for admission is \$40, which includes lunch. Advanced registration is required to attend the program.

Later that same day at 7:30 p.m., Boyle will present a reflective concert in the Shrine chapel. No reservations required for this program. A free will offering will be taken.

Boyle is co-founder of An Croi Retreat Center in Meath. A native of Monasterboice, Ireland, she has a bachelor's degree in Theology and Music.

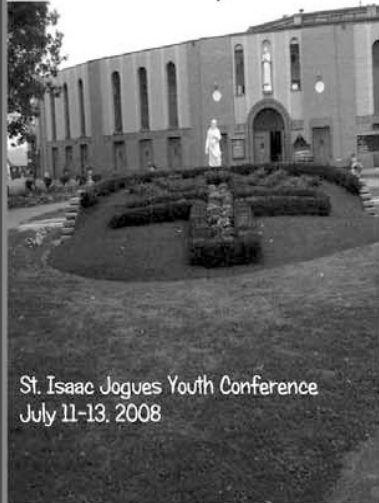
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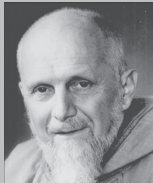
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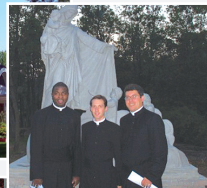
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# Newark parish to host Sr. Patricia

NEWARK—Sister Patricia Chappell, a member of the Connecticut unit of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, will present a Lenten Revival program, "The Anointed," March 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 15 Van Ness Place.

A licensed social worker in the District of Columbia, Sister Patricia holds a master's degree in Social Work from the Catholic University of America and is accredited by the Academy of Certified Social Workers Inc.

She has worked in the field

of substance abuse with emphasis on intervention services to African-American youth and their families.

Sister Patricia has also been a family therapist specializing in children and adolescents. She served as director of youth min-

istry at a parish in the nation's capital.

Sister Patricia is involved in a variety of professional organizations including the National Association of Social Workers, the National Association of Black Social Work-

ers, the National Association of Female Executives, Delta Sigma Theta sorority, and the National Black Sisters' Conference. She is included in the National Register of "Who's Who in Executives and Professionals."

She is a former president of the National

Black Sisters' Conference, which under her

leadership eight years ago sponsored the first National Gathering for Black Catholic Women. She also served as a member of her unit's Provincial Leadership Team, the first African American to serve in that capacity.

Father Anselm I. Nwaorgu, Ph.D., is the pastor of Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo. Call the parish at (973) 824-6548 for more information.



## SHU slates interfaith program

SOUTH ORANGE—Seton Hall University's (SHU) Sister Rose Thering Endowment and the American Conference on Diversity will co-host an afternoon of music and video focused on an interfaith Ugandan Fair Trade coffee co-op, Mirembe Kawomera, on Sunday, March 9, 2 p.m. at SHU's Jubilee Hall Auditorium, 400 South Orange Ave.

The event is free and open to the public. However, seating is limited and reservations are requested by calling (973) 761-9006.

The trailer of the video documentary, "Delicious Peace Grows in a Ugandan Coffee Bean," which relates the moving story of a 700-member interfaith coffee cooperative in Uganda, will be screened. The filmmakers, several Ugandan farmers from the cooperative, includes a Grammy nominated singer and songwriter, who will share a few melodies—and representatives from the Fair Trade

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Father Steven Fichter, parochial vicar at St. Gabriel Parish in Saddle River, will be the featured speaker. Noted for his love of Scripture and praying with the Gospel texts, Father Fichter holds a licentiate in Philosophy and master degrees in Divinity, Social Work and Sociology. He is a doctoral candidate of Religion at Rutgers University.

The program is open to the public. Our Lady of Mount Carmel is located at 1 Passaic St. Msgr. Ronald J. Rozniak is the pastor of the parish. Call (201) 444-2000 for details.



