



## 2009 Graduation

Caps, gowns, diplomas, smiles and tears mark the end of the school year (and the beginning of the next chapter of life) for high school and college students in the Archdiocese of Newark. Congratulations and good luck to all graduates and always remember: Be true to your school! Special report begins on page 11.



## Summer Schedule

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# Holocaust survivor recalls days of horror, hope and forgiveness

BY WARD MIELE  
Managing Editor

SOUTH ORANGE — For Holocaust survivor Luna Kaufman, her life has come full circle as one of only two Jewish children in a Catholic elementary school in her native Poland to recipient of an honorary degree last month from Seton Hall University (SHU).

Kaufman, immediate past chair of SHU's Sister Rose Thering Endowment for Jewish-Christian Studies, succeeded the legendary late nun. She describes herself as Sr. Rose's "Jewish counterpart."

A driving force in Jewish-Christian relations and reconciliation, Kaufman recently published her memoirs at the urging of Msgr. Robert Sheeran, president of SHU. *Luna's Life—A Journey of Forgiveness and Triumph*, inspired by Sr. Rose, was formally introduced recently at Seton Hall. It was published by the endowment with the

support of SHU with proceeds earmarked to support the endowment. The evening also included Msgr. Sheeran introducing the Christian Friends of Yad Vashem marking the first relationship of its kind between a Catholic university and Israel's Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority.

The book was written to "let the world know" what happened, she explained, adding that "Jews and Christians need to learn about each other and to love one another. There is a lot of common ground."

In an author's note in the book, Kaufman explains that her writing is not a historical or academic account of the Holocaust but instead a reflection "of my own memory of the events in my life...the facts of what happened are inscribed in my memory as if they occurred only yesterday." She and her mother were in various concentration camps for four years. During that time she lost her father and 15-year-old sister.

Kaufman emigrated to the United States with her husband.

Msgr. Sheeran comments in the preface of the book that "the strength of character that enabled her to survive imprisonment during the darkest time of the 20th century shines through even today."

Recalling her elementary school days in Krakow, Kaufman called it "a very positive experience, a good example of co-existence." To make her point, Kaufman explained that she did

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Luna Kaufman

# Archbishop Gerety hits a few awesome numbers

BY WARD MIELE  
Managing Editor

NEWARK — As the oldest bishop in the United States, Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety has reached a multitude of ministerial milestones. The latest is the 70th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on June 29, 1939. That will be followed by his 97th birthday July 19. He has served as a bishop for 43 years.

Archbishop John J. Myers and the entire Church of Newark will celebrate Archbishop Gerety's long and holy life with a commemorative noon Mass Monday, June 29, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St., followed by a reception at the nearby Rink in Branch Brook Park.

Born in 1912, the oldest of nine boys, Archbishop Gerety credits his parents as among of the major influences on his decision to become a priest. Another source of inspiration was the clergy at his boyhood parish, Saint Joseph, located in his hometown of Shelton, CT.

The future archbishop entered Saint Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT, and was selected to study abroad at Saint Sulpice Seminary in Issy, France. He was assigned to Saint Brendan's Parish in New Haven, CT, in 1942. In addition to his parish duties, he ministered to the sick at Yale/New Haven Hospital.

He subsequently was named director of an interracial social and religious center that ministered to the

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Advocate photo — M. Gabriele

**AWARD-WINNING SMILES**—RENEW International held its 10th annual gala June 4 at the Pleasantdale Chateau, West Orange. Sister Theresa Rickard, O.P. (left), executive director of RENEW, congratulates Sr. Alice Yohe, S.S.J., the recipient of the group's "President's Award," and Harry Farrell, who was presented with "The Spirit of RENEW" Award. Sr. Alice serves as the director of religious education at Saint Joseph the Carpenter Parish, Roselle, while Farrell is the president of Local 1-2 Utility Worker's Union and is active with Veritas Villa Inc., a non-profit substance abuse treatment facility located in Kerhonkson, NY. Founded in 1976, RENEW, based in Plainfield, works to revitalize parish life and faith communities throughout the United States and in 23 countries through ministry services and education programs.

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# Applauding pope's resilience, serenity under fire

Pope Benedict XVI holds my admiration in a manner that I could never have imagined a few years ago. He is absolutely brilliant. Yet, if I were asked to describe him in one word, my response might need to be two words—"humble" and "serene."

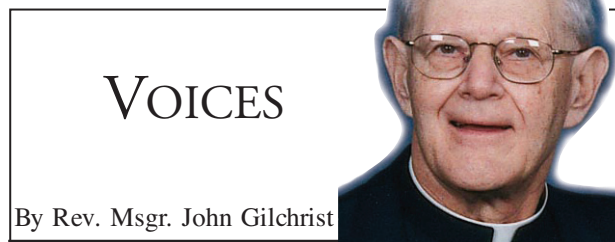
The pope endures constant attack and harassment, yet he never manifests resentment, nor does he respond with anything but quiet logic and, as it seems, constant attempts to pacify his opponents. Always, he seems to be at apparent peace with himself and, of course, with the Lord.

Just consider a short list of problems he has faced. He was hardly installed as pope when he decided to visit Sapienza University, a Roman school founded by Pope Boniface VIII in the 14th century. He was coming to make a scholarly, thoughtful presentation. The students went berserk. They had decided that they did not want to hear the pope. The intolerant among them staged sit-ins and protests and promised to disrupt any lecture by the pope. He simply withdrew from the planned visit.

On Sept. 12, 2006, the pope went to Regensburg, Germany, where he was to give a scholarly lecture to 1,500 university professors and students. The text was 9,000 words in length. It was a philosophical treatise that dealt with the relationship between Biblical faith, Greek philosophical inquiry and modern empiricism.

Unfortunately, in an introduction, the Holy Father utilized a line from the Quran, "There is no compulsion in religion." (Sura 2:256). Then he quoted a Byzantine Emperor philosopher, Manuel II Paleologus, who was having a debate with a Persian philosopher, perhaps around 1391, at a time when Islam was at war with Constantinople.

The Holy Father said of Manuel: "He addressed his in-



## VOICES

By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist

terlocutor with a startling brusqueness—a brusqueness which leaves us astounded on the central question about the relationship between religion and violence in general saying, 'show me just what Mohammed brought that was new, and there you will find things only evil and inhumane such as to spread by the sword the faith he preached.'"

The press ignored, as they usually do, the entire context. They used only the sentence of Manuel. Instantly, all over the world, Muslims were burning the pope in effigy and breathing threats against his life. A nun was murdered.

In the days immediately following the Regensburg lecture, at a meeting of representatives of Muslim nations, the pope apologized and reassured the Muslim community of his respect for Islam.

On Jan. 21 of this year the pope, dealing with an internal matter of the Church (the schism of the ultraconservative group founded by Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre) lifted the excommunication of their four bishops. Little did he know that one of them, Richard Williamson, had controversial opinions about the Holocaust. Williamson had spoken to a

Swedish film group on Nov. 4, 2008. They had held the tape. Then they released the statements of the bishop on the exact day that the pope had lifted the excommunication.

It was a setup. They got the desired effect. Every Jewish agency, some ecclesiastics and a horde of politicians and media types piled on. None of them gave the pope any benefit of the doubt. Actually the pope had no knowledge of the bigoted bishop's attitude toward the Holocaust until after he had issued his decree.

Once again, he had to make all sorts of apologies and mend fences. In a speech on Jan. 28, the pope reaffirmed his solidarity with the Jews and spoke out against those who deny the Holocaust (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Feb. 4).

