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Young scholars get ready for school days

Ah yes, it's time to dust off the notebooks and calculators as students, parents, teachers and administrators make plans to go "Back to School." Special report includes an education outlook by Msgr. Kevin Hanbury; profiles of the new Caldwell College president and the new headmaster of Oratory Prep; an analysis of TerraNova assessments; an interview with Union Catholic Regional High School English teacher Barbara Dellanno; and a gentle reminder to make plans for the Nov. 6 COOP exams. And there's even more information in the pipeline: The Aug. 26 edition of *The Catholic Advocate* will carry part two of our Back to School special report.

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Archdiocese begins local celebration of 'Year for Priests'

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

NEWARK—Heeding the advice of Pope Benedict XVI's call for encouragement of "spiritual perfection" as he declared a "Year for Priests," the Archdiocese of Newark has launched a series of events and liturgies to do just that.

The Year for Priests (see *The Catholic Advocate*, April 22), a worldwide celebration initiated by the Holy Father at the Vatican on June 19—the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Day for Sanctification of Priests—will end exactly a year later in Saint Peter's Square when the pope will close the worldwide celebrations during a World Meeting of Priests.

During the Year for Priests, the pontiff will proclaim Saint John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests, as patron saint of all the world's priests. In declaring the Year for Priests, Pope Benedict explained he was doing so in an effort to foster the priest's yearning "for spiritual perfection upon which the effectiveness of their ministry principally depends."

"As we begin to celebrate this special year for priests, the Holy Father's recent exhortation of Saint John Vianney as a true example of a pastor at the service of Christ's flock is uppermost in my mind," Archbishop John J. Myers said. "His words remind me that this great archdiocese, today and throughout its history, has always been witness to the faithful and loyal service of countless priests ministering on many levels to God's people. Their actions speak loudly and clearly to the importance of the priest's role and mission in the Church and in society

today. It is my hope that this year-long recognition of priesthood will inspire many other young men to answer the call to the holy office of priest."

In the Church of Newark, the Year for Priests opened in June with a Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus—a day of prayer for the sanctification of priests. Later that month, a priests' reflection and fraternity day took place to coincide with the 70th anniversary of the ordination of Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety, the oldest archbishop in the nation.

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A stained-glass window in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart depicts an image of Saint John Vianney. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the death of the 19th century saint.

Service goes to great lengths to 'find families for children'

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

KEARNY—Adopting a child is a process rife with emotion, seemingly endless paperwork and months, sometimes years, of anxiety. For families looking to adopt internationally, the necessary steps can seem even more overwhelming.

In recent years, domestic infant adoptions have been on the decline while international adoption programs are rising. For over 100 years, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark has provided adoption services for countless families in the area.

In 1998, international adoption services were established. Licensed by the State of New Jersey to provide international adoption home studies and post placement services, Catholic Charities is partnered with Children's Home Society and Family Services of Minnesota.

Patricia Chiarello is program director of Family and Adoption Services for Catholic Charities. With 30 years experience in the adoption agency, she witnessed the development of the international program.

Chiarello believes society's acceptance of single mothers raising their own children has contributed to the decline in domestic adoptions. "There have not been orphanages in America since the 1970s, with most children going directly into foster care. Today, single women can parent their own children and there is more family support. There is not such a stigma anymore."

Through Catholic Charities' partnership with Children's Home Society and Family Services, it can connect with foster homes and orphanages from countries around the world including: Russia, China, India, Thailand, Vietnam, Nepal, Ethiopia and several Latin American countries. The individual countries have specifications about who can adopt, the duration of the process and how many times the adoptive parents have to visit the country.

According to Chiarello, Russia and Ethiopia are the more popular countries for those looking to adopt. "Because Russia is such a large country and there are many orphanages, the wait is shorter when adopting a child. Children's Home Society and Family Services of

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Dollars add up to support mission of Peter's Pence

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

NEWARK—The Archdiocese of Newark dutifully expresses its generosity to Peter's Pence, a global, long-standing form of financial support given by the worldwide Catholic community for the pope's ministry in the universal Church.

So far this year the Church of Newark has collected more than \$371,600, up slightly from last year's total, which it will remit to the Vatican in September, according to information provided by the archdiocesan Finance Office. During the previous five years, the archdiocese has collected over \$1.9 million.

"All Catholics are one family of believers who are never alone," Archbishop John J. Myers said, commenting on the importance and value of the collection. "Peter's Pence unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. The consistent generosity of the people of this local Church of Newark helps enable the Holy Father to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters with promptness, love and compassion, so that they will not feel alone in their time of misfortune."

Last year Peter's Pence, which is used by the pope for charity and emergency assistance for those in need, netted nearly \$75.8 million from collections throughout the world, which is about \$4 million less than what had been donated in 2007. The Vatican blamed the drop in donations on the "general economic situation" around the world.

"Peter's Pence' is the most characteristic expression of the

participation of all the faithful in the Bishop of Rome's charitable initiatives in favor of the universal Church," Pope Benedict XVI said during the first year of his pontificate.

According to information on the Vatican's Web site (www.vatican.va), the pope—during an address to the Members of the Saint Peter Circle in February 2006—said the gesture of Peter's Pence has "not only a practical value, but also a strong symbolic one, as a sign of communion with the pope and attention to the needs of one's brothers; and therefore your service possesses a refined ecclesial character."

In addition, the pope said the ecclesial value of this gesture becomes evident when one considers how charitable initiatives are connected by nature to the mission of the Church, as he spelled out in his first encyclical *Deus Caritas Est* ("God Is Love") in December 2005.

The Vatican said Catholics in the United States were the top contributors to Peter's Pence, followed by Catholics in Italy and Germany. The Vatican also pointed out that, in relation to their relatively small Catholic populations, the faithful in South Korea and Japan sent significant donations.

Many former pontiffs also have focused their attention to the Peter's Pence collection. Pope John Paul II, for example, cited "the growing needs of the apostolate, the requirements of the ecclesial communities, especially in mission countries, and the requests for aid that come from peoples, individuals and families in precarious conditions. Many ex-



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—Archbishop John J. Myers

pect the Apostolic See to give them the support they often fail to find elsewhere.

"In this perspective the Peter's Pence collection is a true

and proper participation in the work of evangelization, especially if one considers the meaning and importance of concretely sharing in the concerns of the

universal Church" (Pope John Paul II to the Saint Peter's Circle, Feb. 28, 2003).

