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Herb Meyer, state secretary of the Knights of Columbus, joins other dignitaries during solemn ceremony at Saint Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia

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NEWARK LEADS NATION IN ORDINATIONS



ORDINATION CONVERSATIONS—Archbishop John J. Myers will ordain 13 new priests on Saturday, May 23, in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. Faces in the crowd include Fathers Christian Paúl Jaramillo-Baquerizo; Marco A. Celis-Quintero; Pablo Antonio Martinez; Hector F. Galvis-Rios; Nnaemeka Andrew Onyemaobi; Mate Skublics; Peter Oberenwa Iwuala; Andrew Park; Matthew Dooley; Elky Reyes-Pichardo, Mauro Primavera; and John Jairo Prada. In the inset is Roberto Ortiz. See story on page 3.

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Original Architect's Drawing – 1892

Catholic Advocate file image

Celebrating 125 years

JERSEY CITY—Saint John the Baptist Parish, 3026 Kennedy Blvd., will mark its 125th anniversary with a series of upcoming events. Bishop Manuel A. Cruz will celebrate Mass Sunday, May 31, 10 a.m., followed by a Communion breakfast in the school auditorium (\$10 per person). A parish mission will be held June 22 to June 24, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Archbishop John J. Myers will celebrate Mass on Sunday, June 28, 10 a.m. in honor of the solemnity of the birth of Saint John the Baptist, followed by a noon luncheon at the Casino-in-the-Park, Jersey City (\$40 per person). Call the parish at (201) 653-8814 for further details or to make reservations. The image shown above is the original architect's drawing of the church, 1892, reproduced from the parish's centennial program. The church represents the Romanesque-Byzantine style of architecture.



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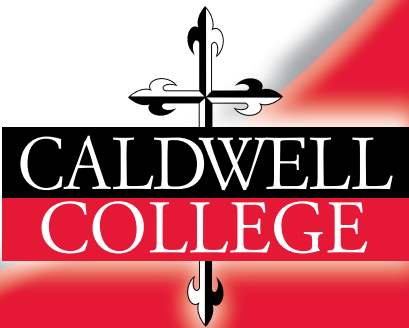
HUMANITARIAN AWARD—Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark hosted its fourth annual Archbishop's Gala May 5 at Nanina's in the Park, Belleville. The group paid tribute to Slavco Madzarov (second from right), the president of Slavco Construction Inc., Clifton, with its "Humanitarian of the Year" award. Catholic Charities also cited the accomplishments of Curtis Cottle, Flomo S. Gayflor and Shalga Hightower with "Spirit of the Heart" awards. Pictured with Madzarov during the award-presentation ceremony are (left to right) Phillip Frese, Ph.D., president and chief executive officer of Catholic Charities; Archbishop John J. Myers; and Henry J. Amoroso, chairman of Catholic Charities. Dignitaries attending the affair included Gov. Jon S. Corzine and Congressman William Pascrell Jr. The gala helps to support the group's social services and behavioral health ministries in the four counties of the archdiocese. Call Rachel Y. Marshall, Catholic Charities director of community relations, at (973) 639-6523 for more information about the organization's outreach services.



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Archdiocese again leads nation in ordinations

13 men embrace call to join priesthood

BY WARD MIELE
 Managing Editor

For the third time in recent years, the Archdiocese of Newark is leading the nation with the number of men to be ordained to the priesthood. Archbishop John J. Myers will ordain 13 new priests, including two who call the Church of Newark home, on Saturday, May 23, at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St., Newark.

The archdiocese had the most ordinandi in the United States in 2006 with 17 men and 13 men two years ago. The Class of 2008 had nine priests (see *The Catholic Advocate*, May 21, 2008).

Reflecting on the new priests and the strengths that they will bring to the people of the archdiocese, Archbishop Myers said the Church of Newark "continues to be blessed by so many vocations to the priesthood. Each of us is called to discipleship of Jesus Christ. We all must seek to do so lovingly, selflessly, courageously and respectfully.

"These men have chosen to hear God's call to serve His people as priests, and to do so with love and a commitment to the Gospel," he continued. "I know that the people of this local Church will welcome them gratefully as they begin their ministries as Catholic priests."

Although each new priest took a different journey in responding to God's call, all of them share a deep humility at being called to the priesthood along with the common desire to do the will of God and serve His Church.

The members of the Class of 2009 had intriguing, diversified backgrounds in the business world before entering the seminary, representing various steps in their respective faith journeys. Their professions included funeral director, public relations, insurance, clinical psychology, laser surgery and blast-hole drilling in the quarry industry.

There are two "homegrown" members of the Class of 2009: Father Matthew Richard Dooley and Father Roberto Ortiz. The other ordinandi hail from far-away nations such as Ecuador, Nigeria, South Korea, Hungary, Colombia, Italy and the Dominican Republic. Biographies of all 13 new priests can be found beginning on page nine of this edition.

"Yet again we have a class of

good and holy men who have invested themselves fully in the formation program here," Msgr. Thomas P. Nydegger, vice rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary in South Orange, said. "I know that their priestly ministry in the Archdiocese of Newark will be an incomparable blessing to them and to the people and parishes they will serve. God is certainly smiling upon the Church of Newark."

Observing and admiring members of the Class of 2009, Father Tobias Rodriguez, assistant to the rector at Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Mission Seminary in Kearny, commented that "these men bring to this very multicultural archdiocese the wealth of their diverse backgrounds and experiences, unified by their love for Christ and His Church, deep-

ened and expanded in their seminary life and, for some of them, through an extensive and serious experience of the Neocatechumenal Way, which helps us to

re-appropriate and relive our Christian life.

"Because of their love of Christ they have received and personally ex-

perienced, they are willing to serve the archdiocese and the Church Universal with the zeal to announce and help people live the Good News of God's love for all men," he said.

Father John D. Gabriel, director of vocations for the Archdiocese of Newark (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Aug. 6, 2008), described the discernment to the priesthood as a process of inner spiritual exploration, as the divine "calling" manifests itself in various ways.