In March the Holy Father was on a plane to Africa to visit. A reporter asked him about AIDS and the pope gave a reasoned response (see *The Catholic Advocate*, March 25). "I would say that this problem of AIDS cannot be overcome with advertising slogans," he answered. "If the soul is lacking, if Africans do not help one another, the scourge can not be resolved by distributing condoms; quite the contrary, we risk worsening the problem. The solution can only come through a two-fold commitment; firstly, the humanization of sexuality, and secondly, true friendship—above all, with those who are suffering."

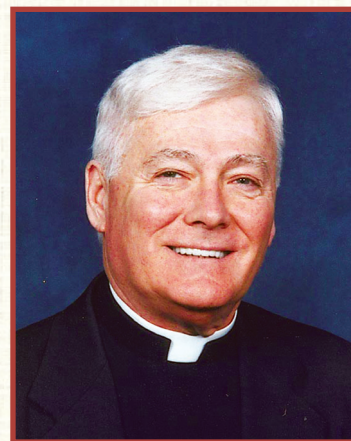
The secular media went ballistic. Yet, if you read all of his writings, if you study the statistics from Africa itself, you can understand that once again the man is absolutely correct.

I am happy that I am not the pope. I would be more likely to send signs and signals to my critics that would be somewhat less than humble and serene.

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

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Big numbers

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community’s black Catholic population. In 1956 the interracial social and religious center became Saint Martin de Porres Parish. Then-Father Gerety was appointed pastor. In 1969 he was named chairman of the U.S. Bishops’ Committee for Liaison with the National Office of Black Catholics. He would go on to establish the first Office of Black Catholic Affairs in the Archdiocese of Newark.

Ordained to the episcopacy on June 1, 1966 in Saint Joseph Cathedral in Hartford, CT, Archbishop Gerety became coadjutor bishop of Portland, ME, in 1969. Three years later he was head of the diocese.

He was named Archbishop of Newark in April 1974. The Church in Newark, he has said, “really and truly was able to put flesh” on many of Vatican II’s reforms.

Archbishop Gerety came to Newark right after the sweeping changes of the Second Vatican Council. It was a time he described as “a new era in the history of the Church” at both the “divine and human” levels. One of the most important changes, he has noted, was the shift in the “top-down” mindset in the Church that had emphasized the authority of the hierarchy in favor of a focus on the hierarchy as servants.

Looking back on his days as head of the Archdiocese of Newark, from 1974 to 1986, Archbishop Gerety told *The Catholic Advocate* two years ago said he particularly enjoyed assisting with the post Vatican II “change of attitude in the Church, fostering the servant na-



Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety

ture of the Church’s authority.”

Twice during his pastoral duties to the Archdiocese of Newark, Archbishop Gerety was called upon to testify at U.S. congressional subcommittees.

In 1976 he testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on “U.S. Foreign Policy: A Critique from Catholic Tradition.” A year later he was before the Welfare Reform Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee offering the United States Catholic Conference (USCC) view on President Jimmy Carter’s “Better Jobs and Income” proposal.

Several years ago, reflecting on the priesthood, Archbishop Gerety commented, “there is no profession on earth closer to people or that provides greater satisfaction.” To be a good priest, he has said, means “total commitment to Jesus and His Church.”

These days much of his leisure time is spent reading about U.S. history and the development of its democracy, Theology and Church history with an eye toward learning more about how the Church is “meeting its challenges.”

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Pope Benedict XVI wears a red hat, known as a saturno, during his general audience in Saint Peter's Square on June 17. He offered thoughts on the 2009 G8 summit, which will be hosted by Italy July 8-10 on the island of La Maddalena.

## Pope prays values guide G8 summit

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The discussions and policy proposals of the leaders of the world's richest nations must promote the common good of all people and respect basic moral values, Pope Benedict XVI said. At the end of his weekly general audience June 17, Pope Benedict greeted 129 religious leaders from around the world who had been meeting in Italy ahead of the G8 summit. The meeting brought together representatives of major Christian denominations, as well as Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu and other leaders. Pope Benedict told the religious leaders he was certain their reflections "will do much to draw the attention of world political leaders to the importance of religions within the social fabric of every society and to the grave duty to ensure that their deliberations and policies support and uphold the common good."



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Angry Iranian exchange students protest the controversial election results outside the Iranian Embassy to Italy in Rome on June 15. International observers have questioned the unusual speed with which election officials were able to count nearly 40 million handwritten paper ballots.



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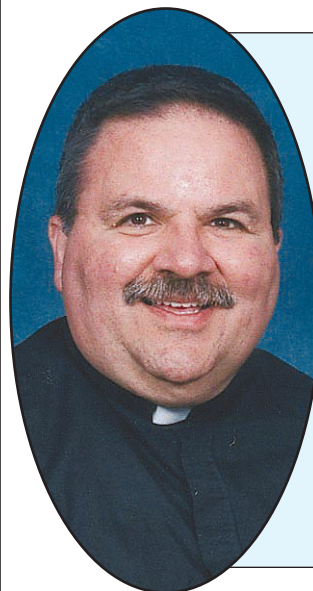
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## Scholars ponder election in Iran

WASHINGTON (CNS)—

Despite cries of voter fraud and the promise of a limited ballot recount, two U.S. Catholic scholars said they believe the re-election of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad will stand. "Nobody can really predict the outcome of the current situation in Iran," said Scott Alexander, director of Catholic-Muslim Studies at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago—the largest Catholic graduate school of theology and ministry in the United States. "My guess would be the short-term outcome would be another four-year term for Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. The official June 12 Iranian election results showed Ahmadinejad with 62.6 percent of the vote, compared to reformist challenger Mir Hossein Mousavi's 33.8 percent. Mousavi appealed to young Iranians, women, intellectuals and middle-class professionals, while Ahmadinejad cultivated support among workers, laborers and Iranians living in the rural areas. John Esposito, a Georgetown University scholar of international affairs and Islamic studies, observed the "signs and likelihood of voter fraud are very strong, from the premature announcement of a sweeping victory to the shutting down of opposition centers and arrests. In the end it seems clear that (Iran's supreme leader) Ayatollah Ali Khamenei is more comfortable with Ahmadinejad than Mousavi."



**ORDAINED TO DIACONATE**—Archbishop John J. Myers ordained 13 transitional deacons May 17 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. Among those ordained were (left to right) Joseph Emmanuel Simon Dos Santos, Camilo Ernesto Cruz Bahamón and Duverney Bermúdez Giraldo. Also ordained that day were Frank Jude Paul Fano, Julius Joseph Banez Lucero, Anthony Lorenzo Marcantuono, Viktor Marković, Wellington Manuel Muñoz, Grzegorz Podolowski, Arokiadoss Raji, Édinson Enrique Ramíerz Ardila, Francisco Javier Rodríguez and Juan Carlos Vargas. Being ordained as a transitional deacon is the step before ordination to the priesthood. Last month there were 13 priests ordained in the archdiocese's Class of 2009 (see *The Catholic Advocate*, May 20).



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## SMA hosts ordination of Fr. Sandoval

**TENAFLY**—Father Eliecer Sandoval was ordained a priest May 23 at the Society of African Missions' provincial headquarters, 23 Bliss Ave. Auxiliary Bishop John Dooher of Boston was the ordaining prelate.

The son of Elvia and the late Eliecer Sandoval, Fr. Sandoval, 44, was ordained a deacon on June 9, 2007, at provincial headquarters. After working with the Peace Corps for 10 years in Panama, Fr. Sandoval felt a call to the missionary priesthood while attending World Youth Day 2000 in Rome.

**Father Eliecer Sandoval**

He originally signed up a lay missionary with the SMA (*Societas Missionum ad Afros*), Fathers working in Liberia and Ghana. In Liberia, he assisted in a program of Caritas, the international Catholic relief agency. When he began his studies for the priesthood, Fr. Sandoval spent a spiritual year in Dedham, MA, and took his theological studies at Blessed John XXIII National Seminary, Boston.

