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Smiles signal school days about to begin

Part two of our Back to School special report scans developments in Catholic education throughout the archdiocese. Father Warren Hall (pictured above) offers insights on the reinvention of Hudson Catholic Regional High School. Andrew LeFevre, the executive director of the REACH Alliance & REACH Foundation in Pennsylvania, provides his wisdom on the Keystone State's Education Improvement Tax Credit program. And Sister Regina Martin traces her 45 years of sharing the Mother Seton Regional High School spirit.

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The complementarity of woman and man

Urgent call to protect, promote marriage

(Editor's note: On the weekend of Aug. 22-23, the Bishops of New Jersey released a "Message on Marriage" in all parishes throughout the state to clearly and unequivocally remind the faithful of our Catholic/Christian belief in marriage. As part of this reaffirmation, the NJ bishops are conducting, with the assistance of parishes and the Knights of Columbus, a petition campaign to call on the members of the State Senate and Assembly to maintain the definition of marriage as that of a union of one man and one woman only. In the coming weeks, more information about this campaign will be presented through pulpit and bulletin announcements and homilies. In this issue, we highlight the key elements of the bishops' message.)

In the face of the attempts to establish same-sex "marriage," the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey have issued a comprehensive message: "The Call to Marriage is Woven Deeply into the Human Spirit."

The message from the NJ bishops calls upon all Catholics to: protect and promote marriage; hold firm to the Church's teaching on marriage and the complementarity of the sexes; support all family members, including those who choose to remain single; help those entering marriage to prepare for the challenges, sacrifices and joys to come; and reach out with the special compassion of Christ to those married couples and families experiencing difficulties, anxiety and illness.

The bishops emphasize the Church has always and everywhere taught that marriage is the union of one man and one woman as husband and wife. This great truth about marriage is not some obscure doctrinal fine point, but a fact of human nature, recognized from time immemorial by people of virtually every faith and culture.

The Church teaches that man and woman are equal. However, man and woman are different from each other but created for each other. This complementarity, including sexual difference, draws men and women together in a mutually loving union that always should be open to the procreation of children (see the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Nos. 1602-1605).

The Church asks Catholics to become involved in how government treats marriage because civil authorities are charged with protecting children and the common good, and marriage is indispensable to both purposes. The NJ bishops also note that Catholics have the right and responsibility to oppose laws and policies that unjustly target people as bigots or that subject people to charges of unlawful

discrimination simply because they believe and teach that marriage is the union of man and a woman.

The stable, lifelong loving relationship of a mother and father, found only in marriage, provides the ideal conditions for raising and socializing children. All available empirical evidence indicates that marriages with a mother and father are the gold standard for insuring optimal outcomes in a child's development.

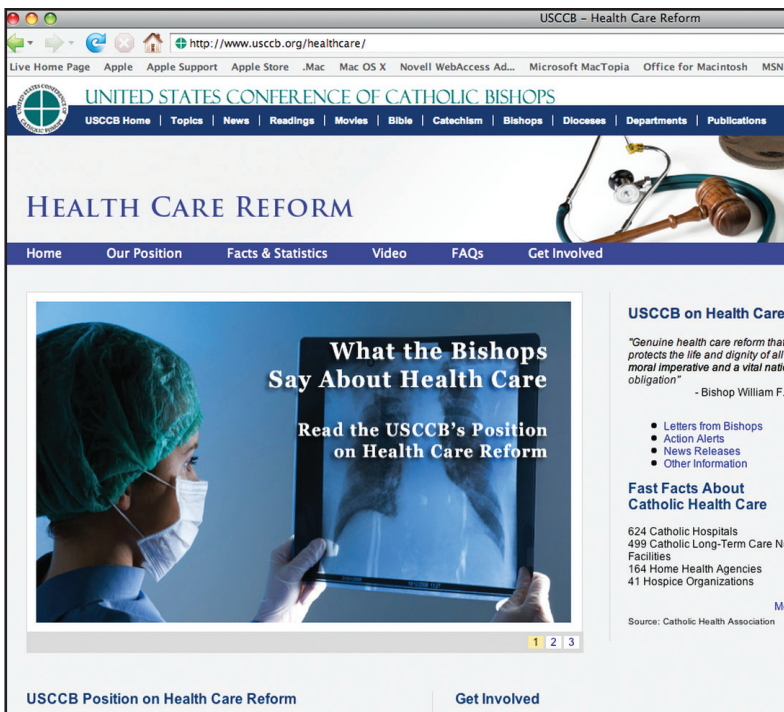
The bishops recognize that some children are raised in situations other than the traditional two-parent family and that responsible, loving single parents, and other family members make important and valuable contributions to the welfare of these children. But supporting single-parent families, as a just and compassionate society must do, is far different than

deliberately creating motherless and fatherless families and holding them out to be the same as marriages.

In the Church's view, same-sex marriage is not a civil right. A strong desire does not make a civil right. Every man and every woman has a right to enter into marriage, but marriage as an institution can only be between a man and a woman. Governments do not have the power to define marriage otherwise, because it is a permanent human institution that does not owe its existence to governments. Marriage as a union of man and woman existed long before any nation, religion or law was established. In fact, the marital union is the human and social institution upon which civilization always has been structured.

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Bishops offer online healthcare info



The USCCB Web site (www.usccb.org/healthcare) provides a Catholic perspective on the national healthcare reform debate, including videos, answers to "frequently asked questions" and copies of the bishops' letters to Congress.

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WASHINGTON (CNS)—The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has launched a Web site that seeks to clarify its position on the healthcare reform debate and to help Catholics add their voices to the discussions.

The U.S. bishops will offer specific "action alerts" on the Web site when Congress returns to work on healthcare reform legislation in September. The Web site urges Catholics to tell Congress that healthcare reform should:

- Include health care coverage for all people from conception until natural death, and continue the federal ban on funding for abortions
- Include access for all with a special concern for the poor
- Pursue the common good and preserve pluralism, including freedom of conscience
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In one Web site video, Richard

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Center plans luncheon for grandparents

JERSEY CITY—Best-selling author and Garden State resident Mary Higgins Clark will be honored as "Grandparent of the Year" by the Margaret Anna Cusack Care Center at Saint Joseph's Home for the Blind, 537 Pavonia Ave.

The sixth annual Grandparents Day luncheon will be held Sunday, Sept. 13, noon to 3 p.m., at Casino in the Park, 1 Nunda Ave. The center's Grateful Families Committee will host the program, titled "Generations—A Family Celebration Honoring Grandparents." Call Susan Sims, the center's director of development, at (201) 653-8300, ext. 2161, for reservations.

Traditionally celebrated the first Sunday after Labor Day, Grandparents Day was founded to champion the cause of lonely elderly residing in nursing homes. The day encourages children to learn from the wisdom and heritage of their grandparents.

The center is home to 139 blind and sighted older adults. Activities to commemorate that day will include: a Grandparents Day Celebration Journal, a 50/50 raffle, activities for children and family portrait sittings.



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SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS' DINNER—Most Rev. Manuel A. Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark (front, right), served as the main celebrant and homilist for the 55th annual Essex-West Hudson Federation of Holy Name Societies' spiritual directors' dinner, held earlier this year at the Essex Manor, Bloomfield, following Mass at Saint Valentine Parish, also in Bloomfield. Pictured at the event with Bishop Cruz are (seated) Rev. Msgr. Francis R. Seymour, (standing left to right), Rev. Msgr. John J. LaFerrera, federation chaplain and the pastor of Saint Philomena Parish, Livingston; Norman S. Karpf, federation president; and Father Joseph A. Mancini, executive director of the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, Kearny.

Christ the King to honor Fr. Glynn, coach Thompson

NEWARK—Christ the King Preparatory School, 239 Woodside Ave., will honor Father Edward Glynn, S.J., the school's found-

ing president, and legendary college basketball coach John R. Thompson, Jr., for their lifetime contributions to urban education at a gala at The Newark Club on Friday, Oct. 9.

Archbishop John J. Myers, John J. DeGioia, president of Georgetown University, and Mayor Cory A. Booker are the honorary chairs for the event.

Contact Kate Flannery via e-mail at kflannery@ctkprep.org or by phone at (973) 483-0033, ext. 318, to reserve tickets for the event.

Prior to taking the helm of Christ the King Prep, Fr. Glynn attended the University of Scranton and earned additional degrees at Fordham University, Woodstock College, Yale Divinity School, and the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California.

Fr. Glynn has served as the president of Saint Peter's College, Jersey City; Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA; and John Carroll University, University Heights, OH.