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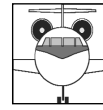
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Ramapo

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Sheridan, the pastor of Immaculate Conception and the campus minister at Ramapo, and Father Michael A. Andreano, archdiocesan Vice Chancellor and the secretary to the archbishop.

It was the first visit of its kind by Archbishop Myers to a secular college within the archdiocese—an important, engaging event for the small but growing Catholic student group at Ramapo.

“It was exciting to meet with him,” said Dan Grossano, a junior at the college and president of CRU, referring to the archbishop. “We wanted to thank him for all that he has done for campus ministry. We also wanted him to see how we here at CRU are working to share and deepen our faith. And just as important, it was a chance to recognize Father Bill and all that he has done for both the campus ministry and the parish.”

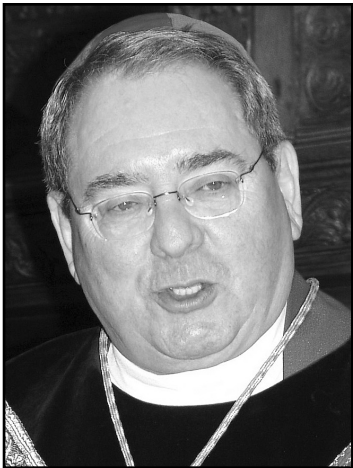
Father Sheridan said the archbishop offered to celebrate Mass with the group during a meeting he had recently to discuss progress with his ministry.

“Last April, as we were discussing campus ministry in gener-

al and at Ramapo, the archbishop had suggested that the CRU forge a stronger link with the parish of Immaculate Conception, which is only a minute or so away from the school,” Father Sheridan recalled. “This is a model that he knew worked well in the Midwest, where the parish and the local campus ministry have close ties. He wanted to try it here. Since I was named pastor of Immaculate Conception recently, we’ve been working even more at building the connection between school and parish.”

Practical examples of this unfolding parish/campus bond already are evident. The weekly bulletin at Immaculate Conception, for example, now includes a page on activities at CRU. Students are encouraged to attend Mass on Sundays at the parish just “down the road” on Route 202, and CRU is even scheduling activities and events at the parish as well. Students also are encouraged to participate in other parish activities and ministries as well.

Even with this closeness and linkage, much of CRU’s efforts are directed on campus. “During Lent,” Grossano said, “we have



Archbishop John J. Myers

Mass here on campus at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays, as well as adoration at 8:30 p.m. After Sunday Mass at 9 p.m., we meet and discuss different books on Catholic teachings. We even have Christian men’s and a Christian women’s groups centered on prayer and discussion of spiritual issues.”

As Mass began on Feb. 20 and the community sang the words: “at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,” smiles were evident as the archbishop entered and greeted the community. This feeling of closeness

and community carried throughout the Eucharistic celebration.

“We offer ourselves to one another, as Jesus did,” the archbishop said in his homily, citing St. Augustine. Referring to the purpose of Lent, to prepare and change our lives, the archbishop spoke very frankly to the group. “When we get into a relationship with grace, with God, things change. We have to stretch ourselves. We have to surrender our lives as Christians. We offer ourselves to one another, knowing that Jesus has given us the example of his loving self-surrender. He asks us to follow his way.”

As Mass ended and the CRU

members began to leave the York Room, some students commented among themselves that Archbishop Myers did not have his crozier or mitre, as they had expected.

“He was very informal and approachable,” one young woman said later, “and at the end of Mass, he stayed and spoke with each of us individually. When he said in his homily that we need to stretch ourselves, like Jesus did, to embrace the condition that we are in, it made me think about what I need to do. We have to allow ourselves, as the archbishop said, ‘to become what God wants us to be.’ That’s a great message for Lent, and for any time.”

SHU

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distribution company will speak and answer questions.

Directed, produced, and photographed by Montclair-based film-makers Ellen Friedland and Curt Fissel through their production company JEMGLO, the documentary, still in production, tells the story of the Mirembe Kawomera coffee cooperative in Mbale, Uganda, comprised of Muslim, Jewish and Christian farmers who put aside their religious differences to pool their coffee crops to achieve mutual goals of fair wages and harmonious relationships. The documentary will premiere in late 2008.