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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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Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me that you are my mother. Oh Holy Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. I place this cause in your hands. Amen. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. Novena is published in gratitude. Thank you.

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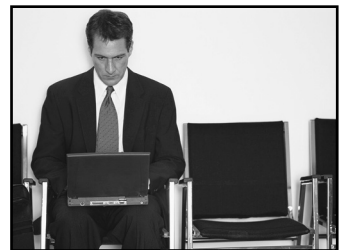
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Oh Glorious Saint Theresa, whom almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind. I invite your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you obtaining every need of body and soul, our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a "Prodigy of Miracles." Now fervently I beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and carry out your promise of doing good upon earth of letting fall from heaven a shower of roses. Henceforth, Dear little flower, I will fulfill your plea to be made known everywhere and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen. (Say prayer everyday for 9 days. By 4th day, ask for a sign. If prayers are to be answer. Between 4th and 9th day, you will see arose in magazine, TV picture or receive roses. You can also get a strong scent of roses in home even if no roses present. Must promise publication. Thank you.)

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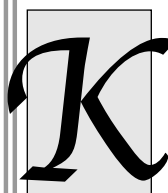
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Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

DEAN

**Reverend John J. Cryan**, pastor of the Churches of Our Lady of Mercy and Our Lady of Sorrows, Jersey City, has been appointed Dean of the Jersey City South Deanery, Deanery 12, for a five-year term through June 9, 2014.

PASTOR

**Reverend Dennis E. Reiff**, parochial vicar of Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, Paramus, has been appointed pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Nutley, effective July 1.

**Reverend Wieslaw Strzadala, S.D.S.** has been appointed pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, Hackensack, effective July 1.

PAROCHIAL VICARS

**Reverend Stephen Aribé**, parochial vicar of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Elizabeth, has been appointed parochial vicar of Saint Lucy Parish, Newark, effective July 1.

**Reverend Michael E. Gubernat**, pastor of Saint John the Baptist Parish, Fairview, has been appointed parochial vicar of Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, Paramus, effective July 1.

**Reverend Piotr Haldas, S.D.S.** has been appointed parochial vicar of Saint Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Garfield, effective July 1.

**Reverend Dong-Kyum Kim** was appointed parochial vicar of Saint Joseph Parish, Demarest, effective May 22.

**Reverend Jozef Krajnak, S.D.B.**, parochial vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Jersey City, was appointed parochial vicar of Saint Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York, effective June 17.

**Reverend Thomas Joseph** has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Saint Raphael Parish, Livingston, effective July 1 through Sept. 30.

**Reverend George S. Pereira** has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, effective through Aug. 31.

**Reverend Celso D. Singson** has been appointed summer parochial vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Rochelle Park, through July 31.

RELEASE

**Reverend Attilio Morelli** has had his release for pastoral service to the Diocese of Peoria extended for another three-year term ending June 30, 2012.

RETIREMENT

**Most Reverend Charles J. McDonnell, D.D.**, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Newark and pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Hackensack, has been granted retirement as pastor, effective July 1.

**Reverend Francis T. Maione**, Parochial Vicar of Saint Lucy Parish, Newark, has been granted retirement effective July 1.



NEWLY ORDAINED TRANSITIONAL DEACONS

(all were effective May 26 and run through April 26, 2010 unless otherwise noted)

**Reverend Mr. Duverney Bermudez** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, Garfield.

**Reverend Mr. Camilo E. Cruz** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Saint Aloysius Parish, Caldwell.

**Reverend Mr. Joseph E. Simon Dos Santos** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Saint Cecilia Parish, Kearny.

**Reverend Mr. Frank J. Fano** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Saint Theresa Parish, Kenilworth.

**Reverend Mr. Julius B. Lucero** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Saint Anthony Parish, Newark.

**Reverend Mr. Anthony L. Marcantuono** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington.

**Reverend Mr. Victor Markovic** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Saint Aedan Parish, Jersey City.

**Reverend Mr. Wellington M. Munoz** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Immaculate Heart of Mary/St. Patrick Parish, Elizabeth.

**Reverend Mr. Gregory Podolowski** has been assigned to diaconal ministry for the summer only at Holy Family Parish, Nutley to July 17.

**Reverend Mr. Arokiadoss Raji** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Saint Aloysius Parish, Newark.

**Reverend Mr. Edinson E. Ramirez** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Saint Henry Parish, Bayonne.

**Reverend Mr. Francisco Rodriguez** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.

**Reverend Mr. Juan C. Vargas** has been assigned to diaconal ministry at Saint Aloysius Parish, Jersey City.

June 27

CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS POST 1612, Bayonne, blood drive, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., (201) 652-3210.

June 26

NJ BLOOD SERVICES, blood drive at St. Peter's Preparatory School, Jersey City, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., call Marie Forrestal at (732) 616-0798.

June 28

ST. CASIMIR PARISH, Newark, Mass and parish picnic, Mass at 10:45 a.m., picnic at 12:30 p.m., cost: \$3, (973) 344-2743.

RESURRECTION PARISH, Jersey City, St. Michael Singers concert, "Wondrous Love: Music of Faith and Joy," at St. Michael Church, 4 p.m., (201) 653-7328.

June 29

NJ BLOOD SERVICES, blood drive at Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, 1-6:30 p.m., call Marie Forrestal at (732) 616-0798.

July 1

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

July 6

XAVIER RETREAT CENTER, Convent Station, "Renewal Vacation Days," through July 10, also from Aug. 17-21, cost: \$60 per day/\$75 overnight, (973) 290-5100.

July 9

THE SODALITY OF THE CHILDREN OF MARY OF ST. TERESA, Jersey City, summer luncheon at the Oyster Point Hotel in Red Bank, noon, cost:

\$46 per person, RSVP by June 26, call Jean Marie Ake at (973) 402-4209.

July 10

NJ BLOOD SERVICES, blood drive at St. Henry Parish, Bayonne, 1:30-7 p.m., call Marie Forrestal at (732) 616-0798.

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July 12

NJ BLOOD SERVICES, blood drive at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., call Marie Forrestal at (732) 616-0798.

July 13

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH, Bloomfield, at home summer retreat, through July 16, also from Aug. 24-27, call Anna Graziano at (973) 338-9538.

July 17

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH, Montclair, festival and carnival, including procession and musical performances, through July 19, 6-10 p.m., (973) 699-5670.

Other

NJ BLOOD SERVICES, volunteers needed to work blood drives, call Jan Zepka, nanager of Community Relations, at (732) 616-8741.

THE CATHOLIC CAFÉ, a spiritual urban haven for Catholics of all ages, which opened in 2007, now has a new location: Sava Polish Bistro, 346 Grove St., Jersey City. Music, lectures and other cultural events will be held on Friday nights. Call (201) 433-9606 or (201) 451-1901 for information.