Coach Thompson was the head coach of the Georgetown University men's basketball team from 1972 until 1998, and head coach of the 1988 United States Olympic basketball team. He hosts The John Thompson Show, a sports talk show on ESPN 980 in Washington, D.C. He serves as assistant to the president of Georgetown for urban affairs and is a past president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches.



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Holy Name Societies prepare a donation for Adorno Fathers

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

AREA—The Bergen County Federation of Holy Name Societies Inc. will host its 62nd annual convention Monday, Sept. 28, at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, 234 Farview Ave., Paramus.

Notices on the convention will be mailed to presidents of various Holy Names societies throughout Bergen County. The convention is free and open to all members. Contact Sal Scialdone at (201) 794-3485 or Stephen Liszewski at (201) 438-2949 for more information.

Father Michael Marotta, C.R.M., the pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, Lodi, and a member of the Adorno Fathers, Ramsey, will accept a \$500 donation from the group at the convention. Fr. Marotta said the donation will be used to benefit the education of seminarians sponsored by the Adorno Fathers in the United States and in the Philippines.

The convention will begin with Mass at 7 p.m. followed by the meeting and program. Refreshments and cake will be served. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Slinger, the pastor of Our Lady of the Visitation Parish,



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The Bergen County Federation of Holy Name Societies held its 62nd annual spiritual directors dinner on April 28 at the Royal Manor, Garfield. Pictured at the event are (front row, left to right) John Bradley, national Holy Name Society vice president; Elton Ekstrom; Rev. Msgr. Joseph Slinger; Keynote speaker Bishop John W. Flesey; (back row) Al Lombardi; Stephen Liszewski; Salvatore Scialdone; Frank Cavallo; and Donald J. Stein.

will serve as the spiritual moderator.

Officers of the Bergen County Federation of Holy Name Societies include Elton Ekstrom, acting president and first vice president; Donald J. Stein, second vice president; Liszewski, recording secretary; Scialdone, treasurer, and Frank Cavallo, marshal.

A confraternity of the Catholic Church, the National Association of the Holy Name Society (Web site: www.nahns.com) is made up of diocesan societies from across the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

Marriage

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Same-sex marriage is not a civil right because same-sex couples cannot fulfill the core public purpose of marriage: protecting children by bringing men and women into the only kind of union that can bring new life into the world, and give children mothers and fathers.

In New Jersey, what is the debate on same-sex marriage all about? The debate is not about benefits and rights. The Civil Union Act (NJ Statutes 37:1-31[a]) settled that issue once and for all. In New Jersey, same-sex couples have every benefit, right and protection whether these rights derive from statute, administrative or court rule, public policy, common law or any other source of civil law, as are granted to spouses in a marriage.

The same-sex marriage political initiative is an attempt to change the historic structure of marriage as a union only of a man and a woman. This initiative ignores human nature, because throughout all of human history marriage has required the complementarity of man and woman.

Same-sex civil unions may represent a new and a different type of institution, one in which government grants to same-sex couples benefits and protections, but same-sex unions are not marriage. But the NJ bishops' message is not just a brief in opposition to same-sex marriage. Citing secular scholars at Rutgers University, the bishops note the crisis in family life that society faces today has deep roots in a broad, cultural shift

away from religion and social traditionalism and toward faith in personal independence and tolerance for diverse lifestyles known as "secular individualism." This cultural shift has led to increases in divorce, non-marital cohabitation and out-of-wedlock childbearing as well as the current call for same-sex marriage.

Fundamentally, the bishops' message is a call for a cultural awakening and an increased

recognition of the importance of stable marriages in which mothers and fathers willingly commit themselves to each other and to openness to children. The bishops call for people to reject "secular individualism" and to embrace and support the historic role of marriage, which includes spouses sacrificing self-interest to foster long-term commitment to each other, to children and to the future of our society.

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:



ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY/MINISTRY

Reverend Monsignor James A. Burke has been elected to the Archdiocesan Priest Personnel Policy Board for a three-year term, effective Sept. 1.

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Reverend Monsignor Timothy J. Shugrue has been elected to the Archdiocesan Priest Personnel Policy Board for a three-year term, effective Sept. 1.

PASTOR

Reverend Leo J. Butler, administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish, Norwood, was appointed pastor, effective Aug. 1.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Reverend Anastacio S. Villaluz, C.R.M. has been appointed parochial vicar of Saint Joseph Parish, Lodi, effective immediately.

CHAPLAIN

Reverend James T. Brown, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield, has also been appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 1178, Bloomfield, effective immediately.

Reverend Larry Evans, II, Chaplain at Paramus Catholic High School, has also been appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council No. 2842, Rochelle Park, effective immediately.

Reverend Richard P. Kwiatkowski, Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Leonia, has also been appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Carmel Council No. 8982, Leonia, effective immediately.

OTHER

Reverend Kevin F. Murphy, Chaplain at Fairleigh Dickinson University (Metropolitan Campus), Teaneck, has been appointed to the faculty of Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, with residence at St. Bartholomew Rectory, Scotch Plains, effective Sept. 1.

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President Kim Dae-Jung

Koreans mourn death of president

SEOUL, South Korea (CNS)—South Korean religious leaders have expressed sorrow over the death of Kim Dae-Jung, the country's first Catholic president. Kim was hospitalized in Seoul July 13 with pneumonia. He died Aug. 18

at the age of 85. Cardinal Nicholas Cheong Jin-suk issued a condolence message soon after Kim's death was announced. The cardinal said Kim, the 2000 Nobel Peace Prize recipient for his efforts at helping North Korea, had dedicated his life to promoting human rights and had worked for peace on the Korean peninsula. The cardinal praised Kim's faith. Kim was exiled twice in his life—he spent 1982-85 in the United States—during military dictatorships in South Korea. He survived two assassination attempts in the 1970s and had a death sentence commuted in 1981. He was freed in 1982 after requests for a pardon from the international community and Pope John Paul II. Kim was elected as the country's 15th president in 1997 and served for five years beginning in February 1998. He was baptized in 1956 when he was a young politician.



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Crowds in Phoenix support, protest healthcare reform



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Hundreds gathered Aug. 17 in Phoenix, where President Barack Obama was addressing the Veterans of Foreign Wars, to express their views on healthcare reform. While many came to support Obama, an equal number of demonstrators opposed him and the reform initiatives.

PHOENIX (CNS)—President Barack Obama addressed the Veterans of Foreign Wars Aug. 17 at the Phoenix Convention Center, but the bigger story was his reception outside. Hundreds of supporters and protesters assembled on the corners outside the convention center, hoisting signs with a variety of messages. "We have a moral obligation to make healthcare available to everyone who needs it and wants it," said Daniel Martinez, a parishioner at Saint Mary Magdalene Parish in Gilbert. "Ordinary people are hurting. We need to change what we have now and make it better." Faith Risolo, a parishioner at Resurrection Parish in Tempe, joined Martinez and other Catholics who backed the president's position on healthcare reform. "This is a basic social justice piece. This is about the quality of life," she said. "We hear people talking all the time about caring for the unborn, but we need to care about the people who are here—regardless of their age, their color, their economic situation. This is social justice. This is who we are as Americans." Many of the protesters said they opposed the healthcare reform plan Congress is considering because they are against the federal government having a bigger role in healthcare, while others raised concerns over the soaring national debt. "We're in so much debt now that my children's children won't be able to pay that debt off," said Pat Todd, a Phoenix resident. Inside the convention center, the president addressed healthcare concerns with the veterans. "One thing that reform won't change is veterans' healthcare," President Obama said. "No one is going to take away your benefits." Some veterans said they were impressed with the president's remarks, while others were less supportive. "When everyone is standing there applauding, I'm standing there with my hands in my pockets. Does that tell you something?" asked Alvin Weaver, a World War II veteran.

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Church provides clear diagnosis of humanity's ills

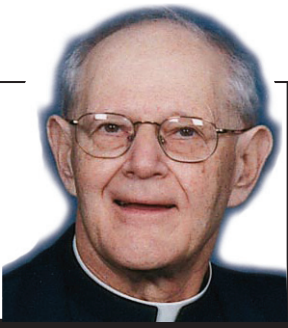
When I came into the world in 1929, I arrived just in time for a world-shattering event. The crash of the stock market began a depression that moved from the United States outward to the entire world. Now in 2009, near the end of my earthly sojourn, I find myself witnessing a repeat of the tragic events that took place 80 years ago.