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— Archbishop John J. Myers

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Pope Benedict, in Holy Land, condemns anti-Semitism

JERUSALEM (CNS) — Reaching Israel, the country at the heart of his pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Pope Benedict XVI condemned anti-Semitism and prayed for a new era in which all believers in the one God would live in peace and treat each other with re-

spect and justice. In his arrival speech May 11 at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, the pope prayed that Isaiah's prophecy would be fulfilled and all the peoples of the world would walk along God's paths—"paths of peace and justice, paths that lead to reconcilia-

tion and harmony." The German-born pope honored the memory of the 6 million Jews killed by the Nazis during World War II and condemned anti-Semitism, which "continues to rear its ugly head in many parts of the world. This is totally unacceptable," he said. "I



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Pope Benedict XVI walks past Israel's national flag during a welcoming ceremony at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, Israel, May 11. The pope was welcomed at the airport by Israeli President Shimon Peres, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and representatives from Israel's Christian, Jewish and Muslim communities.

come, like so many others before me, to pray at the holy places, to pray especially for peace here in the Holy Land, and peace throughout the world." The pope said that although Jerusalem means "city of peace," unfortunately, "for decades peace has

tragically eluded the inhabitants of this holy land. The eyes of the world are upon the peoples of this region as they struggle to achieve a just and lasting solution to the conflicts that have caused so much suffering," Pope Benedict said.

Pontiff praises dialogue by Jordan

AMMAN, Jordan (CNS)—Walking a pilgrim's path in Jordan, Pope Benedict XVI energized its minority Christian population and built bridges to the Muslim world. The pope insisted that religious values must have a decisive role in the societies of the Middle East, especially when it comes to healing divisions and promoting peace. It was the 82-year-old pontiff's first trip to an Arab country—the first segment of an eight-day visit to the Holy Land. The pope set the tone of his visit when he arrived at Amman's airport May 8, saying he had come as a Christian pilgrim and expressing his "deep respect" for the Muslim community. As King

Abdullah II stood at his side, the pope commended Jordan for protecting religious liberty and promoting "a better understanding of the virtues proclaimed by Islam." He paid special tribute to interfaith dialogue initiatives launched by Jordanian leaders. "We can say that these worthy initiatives have achieved much good in furthering an alliance of civilizations between the West and the Muslim world, confounding the predictions of those who consider violence and conflict inevitable," the pope said. Later in the day the pope made his way to the Jordan River where archeologists believe they have identified the site of Jesus' baptism by Saint John the Baptist.

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SOLEMN CEREMONY—A ceremony was held April 25 at Saint Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia (pictured at right), to dedicate a monument to the unborn and those buried in unmarked plots. The monument project was a joint venture between the Union County Federation Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Cemeteries office of the Archdiocese of Newark. Father Roy James De Leo, chaplain for the K of C Union County Federation, was a leader in the organizing the effort, along with Kevin Murphy, former grand knight of K of C Kenilworth Council No. 4186 and Andrew P. Schafer, executive director of Catholic Cemeteries. The Union County Federation and Union County funeral directors provided funds for the monument, which was created by Burns Brothers Inc., Jersey City. Pictured at the dedication ceremony are (left to right) Most Rev. Dominic A. Marconi, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Newark; Herbert C. Meyer, state secretary of the K of C; Fr. De Leo; James H. Hill, Catholic Cemeteries director of operations; Msgr. William B. Naedele, Catholic Cemeteries director; and Schafer.



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Game to assist Kenyans

VERONA—A Wiffle Ball charity game to benefit Kenyan orphanages will be held (rain or shine) at Veteran’s Memorial Field, Lynn Drive, on Saturday, May 23, 9:45 a.m.

The fund-raiser is being organized by parishioners at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Roseland, and friends of Kenyan native Father Chris Isinta, the parochial vicar. Call (973) 896-8723 or (973) 487-0186 for more information.



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Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

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Reverend Michael Barone was appointed parochial vicar of Saint Mark Parish, Rahway, effective May 1.

Reverend Dominick Dellaporte has been appointed parochial vicar of Saint Francis Parish, Hoboken, effective June 3.

Reverend Bongchoon Lee was appointed parochial vicar of the Parish of the Korean Martyrs, Saddle Brook, effective April 17.

CHAPLAIN

Reverend Roberto A. Lamirez was appointed chaplain at Robert Wood Johnson Memorial Hospital, Rahway, with residence at Saint Mark's Rectory, Rahway. The appointment was effective May 1.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Reverend Steven D. D'Andrea, Parochial Vicar of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Wallington, has also been appointed Friar of the Knights of Columbus Santa Maria Assembly, effective immediately.

May 21

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May 31

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City, 45th anniversary celebration of Very Rev. Robert Antczak's ordination, Mass at noon, luncheon to follow, RSVP to Sister MaryAnn at (201) 433-8500.

June 3

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH, Union, Holy Hour for Life, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., (908) 687-3327.

June 4

LACORDAIRE ACADEMY, Upper Montclair, reunion for alumnae and faculty, at Upper Montclair Country Club, cost: \$50, (973) 744-1156 ext. 27.

June 5

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June 6

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June 10

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Recalling Fr. Balbi's maritime ministry

In recent weeks we lost three holy priests. Father Richard Neuhaus was, like Cardinal Newman, a scholar, a convert from the Episcopal Church and a wonderful defender of the faith. His erudition and his civility drew many to him in the Ecumenical Movement. His ability to write shed the light of Catholicism into a world darkened by sin. Like Fulton Sheen, he was known and respected internationally.

Father Bill Smith, a priest of the Archdiocese of New York, was another "Renaissance" man. He spent his life as a seminary professor at Dunwoody Seminary. Yet his influence was felt throughout the world. He was a prolific writer, a television personality, a spiritual director, especially of female religious, and a man who took the social apostolate of the Church very seriously, especially as a part of the pro-life movement.

The third loss was one of our own. Father Mario Balbi, S.D.B., was a scholar who wrote a huge biography of the founder of his Salesian Order—Saint John Bosco (see *The Catholic Advocate*, April 8).

