

# WELCOME !

## ***Gala preparations underway to honor Pope Benedict XVI during his visit to the U.S.***

**P**ope Benedict XVI's itinerary, published by the Vatican for the much-anticipated April 15-20 papal trip to Washington D.C. and New York, includes a lunch April 16 and a dinner April 18 with the U.S. cardinals, the officers of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and members of the papal entourage.

The Vatican said the pope and his entourage would have a luncheon April 19 with Cardinal Edward M. Egan of New York and the New York auxiliary bishops at Cardinal Egan's residence.

In Washington April 16, the pope is planning to go from the White House to the apostolic nunciature on Massachusetts Avenue. The same evening, he will switch from a car to the popemobile on his way from the nunciature to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. After meeting representatives of Catholic universities and diocesan education offices April 17 at The Catholic University of America, he will use the popemobile to cover the short distance to the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center.

In New York, the pope is scheduled to use the popemobile only once (April 19) to go from Cardinal Egan's residence to the residence of the Vatican's permanent observer to the United Nations.

The papal visit also will feature performances by leading pop, classical and jazz musicians to honor the pope at various venues in New York and Washington. Kelly Clarkson, 25, a pop singer who gained national attention by winning the inaugural "American Idol" competition in 2002, will sing several of her hits for young people awaiting the pope in Yonkers, New York, April 19. When the pope arrives, she will sing "Ave Maria" by Franz Schubert.



# Papal travelers follow trail blazed by St. Peter

*Pius IX first to touch U.S. 'territory'*

BY MSGR. ROBERT WISTER  
Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

**O**n Aug. 1, 1849, a hot sun baked the harbor of the city of Gaeta, near Naples in the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies. As noon approached, Pope Pius IX, dressed in white cassock and wide red Roman hat, stepped into an ornate barge and comfortably settled under a large canopy protecting him from the sun.

Twelve sailors rowed the pontiff past Spanish, French, and British warships with their yards manned. As the papal party drew near a majestic frigate, cannons roared a 21-gun salute and the papal flag was hoisted to the top of the mainmast.

The barge was gently lifted to the level of the frigate's deck and His Holiness was piped aboard with full naval solemnity. The officers and crew stood at attention and saluted, Captain Gwinn doffed his hat and bowed as Pope Pius IX set foot on American territory, the U.S.S. Constitution, affectionately known as "Old Ironsides."

Since a commissioned ship in the Navy has the same legal status as a piece of U.S. soil, the first papal visit to the United States had begun.

Captain Gwinn escorted the pope to his cabin for refreshments. Once inside the captain's cabin, it became apparent that His Holiness had become seasick. He lay down for a while, the ship's surgeon gave him some medication and he quickly recovered. After three hours on board, the pope and his party departed to the booming of another 21-gun salute.

True to the spirit of mid-19th century American anti-Catholicism, Gwinn was threatened with court-martial by his commodore for the crime of offering hospitality to the sovereign pontiff. Gwinn died at Messina less than five weeks after the papal visit and never was tried.

The first papal traveler was the first pope—Saint Peter. Leaving the Holy Land, Peter presided over the Church in Antioch in Syria before voyaging to Rome. We do not know his itinerary, but can surmise that he traveled by land and sea and stopped in Greece and what is today Turkey before arriving in the city that would witness his martyrdom: Rome.

During the early centuries, popes often were exiled from Rome and imprisoned by



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The painting "USS Constitution during Pope Pius IX's Visit," by Cheslie D'Andrea is reproduced here courtesy of the USS Constitution Museum, Boston (Web site: [www.ussconstitutionmuseum.org](http://www.ussconstitutionmuseum.org)). The painting depicts Pope Pius IX preparing to board the ship at Gaeta, Italy. It marked the first time that a pope had set foot on U.S. "territory"—the deck of the ship. Historians recorded that the pope visited every part of the ship, accompanied by King Ferdinand II. The Catholics in the crew, mostly Irishmen, lined up on the gun deck and received the pontiff's personal blessing. This papal visit occurred because Pope Pius IX happened to be staying in Gaeta as a refugee, driven out of Rome by radical revolutionaries. In fact, much of the story of papal travel is not a series of triumphal passages, but rather a story of persecuted pontiffs seeking to perform their pastoral duties in spite of difficult and dangerous circumstances. Special thanks to Kate Lennon Walker, the librarian at the USS Constitution Museum, for providing this image of the D'Andrea painting.

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the imperial authorities. During the persecution of Gallus in 253, Pope Saint Cornelius died in exile in Civitavecchia. His successor, Pope Lucius I, also died in exile, but somehow his head ended up in the Catholic cathedral in Copenhagen, Denmark. Some popes continued their travels even after death.

Although Emperor Constantine granted freedom to the Church in 312, his successors occasionally treated the popes with little respect. During the Monothelite controversy, Emperor Justinian II exiled Pope Martin I to the Crimea where he died in 654. Ironically, Justinian II was subsequently overthrown and he too died in exile in the Crimea.

Theological and political disputes often impelled popes to travel. In 1047, Pope Clement II accompanied Emperor Henry III to Germany to settle disputes over the appointment of bishops. Clement II died on his way back to Rome and, at his request,

was buried in his home cathedral of Bamberg, Germany. He is the only pope buried in Germany.

At the beginning of the 14th century, the city of Rome was a cauldron of factional fighting and what can honestly be called "gang wars." When a Frenchman, Pope Clement V, was elected in 1305, he decided that Rome was unsafe and moved the papacy, curia and all, to a papal possession in the lovely Rhône valley in southern France in the city of Avignon. Thus began the "Avignon Papacy," a period during which the popes did not even live in Rome. Surrendering to the stirring and stinging words of St. Catherine of Siena, Pope Gregory XI returned the papacy to Rome in 1378. He died a few months later.

For the next few centuries the popes remained in Rome and its environs, occasionally venturing to other parts of Italy. One papal traveler of the early 16th century, Pope Julius II, known as the

"Warrior Pope," clad in helmet and armor, led the papal armies against various enemies in the Italian peninsula.

Pope Pius VI, one of the longest reigning popes, also traveled, but under tragic circumstances. Seeking to persuade Austrian Emperor Joseph II to cease his anti-clerical and anti-papal programs, he went to Vienna in 1782, where he was met with unfailing courtesy while his pleas to the emperor were totally ignored. In the wake of the French Revolution, a "Roman Republic" was proclaimed in 1798 and Pius VI was taken prisoner and incarcerated first in Siena, then in Certosa. The French kidnapped him and he was held in the city of Valence. On Aug. 29, 1799, six weeks after his arrival, he died. The French buried the pope under a headstone on which was the inscription: "Citizen Braschi, former occupation—pontiff."

His successor, Pope Pius VII, was elected at a conclave held in Venice, due to the pressure of the revolutionaries in France and Italy. Since Napoleon had stolen all of the papal regalia, he was crowned with a tiara made of papier-mâché. Desiring to legitimate his regime, Napoleon brought Pius VII to Paris in 1804 to assist at his coronation as

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## Papal trip

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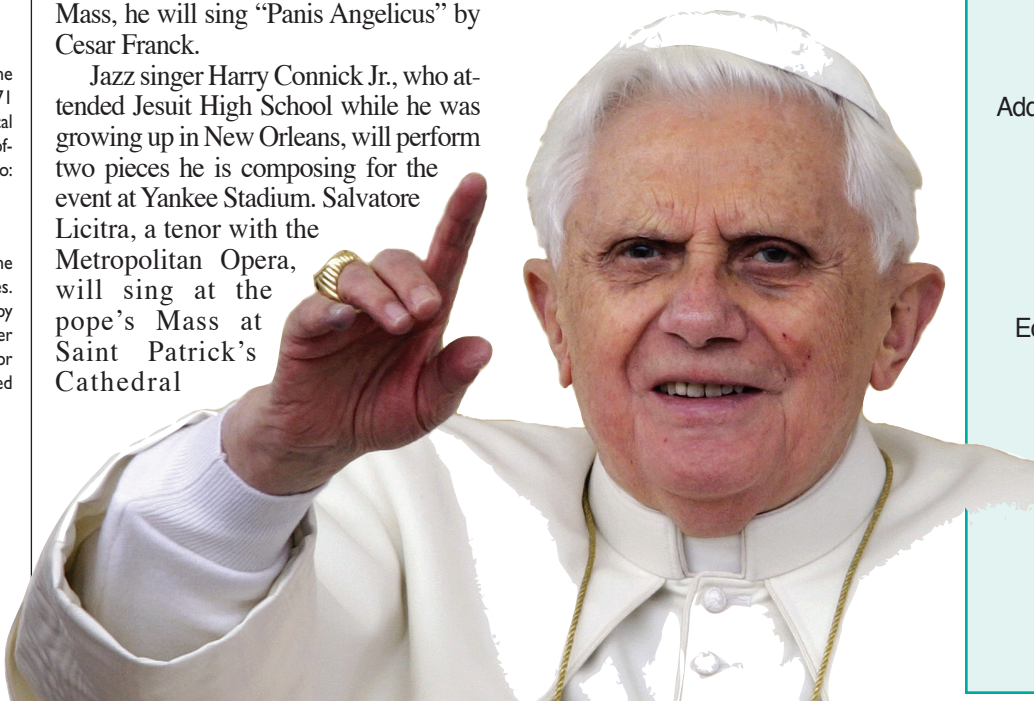
At Yankee Stadium April 20, guitar virtuoso Jose Feliciano will sing "Lean on Me," "Que Sera, Sera" and "God Bless the USA." Metropolitan Opera tenor Marcello Giordani will sing before and during the Mass at Yankee Stadium. In the early afternoon, he will perform the Giacomo Puccini aria "Nessun Dorma" from the opera "Turandot." At Mass, he will sing "Panis Angelicus" by Cesar Franck.

Jazz singer Harry Connick Jr., who attended Jesuit High School while he was growing up in New Orleans, will perform two pieces he is composing for the event at Yankee Stadium. Salvatore Licitra, a tenor with the Metropolitan Opera, will sing at the pope's Mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral

April 19. He will perform "Domine Deus," from "Messe Petit Solennelle" by Gioachino Rossini.

In Washington, renown tenor Placido Domingo and mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves will sing at the Mass at Nationals Park April 17. Domingo, general director of the Washington National Opera, will sing Franck's "Panis Angelicus" Communion, and Graves will sing "We Are One in the Spirit" just before the processional.

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*The following list represents the scheduled program of the pope's events in Washington and New York, as published by the Vatican.*

**Tuesday, April 15**

Pope arrives in Washington D.C.,  
Andrews Air Force Base

**Wednesday, April 16**

Meeting with President Bush, ceremony  
on South Lawn of the White House  
Prayer service with U.S. bishops, Basilica of the  
National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

**Thursday, April 17**

Mass at Nationals Park  
Address to educators, Catholic University of America  
Meeting with non-Christian faiths,  
Pope John Paul II Cultural Center

**Friday, April 18**

Arrival in New York; address to  
United Nations General Assembly  
Ecumenical prayer service, Saint Joseph's Parish

**Saturday, April 19**

Mass for clergy and religious  
at Saint Patrick's Cathedral  
Meetings with young Catholics

**Sunday, April 20**

Visit to ground zero, lower Manhattan  
Mass at Yankee Stadium  
Farewell address at JFK International Airport

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# Assessing three-year journey of Pope Benedict XVI



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Pope Benedict XVI is pictured in prayer during Good Friday at St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. Defying both conservative and liberal pundits, the so-called "caretaker" pope has put his own scholarly stamp on the office, as demonstrated by his recent encyclical *Spe Salvi*, which argues that Christian faith cannot be "individualized" as is the trend in contemporary society, but must be shared in community.

BY GREG TOBIN

*Special to The Catholic Advocate*

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the dean of the College of Cardinals, was elected pope on Tuesday, April 19, 2005 in the shortest conclave in modern history. He succeeded Pope John Paul II who was the second-longest serving pope in recorded history: nearly 27 years. (Blessed Pius IX occupied the Chair of St. Peter for nearly 32 years, from 1846 to 1878.) He was reportedly elected on the fourth ballot with 84 of the 115 votes.

As of this writing, Ratzinger, as Pope Benedict XVI, has been the Bishop of Rome for nearly three years. He turns 81 on April 16; thus, he is also one of the oldest men to be elected pope, and it is assumed by most that his reign will be much shorter than his predecessor's. However, history has played tricks in this regard. Leo XIII was elected as a frail 68-year-old in 1878, but lived for another 25 years.

Nothing can be predicted regarding the papacy except that there will be a surprise somewhere along the line, whether in the election itself or the actions of the pope (such as Pope John's convocation of the Second Vatican Council) or the length of his time as Servant of the Servants of God.

There was, it is fair to say, a mixed reaction to the election of Benedict XVI, among Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Some responded with unalloyed joy that a brilliant the-

ologian and staunch guardian of orthodoxy had assumed the office. Others, who had criticized Ratzinger as the previous pope's watchdog, foresaw a cloud of conservatism gathering over the Vatican, which would push back the clock to pre-Vatican II norms.

It is equally fair to say that Benedict, so far, has surprised everyone. Both critics and supporters have been "disappointed" that he has not toed the line they had expected. Some have been appalled at perceived public relations gaffes or seeming indifference to the contemporary cultural situation in the world. Others have been very pleased with what the pope has written, some of his decisions (such as the controversial lifting of the near-ban on the Latin or Tridentine Mass), and his lack of punitive measures against perceived threats to the Church's unity.

He is a professor, not a "progressive." At the same time, he is a realist, rather than a "reactionary." He is an introvert. His style is a combination of quiet joy and lack of concern for criticism—whether within or without the precincts of the Church. He has a flair for old-fashioned vestments (the "Santa Claus cap" and his centuries-old pallium), yet he is not uncomfortable in the modern world.

At World Youth Day in Cologne, in 2005, his first foreign trip (outside of Italy) this Holy Father spoke from his heart to some 600,000 young people on the topic that would be the subject of his first encyclical.

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# Shrine to host key theological moment of pope's U.S. tour

BY FATHER LAWRENCE B. PORTER  
Special to The Catholic Advocate

There will be several important moments during Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the United States. No doubt the event that will attract the most media attention from around the world will be Benedict XVI's address to a session of the United Nations' General Assembly. The next-most important news event will occur when Pope Benedict visits with President George W. Bush in the White House.

But, in addition to what will interest news media from around the world, other moments in the pope's visit will hold even greater importance for some of us here in the United States.

The seminarians whom I teach at Immaculate Conception Seminary in South Orange will, no doubt, regard the most moving event during Pope Benedict's trip to be his meeting with them and many other seminarians from around the United States—a meeting scheduled to take place just north of New York City at Dunwoodie, the seminary for the Archdiocese of New York.

Still others, namely baseball fans, will probably feel the most moving event of the entire papal visit will be when Benedict presides at a Mass at Yankee Stadium in The Bronx on April 20. What Yankee fan's heart will not be moved, what true baseball fan will not choke back a tear, as they behold that heady historical mixture of the successor to Saint Peter presiding in the place where the great Joe DiMaggio once fielded fly balls.

However, speaking as a theologian, the most significant event of this pope's visit to the United States will occur when the pope meets with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C.

Let me explain.

The high regard and special respect that Catholic Christians show toward the Bishop of Rome has its theological foundation in several New Testament passages that refer to Peter the apostle. There are no less than 189 references to Peter in the New Testament. Some of these references can be found in the Gospels where they suggest



Father Lawrence B. Porter, Ph.D.

Peter's role among the 12 first disciples whom Jesus called the core group, the signal group, that is, the group whose number, matching the 12 tribes of Israel, signaled Jesus' intention to create the "new Israel," which is the Church.

There are still other references to Peter that occur in the Acts of the Apostles, the earliest history of the Christian movement, or which occur in the epistles of the New Testament, where they witness to Peter's important role in the growth of the Church after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Catholics regard these passages as important not simply because they witness to historic events in the early life of the Church, but because they witness to a ministry that is essential to the Church of Christ.

Some people point out that, in the Gospels, peculiar prominence is given to Peter among the disciples of Jesus. For example, when at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, He recruits disciples, the call of Peter is featured first (Mk 1.16; Mt 4.18, Lk 5.10). Moreover, whenever the names of "the Twelve" are listed, Peter's name always appears at the top of the list (Mk 3.13-19, Mt 10.1-4, Lk 6.12-16).

Another notable highlighting of Peter in the Gospel narrative is the fact that Peter often is portrayed as taking the initiative in important dialogues with Jesus (Mk 11.21, Mt 18.21, Lk 12.41, Jn 13.6). At other times Peter is portrayed acting as spokesman for the Twelve (Mk 10.28, 8.27-29, Jn 6.66-68). Moreover, there are several times when Jesus singles out Peter from among the Twelve for particularly pointed reference, as in Lk 5.1-11, when Jesus makes Peter the prime example of an evangelist or "fisher of souls," or in John 21.15-17 where Jesus makes Peter the prime example of a shepherd of God's people.

Of course, the most famous example of the prominence given to Peter in the Gospel narratives, and the passage most often cited in Catholic theology as the foundation of the so-called "petrine" ministry, is Mt 16.18-19: "I say to you: you are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and what-

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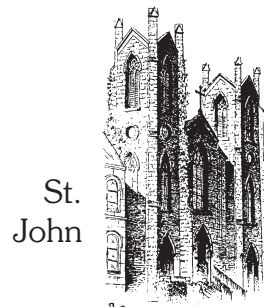
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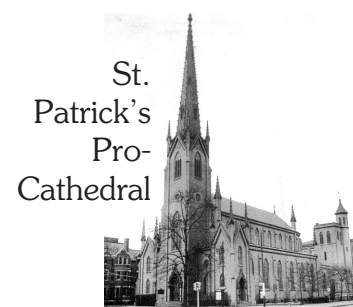
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# Travelers

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Emperor of the French. He did not really need the pope, as Napoleon crowned himself. In 1809, when Pius VII refused to cede the Papal States to the French Empire, the emperor brought the pope to Paris where he imprisoned him for five years. The prison itself was rather decent—the Palace of Fontainebleau.

The Italian Risorgimento brought about the end of the Papal States. On Sept. 20, 1870, the armies of King Victor Emmanuel II invaded Rome and Pope Pius IX declared himself the “Prisoner of the Vatican.” Pius IX missed his occasional train trips within the old Papal States. He had a private railway car divided into anteroom, throne room and sleeping quarters. The throne room had large windows on each side so the populace could see the enthroned pontiff as his train passed. When it stopped the windows provided a balcony from which the pope could bless assembled crowds. The car was unmistakable, painted in royal purple and decorated by Christofle of Paris with baroque winged angels, relief sculptures of the apostles and the papal crown and keys on the exterior.

