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CATHOLIC Youth & Young Adults Special report explores faith-based issues affecting Catholic youth and young adults in the Archdiocese of Newark. Father Larry Evans (top photo), chaplain of Paramus Catholic Regional High School, shares the wisdom of his ministry, while Rich Donovan (bottom photo), associate director of special events at Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny, describes the behind-the-scenes effort to plan activities for Young Adult Month 2010.



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PAPAL HONORS—Archbishop John J. Myers, during a standing-room-only prayer service Sept. 13 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, presented Papal Honors that Pope Benedict XVI bestowed on 20 archdiocesan priests and eight Religious priests, Brothers and Sisters. "Today is a celebration of our archdiocesan family," Archbishop Myers said to those assembled in the Cathedral. "The pope, in honoring some of our sisters and brothers, honors all of us." Rev. Msgr. Ronald J. Rozniak, the pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood—who was elevated in rank to Protonotary Apostolic Supernumerary—expressed gratitude to the families and friends who have supported the honorees over the years. "None of us have come to this moment alone," he declared. Archbishop Myers presented the honorary title of Reverend Monsignor to 18 priests and further elevated two monsignors. In addition, eight Religious received the Benemerenti Medal for Religious Men and Women. John J. Miller, organist and director of music ministries, along with cantors Mary Clare McAlee and Theodore Chletsos, provided the soaring music that highlighted the prayer service. More photos on page 14.



Advocate photos – M. Gabriele

Heritage bus tour to explore sacred sites

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

AREA—The Archdiocese of Newark will host its annual Heritage Tour Saturday, Oct. 17, an all-day bus excursion that will explore the architectural and artistic treasures of The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Saint Patrick Pro-Cathedral, Saint Dominic Monastery of Most Blessed Sacrament Friary (all in

Newark), and ÍQueen of Peace Parish, North Arlington.

Troy J. Simmons, archdiocesan historian and associate director of capital campaigns for the Archdiocese of Newark's Office of Development, will lead the expedition. The Office of Development is the sponsor for the tour.

Call Simmons at (973) 497-4116 for reservations. Tickets are priced at \$35 per person. Seating is limit-

ed and early reservations are recommended.

On-site registration will be set up at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave., Newark. Secure parking for tour participants will be provided at the Archdiocesan Center. Buses will depart promptly at 9 a.m. and the tour is slated to conclude at 3 p.m. Catered lunches will be provided to each member of the tour. Expert docents, who will discuss the histori-

cal and spiritual significance of each site, will be part of the excursion.

Three years ago Archbishop John J. Myers established the Commission for Ecclesiastical Patrimony, recognizing the need to secure the documents, architecture and works of art found throughout the four counties of the archdiocese. The tour is an extension of that effort, designed to educate people on the archdiocese's grand heritage.



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to see more on Papal Honors recipients

Bishop da Cunha offers views on healthcare reform

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Though they believe the Church is largely on the same page as Congress when it comes to other aspects of healthcare and immigration reform, a delegation of Hispanic bishops—including Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark—came away from meetings with several groups of House and Senate leaders Sept. 17 concerned that immigrants might be left out of the ongoing reform conversation.

Interviewed Sept. 18 at his office in Newark, Bishop da Cunha, who noted that he was the only bishop there from the northeastern section of the country, said the

bishops declared their principles on immigration, healthcare, education and housing. Most of the lawmakers were “on the same page with us,” Bishop da Cunha pointed out.

Regarding the heated debate over healthcare reform, Bishop da Cunha said the bishops emphasized that there should be no federal funding of abortion and that medical personnel not be forced to perform abortions. He said the bishops also brought to the senators’ attention that, under any proposal on healthcare reform, immigrants in this country legally should not have to wait five years for coverage. “That is not fair,”



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Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V. (left) listens as Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart, R-FL., speaks during a meeting with U.S. bishops on Capitol Hill in Washington Sept. 17. They discussed a range of topics including healthcare and immigration reform. On the immigration front, Bishop da Cunha said the bishops raised objections that families are being separated. Meanwhile, in dealing with concerns over education, he explained the bishops support of the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act.

Bishop da Cunha said.

At a briefing for reporters after their morning of meetings with senators and then with the groups representing congressional Hispanics, two of the bishops said they were optimistic that looming healthcare legislation will not fund abortions and will include conscience protections for healthcare workers. Those have been two major areas of concern for the Catholic Church as the legislation is being shaped.