The Mirembe Kawomera (“Delicious Peace” in the Luganda language) coffee cooperative sells directly to Thanksgiving Coffee Company, a Fair Trade coffee roaster and distributor in Fort Bragg, CA, and receives prices four times higher than the low prices offered by the local Ugandan market. In turn, this income has enabled the local community of third and fourth-generation coffee farmers to send their children to school, afford health-care, start savings accounts and reinvest in their farms, while simultaneously spreading a message of peace throughout the world.

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## Lab honors beloved science teacher

SHORT HILLS—Before an audience of donors and guests, including Father Kevin M. Hanbury, Ed.D., archdiocesan Vicar for Education and Superintendent of Schools, and featuring lab demonstrations by students, St. Rose of Lima Academy dedicated the Oy Ling Chun Science Center, the school's new science lab.

Designed by Charlie Bambara of Short Hills, vice president of technology and founding partner of the ChemPro Group, LLC, a chemical engineering firm specializing in modular-process plant design and construction, in collaboration with Christopher J. Gnash, AIA, the lab far exceeds existing standards for a middle-school science facility.

The new facility is fully equipped for experiments, lessons and demonstrations in all areas of the science curriculum and has the capability to readily adapt to future curriculum requirements and technologies as they evolve.

Safety, durability and adaptability stand out in the design of the lab. Each of the six lab stations is equipped with a sink, goose-neck faucet, gas jets and spare jets for later use, GFI electrical outlets, abundant storage and a chemical-resistant cast-epoxy work surface. The lab floor is chemical-resistant epoxy that is virtually invulnerable to damage.

Other enhancements include a wireless network, hardwired SmartBoard, a laptop computer for each lab station, dedicated ventilation system that replaces the air in the lab with fresh outdoor air several times an hour, portable fume hood, chemical storage cabinets, automatic fail-safe gas-line shutoff and industrial safety shower.

The renovation project was conceived as a memorial to a devoted St. Rose science teacher who taught at the school for six years. The goal of renovating the lab was first voiced by Oy Ling Chun, and her death gave rise to a determination to see the project realized in her honor.

"Every fiber of Oy Ling Chun's being was dedicated to exciting students about all the disciplines of science," Dr. Karen Fasanella, school principal, declared.

The project was shepherded through the planning, fundraising, procurement and construction phases by a committee of parent and parish volunteers. In addition to Bambara, whose children attend the school, school parents Colleen D'Alessandro, Don Goncalves, Nicole Warganz, Marita Wolff, and parishioner Pauline Everson served on the committee.



Submitted photo

Father Kevin Hanbury, archdiocesan Vicar for Education and Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Newark, is given a demonstration of the cutting-edge equipment at the new St. Rose of Lima Academy science lab by, left to right, Jessica Small and Jane Ricciardi.



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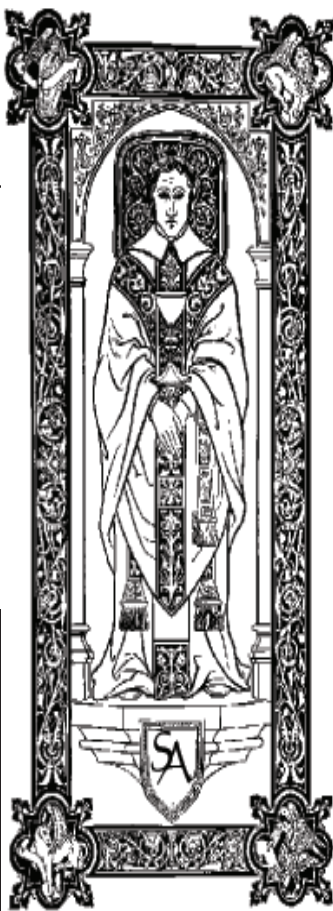
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**Easter Sunday** 7:30 & 9:00 am Low Mass, 11:00 am High Mass

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## Legacy Tea served on April 22

NEWARK — The Legacy Society Tea and Prayer Service will be held Tuesday, April 22. The prayer service will begin at 2 p.m. in Our Lady's Chapel at Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St., followed by a tea and reception in the residence of Archbishop John J. Myers.