Information on the Vatican Web site indicated the general criterion that inspires the Peter's Pence collection is derived from the early days of the Church. By the end of the eighth century the Anglo-Saxons felt so closely linked to the Bishop of Rome that they decided to send a regular annual contribution to the Holy Father. "It was thus that the *Denarius Sancti Petri* (Alms of Saint Peter) originated and spread throughout Europe. This custom underwent many changes in the course of the centuries, until, in 1871, Pope Pius IX gave it his approval in the Encyclical Letter *Saepe Venerabilis* (Aug. 5, 1871)."

In a separate but related development, a recent article by Catholic News Service (CNS) stated the global economic crisis, along with some extraordinary maintenance work, has had a big impact on the budget of Vatican City State. The budget, which includes the Vatican Museums and the care of Vatican buildings, ended 2008 with a deficit of more than \$21 million, the Vatican reported July 4.

The budget of the Holy See, which includes the offices of the Roman Curia, finished 2008 in better shape than a year earlier, but still registered a deficit of more than \$1.3 million. The figures were released after the early July meeting of a council of cardinals charged with reviewing the Vatican budgets.

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Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

PASTOR

Reverend Kevin Daly, O.F.M., has been appointed pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, East Rutherford, effective Aug. 1.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Reverend Grzegorz Martyna has been appointed Summer Parochial Vicar at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Irvington, effective through Aug. 31.

Reverend Malachy Odoh has been appointed Summer Parochial Vicar at Holy Spirit Parish, Union, through Sept. 30.

Reverend Andres Leonardo Querijero, O.C.D., has been appointed Summer Parochial Vicar at Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Linden, through June 30, 2010.

Reverend Wilson Sanchez has been appointed Summer Parochial Vicar at Saint Paul of the Cross Parish, Jersey City, through Aug. 31.

CHAPLAIN

Reverend Christopher D. Isinta, Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Roseland, has also been appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of the Mountains Council, No. 3533, Livingston, effective immediately.

OTHER

Reverend Leonardo M. Caceres has been released from pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Frejus-Toulon to begin pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese of Marseille for a period of three years, effective immediately.



Reverend Michael E. Donovan, Parochial Vicar at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes, has been released from pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese of Newark to begin pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Paterson for a five year period while continuing to reside at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, effective immediately.

Reverend Eric W. Fuchs, Parochial Vicar at Saint Henry Parish, Bayonne, has been released for higher studies, effective Aug. 1.



NEWARK WELCOMES KNIGHTS—The New Jersey State Council of the Knights of Columbus installed officers and district deputies for 2009-10 during a Mass celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers on July 11 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Noting that he has been a Knight since 1970, Archbishop Myers said in his homily he has seen such “tremendous growth” of the organization stressing “how much good” the Knights do for “the Church and people in need.” He also cited the Knights’ efforts on behalf of life, traditional marriage and those with disabilities. “Today we want to say thanks,” Archbishop Myers declared. Herbert C. Meyer (left), pictured at podium, was installed as state deputy. Among those saluting during the ceremony was Sir Knight John E. Colby (right), assembly commander of Assembly

0649, Saint Isaac Jogues Assembly, Bloomfield. According to information on the organization’s Web site (www.kofc.org), the Connecticut state legislature on March 29, 1882, officially chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society. For 127 years the organization has remained true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity. The Knights’ supreme council and international headquarters is located in New Haven, CT. The group has more than 13,000 councils and 1.7 million members throughout North America, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan.



Advocate photos – Ward Miele



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Area residents dressed in traditional African garments are pictured at the SMA's Tenaflly chapel during the group's 2008 African Festival. The SMA's headquarters includes an African art museum, which was established in 1980.

SMA’s Sept. 12 African fest to feature Mass, food, music

TENAFLY—The SMA Fathers will host the annual African Festival on Saturday, Sept. 12, noon to 5 p.m. at the organization’s headquarters located at 23 Bliss Ave. (a half mile north of Englewood Hospital off Engle Street). The festival will follow an 11 a.m. African-Style Mass at the SMA chapel.

Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. The family-friendly event will feature food (traditional African dishes and Soul Food), music, drumming and dancing, as well as African clothing, arts and crafts. Call Joanna Pawlicka, SMA provincial secretary, at (201) 567-9085 for details.

According to information on the group’s Web site (www.smafathers.org), the SMA is an international community of Catholic missionaries that serve the people of Africa. Deacon Keith McKnight is the local SMA’s vocations director.

The initials “SMA” stand for the Latin phrase *Societas Missionum ad Afros* (Society of African Missions). The group is composed of priests, deacons, seminarians, teachers, carpenters, healthcare professionals and musicians. The French-born clergyman, Bishop Melchior Marion de Br sillac (1813-1859), is the founder of the SMA.

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Pope Benedict lauds Saint John Vianney

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI, during a brief general audience, said the Church needs holy priests who can help the faithful understand that truth exists and, ultimately, is found in God. The audience, an estimated 4,000 people, packed into the courtyard at the papal summer villa. Pope Benedict's remarks focused on Saint John Vianney, the patron of parish priests, who died Aug. 4, 1859. The pope invoked a special

"Year for Priests" to mark the 150th anniversary of the French priest's death (see related story on page 1). Like many societies today, French society in the 1800s seriously challenged people of faith, he said. "Post-revolutionary France experienced a sort of 'dictatorship of rationalism' aimed at canceling the very presence of priests and of the Church in society" and at convincing people that by using just their reason they could arrive at all the truths they needed to give meaning and order to their lives, the pope said. "If back then there was a 'dictatorship of rationalism,' in many areas today there is a kind of 'dictatorship of relativism,'" he said. Thinking that reason alone can bring people to truth or thinking that there is no such thing as a definitive truth valid for all people and all times ignores the fact that human beings were created by God and will find the fullness of life in Him, Pope Benedict said.