The Broadway entertainment publication "Variety" in 1929 put the situation into a succinct sentence: "Wall Street lays an egg." In our time, the moguls of finance—this time with a push from the government—have been playing monopoly with a fake housing boom built on bad debt. The result is unemployment and fear once again for the millions of people who have suffered a loss of livelihood—not only in America but also around the world.

The Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, coincidentally at this time of crisis, has followed in the footsteps of his predecessors, especially Leo XIII, Paul VI, and John Paul II. He has perceptively studied the current problems of the economic world. In the words of a Jesuit I once knew, we can say this about the Holy Father, "He's not criticizing, he's just analyzing." The result is an amazing new encyclical called "*Caritas in Veritate*" ("Charity in Truth").

VOICES

By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist



As we approach Labor Day 2009 this letter to the world gives a clear diagnosis of conditions that currently afflict human beings around the globe. The Holy Father does not presume to overstep his role as a shepherd. He does not claim to be a politician, nor a financier, nor a technocrat. Rather, he assumes the proper role of the Vicar of Christ—the role of the moral guide and prophet.

The Church, in her prophetic role... reminds everyone that every human being is precious.

The pope states: "The Church does not have technical solutions to offer, and does not claim to interfere in any way in the politics of

the State. She does, however, have a mission of truth; fidelity to the truth, which alone is the guarantee of freedom and of the possibility of integral human development."

Those things that are most obvious throughout this entire letter are the amazing changes that have taken place since 1891 when Pope Leo XIII published "*Rerum Novarum*" ("Of New Things"). At that time the industrial revolution was relatively new, colonial powers ruled the world and there was a huge social ferment in Europe.

By the time that Pope Paul VI wrote "*Populorum Progressio*" ("On the Development of Peoples") after Vatican Council II, the world had shrunk. Colonialism was dying. Huge technological changes, especially in the fields of transportation and communication, had taken place. Above all, two great systems, capitalism and communism, were now face to face in conflict. Yet economics,

politics, and populations were still fairly static in 1967.

When Pope John Paul II produced "*Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*" ("On Social Concern") in 1987, migration of jobs from one country to another was in full swing as well as a movement of humanity from rural areas to cities and from poor countries to rich countries. The world was becoming homogenized.

This year, with lightning speed, the world has entered into an entirely new situation. This encyclical points out that international corporations operate free of State control. Financial capital and the means of production are mobile. The grave danger to the rights of workers and the threats

to fundamental human rights are now worldwide in scope. Citizens in many countries are powerless to control their destinies. Trade union organizations experience great difficulty in protecting the interests of workers. Today there is a psychological instability that is affecting ordinary people everywhere because they cannot make future plans, not even for marriage and for family.

The Church in her prophetic role reads the signs of the times. She sees problems and the dangers. However, she reminds everyone that—while many well-off people today claim they owe nothing to anyone but themselves and they have an absolute right to a

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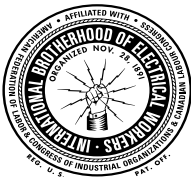
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NEWARK — An interfaith Labor Day observance and parade on Friday, Sept. 11 will celebrate the history and the significance of the U.S. labor movement in Essex County and New Jersey.

Sponsored by the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council, AFL-CIO, the 18th annual "Celebration of Labor" will begin with a pre-parade program at Newark City Hall, 920 Broad St., at 5 p.m., concluding with a march along Broad Street to Washington Park. Bands will lead a parade of union members and supporters.

U.S. Rep. Donald M. Payne will serve as the parade's grand marshal. A Newark native, Congressman Payne represents NJ's 10th congressional district and in 1988 became the Garden State's first African-

American congressman.

Co-chairs of the celebration are Gerald W. Owens, International Longshoremen's Association, and Lino Santiago, Local 825 Operating Engineers. The event is open to the public and a reception will follow the parade. Call Kevin P. Frey, parade coordinator, at (973) 244-5814 for more information.

"Labor Day 2009 will be the kickoff for the crucial fall push for both healthcare (legislation) and the Employee Free Choice

Act," Thomas P. Giblin, president of the Essex-West Hudson Labor Council, AFL-CIO, said. "This Labor Day comes at a critical moment for America's working families. The economy continues to pound workers. At the same time, we're on the cusp of achieving major legislation that will impact generations. Without a sustained, energetic final push from our movement—especially at the grassroots—healthcare and labor law

reform will not be won."

Giblin described Congressman Payne as "a steadfast supporter of Labor Movement throughout his 21-year career in the U.S. Congress. His recognition is truly deserved."

Payne is a past chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, a member of the Democratic Whip Organization and has served as a member of the House Democratic Leadership Advisory Group. A

graduate of Seton Hall University, South Orange, Congressman Payne pursued graduate studies at Springfield College, MA. He holds honorary doctorates from Chicago State University, Drew University, Essex County College and William Paterson University. He has served on the Newark Municipal Council; the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders; and as an executive of the Prudential Insurance Co.

Healthcare

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M. Doerflinger, associate director of the USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, explains why the bishops are insisting that any health reform legislation be abortion-neutral. "Abortion is the opposite of healthcare—it kills the patient," Doerflinger said. "We can't support reform if it is going to turn doctors against some of their patients."

Doerflinger also said that the bishops' goal is not to "advance

the pro-life cause" through health reform legislation. "We just want to preserve all major existing policies and provisions, so that (reform legislation) doesn't forge new ground against the life of the unborn," he said.

Throughout the United States, there are 624 Catholic hospitals, 499 Catholic long-term care nursing facilities, 164 home health agencies, and 41 hospice organizations, according to the Web site.

See page 4 of this edition for a related article on healthcare reform.

Voices

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lifestyle of hedonism and consumerism—no human being is self-sufficient. No person is insignificant, nor is anyone a stranger in a random universe. Every single human being is precious, a creature of God.

But without acknowledging God, human beings do not really know which way to go, nor do they even understand who they are. A secular humanism that excludes God is an "inhuman humanism." Therefore, the greatest service to mankind is now, as it always has been, a true humanism—a "Christian humanism."

This encyclical is not overly long. But it is deep and brilliant. Let us pray that at least some leaders in this cruel world will read it and make good things happen for the working class and the poor on this space ship earth.

This world needs the Catholic Church, even if it fails or refuses to recognize that need. For She alone seems to have a clear vision of the dignity of the human being. Through Pope Benedict XVI, She proclaims that without truth, love is merely a word; a word much used but little understood. It is exercised as mere sentimentality.

(Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist is pastor emeritus of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison, and has been at the forefront of state and national labor issues for many years.)



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CANCER COMBATANTS—The Student Movement Against Cancer (SMAC) at Union Catholic Regional High School, Scotch Plains, recently participated in Scotch Plains-Fanwood Relay for Life. The event raised \$20,000 as 77 Union Catholic entrants took part in the all-night vigil. Other SMAC fund-raisers included an evening with Pampered Chef and participation in the Lord and Taylor Benefit Bash. The fund-raisers collected more than \$5,000, which went to the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, American Cancer Society and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. SMAC also organized a forum and hosted guest speakers from The Ashley Lauren Foundation, which provides support for children with cancer. Two Union Catholic alumni cancer survivors, Brian Gates '76 and Mike Boylan '70, addressed the forum.

Seminar to issue 'a Call to Action'

NORTH ARLINGTON—A seminar co-sponsored by the archdiocesan Respect Life Office and Pro-Life Commission will be held Oct. 3, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Queen of Peace Parish and high school, 10 Franklin Pl.

"A Call to Action: Overcoming the Culture of Death," will feature

speakers Robert P. George, professor of jurisprudence at Princeton University, and Damon Owens, founder of Joy-Filled Marriage and the Natural Family Planning coordinator for the Archdiocese of Newark.

The cost is \$10 general admission and \$5 for students and pro-

life contacts, which includes lunch. Registration forms must be returned to the Respect Life Office by Sept. 25. Contact the archdiocesan Respect Life Office online at arnewrespect@sjan.net or by phone (732) 388-8211 for details. The office is located at 1805 Penbrook Terrace, Linden.

Most Rev. Edgar da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, will open the forum, celebrating Mass at 11 a.m. Father Joseph Meagher, the director of the Respect Life Office, will offer the opening prayer, while Jim Sondey, the chairman of the archdiocesan Pro-Life Commission, will introduce the program and welcome the audience. A question-and-answer session will follow the speaker presentations.

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“Magnet recognition validates something we have always known,” Michael Maron, president and chief executive officer, Holy Name Hospital, said. “We have some of the best nurses in the country.”