The annual event celebrates members of the archdiocesan Legacy Circle Planned Giving Society. Last year more than 30 people attended the reception. Membership in the society is extended to those who have made a special provision in their will, es-

tablished a gift annuity, a trust or other planned gift that will benefit the Church.

Call the archdiocesan Planned Giving office at (973) 497-4048 to learn how to join the Legacy Circle. The archdiocesan office of Major Gifts and Planning Giving is located at 171 Clifton Ave. (adjacent to the Cathedral Basilica).

## Windows

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*(Editor's note: Troy Joseph Simmons, B.A., M.A., C.C., is the architectural historian and patrimony project manager for the Archdiocese of Newark.)*

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## Gilmartin to lead festivities in Newark

NEWARK—The 73rd Newark Saint Patrick's Day parade, dedicated this year to the Police and Fire Emerald Society of Essex County, will be held Friday, March 14.

The parade will step off at 2 p.m. from the new Prudential Center, 165 Mulberry St. in downtown Newark and proceed north on Mulberry Street, past the New Jersey Performing Arts Center on Center Street, concluding at Washington Park. Reviewing stands will be located at the corner of Mulberry and Clinton Streets as well as the corner of Central Avenue and Washington Street.

The Newark Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee, led by Kevin P. Frey, general chairman, has selected Don Gilmartin as grand marshal. Gilmartin, who traces his Irish roots to County

Roscommon, served in the U.S. Navy and has been a member of the Newark Fire Department for 34 years—currently assigned to Ladder 4 and Fireboat Marine 1.

Gilmartin is a founding member and past president of the Essex County Police and Fire Emerald Society, as well as a founding member of the Newark Firefighters Pipe Band. He is a past president of the New Jersey Grand Council of

Emerald Societies.

Newark Police Director Garry McCarthy will serve as the honorary chairman of the 2008 parade. McCarthy began his career as a New York City Police Officer in 1981 and has served as Newark Police Director since 2006. He traces his Irish Roots to County Longford.

Contact Frey at (201) 859-5605 for more information.

## A son of the sod will guide March 9 West Orange parade

WEST ORANGE—Local businessman Noel O'Keeffe, Sr., who was born in Ireland, will be the grand marshal of the 2008 West Orange St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The parade steps off on Sunday, March 9 at 12:15 p.m. at the intersection of Main Street and Mt. Pleasant Avenue. Marchers will proceed north on Main Street to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 1 Eagle Rock Ave. The day begins with a 9 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of the Lake Parish in neighboring Verona.

A native of Upper Ballyduff, County Waterford, O'Keeffe immigrated to West Orange more than 40 years ago. He is a member of the Essex County Shillelagh Club and the Essex County Emeralds.

Joining O'Keeffe to lead the parade will be deputy grand marshals Kathy Whelan, James Reilly, William Cunningham and Andrew McCrone.

For further details, contact Carol Corcoran, parade chairwoman, at (973) 226-4564.

## Union County taps Lowney to serve as grand marshal

UNION—Veteran journalist Jim Lowney, Sr., will serve as the grand marshal of the 12th annual Union County Saint Patrick's Day Parade. The parade will step off at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 15.

The one-mile parade will begin at Commerce Street and Morris Avenue, proceeding east on Morris Avenue to Union Center and south onto Stuyvesant Avenue, ending at Roosevelt Avenue. The reviewing stand will be located at the corner of Morris and Stuyvesant avenues.

The Union County celebration will start with a 9 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary/Saint Patrick's Parish, 215 Court St., Elizabeth.