U.S. confirms Diaz for ambassador post

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The U.S. Senate confirmed Catholic theologian Miguel Diaz on Aug. 4 as the ninth U.S. ambassador to the Vatican. A professor of theology at the College of Saint Benedict, St. Joseph, MN, and Saint John's University, Collegeville, MN, Diaz is the first Hispanic to serve in the post. He said he was grateful to the Senate for its vote and to President Barack Obama "for the confidence he has invested in me. I am honored to be given the responsibility of representing the people of the United States to the Holy See." Born in Havana, Diaz, 45, comes from humble beginnings. His father worked as a waiter and his mother did data-entry work. He was the first member of his family to attend college. At the time of his nomination in May, Diaz pledged to build upon 25 years of formal diplomatic relations with the Vatican and the work of his prede-



Miguel Diaz

cessors. "I wish to be a bridge between our nation and the Holy See," he said. Diaz served as a member of Obama's Catholic advisory team during the 2008 presidential campaign and was a regular campaign spokesman on Obama's behalf, particularly in the Spanish-language press. He is fluent in Italian, Spanish and French. During his confirmation hearing on July 22, Diaz told Senate Foreign Relations Committee members he wanted to use his academic work on human identity and cultures to ensure a strong friendship between the United States and the Vatican. He said he was especially interested in exploring the relationship between religion and human identity, taking into account cultural influences.

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Marriage Encounter enlists Fr. Walters

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

HOUSTON—The Worldwide Marriage Encounter community of Canada and the United States has selected Father Michael (Mitch) Walters of South Orange, and Jose and Marilyn Garcia of Austin, TX, to serve in the group’s newly formed North American Secretariat.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter created the North American secretariat to encourage married couples to invest time and effort in their relationship. Canada and the United States will be interdependent in providing services to those who attend Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends. One encounter weekend was held last March in the Archdiocese of Newark—at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, Saddle Brook.

Fr. Walters penned an article earlier this year describing how ministry teams from the Archdiocese of Newark and the Diocese of Paterson had formed Worldwide Marriage Encounter North Jersey, an ecclesial leadership team, a unit of the organization (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Feb. 18). Fr. Walters, who last year was appointed the director of the archdiocesan Center for Ministerial Development and is a former pastor of Holy Spirit/Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in East Orange, serves on the NJ-based Marriage Encounter team.

“It is important to establish cross-cultural, personal relationships among the communities in Canada and the United States,”

Fr. Walters said. “These relationships will help us to be open to one another as we move forward together.”

In his article, Fr. Walters wrote that the message of the program is that marriage—the spiritual union of one man and one woman—continues God’s plan of creation.

Based in San Bernardino, CA, the Worldwide Marriage Encounter movement is represented in over 90 countries, with 6,000 presenting couples and 1,200 presenting priests. The organization has a 40-year history of helping to enrich marriages. Developing communication skills based on writing and sharing feelings, is central to this experience as cou-

ples learn how to connect at a deeper level and how to keep love growing over the years. Participants in the encounter listen to presentations by a married couple and a priest and later write their thoughts and feelings, which they share in the privacy of their room. There is no group discussion.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a non-profit organization and all donations are used to continue offering additional weekends throughout the country and the world. To learn more about the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends visit the group’s Web site (www.wwme.org) or call (800) 795-5683.



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“We want to improve communications across all levels of our movement and with the Universal Church,” said Jose and Marilyn Garcia of Austin, TX, members of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter’s North American Secretariat. They’re pictured with Father Michael Walters (right) of the Archdiocese of Newark, who also was tapped for the secretariat post.

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Book review: a friend deciphers Lonergan

BY MSGR. THOMAS P. IVORY
Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

I do not usually begin any book review with personal disclosures, but in this situation I want to proudly acknowledge that I've been a good friend of Msgr. Richard M. Liddy S.T.L., Ph.D.—the author of “Startling Strangeness: Reading Lonergan’s Insight” (University Press of America Inc., Lanham, MD, 2007)—since our school days at Seton Hall Prep and University. Msgr. Liddy is the professor of Catholic Thought and Culture at Seton Hall University (SHU), South Orange.

On the other hand, I want to admit my many years of intimidation in approaching the thought of Father Bernard Lonergan, S.J., in his classic books. Msgr. Liddy, however, has become an internationally known expert on Lonergan and published several books on his philosophical and theological contributions.

According to information on

the SHU Web site, Fr. Lonergan (1904-84) was a Catholic philosopher and theologian who outlined a new paradigm of economics that would allow people to take control of their own economic lives. Given the current concerns over recessions, budget deficits and the cost of healthcare, Fr. Lonergan’s work warrants new critical review.

Msgr. Liddy asked if I would be interested in reviewing his latest Lonergan book, perhaps hoping it would stir some pleasant memories of our years of study at Darlington Seminary with Msgr. Joseph Prezedziecki. We both admired “Father Prez” who had studied at the Pontifical Medieval Institute in Toronto; his colorful teaching style made our courses in metaphysics and existentialism come alive.

In a merciful gesture, Msgr. Liddy—who also serves as the director of the SHU Center for Catholic Studies—suggested I concentrate on the opening and concluding chapters, for fear the middle chapters might reawaken

my old academic intimidations. As soon as I moved into the fifth chapter “Theoretical Insights,” I began to appreciate the wisdom of the author’s advice.

Up to that point, I simply enjoyed good memories of the late 1950’s and “Father Prez” and grew in my admiration for Msgr. Liddy as he recounted his intellectual quest in pursuing his theological studies in Rome, while wrestling with Bernard Lonergan’s “insight.” Msgr. Liddy’s openness about his personal growth provided me with additional insights as to why he has developed so well as a spiritual director and writer.

The concluding chapters pay tribute to the personal friendship

and mutual respect, which the author enjoyed with Fr. Lonergan. At the recent economic summit at SHU (see sidebar below), Msgr. Liddy spoke of Lonergan’s pastoral concern for “the poor widow in New York City” who might benefit from a re-imagining of our current economic system. Anecdotes like this will motivate this reviewer to return to “Insight” and the center section of Msgr. Liddy’s book.

(Editor’s note: Msgr. Ivory, is pastor emeritus of Church of the Presentation Parish, Upper Saddle River, and is a co-founder of RENEW International, Plainfield. He is in residence at Saint Joseph Parish, West Orange.)



Msgr. Thomas Ivory

SHU confab ponders economic justice

SOUTH ORANGE—International scholars, financial analysts and business leaders gathered at Seton Hall University (SHU) last June for a two-day economic summit titled “Forging A New Economic Paradigm” to examine the writings and theories of Bernard J. Lonergan, S.J.