Father Balbi, along with Father Charlie H. McTague, was

a legend in the "Apostleship of the Sea." Father Balbi and Father McTague—who died Jan. 13, 2007 at the age of 87 (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Feb. 7 and Jan. 24, 2007)—were loved and revered at Port Newark. They were seen in their time climbing the gangplanks of huge ships—greeting lonely sailors, bringing them spiritual comfort, listening to their problems, helping them in many ways. At times they even helped to quell mutinies on the ships.

These two smallish men were giants both to the men of the maritime trade, to the owners of ships and the operators of ports and trades. A chapel at the port, which they inspired and helped to build, remains in their memory.

We have three heroes of the Church who have gone to God. We remember that their lives were a continuation of the life of Jesus. Their toil, and yes, their suffering, made up, as Saint Paul said, "for what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ for the sake of His body the Church." (Col 1:24) We praise God for their virtue, their teaching and their example to us.

Now we must do what the Church always does—we look

ahead. Even now, in seminaries somewhere, there are young dedicated souls who are filled with the desire to know and love our Lord. They will follow in the footsteps of the Fathers Neuhaus, Smith and Balbi. They will enlighten future generations with their knowledge. They will warm this world with God's love. They, too, will

burn themselves out as a pleasing holocaust before the altar of the Lord. The sweet aroma of their goodness will fill the Church with a sacred perfume. Thus it always has been; thus it will be until the end of time.

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

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Five selected for Equestrian Order

NEWARK — Archbishop John J. Myers has announced that the Holy See has approved his recommendations to accept five individuals from the Archdiocese of Newark into the prestigious Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

Nominated as Knights of the Holy Sepulchre are: Henry Amoroso, Esq., chairman, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark; Deacon Joseph A Dwyer, Jr., archdiocesan vice chancellor for administration; James G. Goodness, archdiocesan director of communications; Deacon John J. McKenna, archdiocesan executive director, human resources; and

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The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is an ecclesiastical order of knighthood—the only order of chivalry under the protection of the Holy See. Membership in the Equestrian Order is considered one of the highest honors conferred upon clergy and laity.

As the Archdiocese of Newark is part of the Eastern Lieutenancy of the Order, the new members will be invested at liturgical and ceremonial services, which will be held at Saint Patrick’s Cathedral, New York City, in September.



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HALL OF FAME—Saint Joseph Regional High School, 40 Chestnut St., Montvale, inducted five individuals at the school’s seventh “Hall of Fame” dinner, which was held April 26 at the Florentine Gardens, River Vale. Pictured at the event (left to right) are honorees John Flaherty, a graduate of the Class of 1985, a former catcher with the New York Yankees and a current member of the YES Network; James Burns, a graduate of the Class of 1967; John Job, the sixth principal of Saint Joseph; Michael Neglia, a graduate of the Class of 1984; and Donald Dinallo, an honored benefactor. Job was lauded for developing Saint Joseph’s fine and performing arts curriculum and raising more than \$2.5 million in the school’s first-ever capital campaign.

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Retreat gives young adults an opportunity to rejoice

KEARNY — Young adults and teenagers gathered April 24-26 at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center to reaffirm their faith and participate in “Rejoice 2009.”

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark, the annual retreat is designed to inspire young adults to become more active and involved in the Church. This was the 11th year for the prayer festival as young people gathered to experience the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

The retreat featured inspirational speakers such as Sister Marilyn Minter, campus minister, Immaculate Conception High School, Lodi. Fiat Ministries, a Catholic band, performed original compositions as well as songs from various contemporary Christian artists.

Father John D. Gabriel, vocations director for the Archdiocese of Newark, gave a “vocations call,” empowering young men and women to respond to God’s call in their lives. As a result, 20 retreat participants stood up and expressed an openness for the call to religious life.



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Archbishop John J. Myers (center) celebrated the closing Mass at the Rejoice retreat. The next Rejoice retreat is scheduled for April 16-18, 2010. Contact Judy Furka, facility coordinator, Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, at (201) 998-0088, ext. 4148 for details on this and other programs.

'I cannot save anyone; Christ is the one who saves'

Long-distance faith journeys converge on May 23

BY WARD MIELE

Managing Editor

Providing a global backdrop for the ordination of priests in the Archdiocese of Newark, Pope Benedict XVI, in his recent call for a "year of the priest," declared that priestly ordination creates "new men who are bestowed with the gift and office of sanctifying, teaching and governing."

As part of the worldwide celebration, the pope will proclaim Saint John Vianney to be patron saint of all priests (see The Catholic Advocate, April 22). Saint John Vianney currently is considered the patron saint of parish priests. In addition, the pope praised the grand legacy of Pope John Paul II as a spiritual leader who inspired many to pursue vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Ordinations for the archdiocesan Class of 2009 will be celebrated Saturday, May 23, 10 a.m. at Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. The following offers insights on the road traveled by the 13 new archdiocesan priests.

Father Christian Paúl Jaramillo-Baquerizo

"Please pray for me," Fr. Jaramillo asked the people of the archdiocese as he prepares for his ordination to the priesthood.

"I still remember that despite my fears and feelings of unworthiness, the liturgy and the communal aspect of the seminary consoled me and gave me the assurance that in this new path I was not going to be alone; the Lord and His Church were going to accompany me in this new journey," Fr. Jaramillo said, recalling his early days at Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Kearny.

Before entering the seminary, Fr. Jaramillo said that, during his high school years, he drifted away from the Church. "I suffered a lot trying to understand the meaning of my life," he confessed. He credits the Neocatechumenal Way with his return to the Church.

Born in Quito, Ecuador, Fr. Jaramillo, 30, attended elementary and middle school in his native country and Bloomfield High School. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in education and master's degree in systematic theology—both from Seton Hall University (SHU), South Orange.

His pastoral formation and summer assignments were at SS. Joseph and Michael Parish, Union City; Holy Cross Parish, Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos Islands; Saint Peter and Saint Paul Cathedral, Tallin, Estonia; and Saint Henry Cathedral, Helsinki, Finland. He was an itinerant missionary in Georgia and outside of the United States in Guam, Saipan, Kiribati, Hawaii, Estonia and Finland. His pastoral formation was undertaken at Holy Rosary Parish, Jersey City, and he was a deacon at Saint Columba Parish, Newark.