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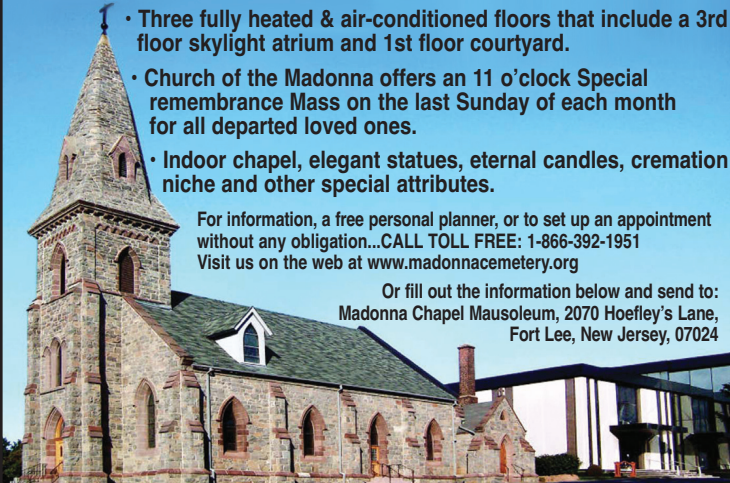
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**PHILANTHROPIC FLING**—The Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Comprehensive Care Center at Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, recently held its annual Spring Fashion Fling benefit. Among those attending the fund-raiser were, left to right, Scott Guevin, assistant vice president; Catherine Yaxley, vice president, planning and government affairs; and Chuck Gerity, assistant vice president, emergency preparedness and operations. The center, which opened in 1985, offers a wide range of services to individuals with MS and their families, including diagnosis and testing, treatment, psychosocial support and education.

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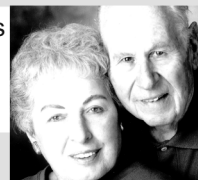


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## Group lauds Msgr. Ciuba

AREA — The West Essex Ministerial Association has paid tribute to Rev. Msgr. Edward, J. Ciuba, who is among this year's jubilarians in the Archdiocese of Newark celebrating a 50-year ordination anniversary.

In a statement issued to *The Catholic Advocate*, the association extended its "love and blessings to our friend in celebration of his 50th year of ordained ministry and in recognition of his retirement."

Msgr. Ciuba "has sowed good and faithful seeds not only in the parishes and seminaries that he has served but also in ecumenical and interfaith circles of which he has been a leading voice and faithful presence," the association declared in its statement. "Our lives have been richly blessed by the wisdom, friendship and ministry of Msgr. Ciuba for which we give God profound thanks."

Msgr. Ciuba was pastor of Notre Dame Parish, North Caldwell.

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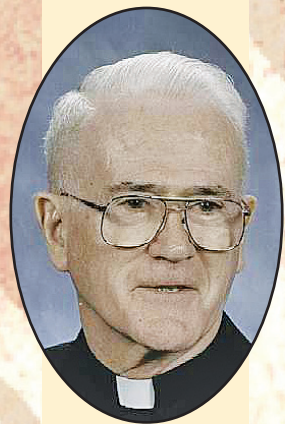
## Christ King gets grant from Horizon

NEWARK—Christ the King Preparatory School, has received a grant of \$36,000 from The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey to support the school's sexually transmitted disease health education, counseling and prevention programs.

The grant will provide funding for a clinical social worker to facilitate weekly health education classes and clinical counseling services for the school's 350 students and their families. Located at 239 Woodside Ave., Christ the King, is part of the national Cristo Rey network of schools.

The funds for Christ the King are part of the Horizon Foundation's first round of 2009 grants, which total \$516,625.

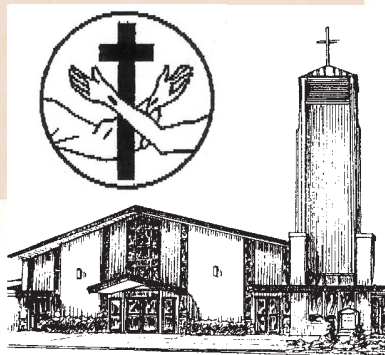
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## Luna Kaufman

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not have to take part in any of the liturgies while at the Catholic school.

A highlight of her Krakow days, Kaufmann added, was attending Jagiellonian University with Karol Wojtyla, the future Pope John Paul II, whom she met at the Vatican in 1994.

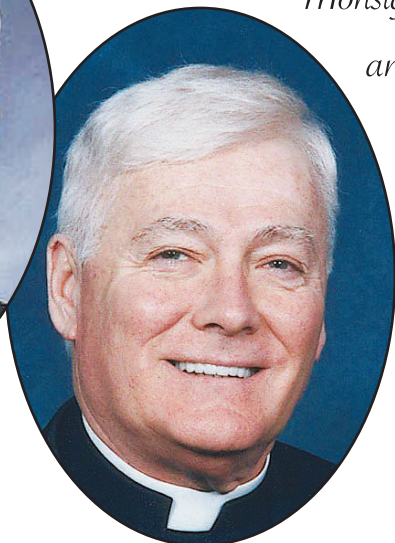
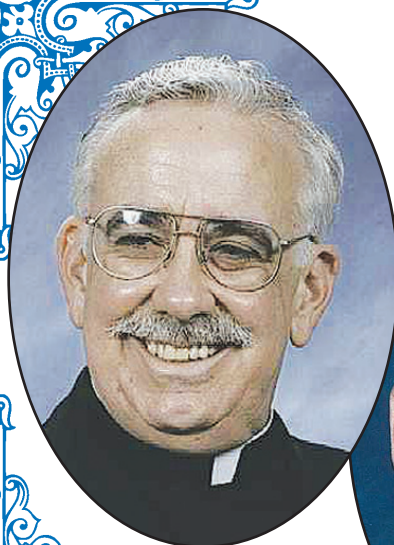
Her memoirs had been in the works for two decades. She recalls vividly about a year and a half ago bringing them to Msgr. Sheeran's office who urged her then to publish them.

Kaufman was interred at three camps during World War II. One was Plaszow where events depicted in the movie Schindler's List took place. Among the horrors of the camps, Kaufmann recalled a terrifying incident during the Jewish High Holy Days in which soldiers conducted a raid and shot seven prisoners. During the raid, a gun was put to Kaufman's head but, as fate would have it, the chamber was empty and she survived the encounter. All the while, Kaufman's mother watched in horror from across the room.

Despite all she has been through, Kaufman is absolutely convinced it is important to have a positive attitude when it comes to interfaith dialogue. "It is best to build the future while learning from the past. Remembering is not enough," she declared.

Last year Kaufman took a trip to Israel with a SHU group to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem. Sr. Rose, Kaufman was quick to point out, was well known and revered there.

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In his commencement address, Carl W. Turnipseed, executive vice president, Financial Services Group at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, told the Class of 2009 to follow their dreams.

"What are your passions, your deepest yearnings? And if you could do absolutely anything in the world, what would that be?" Turnipseed asked the graduates. "Your heart knows the answers to these questions and I advise you to listen to it."

Turnipseed recalled how his mother, who knew nothing of the florist business, one day woke up from a dream with the revelation

that God had instructed her to open a flower shop because that was what she was meant to be.

"My mother opened her florist business, operated it for over 20 years and became one of the first successful black women entrepreneurs in the city of Baltimore," he recalled. "She followed her dream, and awakened each day with a passion to create floral arrangements that brought much joy to others."

Valedictorian Erin E. Prendergast urged the graduates to make the world a better place. "It's our obligation to make a difference." Prendergast, an education major, also was chosen by the faculty of the college's Division of Teacher Education to receive The Sister Mary Firmina Lajewski Scholarship for excellence in mathematics and student teaching. In addition, Turnipseed and Sister Tarcilia Juchniewicz, C.S.S.F., vice president for student affairs, were awarded honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

While presenting Sr. Tarcilia the honorary degree, Sr. Theresa said, "For Sister Tarcy, 'Students First' is a way of life...There is nothing too hard or too much for her to do wherever and whenever help is needed."

Among those graduating were students from three adult cohorts: Bachelor of Science in Business, Federal Reserve; Bachelor of Science in Nursing, East Orange General Hospital; and Bachelor of Arts in Education, Raritan Valley Community College. These individuals earned their degrees while holding down full-time jobs.



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Three Felician College graduates, part of the largest class in the school's history, are all smiles as they prepare to receive diplomas.