“Achieving this honor does not end the journey,” Sheryl Slonim, senior vice president, Holy Name Patient Care Services, explained. “It emboldens us to continue striving, to think about what we do every day and to consider how we might do it even better.”

The ANCC’s Magnet program recognizes healthcare organizations that demonstrate excellence in nursing practice and adherence to national standards for the organization and delivery of nursing services. Applicants undergo a rigorous evaluation that includes extensive interviews and review of nursing services. Research shows there are clear benefits to hospitals that are awarded Magnet status and to the communities they serve.

Healthcare consumers have greater confidence in the overall quality of a hospital if it has achieved the level of excellence established by the Magnet Recognition Program, according to the ANCC. Magnet-designated facilities consistently outperform other facilities in recruiting and retaining nurses resulting in increased stability in patient care and patient satisfaction. Holy Name said that, because quality nursing is one of the most important factors in enlisting high-caliber physicians and specialists, Magnet status becomes an attractive force that extends to the entire facility.



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HOT SHOT—David Bryan (center), keyboardist for the famed NJ rock group Bon Jovi, was among 85 shooters at the first Andrew H. Campbell (AHC) Memorial Sporting Clays Tournament, held earlier this summer at Hudson Farms, Andover. The event raised \$48,000 for Trinitas Comprehensive Cancer Center, Elizabeth. Pictured with Bryan is Nadine Brechner, executive director, Trinitas Health Foundation; event guest Vincent Abate; Alfred B. Nunan, Jr., co-chairman, AHC tournament committee; and Cynthia Campbell, wife of the late Andrew H. Campbell, who was vice chairman of the Trinitas Health and Hospital board at the time of his death in April 2007.

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Back from the brink, Hudson Catholic **paints** a bold, **colorful** new vision to reinvent itself

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

“Life is co-ed.” Father Warren R. Hall, principal of Hudson Catholic Regional High School, said those three words originally were spoken by a parent in May 2008, after learning the all-boys school would welcome both genders this year. The understated observation is symbolic of the changes underway at Hudson Catholic. The De LaSalle Christian Brothers Order has operated the Jersey City school as an all-boys institution since 1964.

Becoming co-educational is only one of the major developments unfolding at Hudson Catholic. The school nearly was forced to shut its doors last year due to declining enrollment and lack of funds. During the tense period between the initial announcement on April 11, 2008 that the school would close and the May 7 meeting, alumni, parents and interested stakeholders raised \$570,000 in contributions to keep the school open for the following year (see *The Catholic Advocate*, May 21, 2008).

An extensive effort to gather an additional \$1.5 million to help cover costs for operations in the next three years was launched. Since then, \$1.1 million has been raised and the school has exceeding its fund-raising expectations as it works to reinvent itself. A new board of consultants has been formed to help the school move forward. According to Fr. Hall, Hudson Catholic has never incurred debt and the recent fund-raising efforts all go to helping the school move toward the future.

Following the decision to become a co-ed school, Fr. Hall and the faculty of Hudson Catholic have worked diligently to prepare for the new vision. Overall, parents and teachers have responded well to the change, according to Fr. Hall. “All the parents have either been neutral or positive about the change to co-ed,” Fr. Hall explained.

This summer, adjustments were made to the building to accommodate the incoming female students. Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark had a two-session confidential workshop with students discussing the transition. Fr. Hall and the faculty members also had a full-day orientation session to discuss the changing culture of the school.

“I am confident about the future of the school,” Fr. Hall said. “We have reached the benchmarks for raising money and met our enrollment goals. Many of our donors increased their second- and third-year pledges because they see that Hudson Catholic is still going to be here.”

Tim Brennan, director of the office of admissions, believes the effort in recruiting girls for this school year was successful. “We were well received by the Catholic elementary schools, primarily in Hudson County. We organized bus trips for the girls to visit in our ‘Hawk for a Day’ program and they liked what they saw. It must be nerve wracking for the parents to have their daughters walk into a school with 400 boys,” Brennan remarked.

According to Brennan, the enrollment is 60 percent boys to 40 percent

girls, with a steadily increasing female registration in this “transition year.” Fr. Hall said young women who have visited Hudson Catholic are not “wallflowers” and quickly realized they would have an immediate impact on a school generating a new tradition. Female siblings of existing students are now enrolling and there is an influx of upper classmen due to the closing of Saint Joseph of the Palisades High School, West New York.

Fr. Hall found that, given the new culture at Hudson Catholic, some male students initially were concerned about the potential change in dynamics between students and teachers. “The students hope the way they interact and relate to the teachers and to each other will not change. There is a culture of family spirit here that will not change. They were also worried that classmates would act differently because of the female students. Some parents shared that concern—that students would focus on their classmates instead of studies,” he said.

Although Hudson Catholic no longer will be an all-boys institution, the principal does feel there is still a place for single-sex education. His niece graduated from Academy of Holy Angels, an all-girl high school in Demarest. At the graduation, the commencement speaker explained that an all-female school is empowering for girls.

“Single-sex education will always be in society. However, the demographics of Hudson County call for a co-ed high school,” Brennan explained.

For this school year, new

faculty and extra-curricular activities have been added. Aileen Quinn, a stage and screen actress, who played the title role in “Annie,” will be the new music teacher. A greater effort is being made to improve arts and music and “streamlining” the program for incoming students. Women’s basketball and volleyball teams have also been organized. New school uniforms for the female students have been selected and the boys’ uniform has been slightly altered.

Although the inclusion of female students represents a new beginning for the school, the quality of education and variety of student activities will remain constant, Fr. Hall pledged. “The number of student activities and quality education draws students here. With the strong curriculum and activities, they are challenged and still have fun,” Brennan noted.

Fr. Hall was involved in sports when he was a student at Hudson Catholic during the late 1970s and early 1980s. “Almost 100 percent of the students are

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Perspective on stalled Urban Scholarship Act

Keystone State educates New Jersey on EITC program

BY ANDREW T. LEFEVRE
AND EMMA KINZER
Special to The Catholic Advocate

Last May over 2,000 supporters of Pennsylvania's Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program joined with REACH (Road to

Educational Achievement through Choice) Alliance and Foundation in Harrisburg, PA, to mark the eighth anniversary of the nation's first corporate educational tax credit program. Parents, students, educators and legislators were on hand to celebrate what many consider to be one of the Keystone State's biggest educational

achievements of the past decade. Founded in 1991, REACH is Pennsylvania's leading grassroots coalition dedicated to educating the public on the benefits that school choice can bring to Pennsylvania's children. REACH and its supporters had experienced a number of highs and lows throughout the 1990s, working to

bring school choice to the Commonwealth.

The recent event in Harrisburg celebrated nearly 20 years of hard work that paid off in the form of so many children receiving an education that meets their individual educational needs. Adopted in 2001 by an overwhelming bipartisan majority, the EITC program has been a vital resource to Pennsylvania children and families. What's more, this groundbreaking program has done what many advocates have been trying to accomplish for years; get the business community more directly involved in education.

We are aware that advocates of the proposed Urban Enterprise Zone Jobs Scholarship Act in New Jersey (A-2897; S-1607), which is similar to Pennsylvania's EITC program, have been seeking to gain some political traction to enact this important legislation for children in the Garden State (see *The Catholic Advocate*, April 8 and Jan. 7).

Unfortunately, we also are aware that members of the NJ educational establishment and their political allies thus far have been successful in preventing this legislation from making significant progress. This is a shame since this type of program, which is clearly working for Pennsylvania's children and schools, could provide the same kind of success in New Jersey as well.

As reported, the proposed NJ legislation is a five-year pilot program that would allow students in the Archdiocese of Newark and



Emma Kinzer

four other urban centers in New Jersey to receive scholarships to attend a public or non-public school. The program would be paid for by tax credits for contributions on state corporate tax filings.

Through Pennsylvania's EITC program, businesses can donate to help children in their local communities by taking a tax credit of up to 90 percent (for a two-year commitment) for contributions made to qualified scholarship, educational improvement and Pre-K scholarship organizations.

Due to overwhelming demand, the PA legislature has increased the cap on the EITC program four times since its enactment in 2001, with a current total cap of \$75 million. Annually, \$44.7 million is appropriated for scholarship organizations, \$8 million for Pre-K scholarship organizations and \$22.3 million for educational improvement organizations.