Fr. Jaramillo will be the homilist at his first Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 24, 11 a.m., at Saint Columba Parish.

Father Matthew Richard Dooley

Fr. Dooley, one of two home-grown priests in the archdiocesan Class of 2009, said he is humbled by the gift of ordination to the priesthood.

Raised in Mountainside, he attended Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, and served as a deacon at Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington. He spent a dozen years as a funeral director and a year facilitating at Glenmary Farm, a faith-based volunteer program in Kentucky. He graduated from Providence College in Rhode Island with a degree in social work.

Fr. Dooley, 43, received his pastoral formation and



summer assignments at Saint Joseph's Home for the Elderly in Totowa; the Institute for Priestly Formation in Omaha, NE, and Saint Michael's Medical Center in Newark.

"May my faith journey and relationship with Jesus Christ bring those who I serve to a more intimate faith journey and relationship with Jesus Christ," he said.

He will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving at his childhood parish—Our Lady of Lourdes in Mountainside—on Sunday, May 24, at 11:30 a.m. The homilist will be the pastor, Father John McCrone.

Father Peter Oberenwa Iwuala

"My life's ambition has been to serve the Lord and humanity as a priest," Fr. Iwuala, describing his journey to the priesthood. "I thank God very immensely for helping me actualize this dream."

Born in Umuaka, Imo State, Nigeria, Fr. Iwuala, 46, holds advanced theological degrees and attended Immaculate Conception Seminary. He has served as a deacon at Saint Mary Parish, Dumont, and recently penned a guest article on prayer (see *The Catholic Advocate*, March 11).

Before entering the seminary, Fr. Iwuala worked as a public relations officer with Arts and Culture West African Limited in Nigeria. He also worked as a tutor with Busy Brain Academy in his native country.

His pastoral formation and summer assignments were at Saint Joseph's Home for the Elderly, Totowa; Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, West Orange; and Saint Michael's Medical Center, Newark.

Fr. Iwuala will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 24, 12:30 p.m., at Blessed Sacrament/Saint Charles Borromeo Parish, Newark. The pastor, Father Anselm I. Nwaogru, who also was born in Nigeria's Imo State, will be the homilist.

Father Pablo Antonio Martínez

During a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in March 2000, when Pope John Paul II met with young people of the Neocatechumenal Way, is when Fr. Martínez first experienced Christ calling him to the priesthood.

"At that moment I knew that He was calling me because I never felt as loved as I did then," Fr. Martínez said.

Born in Santa Ana, CA, Fr. Martínez, 28, attended Redemptoris Mater Seminary. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in education and a master's degree in Systematic Theology. Fr. Martínez attended Santa Ana Valley High School, Santa Ana Community College and SHU.



Although baptized in the Catholic faith, he explained, his family "never spoke of God." While growing up he was exposed to drugs and gangs. "Life did not have much meaning for me," he said. "I had a moment of rebellion in my youth where I gave in to much peer pressure."

He encountered the Neocatechumenal Way just as he became 13 years old. "Through this immense gift of the Church I was able to experience the love and forgiveness of God, especially when I saw my parents return to the Church."

He arrived as Redemptoris Mater Seminary in the fall of 2000. During his seminary years he experienced "the great need for evangelization in the world." His three-year itinerancy took him to Boston, Saipan and Washington, D.C.

Fr. Martínez was a deacon at Saint Aedan Parish in Jersey City. His pastoral formation and summer assignments were at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, East Boston, MA, and Saint Mary Parish in Plainfield. He will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving at noon on Sunday, May 24, at Saint Aedan Parish. Fr. Martínez will be the homilist.

Father Nnaemeka Andrew Onyemaobi

Fr. Onyemaobi first heard the call to become a priest at the age of 12, even though at the time he really didn't understand what it meant to be a priest. At the time he was an altar server and did domestic work in the rectory of his local parish and went on to join the high school seminary. It was then he undertook the academic, spiritual and human formation work that was required for the priesthood.

"I heard the call resoundingly when I finished high school and joined the religious order formed in Nigeria for parish and school work," he said.

Born and raised in Ihitte, Imo State, Nigeria, Fr. Onyemaobi, 27, attended Immaculate Conception Seminary and was a deacon at Saint Henry Parish, Bayonne. Fr. Onyemaobi attended elementary and secondary schools in his native country and earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Imo State University, Nigeria. He recently earned master's degrees in divinity and moral theology from the Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, SHU.

He came to the United States shortly after graduating from Imo State University. After taking courses, he began working as a nursing assistant, but again heard the call to the priesthood. At that point he was admitted to Immaculate Conception Seminary "to do God's will in my life."

Fr. Onyemaobi received his pastoral formation and summer assignments at Saint Leo Parish, Irvington; the Institute for Priestly Formation at Carrington University, Omaha, NE; Saint Michael's Medical Center, Newark; and Saint Aloysius Parish, Caldwell.

"It is my hope to be a person of prayer," he said. "If a priest is lacking in his prayer life there will be some difficulties in his pastoral work, because you cannot give what you do not have. Every human being has something to contribute to the common good."

Fr. Onyemaobi will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 24, 10 a.m., at Saint Antoninus Parish, Newark. Fr. Nwaogru will be the homilist.

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Road to priesthood

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Father Roberto Ortiz

Fr. Ortiz, the other homegrown member of the Class of 2009, was raised in Jersey City and said he hopes to be a faithful priest of Jesus Christ in the Archdiocese of Newark “for the rest of my life.”

He attended SHU and the Pontifical Gregorian University College in Rome. He was a deacon at Saint Mary’s College campus ministry study program also in Rome.

His years at Immaculate Conception, Saint Andrew Hall, South Orange, and the Pontifical North American College in Rome, recalled Fr. Ortiz, have been memorable because of “the many good people I have met along the way.” Those who enter the seminary “are, above all, filled with hope for the future and love for the Lord. These men are trying to find the Lord’s will in their lives.”