## Caldwell honors Sr. Patrice

CALDWELL—Sister Patrice Werner, O.P., Ph.D., outgoing Caldwell College president, told the Class of 2009 that, much like a potter who molds clay, "your education here at Caldwell will hopefully continue to enable you to shape your life into a work of art."

Sr. Patrice, who is retiring June 30 after 15 years as president and 36 years at the college and gave the commencement address at the May 17 graduation ceremonies and was awarded an honorary degree.

She told the 432 graduates that they were

leaving college at a time when the world was facing serious challenges. However, Sr. Patrice said these challenges "are not insurmountable and it is our prayer that your Caldwell College education has well prepared you to make a difference in this world and that you have been, as we say in our mission statement: 'empowered to comprehend community and global issues and to act responsibly toward self and others.'"

Sr. Patrice awarded degrees to the 317 undergraduates and 115 master's students. Among

the Class of 2009 graduates was Kimberly Hayes, a parishioner at Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Leonia, who received a bachelors degree in art. She was honored with the Leadership in Ministry Award for "outstanding service and witness" to Campus Ministry; the Trustee Recognition Award for developing and sharing her gifts and Christian values in a singular way; and The Kappa Gamma Pi Saint Catherine of Alexandria Medal in honor of her leadership and service

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## Caldwell

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representing the high ideals of a Catholic college education.

During winter and spring breaks, Hayes was part of a team of Caldwell College students who traveled to Appalachia to repair homes of families in need. Last year she took part in the summer study program in Fanjeaux, France, the place where Saint Dominic founded the Dominican Order. During the trip, Hayes studied Dominican vision and intellectual tradition alongside students, faculty, and staff from other Catholic Dominican colleges.

Rebeca Munoz, a parishioner at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, Hillside, and a youth group leader at Koinonia Academy, Plainfield, graduated summa cum laude with a double major in Special Education and Psychology.

Throughout her college career Munoz volunteered with campus ministry at soup kitchens and rebuilt homes on the Alternative Spring Break trip to Appalachia. She participated in Students for Life pro-life activities including a diaper drive, movie nights, pro-life



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Sister Patrice Werner (left), who will leave her post as president of Caldwell College at the end of June, receives an honorary degree from Dr. Alexander Giaquinto, chairman of the college's board of trustees.

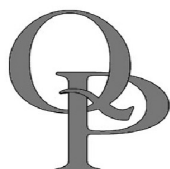
awareness events on campus, Rosaries for Life, and the annual March for Life in Washington D.C. Munoz also raised money for charity through Kappa Delta Epsilon, an honor society for Education majors.

After sharing a story about a potter from the book "Growing Strong at Broken Places" by Paula Ripple, Sr. Patrice said that "while each one of us is called to make of our life a work

of art, there is no guarantee that this will come easily."

The Class of 2009, like the potter who sometimes hits places of tension in the clay, "life comes to be in times and places of tension," she said. "That tension can activate our creative energies and enable us to give shape to our dream. Your life will be shaped by your acceptance of and creative response to these moments of tension."

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## Congratulations to the Class of 2009

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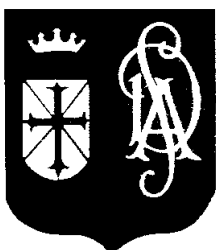


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## Historian Beschloss describes the good news and the bad news

HOLMDEL—Saint Peter's College, Jersey City, awarded 800 diplomas to the Class of 2009 during its 118th commencement ceremony May 17 at PNC Bank Arts Center.

Valedictorian Davide De Pierro cited the strength of a Saint Peter's degree and the positive impact the liberal arts education had on the graduates.

"We will not walk away today with just a diploma in our hands or with an education in a specific area of study," De Pierro said. "Here we were given more than that; we were given the gift of ideas, of words; a gift that is incorruptible, immeasurable; a gift that cannot die."

De Pierro, who majored in English literature, will continue his education at Fordham University Law School.

Presidential historian Michael Beschloss, who served as the commencement speaker, received a Doctor of Humane Letters degree, honoris causa, as did Carl R. Augusto, president and chief executive officer for the American Foundation for the Blind, New York.

"The bad news is you're going into the job market in the worst economy in 75 years. The good news is that you're doing it with a Saint Peter's diploma," Beschloss said.

Despite concerns over the weak economy, Saint

Peter's graduates are creating career opportunities for themselves, moving on to diverse professions and graduate programs throughout the world.

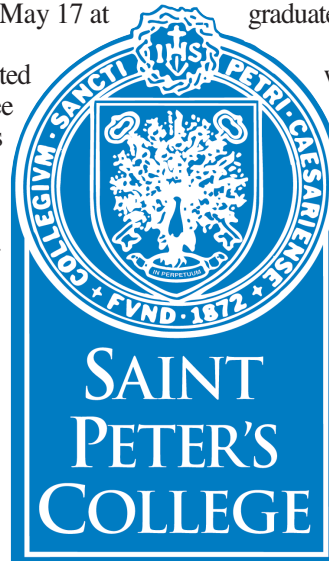
For example, Christopher DePizzo, who received his Bachelor of Science degree in political science, will continue his education at University of Pennsylvania Law School. Audra Lambert, recipient of the Art History Scholarship award, will travel to Japan to teach English. California native Jolie Hoppe will return to her home state and begin medical school at Touro University.

The graduation ceremonies concluded a week of celebratory events, including baccalaureate masses at the college's Jersey City campus and the Englewood Cliffs campus.

"There is much more ahead of you," Saint Peter's College President

Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D., who closed the commencement ceremony with the conferral of degrees, told graduates. "Whatever you go on to after today, dream big. Saint Peter's graduates are only limited by their imaginations."

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**RIGHT PRESCRIPTION FOR SUCCESS**—Sister Uchenna Okereke, O.P., M.D., the youngest member of the Caldwell Dominican Sisters, received her Doctor of Medicine degree, specializing in the Community Health Track, during graduation ceremonies on May 17. Sr. Uchenna earned her degree at George Washington University in Washington D.C. and now begins her residency at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx.

# Oratory Prep hands out 55 diplomas

SUMMIT—Oratory Preparatory School graduated 55 young men June 6 during its 101st commencement exercises, which were held at Saint Teresa of Avila Parish. Speakers included Valedictorian Christopher Geissler, Salutorian Steven Zychowski

along with faculty members Anthony Acquadro and Thomas Boniello. Honors for the Oratory Prep seniors were announced the night before at a baccalaureate dinner held at the Canoe Brook Country Club.

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Members of Seton Hall's Class of 2009 savor the moment and memories during commencement ceremonies. In true SHU spirit, the elated graduates chanted "Go Pirates" when the event ended.

# Carlesimo asks SHU grads to 'help us believe again'

BY MEGHAN ST. JOHN  
Special to The Catholic Advocate

EAST RUTHERFORD — Seton Hall University, South Orange, awarded diplomas to 1,052 undergraduate students during its 152nd commencement ceremony held May 11 at the Izod Center.

Separate ceremonies were held for SHU's 1,070 graduate students. In all, the university graduated 2,122 undergraduate and graduate students this year.

Addressing the Class of 2009,

Archbishop John J. Myers said "I am proud that Seton Hall provides an environment of faith in which the Catholic faith is authentically presented. I am proud that Seton Hall provides an environment of faith in which those of all faiths are welcomed in an atmosphere of mutual respect. Flowing from Catholic faith, I take great joy in saying to you today 'God loves you.'"

"I'm in shock right now. I don't really know how to feel," Andrew Gonzales, a graduate, said. "College went by so quick.

I'm overwhelmed. I don't think it has hit me yet that I'm going to be in the real world."

Gonzales, who received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, said he plans on traveling before attending law school next year.