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of San Antonio, TX, said the group of Hispanic bishops told the members of Congress that, in addition to not funding abortions and including a conscience clause, their concern is that healthcare reform must offer a universal plan in which everyone is able to participate and that would provide care from conception to natural death.

He said they want the plan to include all immigrants, whatever their “legal” status, though the

bishops recognize that it’s probably not politically viable to expect undocumented immigrants to be covered in this bill.

“Everybody should have a way to participate,” Archbishop Gomez said.

Bishop Jaime Soto of Sacramento, CA, said that, besides not providing government-funded healthcare to illegal immigrants, as President Barack Obama promised in his address to Congress Sept. 9, there are concerns that even legal immigrants might be left out of the system.

The exclusion of government-supported insurance for undocumented immigrants is an issue with which the bishops might disagree, but could concede as a political necessity, Bishop Soto said. However, he stated that the legislation “has to include, at a minimum, some kind of safety net for the undocumented,” particularly if the goal of a nationwide healthcare reform plan is to improve the overall health of society.

“We realize it’s a very contentious issue,” Bishop Soto said, “but there has to be some kind of a safety net.” If undocumented immigrants cannot participate in health insurance, he added, “they will end up in emergency rooms.”

(Editor’s note: Ward Miele, managing editor, contributed to this article.)

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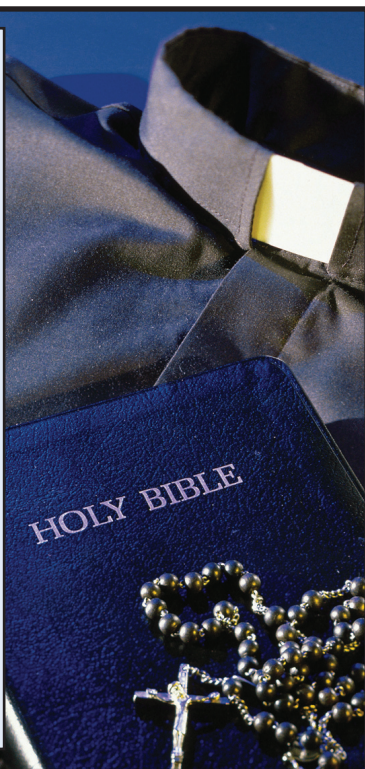
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SMA FESTIVAL—The American Provincialate Society of African Missions (SMA Fathers), held its seventh annual African Festival Sept. 12 at the group's Teaneck headquarters. Father Michael Moran, SMA provincial superior, and Deacon Keith McKnight, SMA vocations director (top photo, left to right), welcomed guests. Bishop Thomas A. Donato, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, was the main celebrant at Mass, which started the day. Members of the Ghanaian Catholic Community Choir of Christ the King Parish, the Bronx, NY, (right) at the festival, which featured African music, food and crafts. "SMA" stands for the Latin phrase *Societas Missionum ad Afros* (Society of African Missions).

Advocate photos – M. Gabriele



George, Owens to share insights at Oct. 3 'Call to Action' forum

NORTH ARLINGTON—"A Call to Action: Overcoming the Culture of Death," 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.

Robert P. George, McCormick Professor of jurisprudence and founder and director for the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, at Princeton University, and Damon Owens, founder of Joy-Filled Marriage of New Jersey and the director of the Archdiocese of Newark's Natural Family Planning coordinator, will serve as the featured speakers for the forum.

"We view this year's seminar as a direct call to action for all good-minded people to become involved in ensuring that this national maintains a true commitment to valuing all people and safeguarding the dignity and sanctity of all life," Father Joseph A. Meagher, the director of the archdiocesan Respect Life Office, said. "Our two speakers are internationally known for their thought-providing, intelligent defense of every human person as a gift of God."

The cost to attend the event, which includes lunch, is \$10 per person (general admission) and \$5 for students and pro-life coordinators. Contact the archdiocesan Respect Life Office, 1805 Penbrook Terrace, Linden, via e-mail at arnewrespect@sjanj.net or by phone at (732) 388-8211 for more information.

Most Rev. Edgar da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, will open the forum, celebrating Mass at 11 a.m. A question-and-answer segment will follow the speaker presentations.



Father Joseph Meagher

Walkers to combat hunger

JERSEY CITY—The 31st annual Crop Hunger Walk on Oct. 24 will be dedicated to two perennial participants.