Before entering the seminary, Fr. Ortiz worked for a decade in the insurance industry. “I found working in a corporation to be a good experience with great opportunities open to me, but I was never completely happy or satisfied,” he said. “I met some supportive, kind and generous people during those years. They helped me to continue during the difficult times and I am grateful to have met them.”

Fr. Ortiz, 36, received his pastoral formation and summer assignments at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, Garfield, and Saint Aloysius Parish, Jersey City. His goal as a priest is to “be filled with gratitude to God for His many gifts, with prayer and with service to the Body of Christ, the Church. I hope to make the words of Saint Benedict my own in my life as a priest ‘to prefer nothing above the love of my Lord Jesus Christ and that God may be glorified in all things.’”

Msgr. Joseph P. Plunkett will be the homilist at Fr. Ortiz’s first Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 24, 1 p.m., at Saint Michael Church of the Parish of the Resurrection, Jersey City.

Father Andrew J. Park

Looking forward to the priesthood, Fr. Park said his main concerns are to “love God and His people and to serve them.” As a priest, Fr. Park hopes “to continue to discern and know God’s will for me and be always faithful to Him.”

Born in Seoul, South Korea, Fr. Park, 33, attended Rutgers University in New Brunswick where he studied psychology and sociology, and Immaculate Conception Seminary. After graduation from Rutgers, he worked for the Department of Child Psychiatry at the New York State Psychiatric Institute. He planned to work for several years before applying to graduate school, but he also kept having thoughts about the priesthood.

“I struggled to make the decision for a few years,” he said. “There was a time that I wanted to forget about becoming a priest and apply to a graduate school in clinical psychology.”

This inner struggle led to a period of intense self-examination. “If my main reason to become a clinical psychologist was to help people, I came to realize how many more people I could help as a priest,” he said. I thought if I can rely on God and work through His love and grace, what great and wonderful gifts God would give to the people through me. It is a privilege that Jesus has called me to the priesthood.”



A deacon at Church of Korean Martyrs Parish, Saddle Brook, Fr. Park received his pastoral formation and summer assignments at Saint Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York; Saint Michael’s Medical Center, Newark; and Guardian Angel Parish, Allendale.

Fr. Park will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving at Saint Joseph Parish, Demarest, at 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 24. Father Jungsoo Kim will be the homilist.

Father Elky Reyes Pichardo

A native of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Fr. Reyes said Redemptoris Mater Seminary became his home and not just a house of formation, because it was there that he always felt welcomed by the Lord.

Fr. Reyes, 33, was a deacon at Saint Aloysius Parish, Newark. He earned a bachelor’s degree in liberal arts at Thomas Edison State College and a master’s degree in Divinity from SHU. He is also finalizing work on a master’s degree in Theology.

Before entering the seminary, he was a law student working in politics and “completely away from the Church.” Although his life was “going well according to human understanding,” Fr. Reyes realized he was in “a deep, spiritual crisis.” It was then that “the Lord, in His love and mercy, called me back to the Church through my pastor in Santo Domingo, who brought me to the Neocatechumenal Way.” As a result, he discovered the love of God in his life.

He received his pastoral formation and summer assignments at SS. Joseph and Michael Parish, Union City; Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, also in Union City; Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Newark; and Saint Bernardete Parish in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

His mission as a priest will be to “bring people to meet Christ. I cannot save anyone; Christ is the one who saves, heals and gives life to the people.”

Fr. Reyes will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving at Saint Aloysius Parish, Newark, at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 24. He will be the homilist.

Father John Jairo Prada

His discernment process, explained Fr. Prada, involved several years of difficulty until he understood that God was calling him to be a priest. “I left everything behind—my family, a successful career, friends and even my country.”

Fr. Prada, 34, was born in Bucaramanga, Santander, Colombia. A product of Immaculate Conception Seminary, he attended Rutgers University and SHU. He received advanced degrees as a laser surgery technician and infectious diseases counselor.

He joined a specialized plastic surgery department as a surgical technician and a year later was promoted to coordinator of laser surgery. Working in this capacity and interacting with many people, he came to understand their physical frailties as well as their spiritual and emotional needs.

“God allowed me to work first with the physical body and its weaknesses and vulnerability,” he said. “It was through this that I was able to understand that God was calling me in some way to do something different with my life and that I should follow Him.”

A deacon at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City, Fr. Prada received his pastoral formation and summer assignments at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, West Orange, and Saint Mary Parish in Closter.

As a priest, Fr. Prada said he will work to become a mediator between God and His people. “I want to be



God’s envoy, sent into the world to bring the message of salvation by practicing His teachings on love, mercy and compassion.”

Saint Lucy Parish, Newark, will be the site of Fr. Prada’s first Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 24 at 6 p.m. The homilist will be Father Mark Francis O’Malley.

Father Mauro Primavera

“My aspiration for the priesthood is to be able, with the grace of God, to love and serve the people of God wherever the archbishop sends me,” Fr. Primavera declared. “In other words, to do God’s will, not mine.”

Born in Chieti, Italy, Fr. Primavera, 38, attended Redemptoris Mater Seminary. He was a student for a year at the University of Pescara in his native country. He then received a Bachelor of Science degree in education and master’s degree in Moral Theology at SHU.

Before entering the seminary, he worked for an insurance company and as a fashion model. “Modeling especially affected my discernment to become a priest, because I realized that one can have everything he has always desired and still not be happy.

“Thanks to the Neocatechumenal Way, I came back to the Church,” he said. “I understood that God was calling me to be a priest; that to be with Christ and do His will would give me true peace and happiness.”

A deacon at Holy Family Parish, Nutley, Fr. Primavera received pastoral formation and summer assignments at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, Garfield, and Holy Rosary Parish, Jersey City.

While in the seminary, it was the love and wisdom he gained from an understanding of obedience that helped to mature his vocation to the priesthood.

“Obedience helped me to understand that the will of God, which is happiness for me, many times passes through other people. I feel that this was the preparation for the obedience I will give to the archbishop as a priest.”

Fr. Primavera will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving at Holy Family Parish in Nutley on Sunday, May 24 at noon. The pastor, Msgr. Paul Bochicchio, will be the homilist.