"I'm incredibly excited," said Hazel Koshy, a graduate who received a Bachelor of Science in Diplomacy and International Relations. "I'm so happy to be graduating from Seton Hall with this group of people. This class is amazing."

P.J. Carlesimo, a former SHU basketball coach; Bill Raftery, a CBS sports analysis and another former SHU basketball coach; and Luna Kaufman, chair of Seton Hall's Sister Rose Thering Endowment for Jewish-Christian and Holocaust studies, were all honored with Doctor of Humane Letters degrees.

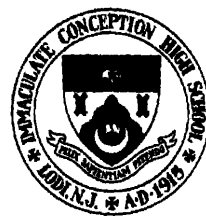
Carlesimo, who was the men's head basketball coach for 12 years and led the Pirates to the 1989

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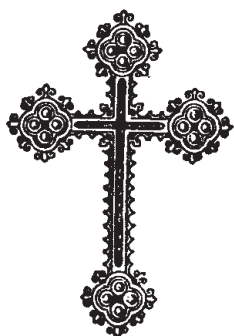
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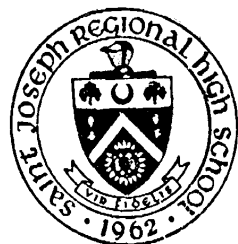
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NCAA championship game, urged the Class of 2009 to volunteer, serve the poor, demand more from politicians, support school boards and work for improvement.

"You are our hope, 2009," Carlesimo declared. "Help us to believe again in our country and each other."

Ricky Evans, a graduate, offered similar advice to underclassman. "Stay involved and you'll get all your memories from that."

ToniAnne Giunta, valedictorian, who received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, spoke about her SHU experience in terms of a process leading to her ultimate goal, much like a potter who begins with raw clay and ends with a masterpiece.

"As we underwent our collegiate experiences, Seton Hall University took the raw clay into its hands and molded us so that we, too, could someday shape the future of the world," Giunta said.

The graduates, many of whom adorned their caps with glitter, stars, Greek letters, personal messages and photos, cheered and waved to family and friends as they were acknowledged for their academic achievements.

"To see other people that you came in as freshman with and we're all finally seniors graduating. It's a good feeling for everyone," Paul Gause said.

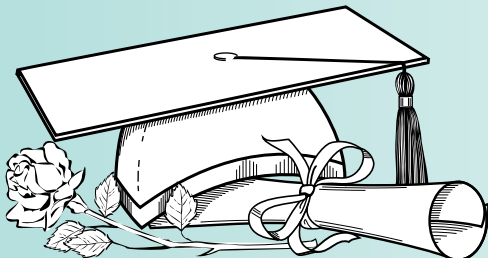
As reported earlier this month, Msgr. Robert Sheeran, after serving 15 years at the helm of SHU—the nation's oldest diocesan university—will step down from the presidency in June 2010 (see *The Catholic Advocate*, June 10).

(Editor's note: Meghan St. John is the assistant *Pirate Life* editor for *The Setonian*, the SHU student newspaper.)

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## Saint Patrick grads garner scholarships

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Among the 64-member class at Saint Patrick, Valedictorian Dean Kowalski, Salutatorian Veronica Rodriguez, Salutatorian and Xiomara Perez received the New Jersey Distinguished Scholars Award.

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# High schools pass torch, diplomas to Class of 2009

AREA—High school students throughout the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark, the members of the Class of 2009, have earned their diplomas, listened to the commencement addresses and are embarking on the next step in their journey of life, faith and education.

**Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell**, held its graduation ceremonies June 7 at Felician College in Lodi awarding 182 diplomas. First in merit was Donald Joseph Butterworth; second in merit was Scott Andrew Monaco. School

chaplain, Father Thomas Pendrick celebrated the baccalaureate liturgy on June 6.

**Immaculate Conception High School, Lodi**, honored its graduates at Felician College, also in Lodi, June 6, awarding 43 diplomas. Megha Mehta was lauded as the class valedictorian while Jennifer Aroche was the salutatorian. Tara Brugnoli, a member of the Class of 1999, served as the commencement speaker. Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Nydegger, vice rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, celebrat-



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Eleven students, members of the Class of 2009 at Union Catholic Regional High School, graduate with a special bond as they have been classmates since first grade at Saint Francis Cathedral School, Metuchen. Offering her congratulations at the commencement was (back row, fourth from left) their first grade teacher Michelle Racavich. The students and the colleges they will attend in the fall include (left to right, front row) Joseph Roberts; University of Steubenville; Caitlin Scherer, Cuyamaca College; Fran Nesi, Hartwick College; Amanda Dalton, the University of Scranton; (back row) John Szilagyi, Fordham University; Chris Wolff, Rutgers School of Pharmacy; Kevin Van Buskirk, College of New Jersey; Spencer Davis, College of New Jersey; Connor Dick, Pennsylvania State University; Rich Fuchs, Pennsylvania State University; and Ryan Carr, College of New Jersey.

ed the baccalaureate Mass June 5.

**Saint Dominic Academy, Jersey City**, held its commencement June 6 at Saint Aedan Church with 137 graduates. The valedictorian was Mitali Thakore and Payal Shah was the salutatori-

an. Father Joseph D'Amico, pastor of Saint Aloysius Parish, Jersey City, celebrated the baccalaureate liturgy June 3 in his parish church.

**Saint Mary of the Assumption High School, Elizabeth**, graduated 61 students on May 29.

Deanna Luis was the valedictorian and James DeLaCruz the salutatorian. The pastor, Rev. Msgr. Robert Harrington, celebrated the baccalaureate Mass the morning of graduation.

**Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark**, graduated its 102-member Class of 2009 on May 28. Ada Yeung and Amanpreet Mashiana were honored as the valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively. Father Kevin Murphy, director of campus ministry and Catholic chaplain at the Metropolitan Campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, and former chaplain at Mother Seton, celebrated the baccalaureate Mass May 27.

**Holy Family Academy, Bayonne**, graduated 45 students June 1 during ceremonies at held at nearby Saint Henry's Parish. Most Rev. Thomas Donato, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark and pastor, celebrated the baccalaureate Mass while Sara Badawy delivered the salutatory address and Toni Marie Logro gave the valedictory address.

**Marist High School, Bayonne**, held its graduation June 6. Nicholas Silva and Karinna Rae Sabas were honored, respectively, as the class valedictorian and salutatorian. The 118 graduates attended a baccalaureate Mass celebrated June 4 at Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Bayonne, celebrated by the pastor, Father James Manos.

**Benedictine Academy, Elizabeth**, awarded 40 diplomas to the Class of 2009 June 4 during ceremonies at Immaculate Concep-

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## AHA cites Markolovic for leadership spirit

DEMAREST — Suzana Markolovic received the highest honor bestowed on a student at the Academy of the Holy Angels (AHA) when she gave the commencement address June 6.

A resident of Tappan NY,

Markolovic, who will attend Cornell University in the fall, was selected not only for her academic achievements, but also for the way in which she embodied the AHA philosophy in all her activities and leadership roles over the last four

years. She has maintained "Principal's List" status and was a finalist in the prestigious Sister Mary Nonna Dunphy Scholarship program. Most recently, she was given the NJSIAA Student-Athlete Award.

Markolovic addressed her classmates during the commencement exercises, saying "it is comforting to see this class graduate, because you girls are exactly what our world needs: more generous leaders. We will all find ourselves doing different things in the future, but our generosity and our ability to lead will connect us all. No matter what our income will be, it is essential that we share our gifts and talents with others."

AHA Principal Jennifer Moran praised Markolovic as a leader in "every area of life at Holy Angels. She has run the good race. She has kept her eyes on the prize."