When walkers step off at 9 a.m. from Saint Peter's College, 2641 Kennedy Blvd., participants will do so in honor of the late Father Joseph Kelly, a former campus minister at the college, and Clark Fetting, a Sunday School teacher at Old Bergen Church.

Since its inception, the Crop Hunger Walk has raised \$112,744. A quarter of those funds were distributed to Jersey City food pantries with 60 percent earmarked for interfaith overseas and non-profit partners.

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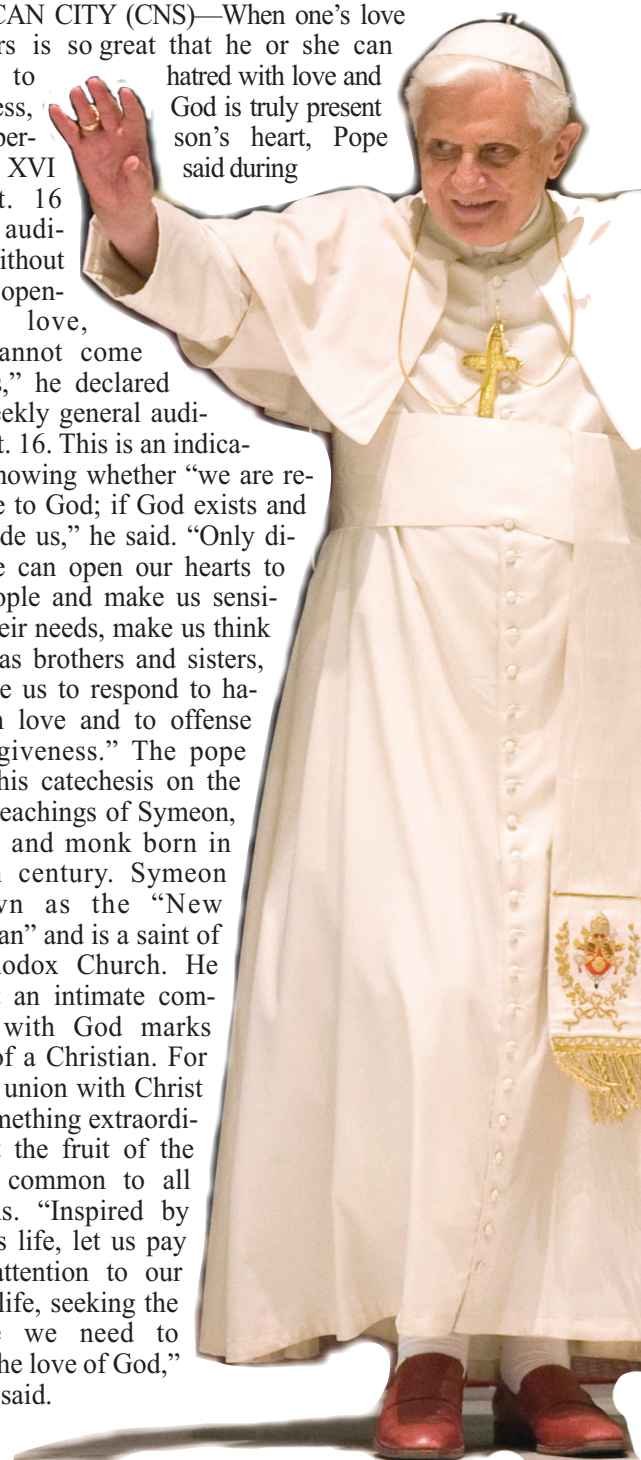
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Pope recalls words of ancient mystic

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—When one's love for others is so great that he or she can respond to hatred with love and forgiveness, in that person's heart, God is truly present, Pope Benedict XVI said during his Sept. 16 general audience. "Without a certain openness to love, Christ cannot come inside us," he declared at his weekly general audience Sept. 16. This is an indicator for knowing whether "we are really close to God; if God exists and lives inside us," he said. "Only divine love can open our hearts to other people and make us sensitive to their needs, make us think of them as brothers and sisters, and invite us to respond to hatred with love and to offense with forgiveness." The pope focused his catechesis on the life and teachings of Symeon, a mystic and monk born in the 10th century. Symeon is known as the "New Theologian" and is a saint of the Orthodox Church. He held that an intimate communion with God marks the life of a Christian. For Symeon, union with Christ is not something extraordinary, but the fruit of the Baptism common to all Christians. "Inspired by Symeon's life, let us pay greater attention to our spiritual life, seeking the guidance we need to grow in the love of God," the pope said.