Father Marco A. Celis-Quintero

As he approaches his ordination to the priesthood, Fr. Celis-Quintero said he wants to follow Jesus because of His great example of sacrifice, service and love—a sacrifice that is renewed at each celebration of the Mass. He also wants to “adore God’s living presence” in the Eucharist.

“The experience of living the Holy Eucharist encouraged me to be a faithful follower of Jesus,” he said. “The experience of living the Holy Eucharist every day helped me to become a better person and it will certainly help me become a better priest.”

Born in Tenza, Boyaca, Colombia, Fr. Celis-Quintero, 27, attended Seminario Mayor de Tunja. Fr. Celis-Quintero received his pastoral formation and summer assignments at Saint Thomas More Parish, Fairfield, and Saint Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit.

He will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 24, 1:30 p.m., at Saint Teresa of Avila Parish. Father John Gabriel, the director of the archdiocesan vocations office and former pastor of Saint Thomas More Parish, will be the homilist.



Father Hector F. Galvis-Rios

Before entering the seminary, Fr. Galvis was a self-described “farm boy.” He began thinking of the priesthood because “I felt God’s calling.” His intention as a priest will be to “serve the people of God, giving them consolation in today’s difficult times.”

Born in Barbosa Antioquia, Colombia, Fr. Galvis, 32, was a deacon at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Jersey City, and received pastoral formation at Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington.

Fr. Galvis attended Holy Apostles Seminary, Cromwell, CT, and Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange. When he first entered the seminary, he “just wanted to study” and develop his spiritual life, and the seminary offered the opportunity to do so. “I felt God calling me directly,” he said. “I have never interrupted my formation for the priesthood.”

Fr. Galvis will celebrate his first Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 24, 2 p.m., at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Jersey City. Msgr. Thomas Nydegger, vice rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary, will be the homilist.



Father Mate Skublics

“It was surprising that (Redemptoris Mater Seminary) was a happy place for me,” Fr. Skublics recalled. “I did not expect to find joy in my time of formation since I only came to do so reluctantly; to what I thought was the will of God.”

However, with the passage of time, he said he “became more and more certain that the call of God was true. God did not want to take anything away from me but, on the contrary, wanted to give me everything.”

Now on the eve of becoming a priest, Fr. Skublics, 32, is “grateful to God for the Neocatechumenal Way that helped me discover and nourish my vocation.” His discernment for the priesthood, Fr. Skublics continued, also was aided by the guidance of his catechists and the support and prayer of his home parish in Hungary.”

Before entering the seminary, the Budapest, Hungary, native worked in his father’s business that

specializes in blast-hole drilling in rock quarries. “I liked my work and we managed to make a decent living for our employees and ourselves.”

He received his pastoral formation and summer assignments at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Tallin, Estonia; Saint Aedan Parish, Jersey City; and Saint Michael’s Medical Center, Newark. He also served as a deacon at Holy Redeemer Parish in Guttenberg/West New York. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in education and in August will earn a master’s degree in Biblical Studies.

Fr. Skublics will be the homilist at his first Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 24, 10 a.m., at Holy Redeemer (Saint Mary’s Church), West New York.



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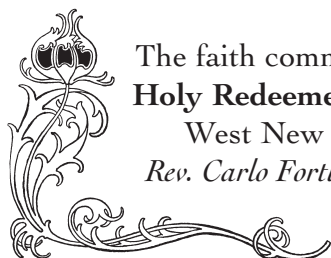
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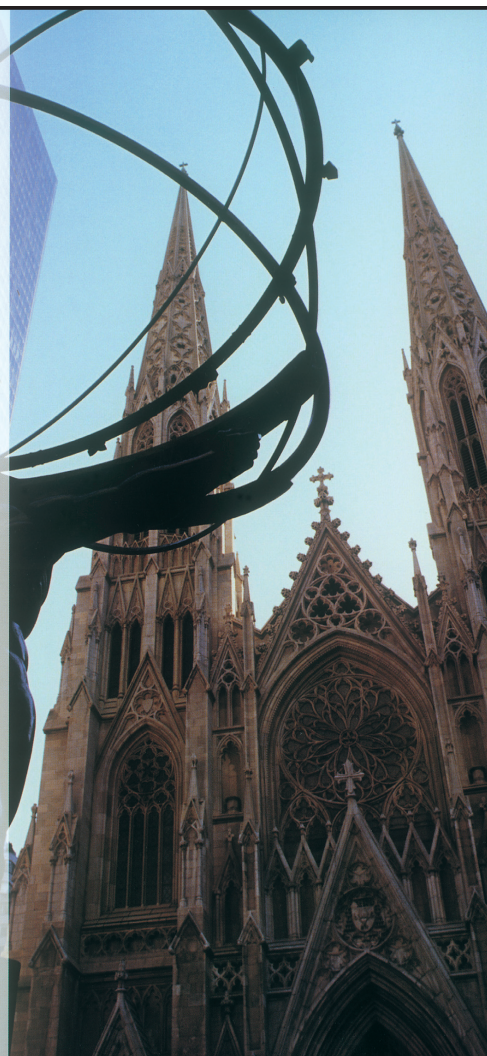
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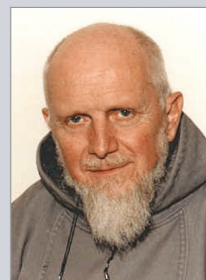


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Study observes rise in Asian-born priests

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Asian-born men make up 11 percent of the ordination class of 2009 even though the number of Asian Catholics in the United States hovers around 3 percent of the total Catholic population, an annual survey of incoming priests has found.

Felician center slates new classes

LODI—The Felician Reading Center, 260 South Main St., has scheduled testing and summer sessions for its reading improvement courses for grades one through four.

Preliminary testing for the summer sessions is under way through June 18 by appointment. Courses are scheduled to run June 29 to July 31.

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At the same time, men of Hispanic descent make up 12 percent of the country's ordination class this spring although the percentage of U.S. Hispanic Catholics is estimated at about 34 percent, reported the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University in a study for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

About 3 percent of the new priests are African or African-American; it is the same percentage of African-American Catholics in the U.S. Church. Caucasians still dominate the class, accounting for 72 percent of the new priests, even though Caucasians make up only 58 percent of U.S. Catholics.