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SUMMER FUN— Teachers, students, and alumnae of Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, Summit, came together in June at Sacred Heart School, Jersey City for the third annual "Summer Fun at Sacred Heart" program. Pictured is Sacred Heart student Aazhae Coleman (left) and 2009 Oak Knoll graduate Jacqueline

Garavente. Oak Knoll faculty members Mimi Hartnett, Megan Watkins, Kathleen Lynch and Nonie Murphy organized the program as students and teachers led the Sacred Heart School students in activities such as creating tie-dye shirts, soccer, digital photography and creative writing. Oak Knoll (Web site: www.oakknoll.org) enrolls boys and girls in grades K-6 and young women in grades 7-12.

In addition, last year the PA legislature increased the number of businesses that can participate in the EITC program by making subchapter S-corporations and other "pass-through" business entities eligible to claim the credits. They also increased the total amount of credits that a business can claim from \$200,000 to \$300,000.

During the 2008-09 school year, over 225 scholarship organizations, 500 educational improvement organizations, and 130 Pre-K scholarship organizations received donations from participating businesses in order to serve Pennsylvania children. Organizations eligible to receive EITC contributions must be a recognized 501(c) (3) and distribute at least 80 percent of their annual receipts to eligible students or to innovative programs. Additionally, they must register with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)—the state agency that administers the EITC program—and be listed, or put on a list of eligible organizations.

Since the programs enactment in 2001, over 3,600 businesses have donated over \$315 million dollars to approved EITC and Pre-K EITC organizations. During the 2008-09 school year, the EITC program provided over 44,000 scholarships to students all across the Commonwealth to attend a school that is best fitting their individual educational needs.

Families wishing to participate in the EITC program must meet an income criteria established under the act. The household income limits are \$50,000 with an income allowance of \$10,000 for each dependent child. Therefore, a family with one child has an income allowance of \$60,000, two children is \$70,000 and so on.

The EITC program also provides a significant cost savings to the citizens of Pennsylvania. The average amount allocated to one public school student within the Commonwealth to educate him/her for the 2007-2008 school year was approximately \$13,183. The amount of a scholarship may not exceed the actual amount of tuition charged by the school, including fees. The average scholarship amount awarded through the EITC program to one student for use outside the system for one academic year is \$1,100.

This means that the average amount the state designates for one student in the public school system is roughly 12 times the amount awarded to a student utilizing an EITC scholarship to attend a school outside the system.



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The difference between these two figures is \$12,083, which indicates how much less is allocated to one EITC scholarship for a family to realize school choice versus how much is given to a district to educate one public school student.

If one multiplies the difference (\$12,083) by the number of students receiving EITC scholarships during the 2007-08 school year (44,000), it is determined that over \$531.6 million is saved by awarding this relatively small percentage of students with EITC scholarships. If each of these students reentered the public school system, that figure would also be the amount necessary to educate this population of less than 2 percent of the total number of PA public school students.

The EITC program not only provides scholarships for low- to middle-income families whose children's needs may not being fully met in a traditional public school setting, it also provides additional money to innovative educational programs which directly benefit our public school students. In fact, of the \$75 million in tax credits provided through the EITC program during the 2007-08 school year, over 40 percent of that will go to funding innovative educational programs in public schools and to helping low income families take advantage of pre-school programs.

The EITC program truly has been a model for public-private partnership in education that has brought new thinking and innovation to Pennsylvania's school system.

(Editor's note: Andrew T. LeFevre is executive director of the REACH Alliance & REACH Foundation (Web site: www.paschoolchoice.org) in Harrisburg, PA. Emma Kinzer is a summer communications and outreach assistant for the REACH Foundation.)



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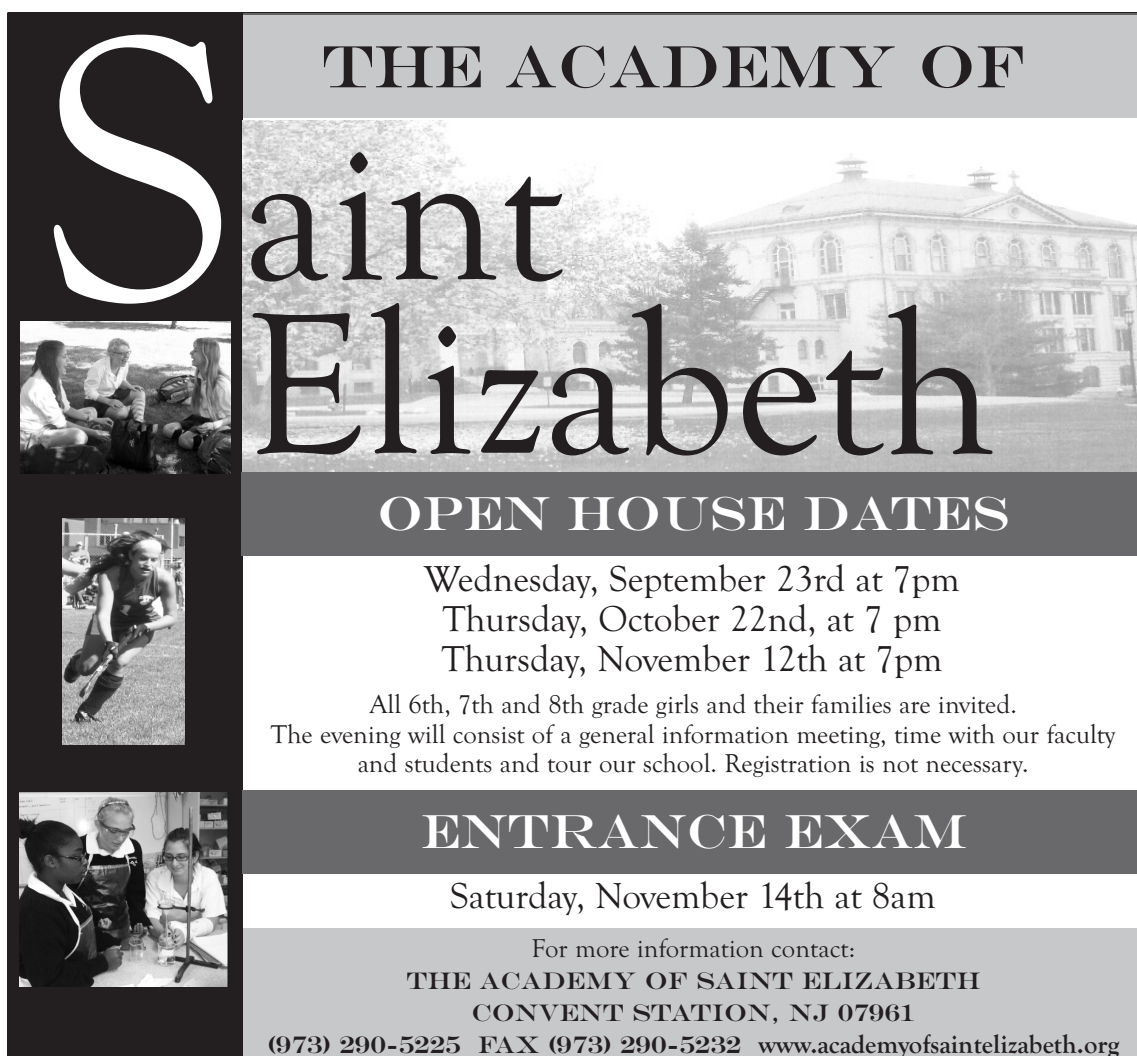
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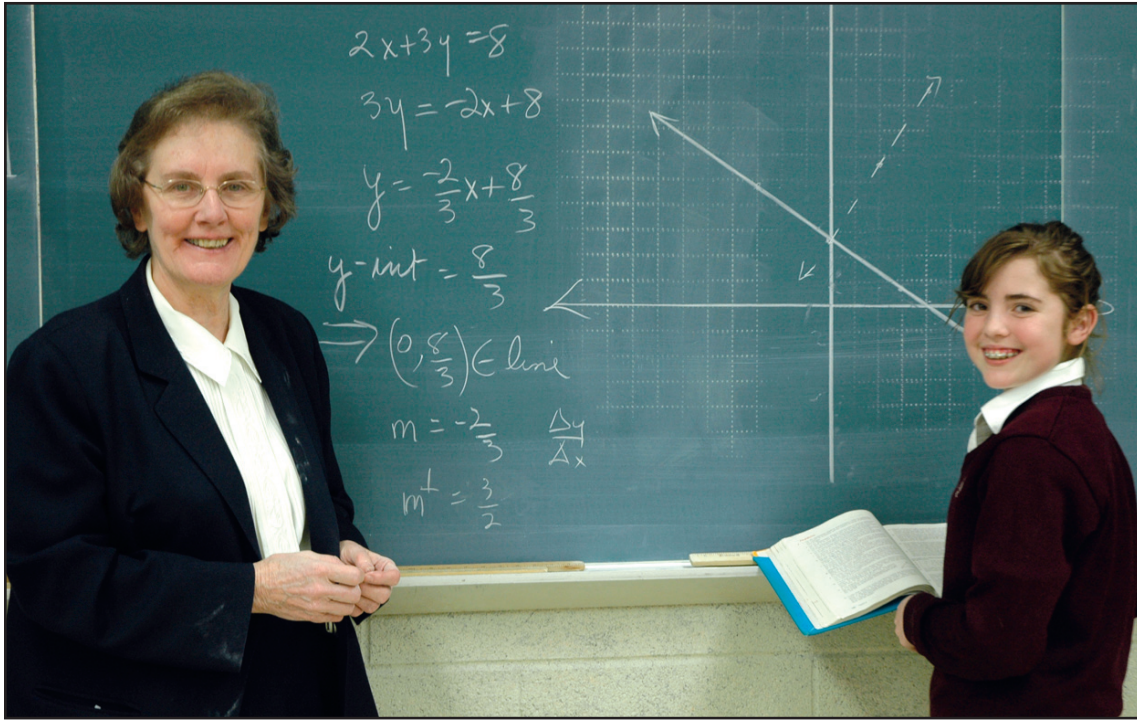
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Sr. Regina Martin, who began her career at Mother Seton Regional High School as a math teacher, lends a helping hand to student Kaitlin Laico. "Sr. Regina is always willing to put aside what she is doing in order to serve others," Joan Barron, assistant principal, said. "She is a special blessing to the Mother Seton community."