No successor would leave the Vatican precincts until 1929, when the Lateran Accords with Italy created the Vatican City State. That year Pope Pius XI traveled to the nearby town of Castelgandolfo, home of the papal summer villa. In 1938, Pius XI osten-

tatiously left Rome for an unprecedented “May vacation” in Castelgandolfo. It was his quite deliberate snub to the state visit to Rome by Adolf Hitler.

Pope John XXIII was no stay-at-home, but did not venture far. In 1962, he left from the seldom-used Vatican rail station in the Italian government's presidential railway car on a 400-mile whistle stop journey to Loreto and Assisi to pray for the success of the Second Vatican Council. From the

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coach's window, he blessed huge crowds along the line. John XXIII indicated that he would have liked to travel more.

“I especially like to travel by plane,” he told reporters. “You can see so much of the world in a short time. I hope it will not be another 100 years before a Pope takes this journey. I don't think it will, because I hope to travel more myself.”

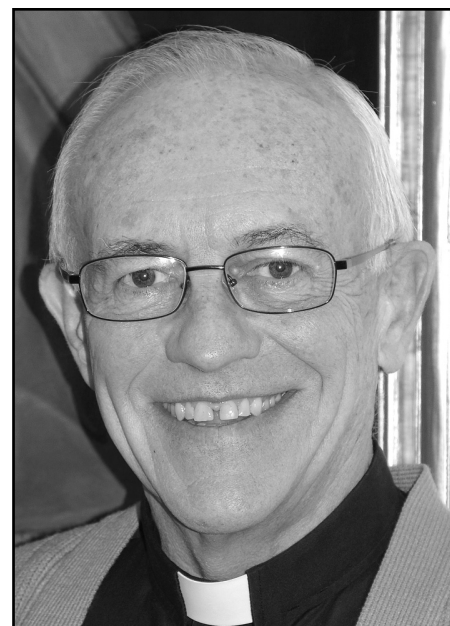
However, John's wish did not come to fruition. He died the next year, but his successors would achieve a degree of travel he could not have imagined. Pope Paul VI made eight overseas trips, visiting each of the Earth's continents. On Oct. 4, 1965, an Alitalia jet touched down in New York and, for the first time, a pope set foot in the continental United States.

President Lyndon Johnson flew to New York to greet him, and thousands filled Yankee Stadium to celebrate Mass with him. Many can remember his plaintive cry to the United Nations: *Jamais plus la guerre!* (“No more war!”), a plea that was sadly ignored.

Pope Paul arrived on Alitalia and left on TWA, for the Holy See does not have an Air Force One and must charter jets for papal travel. As Paul VI's jet took off, Archbishop Fulton Sheen, commenting on television, spoke in his inimitable style: “Tonight TWA stands for ‘Travel with angels.’”

Pope John Paul II was the most peripatetic pope in all history. Modern technology made it possible for this dynamic pontiff to visit 129 nations during his reign of more than a quarter century. John Paul II visited the United States five times; seven including two stopovers in Alaska. Pope John Paul's 1979 visit opened American eyes to a new vision of the papacy—a vibrant pope at home and comfortable with the young and ready to challenge them to live up to their Christian responsibilities.

In terms of papal visits, 1995 was a year never to be forgotten in the Archdiocese of



**Msgr. Robert Wister**

Newark. Pope John Paul II not only visited us, but also declared our cathedral to be a basilica. And no one who attended the Mass at Giants Stadium will ever forget the experience—rain and all.

Now, in 2008, we await the arrival in our neighborhood of the successor of Peter, the successor of Lucius I, Cornelius, Martin I, Clement II and Clement V, Gregory XI, Julius II, Pius VI, VII, IX, and XI, John XXIII, Paul VI, and John Paul II.

We welcome Benedict XVI!

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# April Visit

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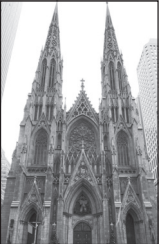
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Address to the United Nations. Ecumenical meeting.

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Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Meeting with youths and seminarians.



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Visit to ground zero. Mass at Yankee Stadium.

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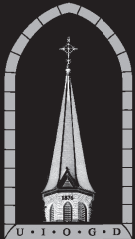
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## Three years

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The encyclical letter, *Deus caritas est* ("God is love"), promulgated on Christmas Day, 2005 illustrates his preoccupation with this central theme of Christianity. As a theologian and as the prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith for a quarter century, Joseph Ratzinger was a prolific writer known for his clarity and broad range. The first encyclical is a very personal document, and at the same time it is a universal teaching that only the pope, as supreme pastor, may presume to offer.

One of the most controversial moments of his pontificate occurred at the University of Regensburg, in his native Bavaria, where he had been a professor of theology more than 30 years previously. His Sept. 12, 2006 lecture was titled "Faith, Reason and the University: Memories and Reflections." Earlier in the talk, in describing the failure of dialogue in the past, he cited the 1391 conversation of the "erudite Byzantine Emperor Manuel II Paleologus and an educated Persian on the subject of Christianity and Islam, and the truth of both." The pope stated the emperor, after having expressed himself so forcefully, goes on to explain in detail the reasons why spreading the faith through violence is something unreasonable. Violence is incompatible with the nature of God and the nature of the soul. God, he said, is not pleased by blood and not acting reasonably is contrary to God's nature.

Faith is born of the soul, not the body. Whoever would lead someone to faith needs the ability to speak well and to reason properly without violence and threats.

Benedict emphasized that for contemporary Islam and the contemporary Church, reason must be employed in any dialogue that would hope to bear fruit and peace between the two religions. The firestorm of criticism from the Muslim world, and from many Christians in the West, has been well documented.

Then, on Nov. 30 of the same year, the Holy Father scored a diplomatic success on his trip to Turkey. He stood with senior Muslim clerics in the famous Blue Mosque in Istanbul and prayed in silence facing Mecca. John Paul II is the only other pope to have entered a mosque.

And this was on a pilgrimage whose primary purpose was to reach out to Orthodox Christians, in the person of the Patriarch of Constantinople, Bartholomew, with whom he held joint services and offered a joint blessing to their faithful on the holiest day in the Orthodox Church calendar.

Benedict XVI's second encyclical letter, one of the primary forms of papal teaching, was published on Nov. 30, 2007. Its title is *Spe Salvi* ("In hope we were saved"). The document delves deeply into scriptural sources that link the concepts of faith and hope, which lead to humankind's salvation in Jesus Christ.

These are just some of the significant moments and steps in Benedict's own three-year reign, which I describe as that of

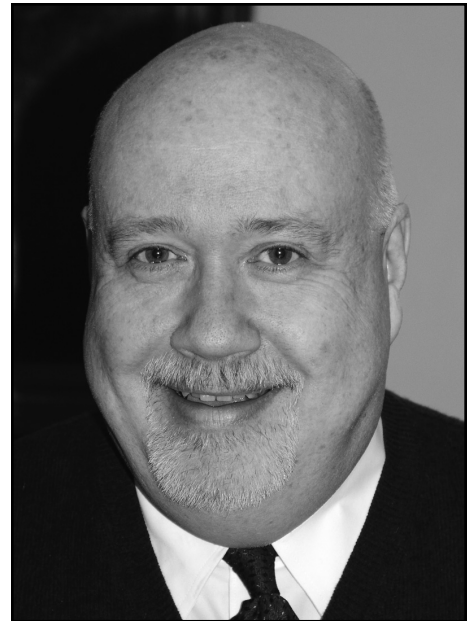
an "active caretaker." He has put his own stamp on the office.

On June 11, 2007 the pope issued a *motu proprio* (meaning "of his own accord," a document containing a pontiff's personal directive to amend a law or establish a new Church institution)—written in Latin—in which he restored the traditional rule concerning the majority required for the election of a new pope. According to this norm, in order for the election of the Supreme Pontiff to be valid it is always necessary to reach a majority of two-thirds of the cardinals present.

As described by the Vatican Press Office, with this document, Benedict overruled the guidelines established by John Paul II, who in the apostolic constitution *Universi Dominici Gregis*, laid down that the valid quorum for electing a new pope was initially two-thirds but that, in the event the cardinals had arrived at the 33rd or 34th ballot still in a stalemate, a simple majority of the electors could vote to change the total vote needed for election to a simple majority.

There had been fear that, under John Paul's constitution, some faction, or factions, could purposely stalemate the balloting in order to hold out for the election of one who could win a majority but not the more solid consensus of a two-thirds vote.

If his pontificate turns out to be relatively short, nearly 100 of the previous electors will still be eligible to take place in the next conclave, along with the more than 20 cardinal electors created by Benedict. In contrast, only two of 115



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electors in the previous conclave had not been elevated to the cardinalate by John Paul II—but had been put there by Paul VI, William Baum the American and Joseph Ratzinger the German.

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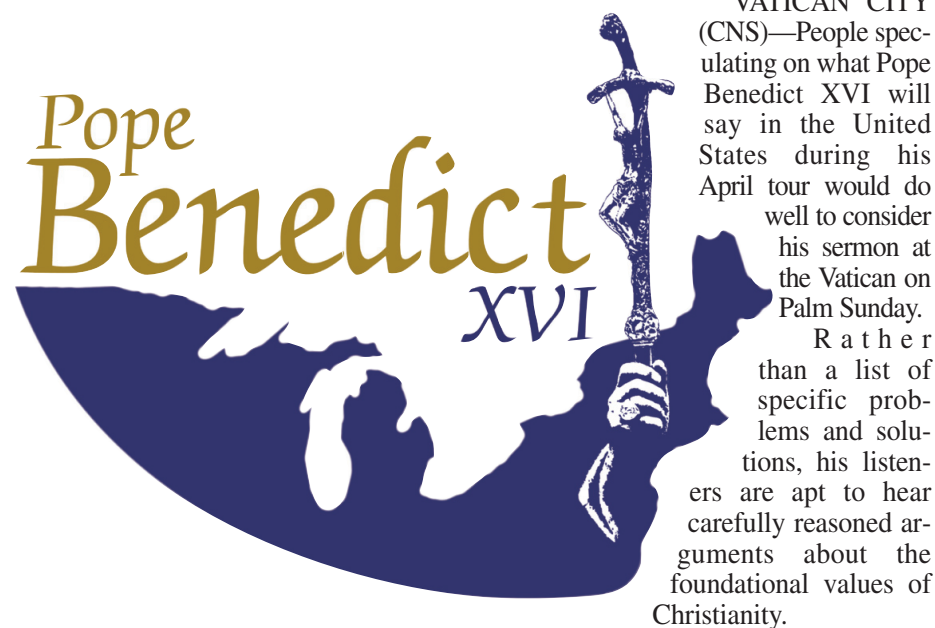
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Pope likely to probe ‘pure faith’



VATICAN CITY (CNS)—People speculating on what Pope Benedict XVI will say in the United States during his April tour would do well to consider his sermon at the Vatican on Palm Sunday. Rather than a list of specific problems and solutions, his listeners are apt to hear carefully reasoned arguments about the foundational values of Christianity.


Pope Benedict, in his Palm Sunday address, posed a blunt question: “Is our faith pure and open enough?” More questions quickly followed: Do today’s Christians recognize that greed is idolatry and is this awareness reflected in their lifestyles? Are Christians willing to let their own lives be radically shaped by Christ?

This call to self-examination in light of the Gospel is high on the pope’s pastoral agenda. It’s not about “Catholic identity” imposed from the outside and it’s not about following rules; rather, it’s about provoking people to reflect on what it means to follow Christ, he said.

A second point in his Palm Sunday sermon declared that Jesus must be correctly understood by Christians today. The appeal for Christians to meet the real Jesus is often at the center of Pope Benedict’s major homilies. “He does not come as a destroyer. He does not come with the sword of a revolutionary. He comes with the gift of healing,” the pope said. “He dedicates Himself to those who, because of their frailty, are pushed to extreme situations in their own lives and to the margins of society.”

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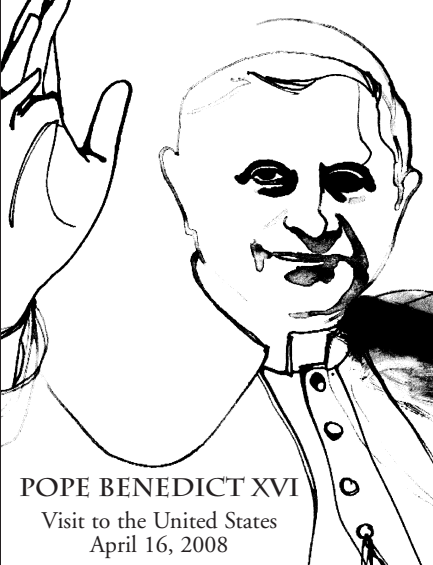


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The lights of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception gently shimmer against the backdrop of the Washington, D.C. gloaming. Pope Benedict XVI will meet with U.S. bishops at the shrine during his April visit to the United States. Speaking from a theologian's perspective, Father Porter anticipated that this would be the most significant event of the pope's brief tour of the nation's capital and New York. Last October, more than 3,000 pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Newark visited the shrine.

## Key moment

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ever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Indeed, the First Vatican Council (1869-1870) quoted both Lk 22 and Mt 16 as foundations for its teachings regarding papal primacy and papal infallibility.

As for references to Peter after the death and resurrection of Jesus, here, too, Peter has a pre-eminent status among the disciples of Christ. Paul asserts that Peter was the first to see the risen Christ (1 Cor 15.5). In Acts, after the account of the ascension of Jesus, Peter is portrayed as exercising the principal leadership role among the disciples in Jerusalem. It is Peter who suggests getting a replacement for Judas (Ac 1.15-26), Peter who preaches at Pentecost (Ac 2.14-41), Peter who speaks before the Sanhedrin in defense of himself and John (Ac 4.8-12), Peter who judges Ananias and Sapphira (Ac 5.1-11).

Moreover, Acts shows Peter as a prominent figure—not only in the Jerusalem community, but well known to many other Christian communities. In Acts 9.31-32 we are told "the Church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria . . . was built up . . . and Peter went here and there among them all."

Another even more impressive witness to the stature of Peter among the earliest Christian communities occurs in Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. I Cor 1.12 makes it clear that, while Peter, unlike Paul and Apollos, had never preached at Corinth,

nevertheless a group at Corinth who identified themselves precisely with Peter's historic witness to Christ. Even more to be learned by a comparison of Peter's relationship to Paul. After his conversion, Paul went up to Jerusalem specifically to meet with Peter and spent two weeks with him (Gal 1.18). Paul later compares himself to Peter, "I had been entrusted with the task of preaching the Gospel to the Gentiles just as Peter had been to the Jews" (Gal 2.7).

This biblical background will now allow us to appreciate the theological significance of Benedict XVI's meeting with the U.S. bishops.

The most significant moment in this pope's visit to the United States will not be the gathering of world diplomats at the United Nations. Neither will it be the welcome at the White House, nor will it be the moment when Yankee Stadium becomes a cathedral, which was a holy place for baseball fans long before popes visited it. Rather it will be his address to the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. This is because these bishops, archbishops, cardinals will have the humility not just to listen to the pope, but even more importantly these powerful pastors will reverently heed the words of Pope Benedict XVI and obey him.

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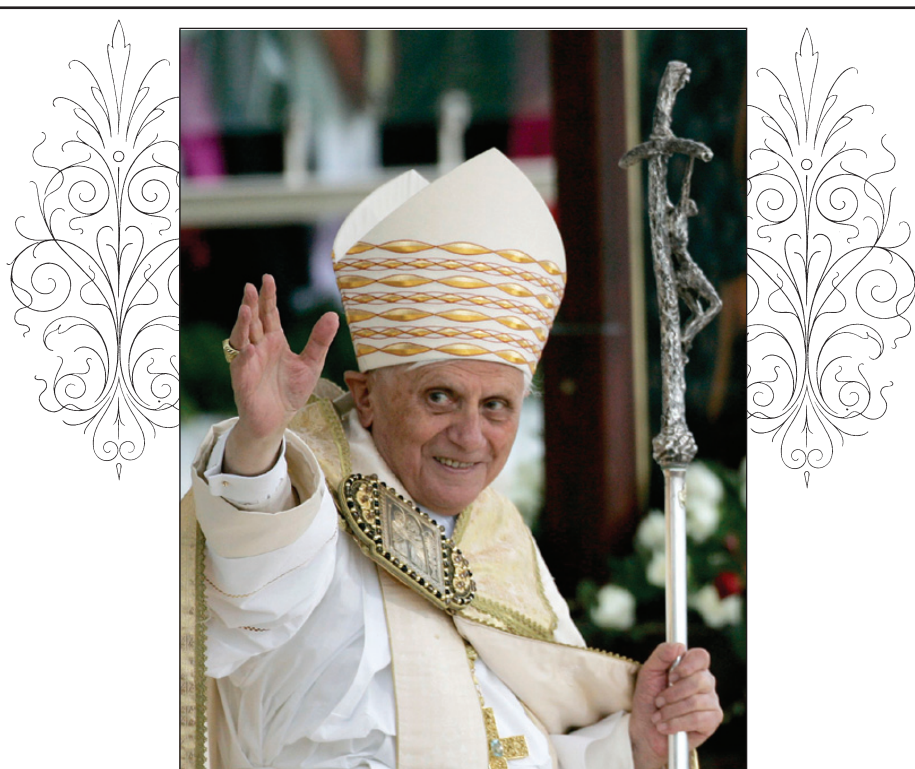


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**PAPAL GREETING—**

Archbishop John J. Myers (right) is pictured with Pope Benedict XVI at St. Peter's Square on Sept. 28, 2005. This photo originally ran on the front page of the Oct. 19, 2005 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*. Archbishop Myers, at the time, was in Rome as a member of the board of Catholic University of America. Three years ago the archbishop was appointed by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith as the ecclesiastical delegate for the pastoral provision for admitting married former Anglican clergy to the Catholic priesthood in the United States. Interviewed at the time of his appointment, Archbishop Myers explained that the purpose of the provision is to allow "a pastoral way for the Church to welcome those men who wish to enter fully into the Catholic faith and continue in ministry, but because of the tradition they had been following, they would not normally have been welcomed." Earlier this month Archbishop Myers once again met with the pope in Rome as part of the board of trustees for the Papal Foundation.