In the Archdiocese of Newark, among the most ethnically and

culturally diverse corners of the United States, the 13 members of the Class of 2009 were born in Ecuador, Nigeria, South Korea, Hungary, Colombia, Italy, the Dominican Republic and New Jersey. Members of the archdiocese's Class of 2008 were born in Nicaragua, Spain, South Korea, Poland, the Philippines, Malta and Italy.

The national survey reported that 465 men are preparing for ordination this year, a significant increase from the 401 men in the class of 2008. Nearly 70 percent of the ordinands across the country responded to the survey. The respondents included 239 men being ordained for the diocesan priesthood and 71 for religious orders. Fifteen others did not specify their affiliation.

The study found the average age of ordinands is 36. About 31 percent of them are between 25 and 29 years old. Forty-four percent are in their 30s, the survey reported. Four are in their 60s. The youngest ordinand responding to the survey was 25 and the oldest was 66.

The study revealed that, at least this year, the number of new priests born outside the United States declined from earlier years. It was reported that 24 percent of ordinands are foreign-born, down from the 31 percent to 32 percent rate of the last two

years. The largest number of foreign-born seminarians came from Vietnam, Mexico, Poland and the Philippines.

About 10 percent of the new priests were not raised Catholic, having joined the church at age 21 on average, the study reported. Those who became Catholic are almost evenly divided between mainline Protestant religions.

The survey revealed that more than six in 10 men completed college before entering the seminary. Nearly one in five of the respondents had earned a graduate degree. The full study by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate is available online at (usccb.org/vocations/classof2009).

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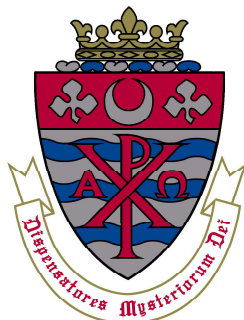




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VOCATIONS SUPPORTED—The 55th annual Archbishop's Vocation Fund Dinner, sponsored by the Serra Clubs of District 22, was held May 13 at Mayfair Farms, West Orange. Archbishop John J. Myers (fourth from left) and Most Rev. Manuel A. Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark (second from right), along with Rose Marie Deehan, president of the Serra Club of the Oranges, and Joseph F. Pagano, governor of District 22 (extreme left and right respectively), congratulated the evening's distinguished honorees. The group included (left to right) Msgr. James Turro, professor emeritus, Immaculate Conception Seminary, the Junipero Serra Award; Carmine Monteleone, a member of the Serra Club of Hudson County, the Dominic F. Cundari Award; Father Brian G. Plate, former archdiocesan director of vocations and now pastor of Saint Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, the Governors Award; and David O'Boyle, president of the Serra Club of West Essex, the Robert F. Searson Award. Addressing the dinner, Archbishop Myers announced the Archdiocese of Newark is again leading the nation with 13 ordinandi, calling the priesthood "an exalted vocation."

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May God continue to bless all of you and your priestly ministry.

Students meet ‘challenge,’ display knowledge of faith

NEWARK—Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, presented awards to the top four finishers at this year’s annual The Catholic Challenge competition, which was held April 4 at the Archdiocesan Center.

Thirty-two seventh and eighth graders from the archdiocesan religious education programs and Catholic schools competed in the final round. Preliminary rounds were held March 21. The Catholic Challenge is designed to demonstrate knowledge of the Catholic faith and its teachings.

Taking the top spots this year in the competition were: first place, Michelle Pendas, Saint Augustine Parish, Newark; second place, Bridget Boll, Saint Francis Academy, Union City; third place, Gabriella Costa, Assumption School, Wood-Ridge; and fourth place, Kayleen Sanchez, also of Saint Francis Academy.

Bishop da Cunha congratulated the winners and cited their enthusiastic participation and intense preparation in the event, while urging all the students to continue pursuing their education in order to take their place as future leaders of the Church.

Elizabeth Foer, associate director of the archdiocesan Catechetical Office, organized the event. In addition to the Catholic Challenge, the Catechetical Office hosts its annual Catechists Convocation for teachers, youth ministers, priests, deacons and parish adult faith formation teams. The convocation was held last November (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Sept. 17, 2008). Call Foer at (973) 497-4297 for more information on archdiocesan catechetical programs.



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Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha (center) and Ronald Pihokker, director of the archdiocesan Catechetical Office, (right), congratulate the winners of this year’s The Catholic Challenge. The students, (left to right) Gabriella Costa, Michelle Pendas, Kayleen Sanchez and Bridget Boll, proudly displayed their prizes—a laptop computer, a Wii, an Apple Ipad and a digital camera.

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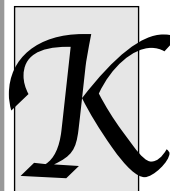
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Masses set for Memorial Day

AREA—The Archdiocese of Newark's Catholic Cemeteries office will host its annual slate of Memorial Day outdoor masses Monday, May 25, 11 a.m. at six archdiocesan cemeteries throughout northern New Jersey (see details in full-page ad on page 20). The public is invited to attend the masses, which will be held rain or shine, with outdoor canopies and seating provided.

RENEW to honor Farrell, Sr. Alice

PLAINFIELD—RENEW International will hold its 10th annual fund-raising gala June 4 at the Pleasantdale Chateau, 757 Eagle Rock Ave., West Orange. The event will begin with cocktail hour at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and an awards ceremony.

Sister Terry Rickard, O.P., RENEW's executive director, will present Harry Farrell with the "Spirit of RENEW" award, while Sister Alice Yohe, S.S.J., will receive the President's award for her generous, long-time support of RENEW.

Contact Margarita Morales by phone at (908) 769-5400, ext. 140, or via e-mail (margaritam@renewintl.org) for gala reservations.