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Sr. Regina adds up 45 years of sharing Mother Seton spirit

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

First as a math teacher and then principal since 1975, Sister Regina Martin, S.C. and Mother Seton Regional High School are one and the same. Born in County Roscommon, Ireland, Sr. Regina came to the girls' preparatory school in 1964, one year after its founding.

Over her years at Mother Seton—located in Clark, in the shadow of the Garden State Parkway—Sr. Regina has taught algebra, geometry and calculus. She holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the College of Saint Elizabeth in Convent Station; a masters degree in math from the University of Notre Dame and a Masters in Administration and Supervision from Rutgers University. She continued her math studies under grants from the National Science Foundation.

Looking back at her days in the classroom, Sr. Regina said it was "fun to teach. Being in the class-

room was exciting to meet students, watch them grow and see them achieve success as young women in mathematics.

"Every student who walks through the doors of Mother Seton knows from the beginning that they are leaders," she said. "We consider each student as an individual." Among her overriding philosophies is that school should be "a happy place" to come to and learn. "It is important to work with people in a positive setting." The goal of everyone at Mother Seton is "to challenge but encourage; to bring out the best in our students, build their self confidence and watch them grow into young women."

When asked about the many changes in the principal's job over the years, Sr. Regina was quick to answer "more paperwork" due in large measure to compliance requirements dealing with federal, state, Church and local guidelines.

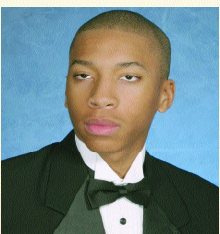
The teaching staff, Sr. Regina stressed, is willing to work with students "in and out of the classroom setting. We make every effort to choose those who can support our mission and philosophy," she said regarding the selection of teachers and administrators.

As principal, Sr. Regina said she enjoys watching students enjoy their high school years. She places equal emphasis on working with both the teaching and administrative staffs all in conjunction with meeting and working with students and their families.

At the high school level, girls quickly "gain independence while competing academically and athletically. Students are challenged," she said. A big reason for their success, Sr. Regina is convinced, is the foundation provided by the school's religious and campus ministry programs such as liturgical celebrations, outreach programs and off-campus retreats.

With the skills nurtured and developed during the girls' four years at Mother Seton, Sr. Regina stressed, each young woman will be equipped to make good choices at the college level and thus build a solid basis for her choices in adulthood.

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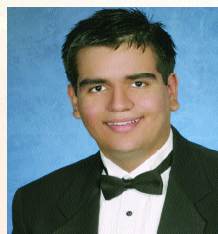
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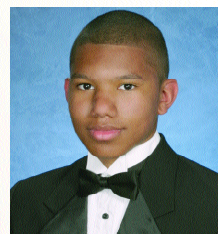
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The essence of Mother Seton High School, explained Sr. Regina, can be found in the school's motto: Academic Excellence, Seton Spirit. "It is a welcoming attitude and approach, a positive experience that you get as you walk through the building," she said, noting that this spirit represents a key element for the Mother Seton community.

Mother Seton is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Underlining the fact that the Class of 2009 generated \$10.9 million in scholarships, Sr. Regina declared Mother Seton is "an outstanding opportunity for girls in the area. It is an opportunity to experience a wide circle of students. Diversity is important, as is our Catholic identity," she said, noting that 80 percent of the student body is Catholic.

The students of today, said Sr. Regina, are "well-prepared, willing to take on challenges, are focused and work hard." She pointed out her students are adept regarding science, math and computer skills. As evidence of this, Sr. Regina cited some representative academic achievements. In local New Jersey Science League competition, Mother Seton, the only Catholic school taking part, was first in physics and chemistry and third in biology. In addition, the school's junior and senior National Current Events team placed second in the nation and freshmen placed first with three national student leaders.

Another significant part of a student's life at Mother Seton is outside the classroom setting and in several athletic and school-related activities. Eighty-five percent of the student body participates in a variety of outreach programs, which Sr. Regina described as part of their core education experience.

Students regularly take part in community service projects throughout the school year such as a Thanksgiving food drive, Camp Fatima, coin collections for the needy, a Christmas Giving Tree, a Breast Cancer Tree of Life and a Women Aware Drive. Another popular activity is weekend retreats at Long Beach Island.

"Sr. Regina's boundless dedication as principal compliments each and everything that she does for Mother Seton," Joan Barron, one of two assistant principals, said. "Actually, she goes above and beyond her role as principal. Sr. Regina's generous spirit, many talents and steadfast efforts in Catholic education of young women is what makes Mother Seton a great school and makes its students successful."



Deacon Joseph Caporaso

Deacon Joseph Caporaso has been installed as the first principal of the new Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy, Elizabeth. The academy was established out of the consolidation of Saint Mary of the Assumption School, Saint Anthony School and Blessed Sacrament School. Deacon Caporaso began his career as an elementary school teacher in 1971. In 1978 he was appointed principal of Continental School No. 3. From 1983-2001, Deacon Caporaso served as principal of Elmora School No. 12, where he instituted a variety of community outreach programs for needy families. He is a recipient of the Margaret M. Spirito Award in recognition of his services to special-education students in the Elizabeth school system. Ordained to the permanent diaconate seven years ago, he has served at Saint Anthony Parish and Saint Genevieve Parish, both in Elizabeth. Deacon Caporaso has been chaplain of the local chapter of UNICO since 2002. The organization named him "Citizen of the Year" five years ago. He has served as a representative on the Deacons Council of the Archdiocese of Newark since 2008.

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3	23,803	1,984	992	916	458	3	33,874	2,823	1,412	1,303	652
4	28,665	2,389	1,195	1,103	552	4	40,793	3,400	1,700	1,569	785
5	33,527	2,794	1,397	1,290	645	5	47,712	3,976	1,988	1,836	918
6	38,389	3,200	1,600	1,477	739	6	54,631	4,553	2,277	2,102	1,051
7	43,251	3,605	1,803	1,664	832	7	61,550	5,130	2,565	2,368	1,184
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Saint Joseph School	East Orange	Queen of Angels School	Newark
Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy	Elizabeth	Saint Benedict Prep	Newark
Saint Patrick High School and Academy	Elizabeth	Saint Mary School	Newark
Saint Leo's School	Elmwood Park	Saint Michael School	Newark
Assumption Academy	Emerson	Saint Vincent Academy	Newark
Academy of the Most Blessed Sacrament	Franklin Lakes	Good Shepherd Academy	Nutley
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EDUCATING FUTURE EDUCATORS—Saint Peter's College, Jersey City, has established a School of Education, an initiative designed to help meet growing education challenges in the state of New Jersey. Developed from the existing education programs at Saint Peter's, the new school joins the college's three other academic units: the College of Arts and Sciences/School of Business Administration, the School of Nursing and the School of Professional and Continuing Studies. The School of Education is expected to enroll approximately 450 students in the fall of 2009. "There is a greater demand for accountability in New Jersey classrooms now, where teachers are expected to do more with less resources," Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D., Saint Peter's president, said. Also added to the college's academic portfolio is a Master of Arts in Education degree, with a concentration in school counseling. Anthony Sciarriello, Ed.S., J.D., the director for the School of Education, said this concentration was developed by the administration to ensure that students had the opportunity to complete certification programs at Saint Peter's in the five key areas of education: educational leadership, reading, teaching, special education and counseling. In addition to the school counseling concentration, the college also offers a Master of Arts degree in special education with the option to specialize in applied behavior analysis (ABA) or literacy. Saint Peter's added these two components to its programming after New Jersey saw an explosion of demand for special education teachers as a result of the establishment of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

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ELIZABETH—Benedictine Academy will offer high-tech learning skills to its students this fall when it introduces SMARTBoard Technology in every classroom.