A resident of Elizabeth, Lowney, 67, has written newspaper columns in The Irish Echo and The Irish Edition for 30 years. He also had a distinguished career as a staff photographer for the old Newark Evening News and reporter for The Asbury Park Press.

Lowney has also been active for decades in the state's Irish-American community promoting



Jim Lowney, Sr.

Irish culture through education projects, historical preservation, festivals and parades throughout the Garden State. He has served as a member of the Irish resources advisory board for the Msgr. William Noe Field Archives and Special Collections Center at Seton Hall University, South Orange, and is a recipient of the Independent Irish Society of Essex County's "Distinguished Irish American Citizenship Award."

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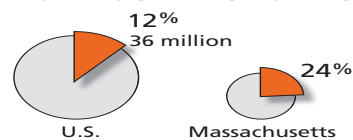
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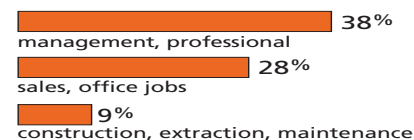
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## Bergen Catholic plans dance

ORADELL—The Parents' Club of Bergen Catholic High School will present its annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 15, 7 p.m., in the school gymnasium. Tickets, priced at \$60 per person, may be obtained by calling Judith Fiorica at (201) 666-5351, or by e-mailing her at [www.JudMaF@aol.com](mailto:www.JudMaF@aol.com).

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James Dugan, Grand Knight of Mother Seton Council 5427 in Washington Township, right, presents Al Lombardi with an award in recognition of his service to the council. Also pictured is Lombardi's wife Millie. In accepting his plaque and certificate, Lombardi thanked other Knights for their support.

## Knights laud Al Lombardi for long years of service

WASHINGTON TWP. — Nearly four decades of service with the Mother Seton Knights of Columbus Council 5427 was recognized recently with the naming of Al Lombardi as “Knight of the Year.”

Grand Knight James Dugan cited Lombardi's “selfless dedication to the Right to Life movement.” That dedication, Dugan explained, is best evidenced by a monument to the unborn on council grounds built by Lombardi, a building contractor, and several Knights.

During his years with the local Knights, Lombardi held every office chairmanship. He is a former Grand Knight and trustee, a member of the Fourth Degree Color Corps and director of the Washington Township Columbian Club, which owns the Council property.

“Al Lombardi has been grounds chairman for more years than can be remembered. His horticultural touch is evident in the plantings and lawns. In addition he has been ‘Mr. Fix-it’ setting tile, painting, patching and maintaining the building in the condition it was in when new,” Knight Robert Hibler said.



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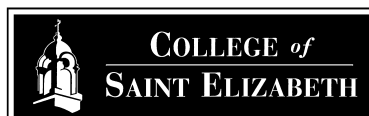
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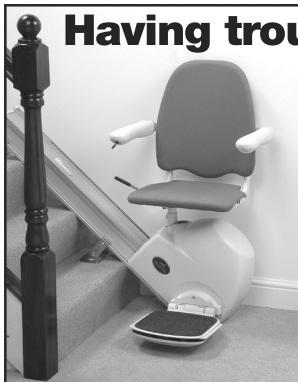
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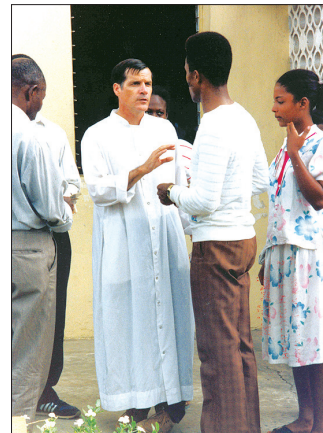
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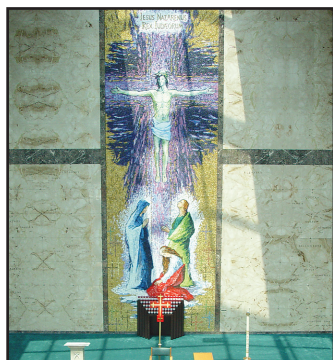
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