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Stewardship Day: a compass to help guide eternal journeys

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

SOUTH ORANGE — The Archdiocese of Newark’s Office of Development will host Stewardship Day on Saturday, Oct. 24, 8 a.m. to noon, at Seton Hall University’s Jubilee Hall, 400 South Orange Ave.

The event will feature English and Spanish language presentations. Christopher Bell, a national leader in the pro-life movement and the co-founder and executive director of Good Counsel Homes, will serve as the English language keynote speaker for the event. Father John J. Galeano, the pastor of Saint Francis de Sales, Lodi, will serve as the keynote speaker for the forum’s Spanish track.

Carla L. Repollet is the executive director, Office of Development and Stewardship, which sponsors the annual gathering. The conference targets clergy, parish stewardship committees and interested parishioners, providing information and resources to help increase their understanding of stewardship.

Repollet said the concept of spiritual stewardship carries an additional sense of urgency today, given that many are struggling to make ends meet because of the ongoing recession. Stewardship, she explained, involves people of faith giving their time, talent and treasure as

gifts of gratitude to celebrate the many blessings from God.

“Material possessions can be gone in a second, but our relationship with Christ is everlasting,” she said. “Stewardship is all about that journey. Stewardship deepens our relationship with Christ. Today we all need a little extra motivation to help others.”

Contact Lynn Gully, associate director of stewardship, by phone at (973) 497-4589, or via e-mail at gullylyn@rcan.org for details on Stewardship Day. Admission is free and open to the public, but online registration (www.rcan.org/stewardship) is requested to assist with event planning. Registration includes a free continental breakfast, which will be served 8-8:45 a.m.

Bell’s presentation, “Stewardship—One Person’s Journey,” will describe his work with Good Counsel, a nonprofit private Catholic agency dedicated to helping homeless pregnant women by providing them with secure shelter and a compassionate environment.

Good Counsel, based in Hoboken, was launched 24 years ago by Bell and popular Franciscan priest and author, Father Benedict Groeschel, who appears on the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN). Good Counsel has grown to five homes in the New York greater metropolitan area. The group maintains a pregnancy crisis



Carla Repollet

hotline (800-723-8331) that operates 24 hours a day. Since 1985, more than 3,500 women and children have received residential help at Good Counsel. Bell currently manages four homes in the Bronx, Staten Island, Spring Valley, and Harrison, New York. (Web site: www.goodcounselhomes.org).

Fr. Galeano, since December 2004, has served as the spiritual director for the Archdiocese of Newark’s Hispanic Cursillo movement. Founded in Spain during the 1940s, the Cursillo movement took root in the United States four decades ago. The word, in Spanish, means “short course.”

The movement involves retreats to help people discover the love of God. In addition, Fr. Galeano established the Juan Miguel Foundation five years ago, an organization dedicated to providing education, medical and dental services to 180 children and families in need.

Born in Itagui Antioquia, Colombia on Nov. 19, 1966, Fr. Galeano graduated from Seton Hall University, South Orange, in 1991, with bachelor’s degrees in Philosophy and the History of the Universal Church. He went on to study at Immaculate Conception Seminary, where he received a Masters in Divinity in Pastoral Ministry, and a master’s degree in Systematic Theology. He was ordained on May 25, 2002 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.

Along with Bell, other speakers slated for the English segment of the Stewardship Day program include Deacon Nick DeLucca, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Ridgewood (“The Successful Parish Stewardship Journey”); Father Larry Evans II, the chaplain of Paramus Catholic Regional High School (“The Lost Years: Engaging Teenagers and Young Adults”); Rev. Msgr. Charles Gusmer, pastor emeritus, Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, Cedar Grove (“The Stewardship

Spiritual Journey”); Sister Marilyn Minter, recently installed as the associate director of parish outreach and training at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, Kearny (“Why Stewardship Makes Sense”); William Scarpone, senior manager, Graham-Pelton Consulting Inc., Summit (“Increasing Offering Giving”); and Don Blaesser, deputy executive director of the Newark chapter of Habitat for Humanity (“Building Stewardship”).