## 'Awesome' project inspires jovial Maryland deacon

POOLESVILLE, MD (CNS)—For Deacon Dave Cahoon, working at his Saint Joseph's Carpentry Shop on a quiet country road, this year's Holy Week was one like no other.

"How awesome is this? I'm working on the altar for the Eucharist for the papal Mass," he said, smiling. With a hammer and chisel, the carpenter worked on a long maple board for the base of the altar that Pope Benedict XVI will use for his April 17 Mass at Nationals Park in Washington.

"This is an awesome job to have," said Deacon Cahoon, who has worked as a carpenter for nearly three decades, fashioning many church and home furnishings over the years at his shop, which includes a sawmill. "I can take it from a tree to the finished product," he said proudly.

During Holy Week, the deacon picked up the metalwork for the altar, which was designed by two Catholic University of America graduate students—John-Paul Mikolajczyk and Ryan Mullen. They also designed the papal chair and the ambo that will be used at the Mass.

"It's gonna look awesome," said Deacon Cahoon, who has completed dozens of carpentry jobs for the Archdiocese of Washington, including building the mobile altar used for the Mass for Life that follows a youth rally each January at the Verizon Center sports arena in downtown Washington.

Working on the papal altar "is the highlight of my craft. It's all going to be downhill from here," the carpenter said. Nearby, the ambo for the papal Mass and the papal chair, also crafted in maple by Deacon Cahoon, were nearly complete. "I'm

going to have hundreds of hours (invested) in this thing. On a project like this, you really work on one piece at a time," he said.

Later, he smiled when contemplating the tight deadline for building the furniture for the papal Mass. "One day late won't make it," he said, laughing.

The year after Pope John Paul II visited Washington in 1979, Deacon Cahoon had been offered a job at the National Institutes of Health after doing graduate work in physics at Catholic University. To help pay for his education, he had been doing carpentry during his summers between classes.

"I realized I really enjoyed carpentry," he said of the profession he took up. Growing up in St. Mary's Parish in Rockville, MD, he had taken the confirmation name of Joseph, and when he opened a carpentry shop, he named it after St. Joseph, a carpenter who became the patron saint of carpenters.

"Here was a patron saint, working behind the scenes in my life," he said. "I had always liked woodworking, but I never thought of it as a career."

He confessed that he was distracted at this year's Mass for Life at the Verizon Center. The priest, at the time, was giving "an awesome homily," he said, "and I was looking at the ambo, thinking: 'I remember when that was in my shop.'"

But when Pope Benedict XVI celebrates Mass on April 17 for more than 45,000 people and uses the altar that Deacon Cahoon helped build, the carpenter said, "it'll be a blessing," one the craftsman and deacon will never forget.



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Deacon Dave Cahoon works on constructing an altar and chair in his St. Joseph's Carpentry Shop in Maryland. He was making the furniture that will be used at the April 17 Mass with Pope Benedict XVI at Nationals Park in Washington.



# Easter sunshine pours over Cathedral Basilica



Advocate photos — M. Gabriele

**JOYFUL SOUNDS, BRIGHT SMILES**—Archbishop John J. Myers delivered the homily at the Easter Sunday noon Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. “Easter celebrates a fact that forces us to go beyond our normal way of thinking,” Archbishop Myers said. “The notion of the Resurrection is difficult for us to grasp. Jesus was transformed to a new order of existence. Saint Paul tells us that we, too, will come to this new way of existence.” Parishioners, bedecked in their Sunday best, drew inspiration from the joyful sounds of the Cathedral Choir. One of the brightest smiles on that sunny day came from Newark resident Linda Nyomi, (inset), who enjoyed the Easter Mass with her daughter, Tiffany.

## Annual Chancery Golf Outing to tee off on May 12

**AREA**—The fourth annual Chancery Golf Outing, sponsored by the chancery offices of the Archdiocese of Newark, will hit the links Monday, May 12, at the Knoll Country Club, 990 Greenbank Rd. (West Knoll and Greenbank roads), Parsippany.

Steve Belloise, the executive director of the archdiocesan Property Management Administration, said the fund-raising event provides an opportunity for contractors, vendors and supporters of the Archdiocese of Newark, along with staff members of the chancery offices, to come together for a day of fun, relaxation and

faithful social interaction.

Chancery offices sponsoring the golf outing include Vice Chancellor for Administration, Deacon Joseph A. Dwyer Jr.; Property Management Administration; the Office of Development, led by Carla Gonzalez; Catholic Cemeteries, Andrew P. Schafer; Major Gifts and Planned Giving, William T. Evans; Group Technology Information, Robert J. Kennelly; and the Advocate Publishing Corp., Michael C. Gabriele.

The event will allow foursomes to choose between participating in a “scramble” format or

a standard round of golf. The outing will begin 10:30 a.m. with registration and a brunch buffet, followed by a “shotgun” tee off. Following action on the links, there will be a cocktail hour, dinner and an awards ceremony.

Reservations for the golf outing must be made by April 30. There are several registration options for the event, ranging from platinum, golden, silver and bronze “packages” for foursomes (\$5,000 to \$2,500) to registration for a single golfer (\$500). Contributions for the event also will be accepted.

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## Legacy Tea served 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 the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St., followed by a reception in the residence of Archbishop John J. Myers.

The event celebrates members of the archdiocesan Legacy Circle Planned Giving Society. Call the Planned Giving office at (973) 497-4048 for details.



# Geaney views business through lens of spirituality

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Dr. Martha M. Geaney will serve as the keynote speaker for the conference, which will be held at Felician's John J. Breslin Theatre. The event is open to the public and admission is free. Contact the college by e-mail



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(franciscancenter@felician.edu) or phone at (201) 355-1309 for more information on the forum, which is sponsored by Felician College and the Franciscan Center, in concert with the Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice Foundation and the Archdiocese of Newark.

Conference participants will learn about principles of Catholic

social teaching, with a focus on Pope John Paul II's encyclical *Centesimus Annus*. Geaney will share ideas to inspire audience participants to develop a culture of spirituality in the workplace.

Last month Geaney did a presentation in Research Triangle Park, NC, sponsored by Women in Technology International. According to information found on the group's Web site, Geaney, since 1985, has worked with a spectrum of organizations and corporate teams to design new business leadership models and change management programs in

the United States, Europe, and Asia. Her approach involves behavior-based performance diagnostic skills, current leadership research, along with individual and team-based self-discovery techniques through dialogue and reflection.

Following Geaney's keynote address, a panel of professionals

serving in area communities will share how own spirituality impacts their service and leadership philosophies. Panelists include the Honorable James Casella, mayor of East Rutherford; Richard Fritzky, former president of the Meadowlands Chamber of Commerce; Greg and Connie Mattison, producers/hosts of *Green By Design*, *The Newly Greens*; and Leo McGuire, Bergen County Sheriff.

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## Maryland man convicted in fetal homicide

BALTIMORE (CNS) — A Maryland Catholic Conference official said justice was served when a Maryland man was found guilty March 26 of murdering his unborn daughter in what was the first such conviction since the state enacted a fetal homicide law in 2005. It took the jury for the Baltimore County Circuit Court less than an hour to hand down two first-degree murder convictions for 25-year-old David Miller, who was accused of killing his pregnant girlfriend and their unborn child June 11, 2007. Maryland's fetal homicide law allows charges to be brought for murder or manslaughter of a viable fetus—one that could live outside of the womb. Medical experts testified the fetus Walters was carrying could have survived if it had been delivered within a few minutes after the shooting.

What is happening in "Tibet is very worrying because it is a country rich in traditions and close to great China," he said. He hoped "relations between these two great countries would be stitched back together" and that talks aimed at quelling violence and tensions, "brotherly coexistence and mutual trust" would resume. Peace cannot be built as long as there is distrust between people, he said. What started as peaceful marches in the Tibetan capital, Lhasa, turned into a violent uprising March 14. The protests for Tibetan autonomy widened as Chinese authorities increased their troop and police presence to suppress the demonstrations. China steadfastly has refused to dialogue with Tibet's exiled spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama.

## Turmoil in Tibet troubles cardinal

ROME (CNS) — Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the Vatican's secretary of state, said he hoped China and Tibet would patiently repair relations and begin talks aimed at peaceful coexistence.

## Vatican eyes move of pontiff's tomb

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—A Vatican spokesman said no decision had yet been made on whether to move the tomb of Pope John Paul II to a more prominent place on the main level of St. Peter's Basilica. The spokesman,



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Diners participating in the Earth Hour demonstration on March 29 eat by candlelight at a Manila, Philippines, restaurant. According to news sources, up to 30 million people in cities worldwide turned off electricity for 60 minutes to show concern for climate change. The World Wildlife Fund of Australia launched Earth Hour in 2007. This year, organizers called on governments, businesses, organizations and individuals worldwide to switch off lights and electrical appliances to save energy and produce fewer greenhouse gases. The demonstration is aimed at increasing public awareness about energy efficiency. In the Church's view, global warming is related to human greed and disregard for God's creation. In his Easter message, Cardinal Gaudencio Rosales of Manila urged Catholics around the world to join the campaign as he appealed to them to "make amends" for their "ecological sins."

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, said March 30 that "no decision on the matter will be made before beatification" of the late pope. He denied reports that a Vatican commission already had met to determine the tomb's new location. The pope's tomb, visited by millions of people every year, is located in a

papal burial area in the grotto underneath the basilica. According to a detailed report March 29 by the Italian news agency ANSA, the plan to move the pope's tomb has been studied and approved by a Vatican commission led by Cardinal Angelo Comastri, archpriest of St. Peter's Basilica.

ANSA said the plan foresaw two options: a stone monument without display of the body, or a glass casket through which the pope's body could be viewed. According to the newspaper, the new tomb site would be in the Chapel of Saint Sebastian, located on the right aisle of the basilica.

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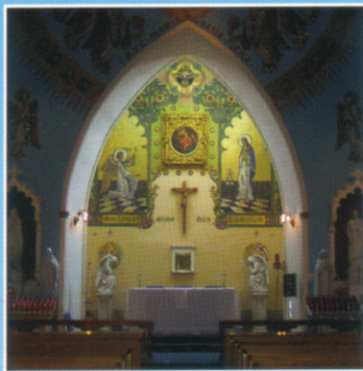
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# Msgr. Edward Hajduk to address audience at Holy Name dinner

AREA—Monsignor Edward Hajduk, active in the Archdiocese of Newark for over half a century, will be the keynote speaker on Tuesday, April 29 at the 61st annual spiritual directors’ dinner for the Bergen County Federation of Holy Name Societies Inc.

The dinner will be held at the Royal Manor, formally The Cotillion, 454 Midland Ave., Garfield. Dinner tickets, priced at \$35, have been distributed to Holy Name Societies throughout Bergen County. Call Alfred DiGrazia, Jr. at (973) 478-0166 or Sal Scialdone at (201) 794-3485 to reserve tickets.

Marking his 50th anniversary as a priest five years ago, Msgr. Hajduk retired in July 2004 as pastor of Saint Henry Parish. Born in Bayonne, Msgr. Hajduk attended Seton Hall Prep, Seton Hall University, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Catholic University and Iona College. Ordained in 1953, his first assignment was Sacred Heart Parish in Lyndhurst. Sixteen years later then-Father Hajduk was named Youth Director for the Archdiocese of Newark, a post he held until 1978 when he was named a chaplain to Pope John Paul II with the title of monsignor.

Msgr. Hajduk’s next assignment was as administrator of Saint James Parish in Newark. A year later he became rector of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. His service

to the Church of Newark continued as parochial vicar at Saint Mary Parish, Dumont. Msgr. Hajduk became pastor of Saint Hedwig Parish, Elizabeth, in 1984 and eight years later became pastor of Saint Henry.

During his 16 years as parochial vicar at Sacred Heart Parish, Msgr. Hajduk served on the Juvenile Conference Committee and the Mental Health Board. He also started a Pre-Canas program and Canas family groups. While serving as archdiocesan youth director, Msgr. Hajduk became a member of the National Advisory Board of the National Conference of Bishops, serving on the National Board of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

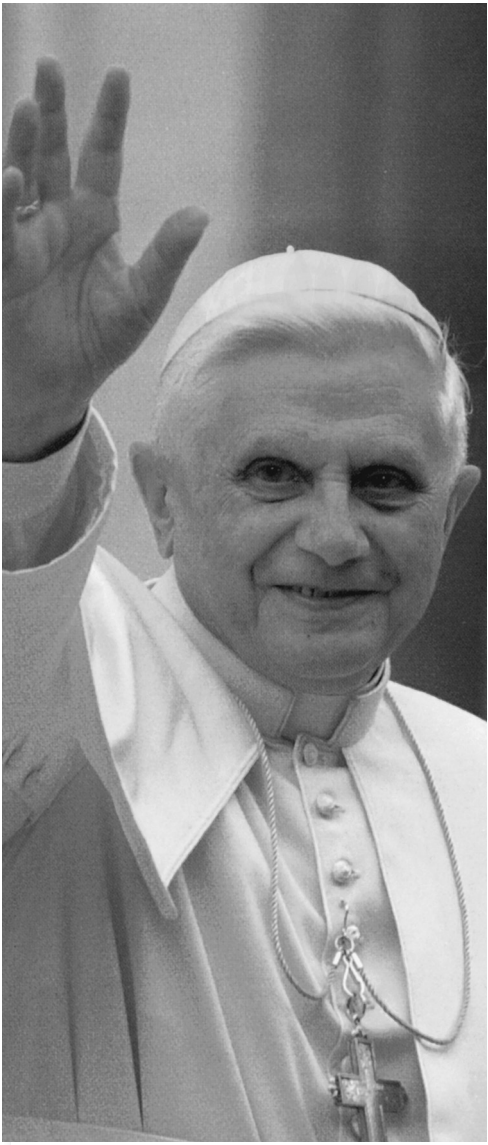
As pastor of Saint Hedwig he chaired a study of parishes in Elizabeth. During his tenure at Saint Henry Msgr. Hajduk served on the Mental Health Board and the Interfaith Council’s Faith Advisory Board. Before retirement, he helped with the citywide observance of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

In addition to these assignments, he has worked as a teacher at Immaculate Conception High School and Felician College—both located in Lodi. Msgr. Hajduk has been dean in each of the four vicariates of the archdiocese and was elected twice to the priest senate. He has also served as the priest member of the Archdiocesan Pastor Council.



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**MARCHING FOR LIFE**—During the early morning hours on Good Friday, the annual Stations of the Cross March, organized by the Legion of Mary of Bergen County and the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, based at Most Blessed Sacrament Friary, Newark, ended in front of the Englewood Center for Women, an abortion clinic. The march, which in recent years has become a Good Friday tradition, winds its way through the streets of downtown Englewood. Pilgrims taking part in the demonstration carry placards, sing songs, recite prayers and connect pro-life themes to the Stations of the Cross.



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# The light of the world and the salt of the earth

The times are truly depressing. That means literally, as in the financial depression reflected in the economy; or psychologically, if we just survey the world around us.

The United States today reminds me of Rome in the 400's. The people were soft. They had become accustomed to living off of the provinces. The wealth of the Mediterranean poured in. The Romans produced nothing. Life was easy. Bread and circuses kept the mobs happy. Even the vaunted Roman legions were manned by hired mercenaries.

Licentiousness prevailed in the culture. The reproductive appetite was easily satisfied. Marriage had deteriorated. Yes, Rome was nominally Christian, but for the most part the populace was Christian in name only.

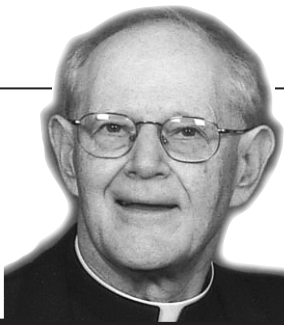
Then the day of reckoning arrived. The barbarians, lean and mean, showed up at the gates. The pope did his best to stave off disaster. But it was over. In 410 and again in 455 the Vandals sacked, raped and looted Rome. The proud city was abandoned and left in ruins.

America has lived cheaply by the labors of the Third World. Progressively, our people have become accustomed to living well. Even for the poorest there is welfare, Medicaid and television. Every station on television or cable reflects the hedonistic lifestyle of many younger citizens. Sexual activity is now recreational and the "Playboy" mentality rules. The bumper sticker that states: "The guy who dies with the most toys wins" says it all.

However, reality suddenly is beginning to set in. People are gradually learning that greed is not good. People who never had the money to buy homes sign for mortgages they cannot pay. So we have a huge sub-prime mortgage crisis. Executives of huge corporations can

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By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist



drive their corporations into bankruptcy and then walk away with hundreds of millions of dollars in severance packages. There are those who want to take advantage of the bad luck of others. They circle around like vultures waiting to pick the bones of failed businesses.

Studies recently released tell us that one out of every four young women in America has a venereal disease. Successful marriages are rare. Children are a choice. Many couples decide to wait or to have a dog or a cat instead of a child. Government officials are caught in scandals—financial or romantic.

Yet, I am optimistic, even bullish on America. Why? The answer lies in the few truly holy, faithful people who—without notice or fanfare—live their lives loving God and neighbor. They stand in the breach between America and disaster.

Now that I am retired I have the chance to see what I could not see before. I often travel from parish to parish filling in for priests, offering Mass where and when I am needed. I find these faithful, devoted people in every church I visit. Each morning they gather at the eucharis-

tic table. There may be as few as five; as many as 30. But they are there—prayerful people protecting our nation from the wrath of God by their holiness.

Here is a statement from the Vatican Council II:

"The Messianic people, though it does not embrace all mankind and often seems to be a tiny flock, is yet the enduring source of unity, hope, and salvation for the whole human race. It is established by Christ as a communion of life, love and of truth; it is also used by Him as an instrument for the redemption of all, and is sent out into the whole world as the light of the world and the salt of the earth" (*Lumen Gentium* No. 9).

That statement, dear friends, is speaking about you—the few, the salt of the earth, who love the Lord. Your prayers are holding back the mighty wrathful hand of God from a nation that has lost its way.

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

## April 18 rally to honor 50 million unborn lives

Fifty million.

It is a mind-boggling number that takes on horrific proportions when it is realized that by April 28 an estimated 50 million abortions will have taken place in the United States since the procedure was legalized by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1973.

That gruesome statistic can be found on the Web site of the Salesians of Don Bosco ([www.salesianym.com](http://www.salesianym.com)) who will host the fifth annual New Jersey Pro-Life Youth Rally on Friday, April 18 on the South Orange campus of Seton Hall University.