The Center for Catholic Studies and the Bernard J. Lonergan Institute at SHU, both directed by Msgr. Richard M. Liddy, Ph.D., sponsored the event.

Father Lonergan’s theological and philosophical writings in the 20th century presaged many of the current discussions on “re-visioning” economics as a moral undertaking, as reflected in Pope Benedict’s encyclical *Caritas in Veritate* (“Charity in Truth”—see *The Catholic Advocate*, July 15). Inspired by the pope’s encyclical, many leading figures in the Catholic Church have called for recalibrating economics as a system that incorporates Catholic val-

ues of social justice to better serve the common good. The SHU economic summit served as part of that ongoing conversation.

A Canadian Jesuit, Fr. Lonergan (1904-1984) taught for many years at the Gregorian University in Rome. Much of his writing focused on how financial systems work along with the ethical implications of economic activity at different phases of economic expansion and contraction.

“The modern problem of justice in economic affairs is the non-existence of an intelligent and responsible account of economics,” Fr. Lonergan said. “We tend to step on the accelerator and the brake at the same time, creating the booms and busts that afflict the modern economy,” he said.

But while some moralists blame greed as the primary cause of economic crises, Lonergan believed the real cause is ignorance. “When people do not understand what is happening and why, they cannot be expected to act intelligently,” he wrote. “When intelligence is blank, the first law of nature takes over: self-preservation. It is not primarily greed but frantic efforts at self-preservation that turns recession into depression, and depression into crash. We have to do a lot of thinking and a lot of education before we can hope that our exchange process will swing easily and gracefully from an expansion, not a static phase, instead of falling clumsily and painfully into a slump.”

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Msgr. Thomas McCarthy celebrated his last Sunday Mass June 28, marking his 30 years serving the parish community of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Pictured with Msgr. McCarthy are Kaityln McGill (left) and Michael Karabatos. The parish welcomed its new pastor, Father Stephen J. Cinque, on July 1.

Parishioners bid farewell to Msgr. Thomas McCarthy

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP—Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 668 Ridgewood Rd., recently celebrated a “double jubilee”: the golden anniversary of ordination of the Pastor, Rev. Msgr. Thomas A. McCarthy; and the 50th anniversary of the parish.

Celebrations throughout the year have marked both milestones. Among the many tributes, children from the parish’s religious education program presented Msgr. McCarthy with a chorus of special songs, including one composed for him.

“We bid Msgr. McCarthy farewell and ask God’s blessings on his future (in retirement),” said Joyce Magras, the parish’s religious education director. “We will miss him, but we believe that those who are united in Christ are never far apart. *Ad Multos Annos* (For many years)!”

Msgr. McCarthy was born in Bayonne to Thomas and Rose McCarthy on Aug. 2, 1934. During his childhood he and his parents spent several years in Capetown, South Africa. With the onset of World War II, it became necessary for the McCarthy family to return to the United States. Traveling by boat, the ship in which they were traveling was torpedoed. The young Msgr. McCarthy—at the time just seven years old—and his family spent long hours in a lifeboat before being rescued on the high seas.

Following his arrival in the United States, he attended Saint Vincent Grammar School in Bayonne, Holy Family Grammar School in Westfield, Xavier Military Academy in Manhattan, Seton Hall University and Fordham University, where he earned a Ph.D. in Theology.

Ordained in 1959, he served in the following parishes: Saint Peter’s, Belleville (1959-1964); Ascension, New Milford (1964-1972); Saint Mary’s, Bayonne (1972-1979). He arrived at Our Lady of Good Counsel in 1979.

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Thank you, St. Jude.</p> <div>E.S.</div>	<div>SHOULDER WOUND OF JESUS CHRIST PRAYER</div> <p>O loving Jesus, meek lamb of God, I a miserable sinner, salute and worship the most sacred wound of Thy Shoulder, On which Thou didst bear Thy heavy cross, which so torn Thy flesh and laid Thy bones as to inflict an anguish greater than any other wound of Thy most Blessed Body. I adore Thee, Oh Jesus most sorrowful, I praise and glorify Thee, and give thanks fully to thee for this most Holy and sacred and painful wound, beseeching Thee by that exceeding pain, and by the crushing burden of Thy heavy Cross to be merciful to me a most miserable sinner, to forgive me of all my mortal and venial sins and to lead me on towards Heaven along the way of Thy Cross. In Jesus name (mention requested) Amen to all. Thank you for your help.</p> <p>This most powerful prayer must be said for requests and most urgent help. 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Join your prayers to mine and obtain for me the grace I desire (here mention your request). You who were so very pleasing to God on earth and are so much so now in heaven, I promise to use this favor, when granted, to better my life, proclaim God’s mercy, and to make you more widely known and loved. Amen.</p> <div>E.S.</div>	<div>PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN</div> <p>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. 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Adoption

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"When we complete a home study, we basically represent and are an advocate for the adoptive family. We explore how the family wants to raise a child, what their dreams and goals are, and their life experiences. Basically, it is a biography of who they are

and how they got there," Chiarello explained.

Lesley A. Moore, division director of Children and Family Services for Catholic Charities, believes experience and individual attention are cornerstones of her operation. "Patricia is an adoption expert and has been with the agency for 30 years. Sometimes, as our clients are very eager to build their family, the process can appear long and overwhelming. We work to help and support families to help them make sense of and navigate the many steps involved in the adoption process. We go above and beyond what is required by the state, providing support and attention responsive to the needs of each individual family."

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Charities also provides education, counseling and support service for families during the adoption process. Helping a child transition and adjust to life in a new country as well as maintaining the child's cultural identity is discussed with those looking to adopt. Chiarello and the staff stay involved with the families after they have com-

pleted the process. Most families come back to the agency and keep in touch.

"We like what we do and it shows," Chiarello said. "It is not just a job, it is a commitment. We don't find children for families; we find families for children. I love this work and feel it is important. This agency has a mission: to serve families and children in need."

Moore's passion for children fuels her work with families. "Adoption is a small part of what we do (at Catholic Charities) but it is our oldest and most enduring program. Our commitment to families spans generations. Our work goes beyond placements."

With only three on staff in the adoption program, all clients receive individual care and attention. "You can't help but form a personal attachment to

the families that work with us. We care about families and invest a lot in the work we do. The agency goes through the whole process with the families—the heartaches, frustration the joy and happiness. We may be a small group, but we do big things," Chiarello said.