The Spanish language track for Stewardship Day, in addition to Fr. Galeano’s keynote address, will feature presentations by Father William J. Halbing, the pastor of Saint Antoninus Parish, Newark, and Liliana Soto-Cabrera, coordinator of the archdiocesan Office of Evangelization.

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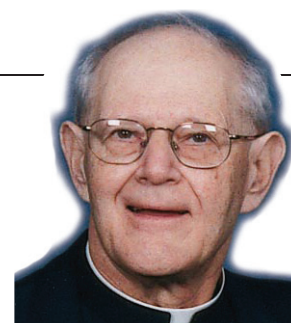
For Catholics around the world, the year June 29, 2008 to June 29, 2009 was the "Year of Saint Paul." Now the Church is celebrating the "Year for Priests." Pope Benedict XVI, as part of the celebration, proclaimed Saint John Vianney as the patron saint of all the world's priests (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Aug. 12 and April 22).

However, for scientists and philosophers, 2009 has been a year spent in memory of the scientist and explorer Charles Darwin, who was born in the year 1809. His landmark work, "The Origin of the Species," published in 1859 gave rise to the theory of evolution and to the debate that has been raging with a ferocious intensity to this very day.

While Catholics around the world were studying the "Word" of God, the "sword of the Spirit" brandished by Saint Paul, others—especially those in Europe—have expressed their adulation of Darwin in lectures, seminars and public tributes to his work.

On July 7, 2005, Cardinal Christoph Schonborn, the Archbishop of Vienna, had re-energized the entire debate on evolution by placing a long article in *The New York Times* defending "Intelligent Design" and rejecting the notion that the world as we know it is the result of accident (chance) and natural selection. His article caused a huge reaction

VOICES



By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist

throughout the scholarly world.

In response to the intellectual turmoil caused by Cardinal Schonborn's article, the Holy Father called together a group of his former students to take part in a scholarly meeting (known as a "schulerkreis") to study the issue. Several of those who gave papers were scientists and students of evolutionary theory, while others were philosophers and theologians.

The conference was held in September of 2006 at Castel Gandolfo, the pope's summer residence. The thrust was an honest, no-holds-barred discussion of science and philosophy on the topics of creation and evolution. The results of the two-day seminar were published in a book entitled "Creation and Evolution" (Ignatius Press, 2008). The following
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Fr. Evans to ponder 'Lost Years' at Stewardship forum

Separation anxiety: connecting teens, faith

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

As chaplain of Paramus Catholic Regional High School, Father Larry Evans is a daily eyewitness of how young people relate with the Church. From teenagers feeling the institution is "out of touch" to young adults yearning to participate and identify with their faith, most agree that the diverse attitudes of young people are vital to shaping the future of the Catholic faith.

Fr. Evans will share his experience and first-hand knowledge in the presentation "The Lost Years: Engaging Teenagers and Young Adults," which he will deliver Oct. 24 at the annual Stewardship Day conference at Seton Hall University, South Orange (see related story on page 5).

The 21st century culture of instant gratification results in young people disconnecting with the Catholic faith, according to Fr. Evans. "Young people are bombarded with audio/visuals and there is so much stimulation," he said. "The nature of Mass is contemplation. When they get to Mass, young people are bored out of their minds and it has no value to them."

He has counseled young couples getting married and sees that they also feel separated from the Church. The young adults identify themselves as Catholic, but do not attend Mass. "The couples say they are not religious, but do have spirituality. The Church community, they feel, does nothing for them," Fr. Evans added.

How does the Church reach out to teenagers and young adults? Fr. Evans believes one way is livening up the Sunday Mass and appealing to young people's sensibilities. "We need to bring back a little of the 1970s Mass; bring back the guitar and the drums in music. We need to translate faith into a language that young people can understand."

Fr. Evans pointed out that even Christ tailored His message to His audience. "Jesus spoke the language His audience could understand. When He was speaking to fisherman, He would talk about fishing. When talking to farmers, He would use terms they would understand. They will remember



Father Larry Evans

the words and the message will sink in."

Although Fr. Evans believes change is necessary to captivate young people, he recognizes that a new direction may be disconcerting for some older parishioners. He said contemplation and meditation still has a place in Mass, but younger parishioners need to be introduced to it. Teens and young adults do possess and seek out faith, he argues, however it is the method of delivering the message that needs adjusting.

"During Mass we are hopefully saying something that feeds (young people) for a week," he

said. "Mass cannot be a graduate school of theology. We need to discuss themes they can relate to. We need to regain some of our child-like qualities."