Suzana Markolovic



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**FESTIVE DAYS IN WEST NEW YORK**—Youthful parishioners of Saint Joseph of the Palisades, West New York, line up to get a guided tour of a North Hudson Squad 6 fire engine, part of the colorful festivities May 16 during the parish's International Festival of Events. The celebration, held during weekends in May and June, included outdoor and indoor activities such as international food festivals and a dinner buffet, a Pentecost concert and banquet, tricky trays, raffles and games, clowns and buskers, and performances by the parish choir. Msgr. Gregory J. Studerus is the pastor of Saint Joseph of the Palisades. The historic Hudson County parish also serves as the residence for Most Rev. David Arias, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Newark.

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## Diplomas

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tion Parish, Elizabeth. Father Boniface J. Treanor, O.S.B. of Saint Walburga Monastery Church of the Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth, celebrated the baccalaureate Mass June 3. Stefannye Barragan, who will attend Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, in September was the valedictorian, and Seton Hall University-bound Ninoshka Celi was the salutatorian.

**Union Catholic Regional High School, Scotch Plains,** held graduation ceremonies May

30 for the 189 members of its Class of 2009. Class valedictorian Christopher Brown will attend the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business, while salutatorian John Szilagyi is headed for Fordham University, New York. Father Joseph Mancini, parochial vicar at Saint Stephen Parish, Kearny, and executive director of the archdiocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, also in Kearny, celebrated the baccalaureate Mass May 29 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Scotch Plains.

(High school graduation roundup compiled by Ward Miele, managing editor.)



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Harrison*

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Union Catholic, Scotch Plains

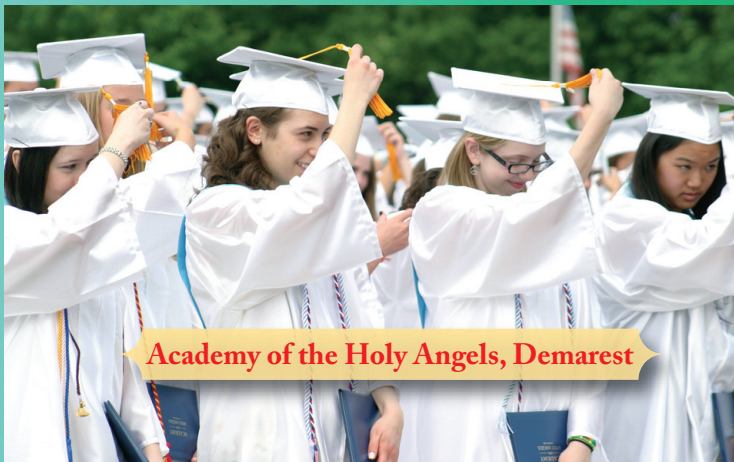


Holy Family Academy, Bayonne



Benedictine Academy, Elizabeth

# 2009 Graduation



Academy of the Holy Angels, Demarest



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Mother Seton Regional, Clark



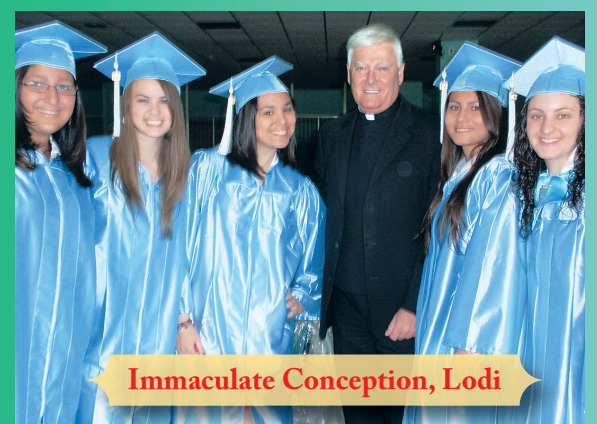
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## Diversity enhances education dynamic at Barry University

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*U.S. News & World Report* ranks Barry University among the top-15 schools nationwide for student diversity, which coincides well with the spectrum of cultural, ethnic and religious diversity found throughout Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union counties.

Founded in 1940, Barry University is affiliated with the Dominican Sisters of Adrian, MI (Web site: [www.adriandominicans.org](http://www.adriandominicans.org)). It promotes a Catholic perspective on knowledge and truth, an inclusive community, social justice and collaborative service. There are more than 4,000 full-time undergraduate and 3,500 graduate students.

The campus is located a few miles from the Atlantic Ocean near the city of Miami—a hub for international business, cutting-edge medicine, vibrant fine arts and entertainment and professional sports.

Students at Barry can choose from more than 60 undergraduate and 50 graduate programs in the arts and sciences, business, education, health sciences, human performance and leisure sciences, law, podiatric medicine and social work.

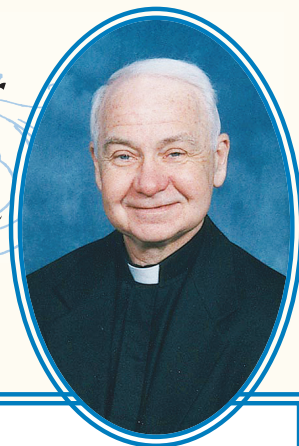
The university participates in various federal and state financial-aid programs. More than 90 percent of undergraduates receive some form of financial aid, including Barry University scholarships and grants. At the graduate level, students may be eligible for professional scholarships, including those for full-time social workers, educators, nurses and clergy members.

In addition to their work in the classroom, students are encouraged to gain practical experience through professional internships available in southern Florida, which offer access to top firms in fields that span the global economy.

Internships often integrate community service with classroom learning. Students participate in more than 60 campus organizations and recreational activities, including volunteer groups, religious clubs, student media, Greek life, art and performance groups, professional organizations and honor societies.

A member of the NCAA Division II and Sunshine State Conference, the Barry Buccaneers field teams in baseball, basketball, golf, rowing, soccer, softball, tennis and volleyball. The Bucs have won seven NCAA national championships.

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To be a member of each family, yet belonging to none;  
To share all sufferings, to penetrate all secrets, to heal all wounds;  
To go from men to God and offer Him their prayer;  
To return from God to men to bring pardon and hope;  
To have a heart of fire for charity and a heart of bronze for chastity;  
To teach and to pardon, console and bless always.



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O Priest of Jesus Christ!*

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**LEST WE FORGET**—Hudson County Executive Thomas A. DeGise and the Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders sponsored the annual wreath-laying ceremony May 21 at Holy Name Cemetery, Jersey City. Very Rev. Victor P. Kennedy, the pastor of Parish of the Resurrection, Jersey City, offered the invocation and benediction, Donald W. DeLeo, Hudson County Surrogate, gave the opening remarks, while members of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) of McNair Academic High School and Lincoln High School handled the Presentation of the Colors. During the ceremony, a special award was given to Frank Perrucci, recognizing his many years of service and dedication for directing the 12 color guard organizations of Bayonne. Perrucci (pictured below), a member of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Bayonne, is a veteran of World War II. He enlisted at age 17 and served with the Army and the Merchant Marines.

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**Thank you, Rev. Edward Glynn, S.J.**

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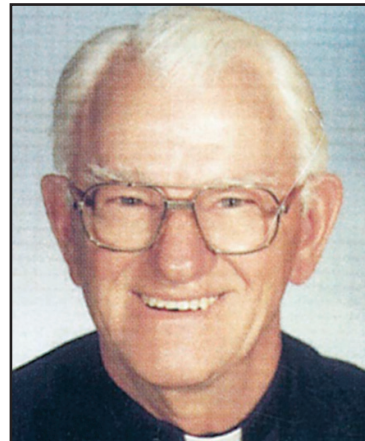


Edward Glynn, S.J., founding President of CTKP, joined by (from left) Board Chair Neil Jasey, Sr. Maureen Sullivan, SC, Newark Mayor Cory Booker, and Bishop Edgar da Cunha, S.D.V. at the Christ the King Inaugural, Sept. 2007.