A case involving a single teacher adopting a brother and sister from Ethiopia is particularly memorable for Chiarello. The adoptive parent went to meet the grandmother of the siblings in their home country and participated in a ceremony.

"The grandmother had to approve of the adoption," Chiarello recalled. "The children's parents had died and they were receiving exceptional care at home, but there were economic troubles. The children still keep in touch with their grandmother and they exchange photos. Today, they are around 10 years old and are exceptional, talented children who give back to the community."



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During the last 10 years Patricia Chiarello (left), program director of Family and Adoption Services for Catholic Charities, and Lesley A. Moore, division director of Children and Family Services, have placed 72 children from 20 countries with local families.

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Bishop John Flesey, who presided at the Aug. 4 prayer service at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, cited the central role of prayer in the life of Saint John Vianney. Prayer, he said, can “melt our sorrows and help us taste the sweetness of God’s love.”

Year for Priests

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The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart held a prayer service from the Liturgy of the Hours on Aug. 4 to honor Saint John Vianney. The date of the prayer service was significant as it marked the 150th anniversary of the saint’s death.

Most Rev. John W. Flesey, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, presided at the prayer service. Saint John Vianney, Bishop Flesey explained, did not live an “if-only” life. Rather, he was “excited by the opportunity to be a priest.” Bishop Flesey said prayer should be a way of life for priests and all Catholics, just as it was for the saint.

Father Thomas A., Dente, director of the archdiocesan Worship Office, which is involved with local events during the Year for Priests, welcomed the pope’s decision to put a spotlight on the priesthood. In light of “unfortunate press coverage, justified or not,” and a decline in vocations, he called the Year for

Priests “a real shot in the arm” for the priesthood. Fr. Dente considers the Year for Priests an excellent opportunity for discernment. It is important for someone considering the priesthood to “get to know” some priests.

Urging full participation in the upcoming archdiocesan-wide events, Fr. Dente said when the Holy See announced the Year for Priests, it was recommended that there be gatherings of priests on a worldwide scale in what the director of the Worship Office called a “special focus” on the priesthood. As an example he cited the annual Chrism Mass on March 29 of next year at the Cathedral Basilica. Traditionally, Fr. Dente noted, priests renew their priestly commitment at the Mass. It is hoped during the Year for Priests, stressed Fr. Dente, that that renewal will take on a “deeper meaning and significance.”

Reflecting on the Year for Priests, Father John D. Gabriel, director of the archdiocesan Vocations Office, described the celebration “as a wonderful opportunity for renewal and to celebrate our identity as priests.” Fr. Gabriel said the saint has been a great influence on his own life as a priest. “Saint John Vianney is someone whom all priests and especially parish diocesan priests can use as a role model,” he said.

The remaining schedule of



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FLANNERY HONORED—The Engel Center, 505 South Ave. East, Cranford, a unit of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark that provides senior day-care services, recently honored John (Jack) J. Flannery by dedicating a plaque in memory of his generous spirit. Flannery, who died on June 25, 2008, provided the inspiration and financial support to open the Engel Center 27 years ago. His wife, Mary, approached Catholic Charities about the care of her parents, Frank and Anna Engel, who did not need nursing care, but required supervision and assistance. However, at the time, few such senior services existed in Union County. Through the collaboration of Jack and Mary Flannery, Catholic Charities, and the Union County Division on Aging, a program was launched called the “Older American Kinship Center,” which later was renamed in honor of the Engel family. Pictured at the dedication ceremony to honor Jack Flannery are (left to right) Hazel Garlic, former Engel Center program manager; Allen Daul, executive director of Catholic Charities; Mary Engel Flannery, wife of Jack Flannery; Dr. Phillip Frese, chief executive officer and president of Catholic Charities; and Father James Tortora, Ph.D., Catholic Charities chaplain. For more information about the Engel Center call (908) 497-3944.

Year for Priests events, all of which take place at the Cathedral Basilica, include an evening prayer liturgy Sept. 13, 4 p.m., in

celebration of the Holy Father’s recent conferral of papal honors on 20 priests of the archdiocese.

There will be an address Oct. 19-20 on the implementation of the third typical edition of the Roman Missal. Other celebrations include the annual Catholic Cemeteries’ Mass Oct. 28 for deceased priests of the archdiocese; the Chrism Mass on March 29; a Mass for Vocations April 24; and the annual ordinations to the priesthood May 29. The formal closing of the Year for Priests, on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and a day of prayer for the sanctification of priests, will be celebrated June 11 throughout the archdiocese.

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WASHINGTON TWP.—The Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council 5427 has launched a Web site (www.kofc5427.org), which provides a full listing of the organization’s activities.

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**BACK
TO
SCHOOL**

‘Bearers of wisdom’ gear up for new academic year

BY MSGR. KEVIN M. HANBURY
Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

Saint Paul in his letter to the Romans chapter 10:15-17 reiterated the wonderful words of Isaiah: “How beautiful are the footsteps of those who bring good news.” In the Archdiocese of Newark, schools are being repainted, repairs are almost complete, and book orders have arrived for a new school year.

It is time once again to thank those wonderful parents who sacrifice so much to enroll their sons and daughters in Catholic schools. It is time once again to thank, support and encourage all school administrators, faculties and staffs not only for their academic and customer service gifts and talents, but perhaps even more importantly, for their modeling of the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Pope Benedict XVI called Catholic educators “bearers of wisdom.” During his visit to the United States in April 2008, the pope reminded all of us that education is integral to the mission of the Church. It is the obligation of all members of a Catholic School community to proclaim the Good News.

In partnership with the spiritual guidance that parents provide to their children, Catholic Schools are a place for all children, faculties and staffs to encounter the living and loving God. This cooperation hopefully makes the Gospel message so strong and alive that families continue to pray together in Church communities.

It’s no secret that Catholic

Schools across this great country have been weathering difficult times. Some of you may have been at the beaches in New Jersey and seen a plane flying with a banner that had three words advertising our Catholic Schools in New Jersey. These three words were “character, confidence and compassion.”

With these three words our archdiocesan elementary and secondary schools develop the whole person. In the Catholic education model, young minds, hearts and spirits learn to become people of fine character; people who understand right from wrong, to love others as Jesus taught.