Most young people have and want a relationship with God, Fr. Evans observed, noting they are in search of great, universal truths and are capable of enduring the trials of the modern Church. "People are losing the communal aspect of Mass. Everything is so transient

and nothing lasts in our society. If we give young people something concrete to grab on to, they will respond. They want to 'get it.'"

His love of young people stems not only from his current position in the high school, but in his previous assignments, including parochial vicar of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City. Fr. Evans always has appreciated the honesty of teens and young adults and believes there are some mis-

conceptions about the community.

"Some see young people as self-centered, but I don't think we give them the opportunity to see the truth," he said. "They see the Church and believe in the good that we do, but don't connect. Young people are not afraid of scandal; they are afraid of a lack of integrity."

While working at Paramus Catholic, he has been surprised by

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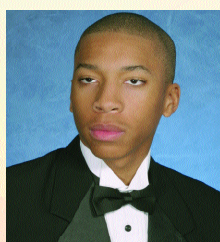
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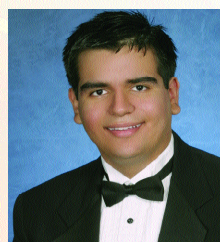
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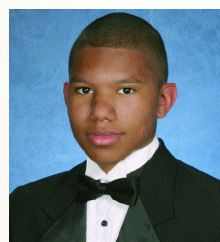
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BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

Preparing for Young Adult Month in January is no small feat. An onslaught of workshops, presentations, retreats and discussions means months of organizing and planning. At the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, 499 Belgrove Dr., Kearny, youth and young adult

ministers are preparing for the month-long celebration to engage teens as well as the 20- and 30-something crowd.

Rich Donovan, associate director of special events and athletics at the center, helps organize the annual "Sons and Daughters of the Light" weekend retreat that closes Young Adult Month. The next retreat will be held Jan. 29-31, 2010.

"Young Adult Month usually

focuses on the retreat, Theology on Tap, and the 'Festival of Praise,'" Donovan explained. First organized by former associate director of parish outreach and training Sister Loretta DeDomenicis, F.M.A., "Festival of Praise" is held at a different parish every month. Young adults participate in Eucharistic Adoration with music and social activities. (Sr. Loretta has since relocated at Saint Patrick Parish,

St. Charles, IL—see *The Catholic Advocate*, July 15).

Theology on Tap—part of the stable of national outreach programs managed by RENEW International, Plainfield—allows young Catholics to gather in a comfortable, social atmosphere to discuss their faith. Typically held in a restaurant or bar, the series presented throughout the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark has had noteworthy speakers in recent years, including Archbishop John J. Myers and Most Rev. Thomas A. Donato, auxiliary bishop of Newark. Planning for the series begins in the fall to secure locations, speakers and discussion topics.

"There is a lot of prep work that goes into organizing Theol-



Rich Donovan

ogy on Tap," Donovan explained. "There is lot of public relations; you have to constantly be on the phone with restaurants, pastors

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and speakers trying to get everything together.”

Sr. Loretta played an important role in Young Adult Month and her replacement, Sister Marilyn Minter, C.S.S.F., will aid youth ministers in the massive undertaking. “Sr. Loretta had a real passion for working with young adults. She put together a young adult council that would help in planning activities. I believe that Sr. Marilyn will be as personable and vibrant as Sr. Loretta. Next January’s slate of Young Adult Month activities is really going to be about what Sr. Marilyn wants to put her stamp on,” Donovan added.

One of the activities that Sr. Loretta helped organize is the “Alive in Christ” basic training series in which Donovan participates. The series is held at the retreat center, Bergen County parishes, and Saint Theresa Parish in Kenilworth where Donovan is a youth minister.

“Youth ministers at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center have a town meeting every month and there was a desire for basic training. Sr. Loretta gave it the name ‘Alive in Christ’ and every topic we discuss ties in to

our faith. It is geared toward anyone involved in youth ministry throughout the archdiocese,” Donovan said.

The overall concept of Young Adult Month is important, Donovan believes, because it encourages young adults to reconnect with their Catholic faith—a critical concern of the Church. However, addressing such a wide age group, from teens to people in their 30s can be difficult, he confessed. There are single people, married or divorced, some with children and others just starting out their careers. The activities throughout the month have to peak the interest of these disparate demographics, uniting them in faith.