Farrell has been active in the labor union movement throughout his career and currently serves as president of Local 1-2 of the Utility Workers Union of America. He also is involved in Veritas Village, a substance-abuse treatment facility that offers services to the entire family, and supports the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne and their work at Rosary Hill Home, which is dedicated to pro-

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Concert to benefit African mission

LODI—Saint Joseph Parish, 40 Spring St., will present the Caritas Chamber Chorale in an a cappella concert of sacred songs on Sunday, June 7 at 8 p.m.

The concert, “And Their Sorrows Shall Cease,” will benefit the Adorno Fathers’ Saint Francis Caracciolo Mission, which is located in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa.

A free-will offering will be accepted for the concert, which is open to the public. Call the parish at (973) 779-0643 for further details.

According to information found on the group’s Web site (www.caritaschamberchorale.org), Caritas Chamber Chorale is dedicated to promoting the art of sacred songs as well as spreading the Christian message of love and charity through its music.

Barbara Sanderman founded the group in 2005. During the last four years the group has performed concerts for the benefit of the Adorno Fathers’ mission in the Congo. Established in 1984, the mission provides health, educational and spiritual services to 80,000 people.

Afternoon tea party lauds Legacy Circle

NEWARK—The Archdiocese of Newark held its annual prayer service and tea for members of the Legacy Circle Planned Giving Society on April 28.

More than 50 people attended the event, which is organized by the archdiocesan Planned Giving Office, to honor members of the Legacy Circle. The affair began with a prayer service in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, followed by an afternoon tea and reception in the nearby archdiocesan chancery.

The Legacy Circle was established to recognize friends of the Archdiocese of Newark who have made a commitment to the future of archdiocese by including the Church in their estate plans.

Each member of the Legacy Circle was presented with a spe-

New Providence; Father Kevin M. Hanbury, Saint Philomena Parish, Livingston, and the archdiocesan vicar for education and superintendent of schools; Jeanette Keyser, Our Lady of Peace, New Providence; Doreen T. Kovach, Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Leonia; Florence McLaughlin, Saint John, Newark; Eida Moya, Saint Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York; Mary O’Brien and Msgr. Martin F. O’Brien, Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington; Evelyn Raimondo Kaiser, Esq., Saint James the Apostle, Springfield; Mary Rogers, Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, Paramus; Rose Savino and Joseph P. Savino, Saint Peter the Apostle Parish, River Edge; Antoinette Torrese and Michael A. Torrese, Saint Thomas



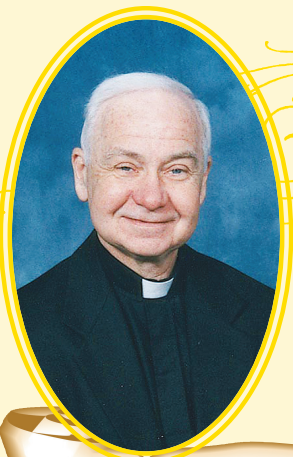
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Msgr. John E. Doran, archdiocesan Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, pictured greeting guests, presided over the annual Legacy Circle prayer service and tea held April 28 as Archbishop John J. Myers was called away to Rome.

cial recognition pin and commemorative medal featuring the insignia of the Legacy Circle, which features the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Legacy Circle members who were honored at this year’s event include: Margaret Barbour Gilbert, Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark; Rosemarie Brodeur, Saint James Parish, Springfield; Antoinette Chiaro, Sacred Heart Parish, Lyndhurst; Eileen H. Cruickshank, Saint Aloysius Parish, Caldwell; Frank E. Dascenza, Our Lady of Grace Parish, Fairview; Mary Anne Fahey, Our Lady of Peace Parish, New Providence; John M. Fleck, Saint John Parish, Newark; Dot Hagemann, Our Lady of Peace,

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Parishioners throughout the four counties of the archdiocese have made planned gifts, which provide funds in support of services and programs that help those in need. Many of these gift opportunities, such as charitable gift annuities that provide lifetime payments in exchange for a charitable gift, offer significant financial benefits and tax savings. Contact Anne DeMesa, director of planned giving, by phone (973) 497-4048 or via e-mail (demesaan@rcan.org) for more information.



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Friday of the month.

"The diabetes support group is an open, interactive forum for people with questions about diabetes issues," Patricia Paoella, director of the Diabetes Management Center, explained. "It is also a place where people can share sto-

ries about their experiences with diabetes and connect with others who are living with the disease.

"Many people living with diabetes are unaware of the many educational resources and available treatment options," Paoella continued. "At the Diabetes Management Center, we are committed to helping our patients learn to manage their diabetes and lead healthy and productive lives."

Located at 111 Central Ave., Saint Michael's Medical Center houses the Diabetes Management Center on the sixth floor of building B. Registration is not required to attend the monthly support group meetings, which are open to the public. For additional information call (973) 877-2885.

Saint Michael's is part of a group of four hospitals that forms the state's largest Catholic hospital system: Catholic Health East New Jersey. Last year Catholic Health East, based in Newtown Square, PA, acquired Saint Michael's (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 22, 2008 and Jan. 23, 2008).

SPECIAL SNEAKERS—

In response to information supplied by Anne Masters, director of the archdiocesan Pastoral Ministry with Persons with Disabilities, students at Saint Anne School, Fair Lawn, have collected \$3,310 through a walk-a-thon to help those with autism. Students taking part in the fund-raiser include first graders (left to right) Kyanna, Danielle and Isabella.



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ROLLING UP THEIR SLEEVES—More than 100 students and teachers at Saint Peter's Prep, Jersey City, donated 76 pints of blood during the school's annual drive, which ran in conjunction with New Jersey Blood Services. In addition, 16 other donors each gave two units of red blood cells. Among those rolling up their sleeves were student Michael Yager, in the foreground and, in the background, science teacher Michael Lyons.

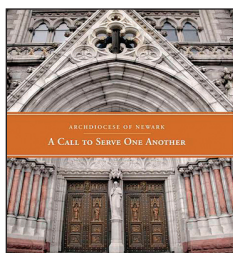
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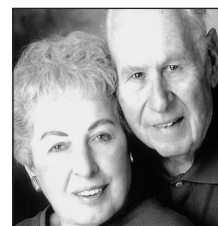
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