Most children today need to become confident human beings who can add greatly to today’s complex society. Children have so many choices that our spiritually based environments can give children confidence in who they are, and in a belief and trust that with hard work all things are possible.

Lastly, in our Catholic Schools children learn compassion. Our children learn how to celebrate differences and respect those not so fortunate by looking kindly upon and actively supporting charitable activities.

The Archdiocese of Newark is committed to continuing this important ministry of the Church. We may need to have fewer sites, but we will continue our missionary vision and our ministry to continue to spread the Gospel message to all who wish to hear it.

With this in mind, once again the archdiocese has some new schools opening this fall. These are the result of identifying

places where, in order to provide the very best in educational and spiritual competencies, mergers had to take place.

There is the new Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy located in Elizabeth; the new Padre Pio Academy in Hackensack and the new Mater Dei Academy in Kearny. These schools have wonderful upgraded curricula that will better enhance the learning environment in these faith-based communities.



In addition, all five Catholic dioceses in the Garden State, under the direction of the Trenton-based New Jersey Catholic Conference, are forming a “Clergy Blue Ribbon Commission.” The purpose of this commission will be to have clergy who are supportive of Catholic education to come together about twice a year to dialogue and converse about ways to invite other parish priests to become involved in expanding the vision for the continuation of Catholic

education both at the elementary and secondary level.

This commission also will assist in future funding and marketing concepts and ideas as we continue to foster the educational mission of our Church. It is our hope that this commission will assist us in attempting to increase the support of all priests, Brothers and Sisters within our NJ dioceses.

In partnership with the archdiocesan Catechetical Office, conversations will be taking place to

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Msgr. Kevin Hanbury

encourage parish catechetical leaders to support and market not only religious education programs, but also the parish Catholic School. It is the hope of the archdiocese that parish catechetical leaders and school principals work together to bring the very best in religious education, spiritual development and liturgical experiences to all families enrolled in the Catholic Schools.

Pope Benedict XVI in his third encyclical titled *Caritas in Veritate* (Charity in Truth) reminds each of

us that Jesus Christ is “the principal driving force behind the authentic development of every person and of all humanity. His Holiness continues in saying that truth is necessary for development. With it, he says, “the social action ends up serving private interests and the logic of power, resulting in social fragmentation.”

Pope Benedict dwells upon two “criteria that govern moral action” that come from the “charity in truth” principal: justice and the common good. Every Christian is called to love through an “institutional path” which has an incidence on the life of the polis, of life in society. The Church, he insists, “does not have technical solutions to offer”; however, she has “a mission of truth to accomplish” for “a society that is attuned to man, to his dignity, to his vocation.”

These powerful words affirm what every administrator and faculty member ministering in our Catholic schools attempt to do. The principal, as the spiritual leader, needs to focus not only on strong academic programming, but on curriculum that teaches our faith in all disciplines.

Our Catholic school communities need to refresh and enhance the spiritual development of faculty and parents. Perhaps most important is that our parents support the mission of our Catholic schools and realize that their sacrifice today can bear great fruit in the future of their children.

(Editor’s note: Msgr. Kevin M. Hanbury, Ed.D., is the vicar of education and superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Newark.)

State approves college's ABA doctoral program

Blattner embraces Dominican traditions at Caldwell

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

Though she already has assumed her duties as the new president of Caldwell College (as of July 1) and has moved into an office with a panoramic view of the wooded hills of western Essex County, Nancy H. Blattner, Ph.D., anticipates the “defining moment” that will fully acclimate her to her new leadership position will come in October, when she embarks on a pilgrimage to Spain and France.

Blattner, along with other presidents of Dominican colleges and universities from throughout the United States, will take part in the pilgrimage to literally walk “In the Footsteps of Saint Dominic.” It will be a spiritual journey to experience, first hand, the part of the world where Saint Dominic and his ministry were formed 800 years ago. Founded in August 1939 by The Sisters of Saint Dominic, Caldwell College is firmly rooted in the Dominican spirit of education and faith-based values.

Joining Blattner on the pilgrimage will be her husband, Tim, and Sister Patrice Werner, O.P., Ph.D., who retired last June after serving 15 years as the president of Caldwell College.

Earlier this year Caldwell College's board of trustees tapped Blattner as the institution's first lay president (see *The Catholic Advocate*, April 8). Sr. Patrice, in fact, predicted such a development last January, when she penned a guest commentary article in *The Catholic Advocate*. “Chances are that when I retire the new president will not be a Sister of Saint Dominic of Caldwell,” she wrote. “Catholic colleges are feeling the effects of the decline in ‘living endowments’—the priests, Brothers and Sisters who long made up the majority of staff and faculty at our institutions.”

The selection of lay women and men to lead Catholic universities and colleges represents a national trend, according to Blattner. Fully aware of both the challenges and opportunities her new position represents, she said the October pilgrimage would help reinforce her “lay formation” in the Dominican tradition. Embracing and enhancing the Dominican heritage of Caldwell College is at the top of the list of Blattner's responsibilities as president.

Four months ago, when the col-

lege's board of trustees announced its selection of Blattner, Sr. Patrice praised her as “a passionate, inspiring leader, who will continue Caldwell's tradition of outstanding academics, excellence in teaching and commitment to social justice, while keeping alive the Catholic Dominican mission that is the heart and soul of Caldwell College.”

Blattner most recently served as vice president and dean for academic affairs at Fontbonne University, St. Louis, and acknowledged that Caldwell was “one of several” new positions she considered this year. “What attracted me to Caldwell College was that I saw it as a place of higher education that would live out its Catholic identity,” she explained. “That signaled to me this position would be a good fit for me and for the college.”

The “good fit” she felt was further confirmed last month when she hosted 15 incoming freshmen students for a backyard barbecue at her new Caldwell residence. “I was so impressed with these students,” she said, noting how they were eager to become immersed in the college's various campus ministry projects and community outreach efforts to help those in need throughout the archdiocese

and metropolitan area.

“I was anxious to meet the students,” she continued. “Many of them already had participated in volunteer work through their parishes during their high school years. They saw the campus ministry programs and traditions at Caldwell as a natural extension for them, a way of life. They were happy to know they would be able to continue those types of activities.”