A global perspective on this staggering 50 million figure is provided by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). According to the USCCB, the United States holds the shameful distinction of having the highest abortion rate among the world's developed countries. That nightmare translates into 1.31 million abortions each year. In addition, some 48 percent of women seeking an abortion have had at least one previous abortion.

Always well attended, the spiritually uplifting and equally informative April 18 event at Seton Hall will feature Mass, a musical performance by students from Queen of Peace High School in North Arlington and a presentation by internationally known pro-life speaker Gianna Jessen.

The success of the Salesians' youth-oriented pro-life program is not surprising. Year after year—at the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. each January to protest the infamous Roe v. Wade decision that made abortion the law of the land—the prolific and passionate presence of young people is palpable.

While involvement of the faithful from all ages is important, participation by young people is vital and encouraging. They are the future of the effort to stop the killing and, with God's help, it will be stopped.

(Editor's note: 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 for details on the April 18 rally. Registration and check-in will begin at 8:15 a.m. at SHU's Regan Recreation Center. The program is scheduled to start at 9 a.m.)

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## Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

### PASTOR

**Reverend Monsignor John A. Antao**, pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Elizabeth, has been granted an extension on his pastorate for one year ending June 30, 2009.

**Reverend David W. Milliken**, pastor of Ascension Parish, New Milford, has been appointed to a second six-year term ending Feb. 1, 2013.

**Reverend Michael J. Sheehan**, pastor of Annunciation Parish, Paramus, has been granted an extension on his pastorate for one year ending Feb. 1, 2009.

### DEAN

**Reverend Steven Conner**, pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Fort Lee, has also been appointed Dean of the Bergen Southeast Deanery, Deanery 6, effective March 27 and ending July 1, 2013.

**Reverend Carlo Fortunio**, pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish, West New York, has also been appointed Dean of the Hudson North Deanery, Deanery 8, effective March 12 and ending March 12, 2013.



**Reverend Thomas P. Lipnicki**, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Oakland, has also been appointed Dean of the Bergen Northwest Deanery, Deanery 1, effective March 27 and ending Sept. 1, 2010.

**Reverend David W. Milliken**, pastor of Ascension Parish, New Milford, has also been appointed Dean of the Bergen Central Deanery, Deanery 3, effective March 27 and ending Feb. 1, 2013.

### CHAPLAIN

**Reverend Daniel A. Danik** has been appointed Chaplain of the Governor's Board, Serra International, District 22, Archdiocese of Newark.

### RETIREMENT

\*all effective July 1

**Reverend Monsignor Vincent J. Doyle**, pastor of Holy Spirit Parish, Union, has been granted retirement.

**Reverend Stephen S. Feehan**, pastor of Little Flower Parish, Berkeley Heights, has been granted retirement.

**Reverend Dominic G. Fuccile**, chaplain at St. Michael Villa, Englewood Cliffs, has been granted retirement.

**Reverend Alan F. Guglielmo**, chaplain at Columbus Hospital, Newark, has been granted retirement.

**Reverend John F. Morley**, faculty member at Seton Hall University, South Orange, has been granted retirement.

**Reverend Monsignor Philip D. Morris**, pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale, has been granted retirement.

**Reverend Donald B. Ransom**, parochial vicar at St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Saddle Brook, has been granted retirement.





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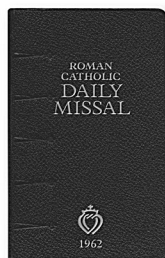
**CHRISM MASS**—The archdiocesan faithful, deacons, priests and seminarians filled the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on March 17 for the annual chrism Mass.

Archbishop John J. Myers consecrated the chrism and blessed oils used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, ordination and the Anointing of the Sick. In his homily, Archbishop Myers spoke of God's abundance and said that the holy oils are a reminder of the Lord's bounty and love. In Rome, Pope Benedict XVI celebrated chrism Mass March 20 at St. Peter's Basilica, where he led more than 1,500 priests and bishops in a renewal of their ordination promises. A priest must be honest, righteous and courageous in the face of evil, the pope said. He added that a priest also must be a servant and all he does must be carried out with a humble attitude.

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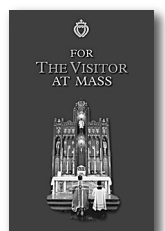
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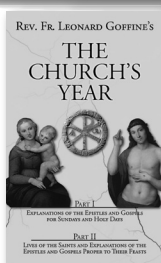


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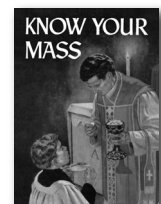
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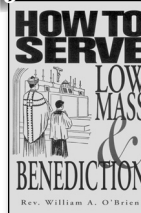
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# SFIC dinner to honor Ronald Mount


NEWARK—The archdiocesan Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) will honor longtime board member Ronald J. Mount with the *Vitae Discimus* Award (“We Teach by Our Lives”) at its 24th annual dinner, Thursday, May 1, 6 p.m. at

## Saint Peter’s Prep plans ‘Grand Gala’

JERSEY CITY—Saint Peter’s Preparatory School will host the inaugural “144 Grand Gala,” an evening of live and silent auctions, cocktails, dinner, and dancing on Saturday, April 26, 6 p.m. at the Teaneck Marriott at Glenpointe, 100 Frank W. Burr Blvd., Teaneck. The dinner will benefit the school’s financial assistance program. For more information, contact Ginny Needham-Doyle, director of special events, at (201) 547-6420 or events@spprep.org, or visit the Web site www.spprep.org/144grandgala. Proceeds will support the school’s 130-year commitment to enabling young men of diverse backgrounds to receive a college preparatory education in the Jesuit tradition (Web site: www.stpetersprep.org).

Mayfair Farms, 481 Eagle Rock Ave., West Orange. Mount joined the SFIC board of trustees nearly 20 years ago and served as board president four years. Essex County Executive Joseph DiVincenzo, a friend of Mount, will serve as chairman of the dinner, which carries the theme “Opening the Doors to Excellence in Education.” Archbishop John J. Myers and Newark Mayor Cory A. Booker top the list of guest speakers for the event. Students from St. Joseph Elementary School, East Orange, will greet guests. Contact Hope Larson, SFIC development associate, by phone at (973)-497-4280 or via e-mail

larsonho@rcan.org for details on the event. All journal ads for the dinner must be submitted to the SFIC by April 11. The SFIC (Web site www.sfic-nj.org), over the past 25 years, has distributed almost \$30 million in scholarships to low-income families in the Archdiocese of Newark. Lorraine Cunningham is the executive director of SFIC. Funding for scholarships comes solely from individuals, foundations and corporations. Many scholarships are the result of private individuals who create donor-designated programs through their contributions, endowments, charitable trusts and bequests to SFIC.



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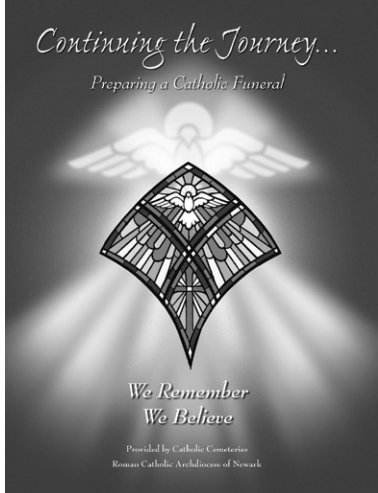
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**Lumen Center,** Caldwell, “In the Orchard of Hope: Poetry from Seed to Blossom,” 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., cost: \$35, RSVP at (973) 403-3331 ext. 25.

**St. Vincent de Paul School,** Bayonne, farewell party at The Chandelier, 7 p.m., cost: \$35 for adults/ \$11.95 for children, (201) 823-4804.

**The Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Teresa,** Jersey City, spring luncheon at Casino in the Park, noon, cost: \$45, RSVP by April 5, call Maureen Connors at (201) 433-6835.

**April 13**  
**Knights of Columbus Council 137,** Jersey City, blood drive at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., call Lisa Brosnan at (201) 251-3703.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish,** Montclair, “Senior Symposium,” 2-4 p.m., (973) 981-8831.

**St. Joseph Parish,** Jersey City, Rosary Altar Society spring luncheon, “Springtime on the River- Lunch with Henry Hudson,” 1-4 p.m., cost: \$40, (201) 653-0392.

**Holy Spirit and Our Lady of Christians Parish,** East Orange, 125th Anniversary Dinner at the Grand Chalet in Wayne, 4-8 p.m., cost: \$50 for adults/ \$35 for children, call Jennifer Williams at (973) 672-1911.

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

**April 14**  
**Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center,** Kearny, “Educating Youth about Faith and Media,” also on April 15, 7-9 p.m., cost: \$15 for two nights/\$10 for one night, call Sister Loretta DeDomenicis at (201) 998-0088 ext. 4147, Web site: www.newarkoym.org.

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**St. Elizabeth Parish,** Wyckoff, “True Love” talk for teens and young adults, 7:30 p.m., (201) 891-1122 ext. 222.

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**Don Bosco Preparatory High School,** Ramsey, “Raising Chaste Teens,” 8 p.m., (201) 327-8003.

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**St. Agnes Parish,** Clark, Women’s Cornerstone retreat, 5:45 p.m., through April 19, call JoAnn Brink at (732) 499-0480.

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**Roselle Catholic High School,** open house 9-11 a.m., (908) 245-2350.

**St. Patrick Parish,** Jersey City, Dorothy Day Peacemaker Award Mass and Reception, 4 p.m. (Mass), reception to follow, RSVP to Kathy O’Leary at (908) 273-0751.

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**Our Lady of Peace Parish,** New Providence, Youth Chorus concert, 3 p.m., (908) 464-7600.

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**Felician College,** Lodi, “Organizational Life through the Lens of Spirituality,” 7-9 p.m., (201) 355-1309.

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# Proud memories mark 'sterling' silver anniversary

## Community service remains essential for Bishop Arias

BY MELISSA MCNALLY  
Staff Writer

On the eve of the 25th anniversary of his episcopal ordination, Bishop David Arias, O.A.R., is thankful for his many pioneering accomplishments. As the first Hispanic auxiliary bishop in New Jersey, his impact as a pastor, author and teacher in the Archdiocese of Newark is well documented and undeniable.

However, as he reflects on the blessings of his silver anniversary, Bishop Arias said that while he is grateful for his achievements and the accolades he has received over the years, he is most proud of his work with the people in his community.

"The life of a priest is to serve the people," he declared. "It might be laboring at times, but it is rewarding when you see people come out of problems and see them improve their lives. There is an inner satisfaction of the work."

Bishop Arias was born July 22, 1929, in Mataluenga, León, Spain. As one of seven children, he has two brothers and one sister in religious life. At the age of 12, Bishop Arias began his studies that led him to the priesthood.

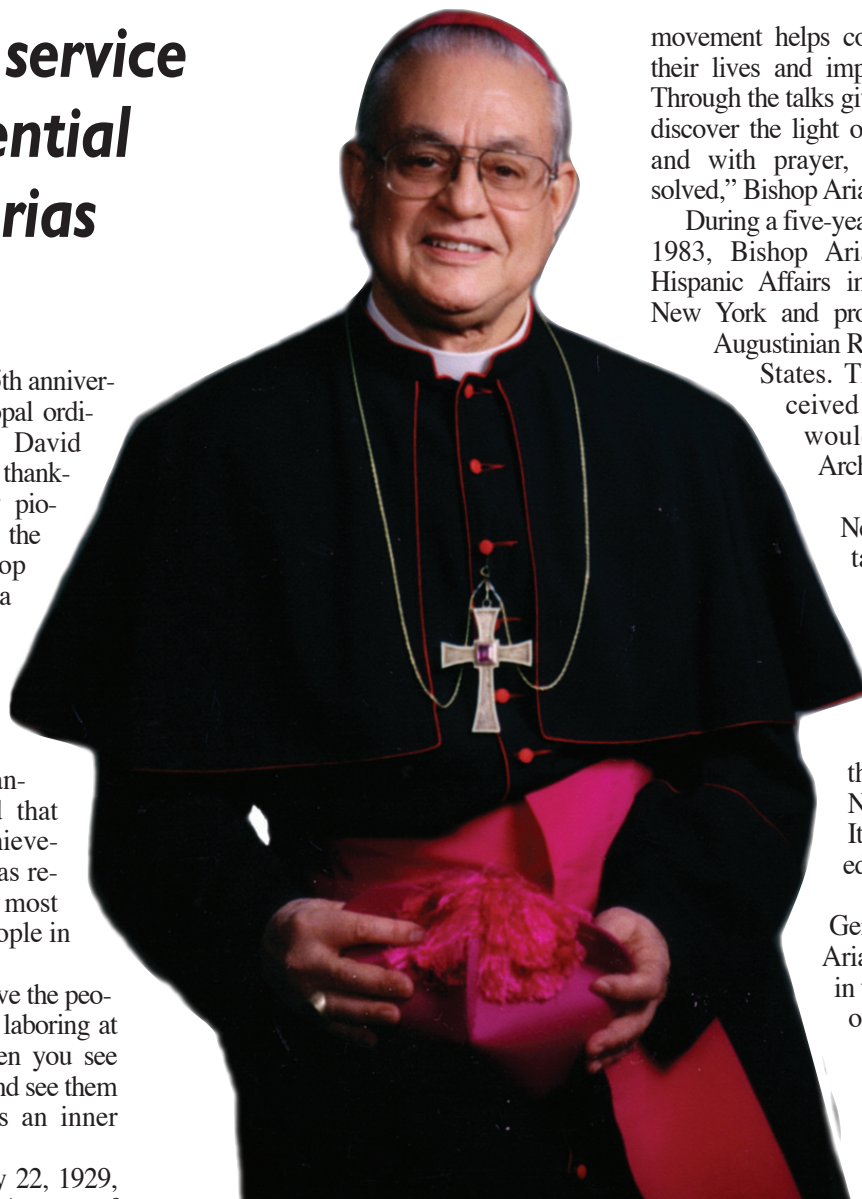
"When I was younger, a priest from the Augustinian Recollects went to Brazil and showed all the schoolchildren slides of his trip to the Amazon. The pictures looked so beautiful and the children were so enchanted by what he showed us. He asked who in the class was thinking of becoming a priest and I said that I was."

Bishop Arias attended high school and college at Saint Rita College in San Sebastián, Spain, and then joined the Order of Augustinian Recollects. From 1948 to 1952 he studied theology at Good Counsel Theologate in Monachil, Granada. He was ordained a priest in Barcelona at the XXXV International Eucharistic Congress of 1952—a landmark event believed to be the single-largest ordination of priests in the Catholic Church.

"There were 830 priests ordained in Olympic Stadium. There were 28 altars set up with 25-30 candidates in each altar," Bishop Arias recalled.

After his ordination he served as a priest and a professor, teaching cosmological and natural sciences at Saint Rita College in Spain. Later, after studies in Rome, he became prefect of Saint Augustine Seminary in Kansas City, and teacher of Church history, psychology and spiritual theology.

His parish assignments during his early years in the priesthood included Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Mexico City, where he served as founding pastor; Our Lady of



Guadalupe Parish in Fabens, TX; Saint Mary's Parish, Marfa, TX; and again at Our Lady of Lourdes, Mexico City.

In 1967, Bishop Arias arrived in the Archdiocese of New York where he served as director of Saint Joseph's Center and spiritual director of the Cursillo Movement (Web site: [www.natl-cursillo.org](http://www.natl-cursillo.org)). Founded in Spain in 1949, the movement focuses on fundamentals of the Catholic faith.

"The Cursillo Movement pursued the conversion of a person and includes a three-day retreat where talks are given by lay people and by priests. Those on the retreat reflect on their lives and their faith. By the end of the retreat, there is a renewal. For everyone present, their lives are changed," Bishop Arias said.

While at the Archdiocese of New York, he was a pioneer of the "Worldwide Marriage Encounter" outreach program. "When I came to (the Archdiocese of New York), there was no Marriage Encounter," Bishop Arias recalled. "I invited a couple from Mexico City to the Saint Joseph's Center and they gave the first retreat there and then we had another bilingual retreat in 1968 with the founder of Marriage Encounter, Father Gabriel Calvo. Marriage Encounter then took root in the tri-state area."

Father Calvo launched the Marriage Encounter outreach in Barcelona, Spain, in 1952. "The program helps couples reflect on their personal and married lives. Marriage Encounter provides the opportunity that seldom presents itself for couples. There is time for separate reflection. The

movement helps couples dialogue about their lives and improves their marriage. Through the talks given by priests, they rediscover the light of faith in married life and with prayer, many problems are solved," Bishop Arias explained.

During a five-year period, from 1978 to 1983, Bishop Arias was director for Hispanic Affairs in the Archdiocese of New York and provincial vicar for the Augustinian Recollects in the United States. Then, in 1983, he received a fateful call that would lead him to the Archdiocese of Newark.

"I was in my office in New York and my secretary received a call from the Apostolic Nuncio in Washington D.C. who said Pope John Paul II had appointed me an auxiliary bishop to the Archdiocese of Newark. I was in shock. It was totally unexpected," he confessed.

Archbishop Peter L. Gerety ordained Bishop Arias as auxiliary bishop in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on April 7, 1983 (see related story in this section). With 53 bishops in attendance and the Newark Cathedral filled with faithful, the ordination had cultural importance. Bishop Arias, at the time, was only the 15th Hispanic bishop consecrated in the United States since 1974, and the first ever in the Garden State.

"I knew superficially the activities of a bishop—that there would be a more intense pastoral life," he said. "The concerns are larger than the ordinary role as priest and everything would be on a much larger scope."

*"The Hispanic community should bring their values to America and integrate without forgetting who they are."*

—Bishop David Arias

The bishop's previous experience in working with the Hispanic community in New York would be of primary importance here in the Archdiocese of Newark. "There were newly immigrated people coming from abroad that need assistance and we had to provide services according to the needs of the people," he said.

Soon after his episcopal ordination, Bishop Arias became the archdiocesan vicar for Hispanic Affairs, created the Board of Hispanic Ministry and the

Hispanic Pastoral Commission, and began work on a new plan and study about the Hispanic population in the area. The Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan for Hispanic Ministry, called *Presencia Nueva* (New Presence), was organized in 1989 and the Newark archdiocese became the first in the nation to implement such a plan.

"Archbishop Gerety told me that I know my people more than he does. I was to tell him what was needed to serve the Hispanic community as members of the Church, no matter the cost. I felt we should begin by knowing the reality of the community—how many there are, where they are located and what are their social problems."