“Some young adults are not going to Church, so they don’t read the bulletins,” Donovan explained. “A lot of Young Adult Month is about word of mouth. We are trying to draw them back into the pews. Young people have tough schedules and we have to run retreats and workshops that appeal to the masses.”

Samreth A. Chey, coordinator of youth ministry at Guardian Angel Parish, Allendale, is a member of the center’s Young

Adult Council who helps organize the Sons and Daughters of the Light Retreat. Usually attended by over 30 young adults, the weekend retreat includes different forms of prayer, keynote speakers and time for social networking. Last year’s theme focused on the Year of Saint Paul. This year, Chey is considering the theme of vocations or work and the economy.

Young adults ask: Where can I find a home? The retreat lets them know their home is with the Catholic community.’

—Samreth Chey

“The council tries to think about the road blocks young people face and topics that are accessible to them. The group gets together and hashes out what is on the pulse of young adult issues. We look to our friends and the people we minister to for inspiration,” Chey said.

Young adults who are already involved in their parishes seek out the annual retreat as a way to de-stress and center themselves spiritually. “Young adults sometimes stretch themselves a bit too thin,” Chey observed. “They want to be more involved in their faith, but may not have the time. Some are just out of college and trying to find work, while others have young families.”

The retreat builds fellowship and community, allowing young adults to explore their spirituality in a safe, stress-free environment. During the retreat, participants break off into small groups with no particular group leader. A Saturday evening Bible discussion is also on the agenda. Attendees also can consider different forms of prayer and contemplation, including charismatic prayer and Taize, as a way to explore and expand their faith.

The Sons and Daughters of the Light retreat not only attract faithful from the Archdiocese of Newark, but those looking to deepen their faith from around the state. “People come to see how they can grow in faith in their own areas,” Chey noted. “They can host their own Bible study at their

parishes and bring spirituality and prayer into their everyday lives. Not only is the retreat an opportunity for those who have been involved to take a break, but we have people who are new to the faith just checking it out. We have non-Catholics at the retreat. We hold true to the Catholic identity, but we can be more ecumenical.”

The retreat sends a message, according to Chey, that young adults are faithful and are not ashamed to be practicing Catholics. “For young adults, it is crucial to find your identity. They ask, ‘Where can I find a home?’ The retreat lets them know their home is with the Catholic community.”

The activities during Young Adult Month are essential in addressing an age group sometimes ignored in their parishes. “Young Adult Month comes at a crucial time, because not all parishes have a high percentage of young adults and don’t have a full-time youth minister. We need to focus on those in the margins. Young adults are the very near future of the Church. We can reignite that fire.”

(Editor’s note: Contact Donovan at (201) 998-0088, ext. 4150, for more information on Young Adult Month activities.)

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WASHINGTON (CNS)—When his friend knew someone who was using drugs, Andrew Carlson opened his laptop and navigated his browser to encouraging Bible verses.

A 19-year-old nondenomina-

tional Christian from Coral Springs, FL, Carlson doesn't know many others who read the Bible online. Though book publishers face an uncertain future because of the Internet, digital reader devices and cell phones,

Bible publishers and readers told Catholic News Service there is still something worthwhile about reading it in print.

"For me, it's so much more personal," said Stephanie Hart, an evangelical Christian from Keene, NH. "It feels more like the love letter God has written us, you know? The Internet is a fabulous tool for research and for quick references, but, for me, sitting down with my little Bible somewhere quiet, without the distractions of a computer or other electronic devices, is the best feeling."

Alex Neu, a 17-year-old from the Diocese of Helena, MT, said using Web sites such as Facebook is a good idea to expose people to

the Bible, but he would never switch from his four leather-bound Bibles to a computer screen. His weekly Bible studies wouldn't be the same.

"I can't imagine a priest reading from a teleprompter," said Benedictine Father Joseph Jensen, executive secretary of the Catholic Biblical Association of America (Web site: <http://cba.cua.edu>). "(The Bible) is such an important and deeply ingrained aspect of our culture. People will always want to pick it up and read it." Father Jensen said that while Bible Web sites are useful, this should not replace serious Scripture reading.

For the American Bible Society, New York, (Web site:

www.americanbible.org) ceasing publication is still a foreseeable option, spokeswoman Autumn Black said. The society publishes 3.5 million Bibles annually and has been a pioneer in new technology, starting with a line of CD-ROMs in the early 1990s and recently incorporating MP3 player products, an RSS reader, online devotionals, a daily e-mail passage and cell phone text messages.