The campus has seen significant growth in recent years with the addition of new buildings such as the Dominican Hall residence. Though there are no plans for additional new construction in the near term, Blattner said Caldwell College will concentrate on internal growth—namely the development of its Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) program, which the NJ Commission on Higher Education recently approved as doctoral program. It's expected the ABA doctoral program—the first-ever doctoral program to be offered by Caldwell College—initially will accommodate up to eight students. Currently there are 72 students enrolled in the ABA master's degree program.

ABA is a scientific discipline best known for its ability to help

children with autism spectrum disorder. It also can be used in other areas, such as improving productivity and morale in the workplace and treatment of individuals suffering from drug addiction.

There is a severe shortage of qualified professionals to serve the growing number of individuals with autism spectrum disorders. Caldwell's graduate programs will address this crisis, Blattner explained, adding that the college also plans to launch an autism clinic in the fall 2010 as an extension to the Ph.D. program. The proposed clinic will offer evaluation services as well as host community workshops and regional conferences, she said. It also will feature a video-conferencing classroom from which the college's board-certified ABA faculty would “broadcast” information to teachers and parents.

As for other areas of internal growth, Blattner said Caldwell College is prepared to support the needs of adult students looking to enrich their job skills, spurred by the need to shift career paths due to the fallout of the ongoing recession. Blattner applauded this trend, saying that, given the present economic environment, “it's a good time for adults to diversify and get



Dr. Nancy Blattner

certification in an education or business field.”

Blattner has more than 20 years of experience in Catholic and public higher education. She led Fontbonne University's academic affairs division where her responsibilities included the leadership of departments, faculty, curriculum and institutional research and assessment. She also served as interim associate provost for graduate studies and support programs at Longwood University, Farmville, VA.



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NEW PRESIDENT AT CHRIST THE KING—Father Robert J. Sandoz, O.F.M. (right), a member of the Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province, has been appointed by Archbishop John J. Myers as president of Christ the King Preparatory School, Newark—part of the national network of Cristo Rey schools. Fr. Sandoz succeeds the founding president, Father Edward Glynn, S.J., who stepped down in March. The former pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, East Rutherford, Fr. Sandoz has 12 years of experience as a secondary school teacher, chaplain and administrator. Christ the King, entering its third academic year, will have 250 students in its freshman through junior classes. The school is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark and endorsed by The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth and The Marist Brothers of the Schools.

TerraNova measures proficiency of young archdiocesan scholars

BY BROTHER RALPH DARMENTO
Special to The Catholic Advocate

Results of standardized achievement tests administered in March 2009 to students in first through seventh grades in the Archdiocese of Newark Catholic schools indicate that the students achieved scores above the national average for all subtests, except Grade 4 mathematics where the students achieved at the national average.

CTB-McGraw Hill, headquartered in Monterey, CA, publishes TerraNova—a research-based, norm-referenced assessment used by the Archdiocese of Newark and other school systems across the country. The assessment is aligned with archdiocesan curricula, national subject standards and NJ state standards.

This year the archdiocese moved to the new third edition of the assessment, based on 2007 national norms and examines students at greater depths of knowl-

edge. Critical reviews of the TerraNova 3 Assessment indicate that, created with rigorous psychometric standards, TerraNova III delivers assessments that are valid, reliable and fair. The assessment construction standards were designed to ensure that each item measures what is intended.

Data analysis indicates that our Catholic school students improve their performance from grade to grade. Archdiocesan longitudinal studies suggest that the longer a child is enrolled in a Catholic school, the greater his or her achievement level.

The assessment also measures a wide range of skills and proficiency levels and assesses higher levels of cognitive processing and deeper depths of knowledge.

“Assessment guides school leaders in setting performance standards, planning curriculum

and its revision and development,” Barbara Dolan assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction and assessment, explained. “Once again, our students’ performance is an indication that our curricula and instruction have set high standards for our students and our students are responding admirably.”

For the long term, data analysis indicates that our Catholic school students improve their performance from grade to grade. Archdiocesan longitudinal studies suggest that the longer a child is enrolled in a Catholic school, the greater his or her achievement

level. The performance of students in the cities of Newark, Elizabeth and Jersey City are particularly impressive as the majority of students in these urban areas scored at average to above average percentiles.

“The combination of academic rigor and caring relationships between students and teachers may be the key to the success of our students,” Dr. Thomas Hart, director of technology for archdiocesan schools, said.

The Archdiocese of Newark has been administering standardized achievement tests from CTB-McGraw Hill since 1993. There are 121 Catholic elementary and secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Newark with an enrollment of almost 40,500 students. Elementary student attendance rate averages 98 percent, and 97 percent in high school, with a student-teacher ratio of 19 to 1.

Seventy-two percent of students who graduate from Catholic elementary schools in the Archdiocese of Newark go on to Catholic high schools. Almost 100 percent of the students who enter Catholic high schools graduate and 97 percent go on to college or university.

Regardless of how students

perform on national tests at the time they enter Catholic schools, they climb into the 60th, 70th, and 80th percentiles as they move through school. Of course, standardized assessments are only one measure of student performance; Catholic school educators suggest that parental involvement, student motivation, high expectations for all students and a rigorous curriculum supported by resources and appropriate instructional strategies combine to provide the best possible education for each student.

The TerraNova III assessment, used by both public school districts and Catholic schools across the country, is one indicator of student performance. Parents inquiring about school quality should examine curricular offerings, instructional strategies and outcomes from formative assessments at the local level. Information on the Archdiocese of Newark’s 89 elementary and 32 secondary schools can be found at www.rcan.org/schools or by calling the archdiocesan Office of the Superintendent of Schools at (973) 497-4260.

(Editor’s note: Brother Ralph Darmento, F.S.C., is the deputy superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Newark.)

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Dellanno concurs with Yeats: education should ignite fires

BY LAURA CRISTIANO

Special to The Catholic Advocate

Each year the New Jersey Chapter of the Council for American Private Education (NJ CAPE) seeks applications for its annual Nonpublic School Teacher of the Year Award. As a member of NJ CAPE, the Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Newark has the privilege of

submitting an application on behalf of one outstanding teacher from grades K-12.

In order to be eligible, a candidate needs to be nominated by his or her principal. The award honors dedicated, skilled teachers who inspire students to pursue a lifetime love of learning. This year Barbara Dellanno, an English teacher for over 25 years at Union Catholic Regional High School, Scotch Plains, is the nominee of the

Archdiocese of Newark.