"The (Board of Hispanic Ministry and the Hispanic Pastoral Commission) did a sociological and anthropological study on the Hispanic people in the Archdiocese of Newark," he continued. "We designed a pastoral plan and the study took three years with help from Seton Hall University (South Orange) and experts."

The goal of the study and pastoral plan was to embrace the large Hispanic population and integrate them into archdiocesan activities. "We wanted the Hispanic community to feel like they were a part of this archdiocese. We wanted them to integrate but also bring their values and not abandon their identity. This has been my life for the past 25 years," Bishop Arias stated.

Along with providing programs and movements to help the Hispanic community grow and participate in their spiritual life, the pastoral plan outlined six areas of focus: formation of lay leaders; evangelization; spiritual life; marriage and family; youth ministry; and social services.

"The Parish Visitor program was established for people to go out and invite people in their communities who have been away from the Church to Mass," he said. "Some Hispanics are afraid to join the American Catholic Church and view it as an American institution. Another denomination might invite them, in Spanish, to their church and they go. We also developed ministries and youth programs to bring Hispanics back to the Church."

When *Presencia Nueva* was implemented, the response was positive in the archdiocese. "We shared the facts of the study in parishes and diocesan meetings and people expressed what they needed and what can be done in their area. Meetings were planned on county and diocesan levels. *Presencia Nueva*, in one way or the other, has been implemented in every parish in the archdiocese."

Seventeen years ago Bishop Arias was appointed Regional Bishop of Hudson County and in 1993 he was appointed pastor of Saint Joseph of the Palisades Parish in West New York.

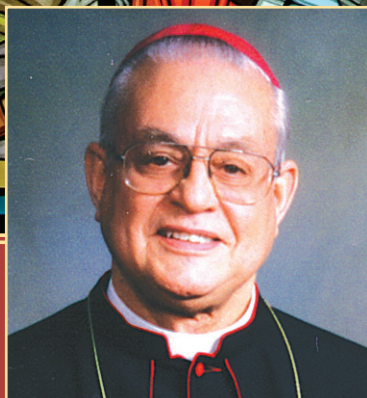
"As a regional bishop, with the help of other deans and bishops, I had to try to serve parishes, schools, hospitals and other Catholic institutions in the area," he said. "When Archbishop Gerety asked me to be pastor of Saint Joseph of the Palisades, I was surprised. It is a big challenge because there are three sites: a grade school; a high school and parish—with 75 employees."

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## Another look at bishop's tome on 'Lives and Faces'

*(Editor's note: Former staff writer Brian Fores, in the July 13, 2006 edition of The Catholic Advocate, wrote a book review on Spanish-Americans: Lives and Faces, written by Bishop David Arias. As part of our celebration of Bishop Arias' silver anniversary, we are presenting an updated version of Fores' book review. The 268-page book, published by Trafford Publishing, BC, Canada, can be ordered online from the Web site: [www.trafford.com](http://www.trafford.com).)*

The book *Spanish-Americans: Lives and Faces* by Bishop David Arias, O.A.R., offers 100 biographies of prominent Hispanics who have made significant contributions to shaping the history and culture of the United States. Represented in the book are prominent Hispanic explorers, scholars, missionaries, soldiers, politicians, writers, musicians, actors and artists. In addition, there is an appendix that includes the profiles of an additional 100 influential persons of Hispanic heritage.



Bishop Arias worked on the book for four years and said he was inspired by his personal readings on the lives of noteworthy Hispanics in the United States. He explained that people profiled in his book have made significant contributions to religion, culture and business; however, they "are not well known by the American public in general." He said he hoped his book would provide enlightening history for all Americans and would serve as a useful reference tool for schools, colleges and universities.

Important Catholic missionaries are featured in the book, such as Father Junipero Serra, known as the "Evangelizer of California." Bishop Arias writes that Father Serra was born on Christmas Eve,

1713, in Mallorca, Spain, and entered the Franciscan Order on Sept. 15, 1731. Two years later he was ordained a priest.

In his day Father Serra established numerous missions along the Pacific coastline of California and baptized more than 6,000 people. During the 1770s and 1780s it's estimated he walked thousands of miles throughout California and Mexico.

The missions established by Father Serra grew to 21, from San Diego to Sonoma, all linked by "El Camino Real," the "Royal Road," also known as King's Highway—a 600-mile mission trail that connects northern and southern California.

"Around the missions, great cities began to develop, such as San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco," Bishop Arias writes. Father Serra died at the age of 70 on Aug. 28, 1784, at San Carlos Mission where he is buried.

The book offers a biography of early Spanish explorers, including Cabeza de Vaca, who provides some of the oldest writings about Native Americas; Pedro Menendez de Aviles, the founder of the city San Augustine, FL, in 1565, one of the oldest settlements in North America; and Hernando de Soto, "who traversed Georgia, South Carolina, Texas, Arkansas, and many other territories, and crossed the Mississippi" during the 16th century.

Nobel laureate Severo Ochoa, a Spaniard who later became an American citizen in 1956, is featured by Bishop Arias. "He was a molecular scientist who specialized in enzymes, metabolism of carbohydrates and ribonucleic acids," the bishop writes, noting that Ochoa received the Nobel Prize in 1959.

Other noteworthy Hispanic figures covered in the book include Cesar E. Chavez, who gained attention in 1968 as leader of a nationwide boycott of California table grapes in a drive to achieve fair labor contracts for immigrant workers; Gabriella Mistral, a Chilean-born poet who was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1945; and Maria Grever, a Mexican-born composer, whose songs have become part of the American song book.

Bishop Arias also profiles actors and entertainers such as Anthony Quinn, the famed Mexican-born actor, Cesar Romero, Raúl Julia, Rita Hayworth and Desi Arnaz. In addition, the book explores the lives of Roberto Clemente, the beloved outfield of the Pittsburgh Pirates; the famous surrealist painter Salvador Dali; and Prudencio Unanue, the founder of Goya, among the largest Hispanic companies in the United States.



# Former administrator reminisces on the perseverance of his leader

BY FATHER RICHARD J. CARRINGTON  
Special to The Catholic Advocate

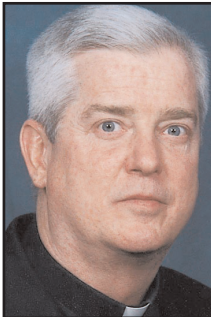
Like every baby boomer who attended a parochial school staffed by the Sisters of Charity, a reading staple during my days as a student was a small book entitled “Seton Poems.” I admit that I paid little attention to that book until, as a punishment assignment in the sixth grade, I had to memorize a poem entitled “Columbus.”

One of the lines went like this: “...and the good mate said, lo now the very stars are gone, and Columbus said sail on and on and on!”

The poem was a testimony to Columbus’ perseverance to succeed and belied an undisputable trust in divine providence to accomplish his mission. While his king wished for gold and silver from the Indies, his queen wished to bring the message of the Gospel to the indigenous peoples.

I remembered that poem and Queen Isabella’s commission to Columbus when, at the seminary in 1973, we were informed that by the year 2000 one in three Catholics in the Archdiocese of Newark would be Spanish speaking. It has since come to pass!

Twenty-five years ago, a priest from the



Father Richard J. Carrington

Archdiocese of New York, originally from León, Spain, began his episcopal ministry in the Archdiocese of Newark with that same perseverance and indomitable spirit that is reflected in the Columbus poem. While the Hispanic ministry in Newark had existed for many years prior to his arrival, it would be the mission of Bishop David Arias, O.A.R., to energize it and give it a new focus.

Before the arrival of Bishop Arias, the late Bishop Jerome Pechillo wore two hats in the Archdiocese of Newark: vicar for Hudson County; and vicar of the Hispanic ministry. (Today, Father Jose I. Gamba is the coordinator of the archdiocesan Hispanic Apostolate, as well as serves as the pastor of Saint Peter Claver Parish in Montclair, while Most Rev. Thomas A. Donato serves as the regional bishop for Hudson County.)

One of the first things the new Hispanic vicar did was to visit one or two Hispanic parishes every Sunday. He would offer Holy Mass, meet the people and, above all, get to

know the priests who were working in this ministry. He consulted with them on a regular basis as to the challenges and difficulties they faced and immediately began to support them. One of the first challenges was not only to encourage the study of Spanish at my seminary (Immaculate Conception in Darlington), but to bring Spanish-speaking priests to this archdiocese from Latin America, particularly Colombia.

Bishop Arias also recognized the need for the establishment of a Hispanic Center in the Archdiocese of Newark. This goal would be realized in 1998 with the establishment of the Guadalupe Center at the old Holy Family High School, located in Union City and staffed by the order to which he belongs: the Augustinian Recollects.

Through the work of the Guadalupe Center, Bishop Arias saw the need for an ongoing catechesis of the Latino population — many of whom were nominal Catholics and easy prey for the Mormon missionaries or Jehovah Witnesses, who were actively focused on obtaining converts.

Recognizing the importance of prayer for success of any apostolate, he arranged for the cloistered Augustinian Sisters to establish themselves at the Holy Innocents Chapel in Irvington. Here their prayers

would benefit all the spiritual works of the archdiocese.

Bishop Arias also promoted the Cursillo Movement, initially headquartering this ministry in the former convent at St. Joseph’s in Maplewood. The Cursillo Movement was founded in Spain in the 1940s and was launched in the United States during the 1960s (Web site: [www.natl-cursillo.org](http://www.natl-cursillo.org)). The word, in Spanish, means “short course.” The heart of the movement is a three-day retreat re-discovering the love of God and the responsibility each believer has in proclaiming that love to others.

In the years that followed, Bishop Arias, much like his predecessor, would wear the two hats of Hudson County vicar and Hispanic vicar. Besides visiting parishes with a Hispanic presence and meeting with the priests, priestly vocations would become dear to his heart. He would meet with young men on Saturday mornings, encouraging them to think about the possibility of a priestly vocation.

It was at such an occasion at Saint John Parish in Jersey City when I first met the titular Bishop of Badie. Soon I would become one of his confirmation masters of ceremony and later served as his administrator for nearly six years at Saint Joseph of the Palisades Parish in West New York.

The indomitable spirit of Bishop Arias came to light in his campaign through prayer to promote the pro-life movement and end the horrific sin of abortion. For

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## Perseverance

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many years he would rally individuals to quietly pray the rosary across the street from a number of abortion clinics in Hudson County. He was undeterred despite the caustic remarks of some onlookers and, in some instances,

aggressive disapproval of this spiritual display.

Another phase of his ministry was the need for cultural education—inside and outside the Hispanic community. Many native-born Americans whose families came to this nation from Europe often lump the Latinos of the Caribbean countries and those of Central America and South

America into a single group. While the basic language in the Latino community is Castellan, the idioms, personalities, cultures and even culinary fare are quite different. It would be like saying an American, Irishman, Welshman and Englishmen are all the same! As a result, there was a need to better clarify and define this diversity within the grow-

ing Hispanic community.

A challenge for Bishop Arias was to respect the individuality of these diverse Hispanic groups yet pastorally mold them into practicing Catholics in their new country. To highlight the differences and commonality of these groups, the Newark Cathedral would eventually sponsor a “Misa de Hispanidad”—a special Mass and celebration of the Hispanic heritage, with a banquet to honor those involved in the Hispanic apostolate at the parochial level.

On a personal note, I have always admired Bishop Arias for his approachability and patience with the many persons from all classes and nationalities he encounters, whether at confirmations, parish meetings or going for his nightly walk after dinner, weather permitting. He truly has lived up to his episcopal motto: *Pascere Populum Suum* (“to shepherd His people”).

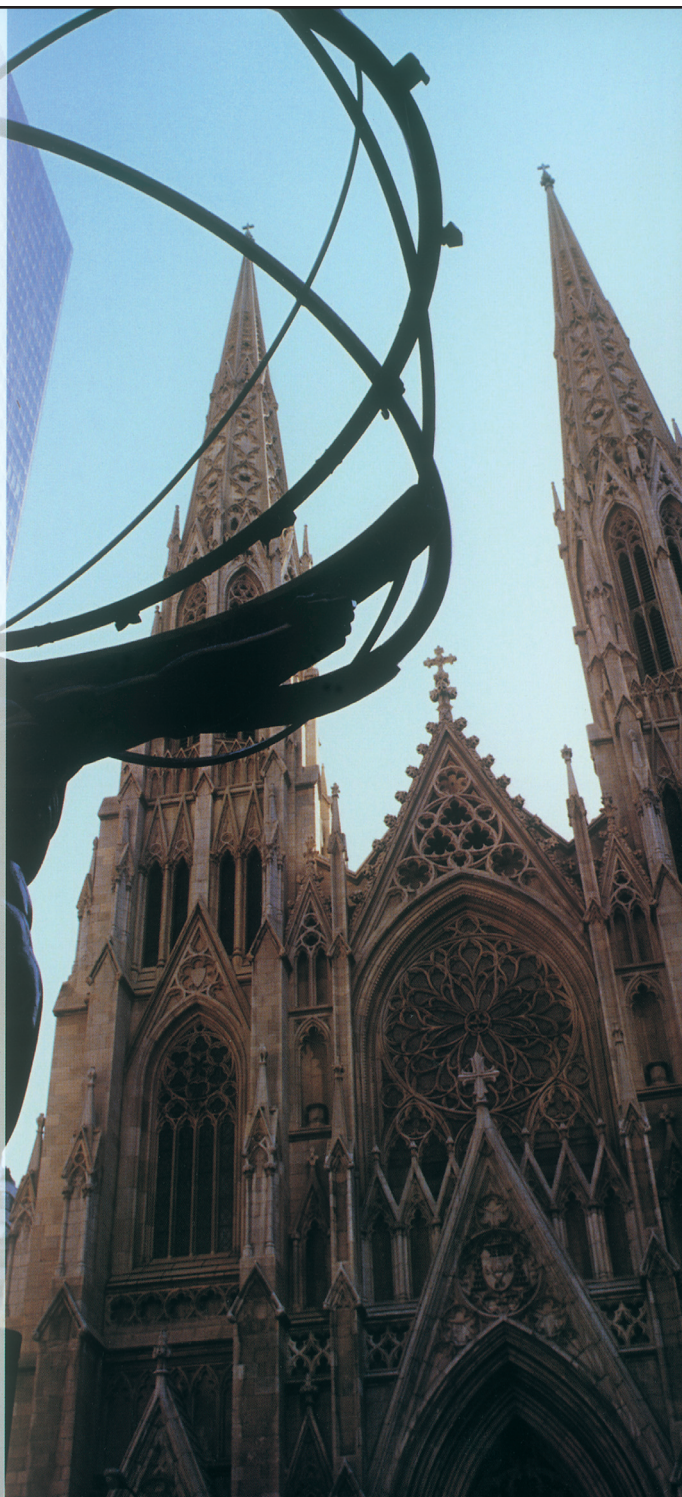
In the words of the servant of God, Pope John Paul II, in his 2003 letter *Pastores Gregis*: “It is the task of the bishop to proclaim hope to the world, hope based on the proclamation of the Gospel.”

Bishop Arias—you have done well! On your 25th anniversary of episcopal consecration and service to this archdiocese I am proud and honored to say: *Ad Multos et Gloriosque Annos!* May the good Lord give you many more happy and wonderful years in your episcopal ministry.

(Editor's note: Father Richard Carrington was ordained in 1976 after studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Darlington. Four years ago he was appointed pastor of SS. Joseph and Michael Parish in Union City. Father Carrington served as a Navy Reserve Chaplain for 21 years and retired from the Reserve in 2005 with the rank of commander.)

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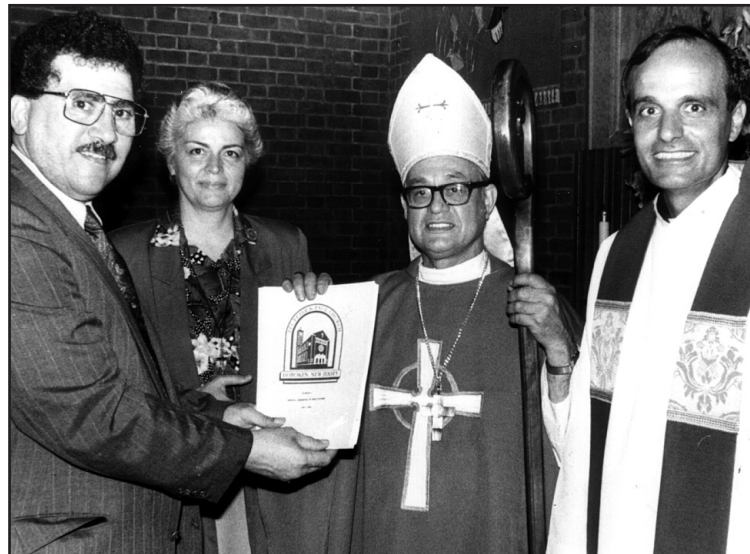


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During the late 1980s, the archdiocesan Hispanic Pastoral Commission, directed by Bishop Arias (second from right), began work on the “Pastoral Plan for Hispanic Ministry.” The Archdiocese of Newark became the first in the nation to implement such a plan. Pictured in this file photo with Bishop Arias are (left to right) George Guzman, Sister Lourdes Toro and Father Joseph D. Girone. Father Girone currently serves as the pastor of Saint Peter Parish in Belleville.



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Bishop Arias greets Mother Teresa during her visit to the Archdiocese of Newark in the early 1990s. Mother Teresa, founder of the Missionaries of Charity, died in 1997 and was beatified five years ago and is now known as Blessed Mother Teresa.



# Archbishop Gerety encouraged Fr. Arias to cross the river

*Pardo recalls boss expected 'only the best'*

BY WARD MIELE  
Managing Editor

NEWARK—No one has worked more closely with Most Rev. David Arias, O.A.R., during his long and productive ministry in the Archdiocese of Newark, than Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety and Cristina Pardo.

Archbishop Gerety brought then-Father Arias across the river from New York to the Church of Newark in 1983. Pardo, now administrative assistant in the Office of Clergy Personnel at the Archdiocesan Center, was Bishop Arias' secretary from 1983 until his retirement two decades later.

Both have fond and enduring memories of an exemplary, hard-working bishop who loves God and His people. Before his retirement, Bishop Arias served as the vicar to the archdiocese's large and growing Hispanic population as well as the regional vicar for Hudson County.

Due to the significant Spanish-speaking population in the archdiocese, Archbishop Gerety saw the need—25 years ago—for an auxiliary bishop to address the many “concerns” of the diverse Hispanic community and help nurture the practice of their faith.