In addition, due to popular demand from students, Benedictine Academy will see the rebirth of its theater arts program in the new school year.

Principal Kenneth Jennings said the arrival of the innovative educational tool "will provide limitless possibilities for learning." He said a \$46,000 grant from Commonweal Foundation, Silver Spring, MD, matched with \$15,000 raised by the academy, which enabled the academy to purchase the high-tech equipment and train faculty on the best way to employ the system in the classroom.

The SMARTBoard system is an interactive, online electronic whiteboard that encourages students to stay motivated and engaged as active participants in the learning process. Jennings spoke enthusiastically about the "virtual lab" component of SMARTBoard, which allows students to conduct complex lab experiments in a virtual space. "This provides us with another tool to help students acquire 21st century skills," he explained.

Liz McConahay, a veteran Broadway actress and the head of the Musical Theater Department at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark, will lead the academy's theater arts program, which garnered strong student interest and participation last year.

Jennings anticipates that students, led by McConahay, will stage a spring play and a Christmas production. He said a challenging theater arts program at the academy, with McConahay at the helm, would create an opportunity for talented students to

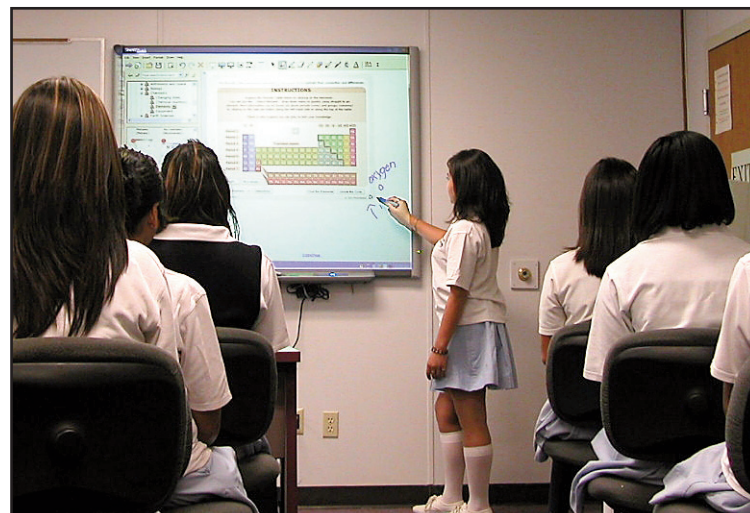
work with a master teacher.

"Liz is a true artist whose enthusiasm rubs off on everyone," Jennings said, adding that he is confident McConahay will build the theater arts program into an artistic resource where students can express their gifts and talents.

MAGNA CUM LAUDE—Lisa Fuhrman, who attended Immaculate Heart Academy, Washington Township, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Manhattan College, Bronx, New York. The niece of Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Fuhrman, the pastor of Saint Gabriel Parish, Saddle River, she earned a bachelor of arts degree in communications. At the recent graduation ceremony, Brother Robert Berger, vice president for student life, praised her accomplishments. "I want to thank you for all you've done for Manhattan College," he said. "You've made a significant contribution to the college and to all the other students." Fuhrman was awarded membership in the Epsilon Sigma Pi Honor Society in recognition of her scholastic achievements.



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Benedictine Academy junior Cynthia Amaya demonstrates the SMARTBoard interactive technology to her fellow students.

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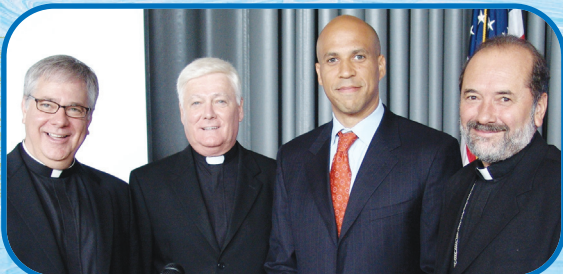
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Barbara Dolan, at work in her Newark office reviewing the new Social Studies guidelines, said the 2009-2010 school year will be a transitional period, allowing teachers to become familiar with the revised guidelines and giving schools time to determine what new resources might be needed to support implementation.

Archdiocese maps out upgraded curriculum for Social Studies

BY BARBARA DOLAN
 Special to The Catholic Advocate

The Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Newark will introduce newly revised Social Studies curriculum guidelines for its elementary schools during the 2009-2010 school year. The revision to the current Social Studies guidelines, which were implemented in 2000, began during the 2007-2008 school year with the work of the Schools Office in the Diocese of Metuchen and the Inter-Diocesan Curriculum Committee (IDCC).

The IDCC is comprised of representatives from each of the five Catholic dioceses in New Jersey. The group works collaboratively to develop a common curriculum for the Catholic elementary schools in the state. The curriculum guidelines incorporate the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards for Social Studies and extend them to incorporate Catholic principles and values.

During the 2008-2009 school year a group of educators representing the elementary schools of the Archdiocese of Newark reviewed the Social Studies guidelines, which were presented to the IDCC by the Diocese of Metuchen and made sugges-

tions for adaptations and additions to be included in the archdiocesan Social Studies guidelines. The revised archdiocesan Social Studies curriculum guidelines will be presented to the elementary schools at the end of September.

The Social Studies guidelines delineate what students should know and be able to do at each grade level. Concepts introduced at specific grade levels are reinforced and further developed at subsequent grade levels. The curriculum includes standards that require students to demonstrate a developing geographic perspective and the ability to recognize the interaction between geographic elements and human history.

Standards related to historical perspective, economics, civics and government are incorporated into the curriculum at each grade level with an emphasis on the connections between the various physical, social and political factors that contribute to historical events.

Students in kindergarten through Grade 3 will continue to focus on developing an understanding of himself or herself as a member of various communities. The understanding of community begins with family, class, church and school in kindergarten and expands to include neighbor-

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New vision

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involved in something," he said. "The kids asked for an Anime club and we started one. You don't see them running for the buses after school. The activities keep them here and keep them involved."

The school's near-closing last year sparked the evolution of Hudson Catholic. Brennan recalled that, during those anxious days, the community pulled together and realized the school is invaluable. "Hudson Catholic is meant to be here. The community responded and it showed a need for Catholic education. People have said we gave them hope. There is just an aura of excitement around the school," he declared.

Alumni involvement proved to be the key to getting the school on the path to financial stability. "We're a young school. Raising money to save our school shows that Hudson Catholic has arrived. Our school is only as strong as our alumni. They have to show enthusiasm for our school in order for it to be successful. Last year injected new life into everyone and it was also a wake-up call for people who

have been here. It galvanized the community. We had to change," Fr. Hall stressed.

In fact, Hudson Catholic has seen its enrolment rate going up—unusual for a Catholic school these days. "We are an anomaly; our enrollment is increasing," he said. "We are going against the model. We have 13-14 percent of alumni donate money to the school."

Not only do former students give monetary donations, they also donate time and effort to their alma mater. "One of our new advisors is an alumnus who agreed to be paid one dollar for one year of his services. The students are proud when the graduates visit. It shows that we are a strong school," Fr. Hall stated.

With encouragement from the archdiocese, along with the innovative, diligent work of faculty and alumni, Hudson Catholic will unveil its new vision on Sept. 14. Fr. Hall hopes the buzz that surrounds the school continues for years to come.

"There is a real positive energy in the building that we all worked hard to create," he said. "Change is scary for everyone and can be disconcerting, but we have to do it. I want to capitalize on the excitement and keep it going."