"Barbara Dellanno is a model of professional excellence," Sister Percylee Hart, R.S.M., Union Catholic principal, said. "She is an ongoing witness to and supporter of the Catholic philosophy of our school. She is a leader in developing and implementing school-wide curriculum initiatives. She is a visionary and implementer of 21st century learning. Barbara continually exercises good judgment and exhibits a positive attitude in dealing with students, parents, peers and administrators."

"Maya Angelou once said: 'People will forget what you said. People will forget what you did. But people will never forget how you made them feel,'" Dellanno said when asked to describe her philosophy of teaching. "Students will never forget how a teacher made them feel. I want my stu-

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COSTELLO JOINS ORATORY—

Robert Costello is the new headmaster of Oratory Preparatory School, Summit. Archbishop John J. Myers approved the appointment for Oratory Prep, a college preparatory school for young men. Costello, who had been president of DePaul Catholic High School in Wayne, will serve as Oratory Prep's chief executive officer and public spokesman. He will also be responsible for leadership of the school community, board relations, strategic planning and implementation, institutional advancement and financial management. "Bob Costello is an educational leader of outstanding experience, superb academic credentials and excellent personal qualities," said Msgr. Kevin M. Hanbury, vicar for education and superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Newark. Citing Costello's previous school administrative experiences, Msgr. Hanbury said Costello was instrumental in advancing academic culture, building enrollment, strengthening public relations and fostering strong alumni commitment. "Mr. Costello has demonstrated considerable leadership in the successful strategic direction and daily operations of a diocesan Catholic high school," Michael A. Farrell, chair of the search committee, said. Costello holds a bachelor of arts degree in Social Studies and a master of arts in curriculum and instruction from Caldwell College. He is in the process of obtaining a doctorate in educational leadership from Caldwell College.



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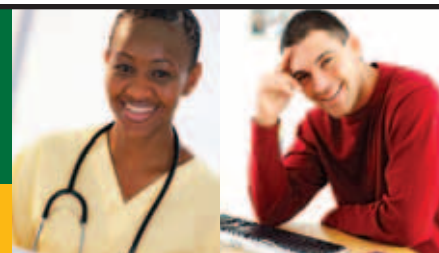
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Parents urged to prepare for Nov. 6 COOP

NEWARK—"It's not even September and we are already preparing for the Catholic secondary school admissions process," the parent of an eighth-grade student recently quipped to a member of the archdiocesan Schools Office staff.

While it may seem early, the reality of the situation is that parents seeking a Catholic secondary school education for their children (students slated to begin their high school freshman year in September 2010) should already be engaged in the process.

During the last 12 months many parents of sixth and seventh graders have attended the archdiocesan "High School Expo" programs to learn about secondary schools as possible. They have visited the schools, clicked on Web sites, spoken with neighbors and friends whose children attend Catholic secondary schools.

All of these activities are in preparation for this year—for those children in the eighth grade—when students take the Cooperative Admissions Examination (COOP) on Friday, Nov. 6. Exams will be held at various high schools throughout the Archdiocese of Newark and the Diocese of Paterson.

Parents are advised to visit the archdiocesan schools Web site (www.rcan.org/schools) to learn about the Catholic secondary school admissions process.

Brother Ralph Darmento, F.S.C., deputy superintendent for

archdiocesan schools, said parents seeking a quality Catholic secondary school education for their children should "engage themselves in the process by attending high school open house events and the High School Expo programs, learning about the COOP exam and registering their eighth grader, and meeting with admissions directors and school administrators." Early planning for the COOP exam is a must, he stressed.

Last year, nearly 6,900 eighth graders registered for the COOP exam indicated interest in the Catholic secondary schools of the Archdiocese of Newark

and/or the Diocese of Paterson. Of that number, nearly 4,200 students are expected to attend one of the 32 archdiocesan schools.

"The Catholic secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Newark are known for their adherence to and support of the Catholic faith and tradition, the excellence of their academic programs and the quality of their co-curricular and athletic programs," Donna Baboulis, president of the Archdiocesan School Advisory Council, said. Baboulis is a graduate of the Academy of the Holy Angels (AHA), Demarest, as well

as a parent of two AHA alums and current AHA student. "I am proud to say that I am a product of Catholic school education."

Rocio Pozzo, secretary in the archdiocesan Catechetical Office, said she chose to send her sons to Union Catholic Regional High School in Scotch Plains because of the "care that each administrator and teacher demonstrates for their students, and the way they prepare their students to meet the challenges of the future."

(Editor's Note: For further information about the Catholic secondary schools of the Archdiocese of Newark or the



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Barbara Dellanno (center) said working with Union Catholic students, like Kevin Coughlan and Ashley Zadlock, make her smile. "I delight in their endless variety, in helping them to become all that they can be, in watching them begin high school as young boys and girls and graduate as young men and women."

Dellanno

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dents to feel valued, successful, empowered.

"The teacher is responsible for creating an environment where optimal learning can take place," she continued. "Students must be active participants, who daily demonstrate their respect for others and their ideas. A teacher needs to create lessons that are engaging, that utilize differentiated instructional strategies, and that focus on skill development; this means an emphasis on reading, critical thinking, and effective communication skills."

"I agree with William Butler Yeats who said: 'Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.' By lighting that fire, educators create lifelong learners who can succeed in today's technological, global, rapidly changing world."

Sr. Percylee praised Dellanno as a teacher who goes the extra mile for her students, staying abreast of the latest innovations in educational technology. "Barbara has been a leader in the development of the Union Catholic Virtual

Library," Sr. Percylee said.

In addition to teaching English, Dellanno, for the last five years, has mentored Union Catholic staff members by taking part in the Beginning Teacher's Assistance Program (BTAP). As a leader in this program, she mentors faculty and staff who are first joining the Union Catholic environment.

She also assists with extracurricular activities. During her tenure at Union Catholic she has been yearbook assistant moderator; wing supervisor; literary magazine moderator; Artist's/Writer's Support Club moderator; and Book Club moderator. Dedication beyond the classroom is one of the many reasons she was selected to give the Union Catholic commencement address in June 2008.

"I am happy to be in a profession that I find so meaningful," she said. "I am committed to helping others by providing them with a quality education. Teaching is not a job to me; it is my vocation."

(Laura Cristiano is the director of marketing for schools for the Archdiocese of Newark and a frequent contributor to The Catholic Advocate.)

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