Years ago Archbishop Gerety consulted with Archbishop Pio Laghi, the Apostolate Delegate to the United States. Archbishop Laghi agreed with the need for such an

auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Newark—calling it “an excellent idea”—and recommended Father Arias to the Holy See.

Once Father Arias arrived in the archdiocese, his mandate and mission was “to continue the sort of work he was doing in New York,” Archbishop Gerety recalled. Bishop Arias' episcopal ordination was on April 7, 1983.

Interviewed last month at his residence in Rutherford, Archbishop Gerety stressed that his decision to bring in an auxiliary bishop for the Hispanic community was essentially continuing the work of his predecessor—Archbishop Thomas A. Boland—in implementing the changes established by Vatican II. Archbishop Boland was “one of the fathers” of Vatican II, Archbishop Gerety said.

Among the primary challenges throughout the Church at the time, Archbishop Gerety explained, was tapping into the talents of lay people. One of his most prominent decisions in carrying out that mandate was the establishment of numerous parish councils. Lay people, he explained, by virtue of their baptism, have a unique responsibility to the Church by being “challenged by the Lord to spread the Gospel.”

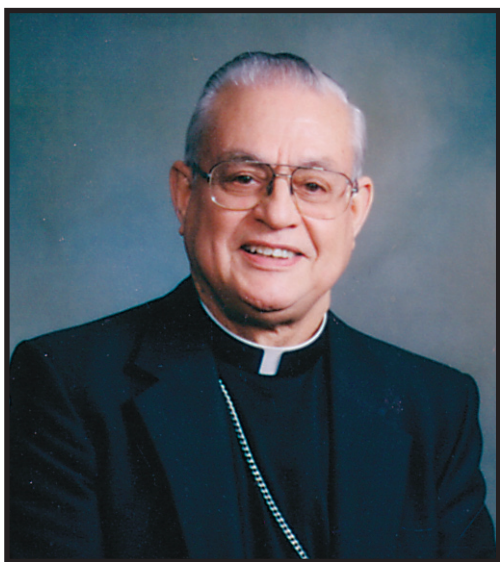
Looking back on his many years working with Bishop Arias, Archbishop Gerety

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Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety (left), pictured in this file photo, said he was proud to have Bishop Arias at his side as they worked together to address the needs of various communities within the archdiocese during the 1980s. Archbishop Gerety, who currently resides at Saint John Vianney Residence in Rutherford, is rapidly approaching his 96th birthday.



CONGRATULATIONS  
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25TH ANNIVERSARY AS BISHOP

Priests and Parishioners of Epiphany,  
Cliffside Park



*Bishop David Arias,  
O.A.R., D.D.*

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love, that  
St. Michael's Parish  
and School  
offers its warm  
congratulations to  
Most Rev. David Arias  
for his devotion,  
leadership and many  
years of service to the  
Archdiocese of Newark.  
Thank You and  
God Bless.*

*St. Michael's Parish  
and School  
Newark*



# Anniversary

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With an estimated 40,000 Catholics in the jurisdiction of Saint Joseph—including a diverse community of parishioners residing in North Bergen, West New York and Guttenberg—Bishop Arias appointed Father Frank Rose as his administrator to help with the daily activities of the parish. (Today Father Rose serves as the pastor of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux and Saint Stanislaus Kostka Parish in Plainfield.) Committees were formed to implement *Presencia Nueva* and there was an increase in regular parishioners and more people actively participated in the parish ministries.

Along with his work in the archdiocese, Bishop Arias has published several books as an extension of his ministry. His books include; “Luz y Vida” (Light and Life), which has biblical dialogues and religious topics for lay leaders; “Spanish Roots of America: The Legacy of Spain in the U.S.”; and “Spanish-Americans: Lives and Faces,” which has 100 biographies of prominent Hispanics who have shaped history.

“There is a Hispanic legacy (in America) that should be acknowledged, but has been ignored. To hear these stories creates a sense of pride in the Hispanic community and encourages them to be true to their identity. The community should bring their values to America and integrate

without forgetting who they are. This country is a compound—a whole made up of many people who have come here for the past 500 years,” Bishop Arias said.

Over the years, Bishop Arias has seen strides made in the archdiocese to integrate the Hispanic community. “I am happy to see that many priests in the archdiocese are bilingual. In the beginning, there was reluctance for some priests to learn Spanish and they encouraged Hispanics to go to the Mass in English. More priests are serving the community and the change has been good. One-third of the population in the Archdiocese of Newark is Hispanic and the number will continue to grow. As long as the Hispanics in the area continue to integrate and learn to speak English, they will continue to be served.”

Six years ago Bishop Arias celebrated 50 years of service to the Church. In 2005, the Holy Father accepted Bishop Arias’ resignation from the office of auxiliary bishop of Newark upon having reached the age limit under Canon Law.

Today he looks back fondly upon all of the people that have impacted his ministry. “I admire many priests who help develop the lives of the people,” Bishop Arias said. “The bishops have been very good to me. I would like to thank Archbishop Gerety, Cardinal Theodore McCarrick and Archbishop John J. Myers who have been great pastors for this archdiocese. We have had a great time helping each other in carrying out our pastoral life.”



File photo

Bishop David Arias, pictured here at a rally in Newark in the mid-1980s, was directed by then-Archbishop Peter L. Gerety to minister to the growing Hispanic population in the archdiocese. Eventually, he also became the pastor of Saint Joseph of the Palisades Parish in West New York. The “Menuddo” banner held by the young girl in the photo refers to a Latino boy band that was popular during the 1970s and 1980s.

## Friar lauds bishop's leadership

(Editor's note: Father James V. Brown, O.A.R., an 86-year-old member of the Augustinian Recollect Friars living in Oxnard, CA, wrote the following testimonial for his dear friend, Bishop David Arias.)

**BY FATHER JAMES V. BROWN**

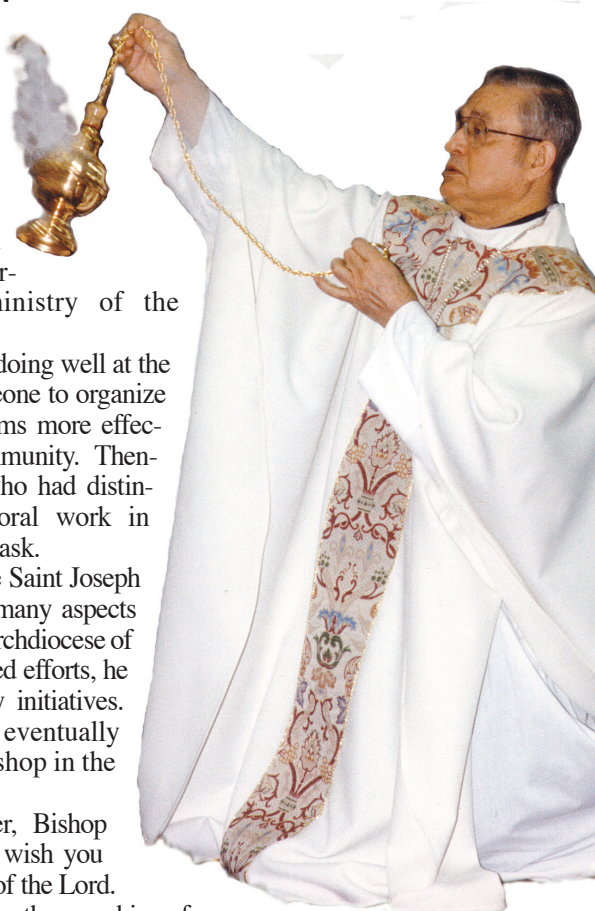
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Bishop David Arias' leadership skills were first recognized when he served as the director of Saint Joseph Center in New York City in 1969. The center hosted marriage encounters, retreats and workshops and special conferences for the Hispanic ministry of the Archdiocese of New York.

While these programs were doing well at the time, there was a need for someone to organize and coordinate spiritual programs more effectively with the Hispanic community. Then-Father David Arias, O.A.R., who had distinguished himself by his pastoral work in Mexico City, was assigned the task.

Serving as the director of the Saint Joseph Center, Bishop Arias enriched many aspects of the Hispanic ministry in the Archdiocese of New York. Through his dedicated efforts, he became the force behind many initiatives. His leadership in New York eventually led to his being chosen as a bishop in the Archdiocese of Newark.

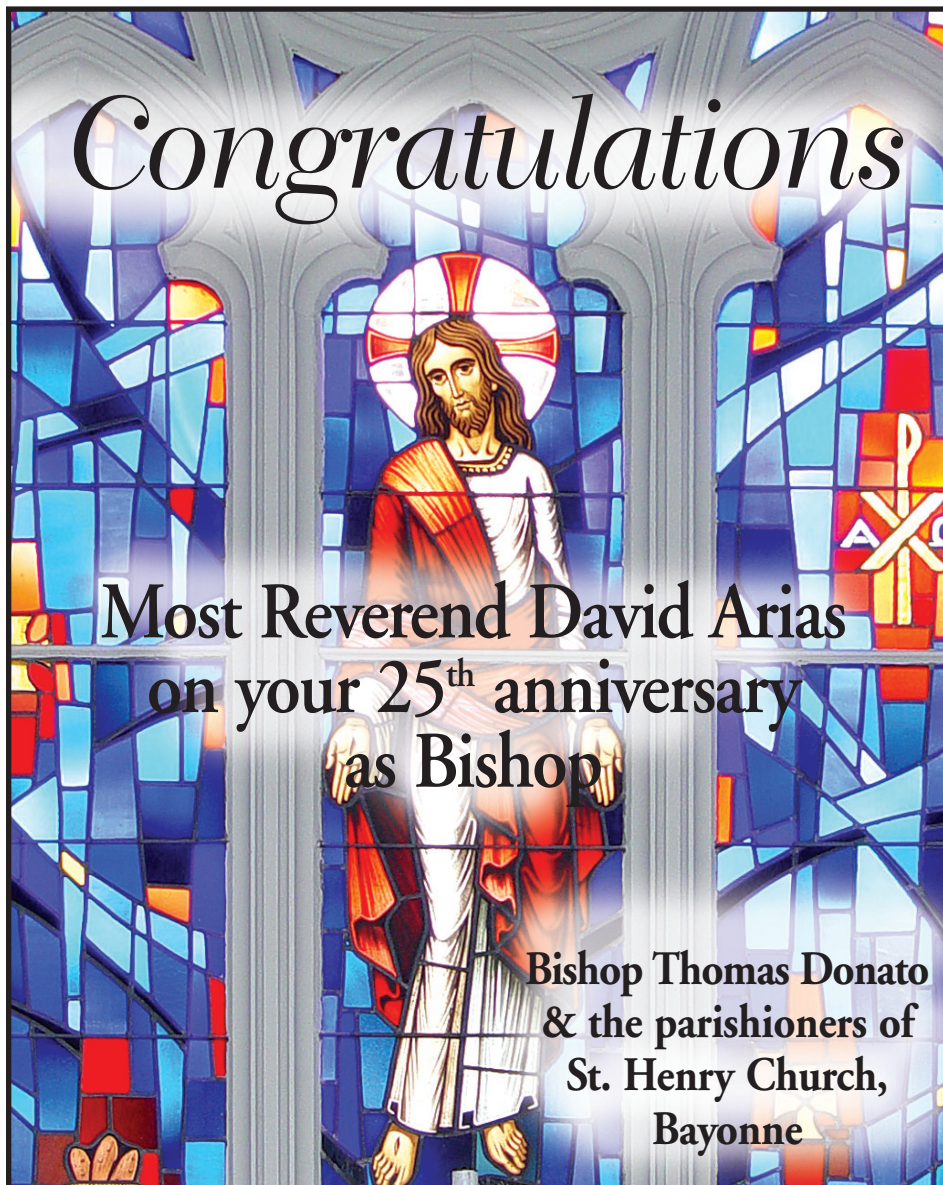
We salute you, our brother, Bishop Arias, for a job well done and wish you many more years in the service of the Lord. May your inexhaustible energy for the preaching of the Gospel among Hispanics never cease to inspire new and bold apostolic efforts.



## Congratulations

Most Reverend David Arias  
on your 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
as Bishop

Bishop Thomas Donato  
& the parishioners of  
St. Henry Church,  
Bayonne







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Bishop David Arias (left) is pictured with Pope John Paul II, circa 1985, during an *ad limina* visit, which is an obligation of residential diocesan bishops. Over the years Bishop Arias has encountered many spiritual luminaries, including Mother Teresa. Bishop Arias was ordained a priest in Barcelona, Spain, on May 31, 1952, and had his episcopal ordination at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark on April 7, 1983.

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on 25 Years as a Bishop

## Bishop Arias

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you have done for the  
Archdiocese of Newark



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Bayonne

*Congratulations to the*  
**Most Rev. David Arias, O.A.R., D.D.**  
Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Newark,  
*on the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
*Of his ordination as a Bishop.*

*Your wisdom, courage and love*  
*Continue to be our foundation*  
*of faith.*

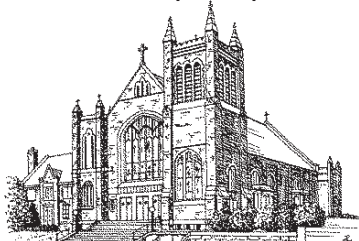
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Kearny



*Congratulations*  
*on your*  
*25th Anniversary*  
*as Bishop.*

**St. Andrew**  
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Bayonne

**¡Felicitaciones!**  
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to Bishop David Arias  
on his 25th Anniversary  
to the Episcopacy



Saint Peter Church  
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May the  
Good Lord Bless You

**Bishop David Arias**



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*on your 25th Anniversary*  
*as Bishop*  
*May God bless you!*



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*God Bless You With*  
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on your 25th  
Anniversary as Bishop  
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Parish  
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*God Bless You*  
**Bishop David Arias,**  
**O.A.R., D.D.,**  
on your  
25th Anniversary.

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**Pro-Cathedral**  
and  
**St. John's Church**  
Newark



*Blessings and Prayers*  
**Bishop Arias**  
*on your 25th Anniversary*  
*from*  
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*Hillside*  
Rev. Msgr. Venantius Fernando,  
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**God Bless you**  
with wonderful memories  
and fond hopes  
as you celebrate your 25th  
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We pray and give thanks  
to  
**Most Rev. David Arias,**  
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Your faith and life's work  
is an inspiration to all.

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for guidance.

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on your  
25th Anniversary  
as Bishop

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on the 25th anniversary  
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**Our Lady of  
Mt. Carmel Church**  
Jersey City

**Most Sacred Heart of  
Jesus Church**  
Wallington



# Archbishop

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said fondly he is “a fine priest and bishop, someone who is easy to get along with but is serious about what he does.” Citing his colleague’s sense of humor, Archbishop Gerety said he was “a delight to work with” adding “I am gratified to have had him by my side.”

In perhaps the most vivid description of his admiration for Bishop Arias, noting that 25 years is known as a silver anniversary, Archbishop Gerety said of Bishop Arias, he has “proved himself to be truly sterling silver.”

Pardo, recalling her 20 years as Bishop Arias’ secretary, described the assignment

*“I am gratified to have had Bishop Arias by my side.”*

—Archbishop Gerety

as a true learning experience. Working for Bishop Arias, she explained, one had to “excel” in their job. “He was demanding in his own quiet way, and he expected only the best,” she said.

When Bishop Arias first arrived in the Archdiocese of Newark, among his first major projects was *Presencia Nueva* (New Presence), a pastoral plan in conjunction with the Hispanic Apostolate to

serve some 62 parishes, Pardo said. As a result, those in the Hispanic community were “excited” to have a Spanish-speaking bishop to serve them.

Pardo also noted that Bishop Arias is a great historian with regard to Hispanic people and accomplishments in the United States. Among his books are *Spanish Roots in America* and the *Spanish Cross in Georgia*. The Hispanic presence in this country, Pardo stressed, dates back to the time of Christopher Columbus.

Calling Bishop Arias “demanding of himself,” Pardo said he is a “unique priest (who is) straight forward, very just and a good man.” Her former boss, in fact, became a close family friend. He baptized Pardo’s youngest daughter and grandchildren and officiated at the marriage of her oldest daughter.

“It was always an honor to work with him,” she said.



Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety

**Congratulations**  
**Most Reverend David Arias**  
on your  
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Our Lady of Sorrows Church

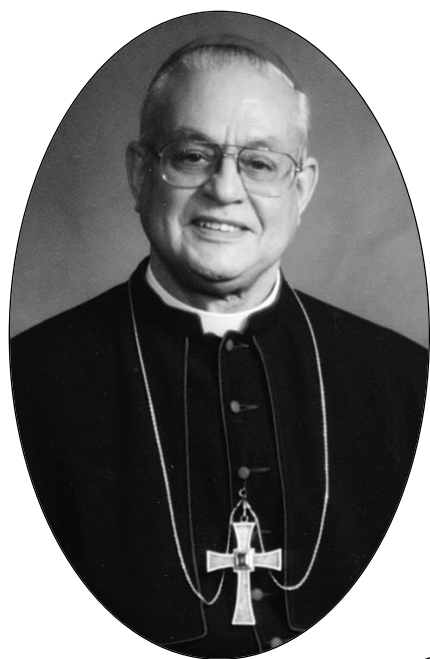
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**MASS AND RECEPTION**—There will be a special 10 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, on Sunday, April 13, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ordination to the episcopate of Bishop David Arias. A reception in the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave. (adjacent to the Cathedral) will follow the Mass.

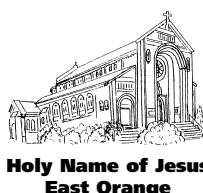


*May God Bless*  
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*many years of inspiring the*  
*faithful with love and hope.*  
*We continue to turn to you*  
*for guidance.*



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Our Lady,  
Help of Christians  
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# Vatican entourage to aid pope as he travels during U.S. visit

## Inner circle includes five Americans

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—When Pope Benedict XVI comes to the United States April 15-20, he won't exactly be leaving the Vatican behind.

Traveling with the pope is a 30-man entourage of Roman Curia officials, liturgical advisers, doctors, media experts and security personnel, all of whom have highly specialized assignments.

This "portable Vatican" has ac-

companied popes since Pope Paul VI first hopped on a plane in 1964. They represent the Vatican's interface with the host country, and at the same time keep the pope in touch with the Vatican and the world.