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## Obituary

### Msgr. Wojtycha succumbs at 95



BAYONNE — A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 14 at Saint Vincent de Paul Parish for Rev. Msgr. Edward F. Wojtycha, 95, who died June 8.

Born in Jersey City, Msgr. Wojtycha attended Saint Peter's Preparatory School, Jersey City, Seton Hall University, South Orange and Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington.

Last year he celebrated the 70-year anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. His assignments included Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, parochial vicar and administrator; Our Lady of Mercy, Jersey City, pastor; and Saint Andrew Parish, pastor.

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look upon you kindly  
and give you peace.  
—Nm 26*





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**ORGAN DEDICATED**—Saint Gabriel the Archangel Parish, Saddle River, dedicated a new Opus 42 Kegg pipe organ on June 7. Msgr. Robert J. Fuhrman (left), pastor, is pictured with renowned concert organist Ken Cowan (center)—who received a standing ovation for his performance—and Charles E. Kegg, founder of the Kegg Pipe Organ Co., Hartville, OH. Other members of the parish taking part in the dedication celebration included Father Raphael Joon Young Lee, parochial vicar; Joseph P. Scorese, director of music; and Richard A. D’Amore, associate director of music. The grand instrument contains over 1,900 pipes and was specially designed for the parish.



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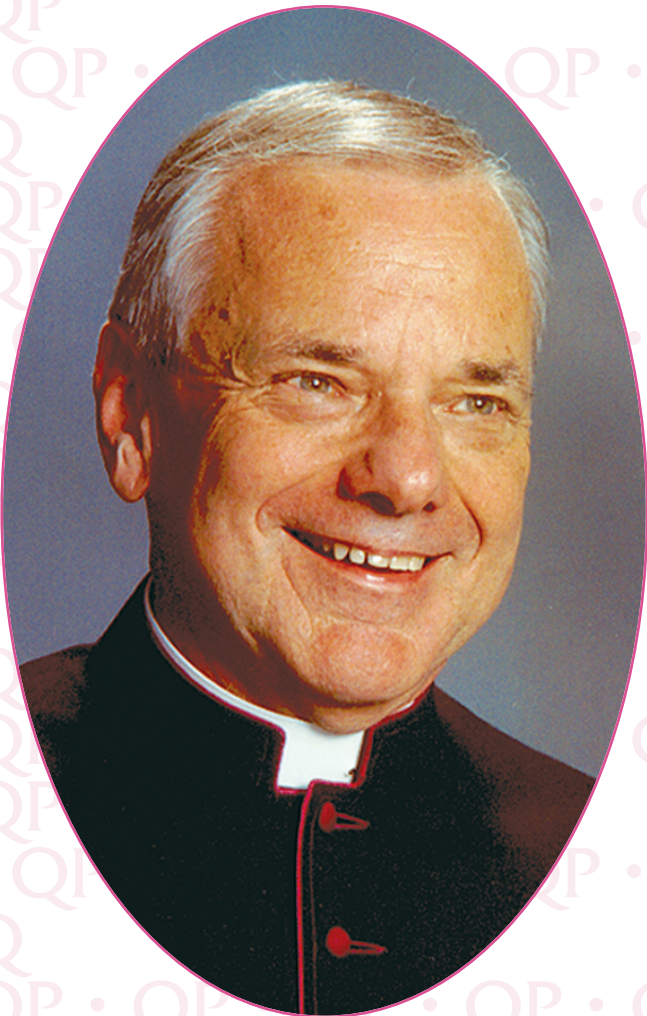
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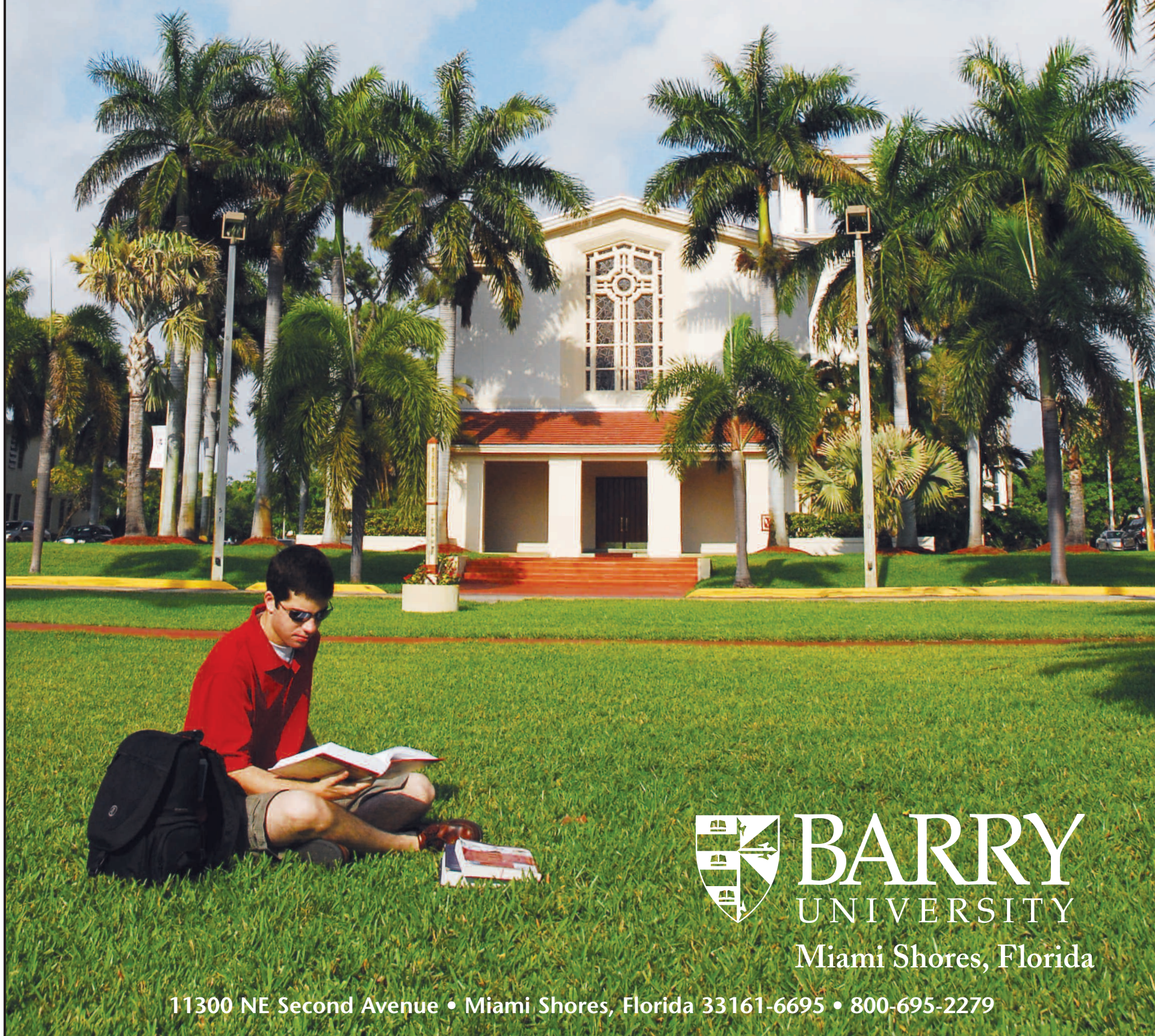
May the Lord continue to bless Monsignor in his ministry!

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