Advocate photo — M. Gabriele

Against the backdrop of a vivid abstract painting, Justin Winters, Mario Alburnia, Patrick Nicewicz and Jordan Rosario (standing, left to right) checked in with Father Warren R. Hall, principal of Hudson Catholic Regional High School, last May, as the school year was coming to a close. The four students will be sophomores this year. The 45-year-old school, run by the De LaSalle Christian Brothers Order, will become co-ed next month. Fr. Hall, a Jersey City native and 1981 Hudson Catholic graduate, became president and principal of the school in June 2008. He was ordained to the priesthood for service in the Archdiocese of Newark in 1989.

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Happy campers at Sacred Heart 'tour' Grand Canyon, study saints

BY GENEVIEVE MARIE ILG
Special to The Catholic Advocate

BLOOMFIELD—Children at Sacred Heart Parish's summer Bible camp embarked on a faithful journey of self-discovery where they "explored" the environment and animals of the Grand Canyon and learned about the wonders of God's world.

The camp was held Aug. 10-14. The journey of self-discovery for the children—age four to 10—revolved around Bible stories and the daily study of the life of a saint. The "virtual" Grand Canyon exploration featured crafts, snacks, music and theme-centered lessons. Each morning students enjoyed Bible stories while making fossils, painting and creating caveman drawings.

In order to make the experience as real as possible, a representative from the Turtle Back Zoo, West Orange, presented the 28 campers with the real animals of the desert. Vince Sharp, educational coordinator for the zoo, showed campers lizards, insects and turtles that call the Grand



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Youngsters at Sacred Heart Parish's Bible Camp enthusiastically play the "parachute game." The final day of camp featured a prayer walk with Christ at the center of the stroll.

Canyon home. He also compared animals in New Jersey with those that live in the Grand Canyon, explaining how all creatures are connected in the "web of life."

Smiles and sneers flew across the students' faces as each creature was shown to them. "The spider is amazing, but it creeps me out," Alison Bochantin, 12, a first-year volunteer, said.

Nancy Plate, program director

and Sacred Heart religious education director, and Father Andrew Park, spiritual leader of Sacred Heart's Youth Ministry, praised the summer camp for its commitment to educate and inspire children.

(Editor's note: Genevieve Marie Ilg is a senior at Bloomfield High School, a volunteer in the parish's religious education program and assisted at the Bible camp.)

Curriculum

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hood, town, state, nation and world as the student progresses from grade to grade.

Students will consider abstract questions and concepts such as: What is a community? What rights and responsibilities does one have as a member of each community? How have communities changed over time? What challenges face those who are new to the community? What actions can one take to help the community remain strong?

Students in Grade 7 and Grade

8 will be engaged in a two-year study of United States history. The curriculum in Grade 7 covers the period from the beginning of the new nation through the Civil War and Reconstruction. Students in Grade 8 continue the study of the nation's story up until modern time.

The archdiocesan Social Studies curriculum includes the role of the Catholic Church in history, as well as the contributions of individual Catholics throughout history. Saints and Catholic leaders are included in the list of notable figures in world history and the history of the United States.

The curriculum includes a history of the Catholic Church in the United States and the history of the Archdiocese of Newark as part of the study of the United States and New Jersey. The principles of Catholic social teaching including: respect for the rights of all people; the call to community participation; our personal responsibility to one another; and care for God's creation, are evident throughout the curriculum.

(Editor's note: Barbara Dolan is the assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction and assessment for the archdiocesan Schools Office.)

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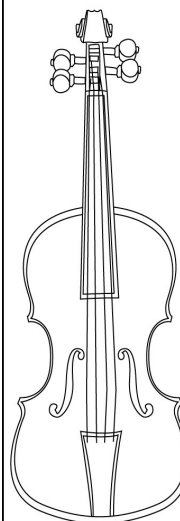
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Teachers 'gladly learn' to upgrade classroom skills

So, what did you do during your summer vacation?

BY BR. RALPH DARMENTO

Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

One of the traditional assignments engaging returning students upon the annual September call to the new academic year concerns the myriad ways of how they spent their summer months. This year the tables have turned as scores of teachers in the Archdiocese of Newark report on their activities for the months of June through August.

The teachers of the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Newark have been described aptly by the Chaucerian character, "and gladly would they learn and gladly teach."

Beginning June 15-19 nearly 100 teachers spent a week at the Summer Teachers Institute I sponsored by Saint Peter's Prep, Jersey City. Professional speakers, some of national prominence, addressed issues facing educators and students in the teaching/learning process.

Dick Piazza, a resident of South Hackensack and the founder of the "Awakenings" program, offered a keynote address on "Brain-Compatible Learning," which focused on every teacher's desire to reach each student in the classroom. Current research was explored to reveal powerful insights about the learning process.

In other programs, creative-thinker teachers were exposed to the premise that "the arts mirror a society and its culture; record a personal experience and permit the imagination to be the source of new possibilities."

The ever-popular and sometimes challenging topic of information technology was addressed through three seminars geared to the experience level of the participating educators. Level I focused on the concerns of the "scared, confused or technophobes" and enabled them to embrace the wonders of technology within the repertoire of teaching strategies. Level II focused on teachers using specific programs in the classroom: Web design, PowerPoint, Microsoft Word, and the Internet. A technology "boot camp" in Level III was designed for techies wishing to further their already honed skills in the integration of technology within the curriculum.

"Analytical Writing: An Intro-



Advocate photos – M. Gabriele

A group of Catholic school teachers in the Archdiocese of Newark attended a lively workshop at the Archdiocesan Center in July, part of the Summer Institute enrichment program. One of the interactive exercises involved a spirited question-and-answer game, which involved throwing and catching a colorful ball. Participants included (left photo) JoAnne Sommer and Dianne Damico (left to right), teachers at Saint Aloysius elementary school, Jersey City; along with Roseanne May and Lynn Tucci (right photo) of Resurrection School, Jersey City.

spective Journey to Thinking Critically and Creatively" was a presentation that tackled the challenges of teaching writing through the engagement of reason and the imagination.

The needs of the novice teacher were met in "Education 101" where curriculum planning and instruction were viewed through the lens of "backward design," a concept prevalent in today's cutting-edge methodology; and then followed through with classroom

management strategies involving responses to student behavior and the teaching of ethical decision-making process.

Always aware of the continuing need to provide formational activities for educators, the institute offered two workshops: "Learning through Narratives, Focus on Religious Studies" and "We've Come This Far by Faith—Africans and African-Americans in the Church."

Before the end of this week-

long educational extravaganza, teachers were treated to workshops on the topics of Differentiated Learning and student-centered learning in the Socratic method. A retreat and renewal program concluded the week providing the teachers with the time to reflect on the ministry of teaching in a Catholic school.

Summer Teachers Institute II, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark, was held July 13-17 in conjunction with the "Catapult

Learning" program. More than 100 teachers participated in workshops employing lecture, group activities, PowerPoint presentations and role-playing activities as they interacted in such classes as "Critical Thinking Skills Across the Curriculum, Interactive and Engaging Teaching Strategies;" "Instructional Strategies for At Risk and Exceptional Learners;" and "Becoming a Better Science Teacher."

Summer Institute III saw 20 educators immersed in grueling four-hour days as they were guided through the intricacies of mathematics through participation in "Algebra for the Elementary School Teacher," July 20-24.

The activities of Summer Institute III were supplemented by the participation of both elementary and secondary educators enrolled in graduate degree programs, specialty courses in mathematics and science offered by Stevens Institute of Technology and Fairleigh Dickinson University, the Educational Partners in Catholic Schools (EPICS) program of Seton Hall University or opportunities provided by Catholic Relief Services in Social Justice trips to Central America, and Holocaust education offered through the National Catholic Education Association.

(Editor's note: Brother Ralph Darmento, F.S.C., is the archdiocesan deputy superintendent of schools. Laura Cristiano, director of marketing for the archdiocesan Schools Office, contributed to this article.)



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EXPLORING LEADERSHIP—

Angelica Maliborski, a student at Most Sacred Heart of Jesus School, Wallington, was among a select group of young people who recently spent a week in the nation's capital exploring leadership while visiting some of the country's prominent monuments and institutions. Maliborski, pictured with the White House in the background, was nominated for the "People to People" leadership program based on scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential. The program was founded in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to foster world citizenship. She examined the characteristics of American leadership during times of national challenge and prosperity. Students took part in small discussion groups and exercises designed to provide first-hand experience on how successful leaders develop strategy, make decisions, build consensus and foster change.

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