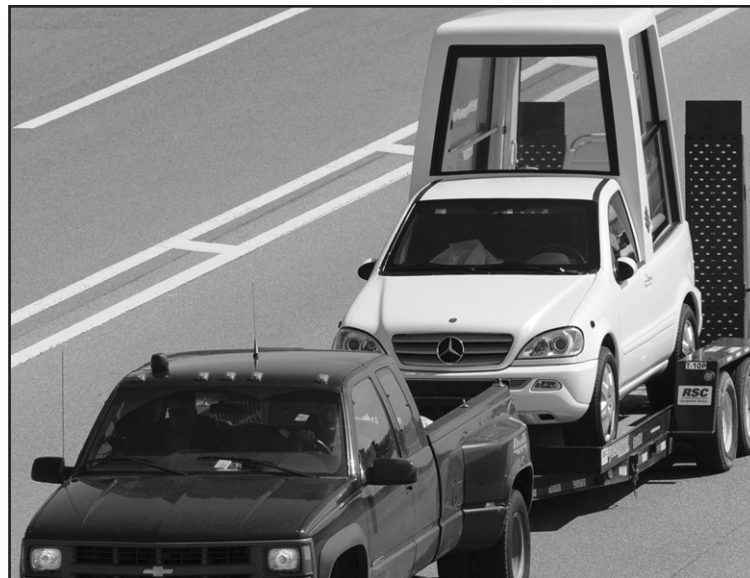
Key Vatican officials include Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the Vatican secretary of state, and his assistant, Archbishop Fernando Filoni. Both will stay in close contact with the Vatican and its diplomatic network throughout the papal visit.

Five Americans are traveling with the pope, including Cardinal William J. Levada, head of the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and Cardinal

F. James Stafford, head of the Vatican office that deals with penitential issues.

Archbishop James M. Harvey, a Milwaukee native who serves as prefect of the papal household, also will make the trip. His Vatican job involves overseeing the pope's daily schedule of audiences and meetings; he is a familiar figure at papal altars, too.

Two others round out the U.S. contingent: Msgr. Peter B. Wells, a priest of the Diocese of Tulsa, OK, who heads the English-language section of the Vatican's Secretariat of State; and Msgr. William V. Millea, a priest of the Diocese of Bridgeport, CT, and another official of the Secretariat of



CNS photo

Pope Benedict's popemobile is transported on a flatbed truck along Interstate 295 near Wilmington, DE, April 2. An air cargo company had the popemobile, manufactured by Mercedes-Benz, sent from the Vatican to the United States in time for the pope's April 15-20 visit.

State who also works for the Vatican's liturgy office.

As part of his slate of events while visiting the United States, Pope Benedict XVI will meet with Jewish representatives twice to acknowledge the Jewish feast of Passover, which begins April 19.

After the pope's meeting with 200 interreligious leaders April 17 at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, Pope Benedict briefly will meet with Jewish leaders to give them "cordial greetings for the imminent

feast of Passover," said Msgr. David Malloy, general secretary of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington. Msgr. Malloy is the national coordinator for the pope's visit to Washington and New York City.

On Pope Benedict's way to the ecumenical prayer service in New York City April 18, he will make a 20-minute visit to the Park East Synagogue. The synagogue is near where the pope is residing at the residence of the Vatican's ambassador to the United Nations.

# Archdiocese friend Higgins Clark to get Ellis Island heritage award

NEW YORK — Best-selling suspense novelist Mary Higgins Clark, who served as the keynote speaker for the Archdiocese of Newark's Stewardship Day conference last November, will be among the distinguished honorees to be recognized during the Ellis Island Family Heritage Awards to be held on Thursday, April 17, in the Great Hall at the Ellis Island Immigration Museum.

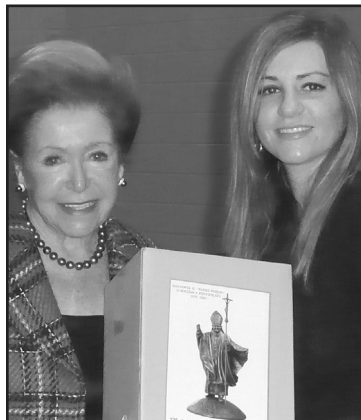
Higgins Clark, born Christmas Eve, 1927, has written 24 novels and her books have sold more than 80 million copies in the United States. Last year, during her keynote address at the

Stewardship Day conference—sponsored by the archdiocesan Office of Development—she shared heartfelt reflections on her Catholic faith and how the concept of stewardship has shaped her life (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Nov. 21, 2007). She is a steward of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.

Active in Catholic affairs and national literacy programs, Higgins Clark is a Dame of the Order of St. Gregory the Great—a papal honor. She is also a Dame of Malta and a Lady of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem. She received the Catholic Big Sisters

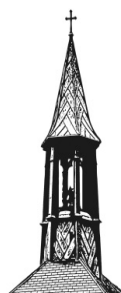
Distinguished Service Award in 1998 and the Graymoor Award from the Franciscan Friars in 1999. Other honors Higgins Clark has received over the years include the 1993 gold Medal of Honor from the American-Irish Historical Society and the 2001 Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

Now in its seventh year, the Ellis Island Family Heritage Awards are hosted by The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation to celebrate exemplary Ellis Island/Port of New York immigrants or their descendants who have made a major contribution to the American experience.



File photo

Author Mary Higgins Clark (left) is pictured with Carla Gonzalez, executive director of the archdiocesan Office of Development, at the sixth annual Stewardship Day conference, which was held at Paramus Catholic High School. Higgins Clark, who served as the keynote speaker at the conference, will be honored April 17 at the Ellis Island Family Heritage Awards program.



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# Hillsdale forum to feature discussion on immigration

HILLSDALE—The Social Justice Ministry of Saint John the Baptist Parish, along with representatives from the neighboring parishes of Saint Andrew, Westwood, and Our Lady of Good Counsel, Washington Township, will sponsor a public forum on immigration issues Wednesday, April 16, 7:30 p.m., at Saint John’s parish center, 1 Valley St.

Kay Furlani, director of the Office of Human Concerns for the Archdiocese of Newark, will present the Catholic Church’s perspective on current immigration topics.

Preceding Furlani will be an introduction to the “Principles of Dialogue” by Peter Denio of the National Pastoral Life Center (Web site: [www.nplc.org](http://www.nplc.org)), New York. The principles are sponsored by the Catholic Common Ground Initiative, a unit of the National Pastoral Live Center, which seeks to “pursue common ground and constructive dialogue in the life of the Church.”

The meeting is free and open to the public and refreshments will be available. For further information on the program, call Saint John the Baptist’s parish center at (201) 666-2707.



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**LEGENDARY HONORS**—Saint Peter’s Preparatory School, Jersey City, recently bestowed its highest honor on a former administrator and three alumni with induction as “Legends of Prep.” Cited for representing the “highest ideals” of the school’s Jesuit tradition in their personal and professional lives were (left to right) Raymond Aumack, Class of 1955; Father James Keenan, S.J.; Eugene Boyle, Class of 1956 and Charles Lizza, Class of 1974.



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**‘HANDS-ON’ WORKSHOP**—More than 80 early childhood education teachers from throughout the Archdiocese of Newark met at Aquinas Academy, Livingston, on March 13 to take part in an interactive “Hands-On” workshop that focused on the early childhood learning experience. Joellyn Cicciarelli, an author who previously worked on the production of the beloved Public Television program “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood,” was the featured speaker at the forum. Educators attending the workshop received a “Hands-On” certificate for their participation. Gloria Castucci, the director of early childhood education with the archdiocesan Schools Office, organized and coordinated the event. Castucci is a national expert and noted speaker on early childhood education issues. Pictured at the workshop are (left to right) Cicciarelli; Lynda Dixon-Zins of the Robert Leslie Publishing Co., Evanston, IL, which provides resource material for the early childhood education market; Castucci; and Linda Manach, an administrator at Aquinas Academy.

# ‘True Love Waits’ at Kearny Center

KEARNY—“True Love Waits 2,” an adult training seminar sponsored by Lifenet of Montclair, will be held Saturday, April 26 from 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, 499 Belgrove Ave.

The forum, designed for young adults, college students and teenagers, encourages individuals to make a commitment to sexual abstinence until marriage. The program includes five sessions exploring marriage, strategies for pure living, the consequences of sex outside marriage and characteristics of healthy relationships.

The cost to attend is \$90 per person if registration is made by April 19; \$100 per person after April 19. Contact Rebecca O’Keefe of Lifenet at (201) 804-8331 for details on the program.

## NOVENAS

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Oh, Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near Kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition (make request). In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and Glorias. St. Jude, pray for us all who invoke your aid. Amen. This Novena must be said for 9 consecutive days. Thank you for answering my prayer.

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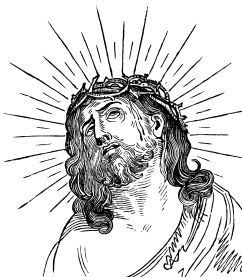
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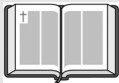
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## Academy to host open house on April 24

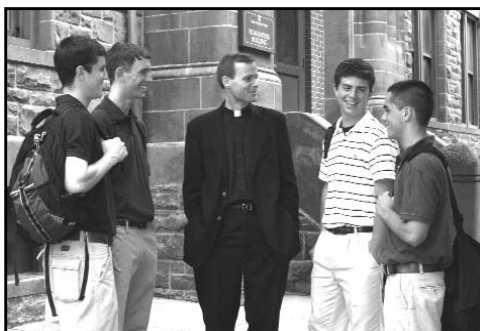
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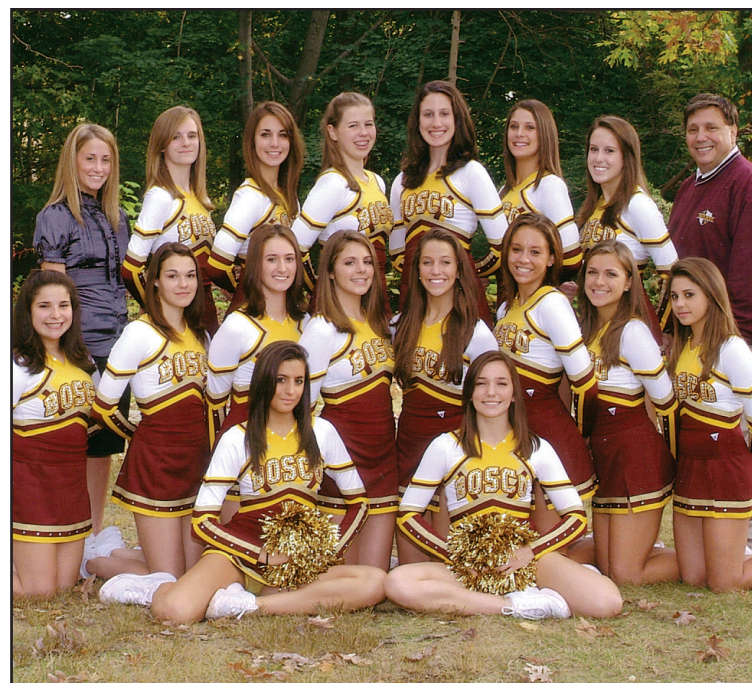
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## Don Bosco dancers hip-hop to capture national crown

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One hundred teams from across the country competed in the hip-hop category. The routine by the Don Bosco dance team scored the highest in its preliminary group and by doing so they skipped the semifinal round and advanced directly to the finals. In addition, the team's pom routine advanced to the finals and placed 16th.

The girls won the 2008 state championship in pom and hip-hop bringing team's total of state titles to 17.

"Winning the national championship on the same day that the Giants won the Super Bowl was truly an amazing accomplishment," said veteran coach Rick DeLillo, now in his 28th season with the dance and cheer teams. A director of the varsity teams, DeLillo is a mathematics teacher at Don Bosco Prep.

DeLillo attributes the team's success to its diligent and disciplined work ethic, outstanding senior captains and the choreography and instruction from Jenny Sweet and Carol Lloyd.

"Our motto was 'No Regrets' and these young ladies wanted it so badly that they made it happen and we truly have no regrets," he said.

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## Ironbound students explore many landmarks in Newark

NEWARK—It was a busy winter for students at Ironbound Catholic Academy.

In addition to their academic work, students took field trips, collected food items and monetary donations for the Catholic Charities Emergency Food and Nutrition Network, explored social justice issues and learned about health lifestyles.

Among the field trips were junkets to the Newark Museum and its Dynamic Earth exhibit, and a city landmark—the Ballantine House—where young people took a look back at the state's largest city during the 19th century.

Another stop was the new Prudential Center, where the academy students participated in a New Jersey Ironmen "Healthy Kids" competition. Ironbound Catholic Academy was chosen as the school with the most spirit and as such the Ironmen soccer players will make a special trip to the school this spring.

Lorraine Novak is the principal of Ironbound Catholic Academy, which is located at 366 E. Kinney St.





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**SAFETY FIRST**—Radio Disney, as part of the network's traveling "Safety Smart Super Challenge" show, visited students at Saint Stephen School in Kearny on Feb. 19. Sponsored by Disney and Underwriters Laboratories, the program stresses safety rules to children, such as keeping electric appliances clear of water and always having a buddy when you swim. "The program provided our students with an experience that they will never forget," Principal Madeline Sullivan said.

## Scholarship dollars ready for Jersey City students

NEWARK—The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) of the Archdiocese of Newark, is offering over a quarter-million dollars in new scholarships for youngsters who wish to enroll in grades K-8 in Jersey City's Catholic elementary schools in the coming school year.

The program is funded through the William E. Simon Foundation and the Children's Scholarship Fund (CSF). Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. Applicants are not required to live in Jersey City.

Families can obtain an application or get more information at any Jersey City Catholic elementary school. Applications are also available on the SFIC's Web site ([www.sficnj.org](http://www.sficnj.org)). While this particular CSF Jersey City Scholarship Program is open only to those in elementary schools, general SFIC scholarships also are available for high school students.

"This program will open more doors for children of low-income families," Lorraine Cunningham, SFIC director, said. "The majority of our recipients score at above-average percentiles. The longer the students are enrolled in Catholic schools, the greater their achievement level."

Since 1983, the program has provided over 40,000 scholarships, distributing over \$25 million to benefit children who reside in such urban areas.

## St. Joseph's program looks to open 'hearts' and minds

MONTVALE—It isn't a class or a requirement, but a special program is teaching the students at Saint Joseph Regional High School vital lessons for life.

Project HEART, a program to spread God's message of Harmony, Empathy, Awareness, Respect and Tolerance for others, will culminate six months of diversity education and outreach on Tuesday, April 29—the first Saint Joseph's "Awareness Day."

Highlights of Awareness Day will include a "Mixed Lunch" where students leave their traditional cliques for new companions; skits on school social issues; guest speakers; discussions on racism; and "The Art in HEART," an exhibition of photos, poems, film, song, rap and other original works that help spread the message of respect and acceptance.

"Project HEART" presents a unique opportunity for the entire school community to reflect," Principal Barry Donnelly said. "The issues of diversity, acceptance and understanding are universal concerns; this program gives us all a chance to think about them in a very specific way."

In addition to the April 29 program, the school will celebrate a "Week of Awareness" from April 28 through May 2. For more information, call (201) 391-3300.

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## Elm City All Stars to jazz it up at Catholic Café, Good Counsel

AREA—It will be a week-end of faith-filled jazz and blues on the urban Catholic scene as The Elm City All Stars will perform Friday, April 18, for the youth group at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 654 Summer Ave., Newark, and Saturday, April 19, at The Catholic Café, located at Marian Hall of Saint Mary Parish, 219 3rd St., (the corner of Erie and Second streets) Jersey City.

The youth group meeting at

Our Lady of Good Counsel begins at 6:30 p.m., while doors open at the Catholic Café at 7:30 p.m. Father Luis P. Gonzalez is the pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Theresa Rivezzo, a Jersey City artist, songwriter and impresario, manages the Catholic Café.

Members of the Elm City All Stars include pianist and bassist Daniel M. Rausch, a resident of New Haven (the Elm City), CT, and saxophonist Michael Gabriele, who resides

in Clifton. Musical selections for the two performances will include "Motherless Child," "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love," "Wayfaring Stranger" and "Angels Watching Over Me."

The Catholic Café provides music, poetry readings, lectures and workshops, designed to be a haven for Catholics to gather and engage in the arts. Call Rivezzo at (201) 433-9606 or (212) 920-5585 for more information.



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**BASKETBALL CHAMPS**—The boys junior varsity, girls varsity and boys varsity basketball teams of Sacred Heart School, located in the Vailsburg section of Newark, won the Hudson/Essex CYO 2008 county championships, which were held March 9 at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, Kearny. Coaches for the three championship teams included Tyrone Williams, Tony Wilkes, Mina Vanderveer and Tre Mitchell. Sister Gloria Doria is the principal of the school (Web site: [www.shvschool.org](http://www.shvschool.org)).

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## Retirement fund gets revision

AREA—The following donation registered by Deanery No. 20 in the Archdiocese of Newark represents an update and addendum to the overall archdiocesan Retirement Fund for Religious 2007 donations. The full slate of deanery contributions for this fund were listed as a full-page ad in the March 19 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*.

Parish of the Transfiguration, 103 16th Ave., Newark, contributed \$217 for Deanery No. 20. The revised total for Deanery No. 20 is \$6,034.83. The Essex County total is now \$127,217.53, and the revised total from parishes is \$651,161.18. The overall revised total for the archdiocesan retirement fund is \$654,625.18.

## Pro-Life Day 2008

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# Dominican Sisters work to assist trafficking victims

CALDWELL—Because New Jersey, tragically, is a hub for the crime of human trafficking, the Caldwell Dominican Commission on Global Issues (CGI) is taking action through a “Rescue and Restore” program.

Human trafficking, explained Sister Peggy Ryan, is the global practice of trans-

porting persons from one country to another for purposes of sexual or economic exploitation. It typically targets women living in poverty.

CGI has joined forces with Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark to provide education about the evils of human trafficking. The commission recently hosted a

workshop by Sister Joann Marie Aumand, S.C.C., who serves as program manager for Catholic Charities’ Newark-based Office for Immigration, Refugees and Human Trafficking. Sister Joann’s presentation featured photos of 51 women and children—trafficking victims who have been rescued by her office.

The Dominican CGI has a long history of action on issues of international migration, which includes human traf-

ficking. For information about the “Rescue and Restore” program, contact Sister Joann at (973) 733-3516, ext. 225.

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## NPM plans workshop

NEWARK—The Newark Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) will host a one-day professional development seminar for clergy, pastoral musicians, leaders of worship and other liturgical ministers on Saturday, April 26, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave.

Pre-registration deadline for the workshop is April 18, with a fee of \$75, which includes lunch. After April 18, the registration fee will be \$85. Call (973) 484-2400 for more information.

Father Ricky Manalo, a presbyter in the Paulist order, will



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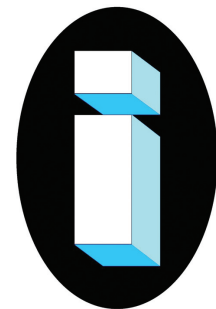
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# Man's best friends illuminate a spiritual mission

## Beloved pets touch heart of deacon's faithful work

BY WARD MIELE  
Managing Editor

NEWARK—Ever since his childhood, Deacon Joseph A. Dwyer Jr., vice chancellor for administration in the Archdiocese of Newark, has had an abiding compassion and respect for all of God's creatures—deep feelings that have inspired his religious life and spiritual work.

A board member of Catholic Concern for Animals (CCA), Deacon Dwyer frequently speaks on compassionate stewardship, has authored and delivered numerous animal-centric homilies and conducts animal blessings on the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. He is also a certified veterinary technician.

His lifelong commitment to animals began with a dachshund named Fritz. Deacon Dwyer, an only child, had a skin allergy and his doctor said the only type of dog he could have was a short-haired breed.

Reflecting fondly on those early years from his third-floor corner office at the Archdiocesan Center, Deacon Dwyer described Fritz, and the three dogs he has today, as providing him with the blessing of "unconditional love."

In fact, he explained, Fritz had an important role in his decision to become a deacon. Convinced God sent Fritz to him when at a crucial time in his life,

Deacon Dwyer, as a child, first learned about "unselfish service" from Fritz—a pet he called "God's special messenger. Fritz inspired me to become a deacon and serve God's people."

Right now the Dwyer abode in Nutley is the happy home of two dachshunds—Greta and Rommel—and a beagle/dachshund mix named Spartacus, who Deacon Dwyer rescued from a shelter a day before he was to be euthanized. Deacon Dwyer has had Spartacus for 18 months and is dealing with "separation-anxiety issues" that find his newest canine companion following him everywhere he goes.

Deacon Dwyer is convinced that pets are sent to people by God "for a reason." The bond with animals, he stressed, is "intuitive. (It is) similar to the bond among humans." As such, his commitment to animals is an important part of his busy life. For example, Deacon Dwyer recently visited Best Friends Animal Society in Kanab, UT, a 33,000-acre facility that takes in all types of animals in distress. Last summer he co-authored a religions proclamation for the group that was read before Congress last November. Terming any type of animal abuse as "tragic," Deacon Dwyer emphasized that in the Catechism of the Catholic Church comes the call and com-

mitment "to cause no undue suffering to any animal."

For Deacon Dwyer, that commitment includes volunteering—most often Saturday mornings at the Bloomfield Animal Shelter, located at 61 Bukowski Pl. (adjacent to the Garden State Parkway). The facility typically houses between 30 and 40 "mostly abandoned" dogs and cats, Deacon Dwyer said. Part of that group, he laments, includes Pit Bulls that had been used in dog fighting. Deacon Dwyer usually walks the dogs and interacts with all the animals.

He recalled with special poignancy one of those interaction experiences. It took place last December and involved an aging Siberian Husky that the shelter staff had named "Harrison," because the animal was found wandering on Harrison Street in Nutley.

Learning that Harrison would have to be euthanized due to age-related illnesses, Deacon Dwyer spent the afternoon before the procedure to comfort and simply be with the dog. The profound experience, he confessed, had a powerful impact on his life and work with other animals.

The United States branch of CCA was established three years ago with the mission to "promote compassion for all of God's creatures." The group traces its long history to its founding in England in 1929.

Within the United States, CCA has targeted the plight of animals in agriculture, the fur industry, hunting, entertainment as well as scientific and medical research. Deacon Dwyer stressed that, of the funds raised by CCA, 75 percent goes to people with pets and often their children. He placed emphasis on the fact that, working through CCA, veterinarians have not turned down any pet owners needing medical treatment for their pets.

As part of his religious outreach, Deacon Dwyer also is involved with The Animals and Religion Network Community, an affiliated group of Best Friends Animal Society, which combines the work of members from a broad spectrum of faith traditions. The Animals and Religion Network provides information and resource material for religious organizations that illustrate the spiritual connection with animals and how this connection can be better understood and embraced in religious circles.



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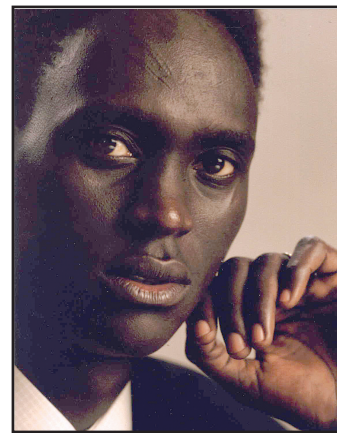
Deacon Joseph Dwyer enjoys a happy moment with his close friends Greta, Rommel and Spartacus at his home in Nutley. Deacon Dwyer shared fond memories of two special dogs—Fritz and Harrison—that have had a major impact on his spiritual life. Pictured in the lower right corner of the photo is a statue of Saint Francis of Assisi, traditionally known as the patron saint of animals.

## Think slavery is over? Think again, says Bok

CALDWELL—Caldwell College and the Archdiocese of Newark's Office of Human Concerns will host a lecture with Francis Bok, author of "Escape From Slavery: The True Story of My Ten Years in Captivity and My Journey to Freedom in America," on Wednesday April 23, 7:30 p.m.

A native of southern Sudan, Bok was abducted at the age of seven and was enslaved for 10 years. The 21-year civil war between the northern and the southern regions of Sudan reinvigorated a brutal slave trade. Today, Bok serves as an associate of The American Anti-Slavery Group (Web site: [www.iabolish.org](http://www.iabolish.org)) a nonprofit organization based in Boston that works with former victims of human trafficking to abolish modern-day slavery, focusing primarily on systems of chattel slavery in Sudan.

Bok has worked to spread awareness about modern slavery. He has headed a panel on slavery at the Harvard Kennedy



Francis Bok

School of Government, testified before a Senate Committee in Washington, D.C., met with President Bush at the White House and carried the Winter Olympic Torch.

The program will be held in the college's Alumni Theatre. Admission for Caldwell students, faculty and staff is free; general admission is \$10. Those planning to attend the lecture should make a reservation by calling (973) 618-3357 or via e-mail at [lecture@caldwell.edu](mailto:lecture@caldwell.edu).

## Utah society provides safe haven for animals

Best Friends Animal Society—located in the heart of southern Utah's "Golden Circle" of national parks—provides a compassionate sanctuary for 1,500 dogs, cats, horses, rabbits, birds and other animals.

According to information on the group's Web site, the organization manages a model "No More Homeless Pets" campaign with shelters and humane groups to ensure that healthy dogs or cats find a loving home.

Throughout the nation, Best Friends helps humane groups, individual families and communities to set up animal shelters and adoption programs in their own neighborhoods, cities and states.

The group describes its mission as driven by the simple philosophy that kindness to animals helps build a better world for everyone. The work of Best Friends is supported entirely through the donations of members and supporters.

The mailing address for Best Friends Animal Society is: 5001 Angel Canyon Rd., Kanab, UT 84741-5000 (phone: (435) 644-2001; Web site [www.bestfriends.org/signproc](http://www.bestfriends.org/signproc)).





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**MASS FOR THE UNBORN**—The Knights of Columbus' second annual Mass marking the International Day of the Unborn was celebrated on Sunday, March 30 at Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington. Grand Knight Robert R. Tarantula of Council 3428 coordinated the event that included New Jersey Knights of Columbus State Secretary Herbert Meyer, several district deputies and Knights and their families from throughout the Archdiocese of Newark. Following Mass, a procession, led by Father Charles Kelly carrying the Blessed Sacrament and accompanied by Fourth Degree Knight of Assembly 1543, went from the church to nearby Holy Cross Cemetery. The procession included many Queen of Peace parishioners, The Rosary Society from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and several Knights' assemblies praying the rosary. At the cemetery, the Rachel Weeping Monument to the Unborn statue was rededicated.



Advocate photos—Ward Miele



**PEOPLE OF HOPE MARK 30 YEARS AS COMMUNITY**—On March 8, 600 members of the People of Hope, a charismatic Catholic community based in Plainfield, marked the culmination of its 30th anniversary celebration at the Saturday evening Vigil Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Archbishop John J. Myers, who at the beginning of the year-long celebration commended the community for dedicating themselves, in the ordinary circumstances of their lives, to living a committed Catholic life witnessing to Christ in their communities, was the principal celebrant of the Mass. This was the first time that the People of Hope had gathered for the Eucharist in the Cathedral Basilica, and members of the community participated in the celebration. The choir of Koinonia Academy (left), a private Catholic school run by the community, sang during the liturgy, and (above) representatives presented the gifts to Archbishop Myers at the offertory. The People of Hope is a recognized private association of Catholic faithful that is consecrated to Jesus through Mary, the Mother of Hope. Members reside and worship in several dioceses.



## Workshop to offer 'history' lesson

**SOUTH ORANGE**—Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Wister, associate professor of Church history at the Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, will offer guidance on how to research and write parish histories at a workshop Saturday, April 12, on the campus of Seton Hall University.

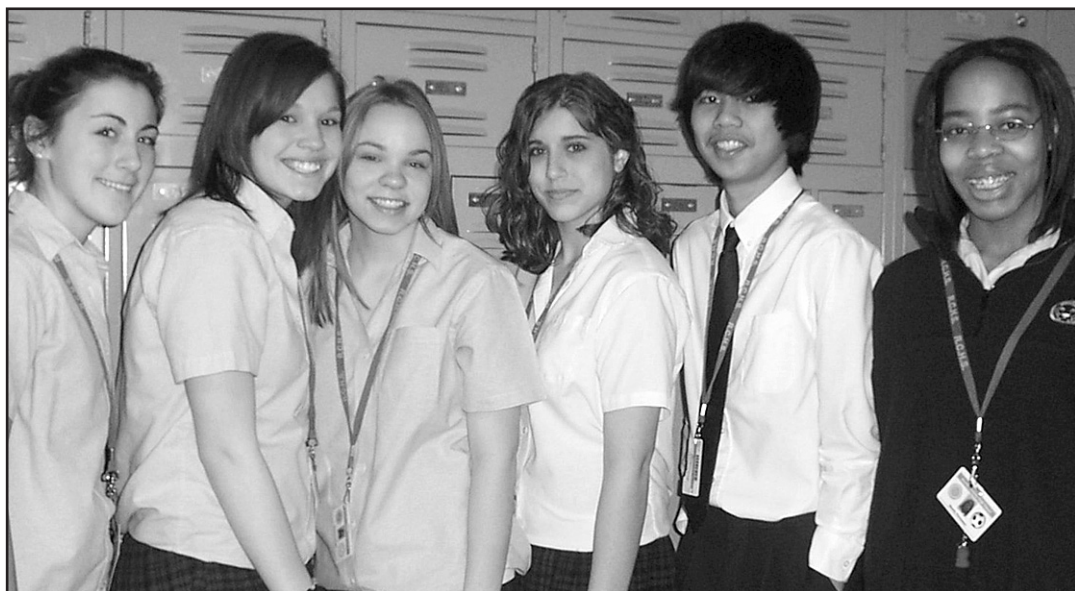
The workshop, "Writing Parish History," is sponsored by the New Jersey Catholic Historical Commission, an organization of historians and church archivists under the aegis of the bishops of the ecclesiastical province of New Jersey. The program, to be held in the Beck Rooms on the first floor of Walsh Library, will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration fee is \$25 and includes lunch.

Speaking with Msgr. Wister will be Lou Guarrieri, president of William T. Cook Publishing Co., which publishes parish histories, and Dr. Thomas Rzeznik, assistant professor of history and Catholic studies at Seton Hall.

Representatives of the Msgr. William Noé Field Archives and Special Collections Center at Seton Hall will also be on hand to introduce participants to the archives of the Archdiocese of Newark.

"Presenters will provide guidance on how to frame and conceptualize the history of their parishes," Rzeznik said.

Contact Rzeznik by phone at (973) 275-2204 or via e-mail at rzeznith@shu.edu for more information.



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**WORD MASTERS**—Roselle Catholic High School students (left to right) Jennifer Malone, Kaitlyn Cooper, Theresa Hrindo, Nicole Karas, Jordan Daguio and Shirley Porsenna, were among eight winners of the Great Spiritual Books writing contest sponsored by the Institute for Christian Spirituality at Seton Hall University, South Orange. All six are enrolled in Roselle Catholic's Christology course. Overseeing the students in the writing project was religion teacher Josephine Patrone. Brother Owen Ormsby is the principal of the Union County school (Web site: [www.rosellecatholic.org](http://www.rosellecatholic.org)).

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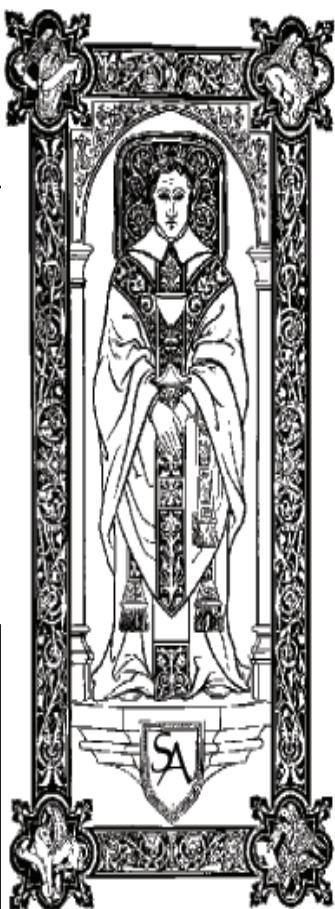
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**IRISH CLERGY OF THE YEAR**—Msgr. Richard M. Liddy, right, listens as Paul Reilly, president of The Friends of Brian Boru, explains the sketch presented to him recently by the group in recognition of the monsignor's work in the field of art and education at Seton Hall University, South Orange, and Georgetown University, Washington D.C.

When **Jesus** turned around and noticed them following Him,

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**RHYME TIME**—Poems written by third grade students at Saint Catherine of Siena School, 39 East Bradford Ave., Cedar Grove, have been chosen for publication in the 2008 “Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans,” marking the first year that all of the students in teacher Elisa Reamer’s class were chosen for publication. Submissions are received nationally from young poets in grades K-12. Works are selected for publication based upon originality, rhythmic sounds, rhymes and audience appeal. The third grade poets include (left to right, back row) Paul Theobald, Megan Callaghan, Tara Martorano, Phillip Sgobba, Katherine Szeluga, Gregory Coates, Owen Talmadge, Zachary Gobencion, Elisa Reamer and (front row) Patrick Mullen, Nicole Sgobba, Chelsea Castaneda, Philip Sprague and Justin Dykstra. Missing from the photo is Ryan O’Toole. Celine Kerwin is the principal of the Cedar Grove school.



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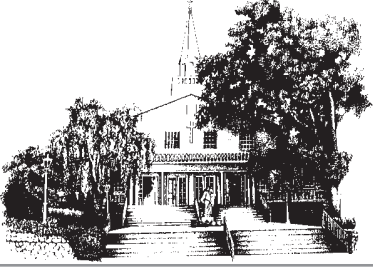


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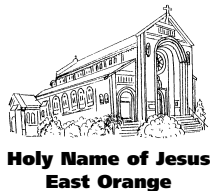
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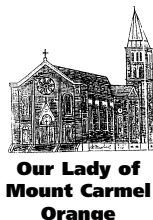




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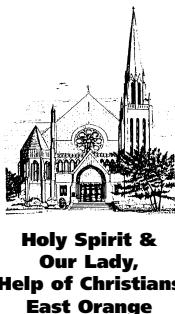


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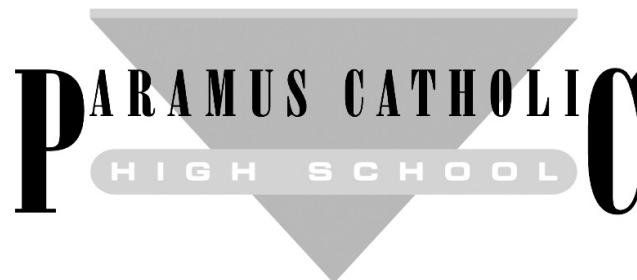
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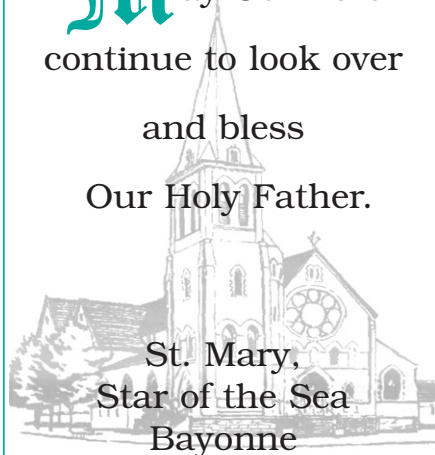
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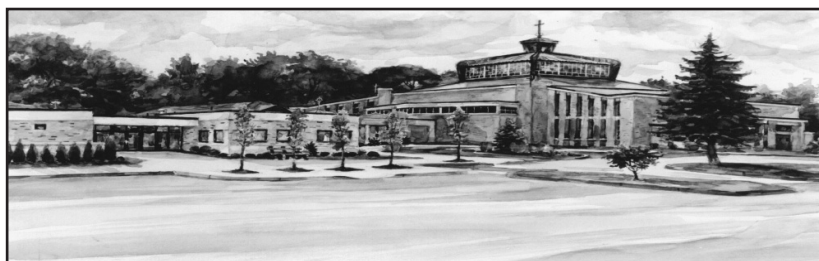
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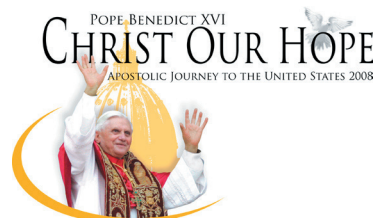
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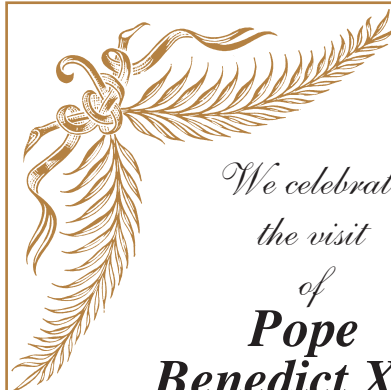
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