Still, Black said, company surveys show that even the most technologically savvy teenagers and young adults want to read the Bible in traditional book format.

There is still a digital divide in many parts of the world, whereas books are relatively inexpensive, said Cliff Knighten, director of the Catholic Book Publishers Association (Web site: www.cbpa.org), San Antonio, TX. His 60 publisher-members have been working through the technological changes and the possibility that digital devices may eventually outweigh print in sales.

Sales of print Bibles coming out of Saint Mary's Press (Web site: www.smp.org), the Winona, MN-based Bible publisher geared toward Catholic teenagers, are actually increasing, thanks in part to the awareness that the Internet.

"I think it's on every publisher's mind that more and more of society is moving toward digital," John Vitek, Saint Mary's Press president, said.

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the graciousness and openness to faith that the teenagers have displayed. "I assumed selfishness, but was surprised by the overwhelming generosity the young people have shown. They have the values and personal spirituality. Young people are primed; the spirituality is there. We just have to find a way to bring it out," Fr. Evans said.

He encourages parishes to welcome the ideas of young people and help them in finding their place. Having a more active youth ministry at a parish ensures greater attendance—not just by teenagers and young adults, but by older parishioners as well. Although change can be daunting, the parishes need to reconsider the "language," according to Fr. Evans, to draw in young people.

"People are so busy looking back at yesteryear that they are missing the glory of today," Fr. Evans said. "Young people are still waiting to be addressed and spoken to in their parishes. We have to let young people know that this is their Church."

Hiking Southwest hinterlands, Scout reflects on faith, values

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

WESTFIELD — Life Scout Aidan Ireland of Troop 73 was among only 70 Scouts selected nationwide to participate in this past summer’s biennial Saint George Trek at the Philmont Scout Reservation, New Mexico.

Ireland represented the Archdiocese of Newark—something Father Donald Hummel, co-founder of the trek who has spent a lifetime in Scouting, termed “an honor for the archdiocese.” Fr. Hummel is also a coordinator and a chaplain with the Scouting program for the Archdiocese of Newark.

This year’s trek began July 21 in Albuquerque where participants got acquainted, trained and prayed. Then it was off to the Philmont Scout Ranch where they hiked the Sangre de Cristo Range of the Rocky Mountains. After arriving at Philmont, Ireland was elected crew chief.

According to the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (Web site: www.nccs-bsa.org), Irving, TX, the trek is designed to

encourage the integration of morality, values, spirituality, faith and Scripture in the Scouts’ lives as Christian leaders.

Before returning home Aug. 5, the Scouts were asked to commit themselves to bring what they learned home to their respective dioceses so that they could become “effective peer leaders and role models for their fellow Scouts.”

Ireland said the Saint George Trek “was absolutely great, a combination retreat and strenuous hike.” Each day’s itinerary was determined by the amount of miles to be covered. He called the excursion challenging and recalled getting within 15 feet of a bear.

The Life Scout from the Archdiocese of Newark reflected too on the spiritual aspect of his unique adventure. Being away from home, family, friends and one’s “normal way of life,” he explained, caused him to “look inside myself.”

Accompanying the Scouts on the trek, Fr. Hummel explained, are adult advisors, priests, seminar-ians and occasionally bishops. Selection for the Saint George Trek

is made on the basis of what the National Catholic Committee on Scouting terms “demonstrated maturity and leadership potential” as well as the earning of Scouting’s

religious emblems and involvement in Church, school and Scouting activities.

In the summer of 2007, Ireland backpacked over 90 miles at Philmont with his troop and served as the crew’s chaplain aid. A senior at Koinonia Academy—an independent Catholic school in Plainfield—Ireland is active in the Koinonia Concert Choir, a mem-

ber of the school’s Music Ministry, serves as a camp counselor at Camp Hope and participates in the academy’s Young Adult Group.

He is also an accomplished guitarist. The last two years Ireland has placed first in the chamber music and improvisational categories in New Jersey Piano Teachers Association competition.



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Aidan Ireland, a Life Scout from Troop 73, Westfield, recently explored the New Mexico wilderness during an 11-day expedition. He already has selected a project to achieve Eagle Scout: refurbish the kneelers at Saint Joseph Parish, North Plainfield.

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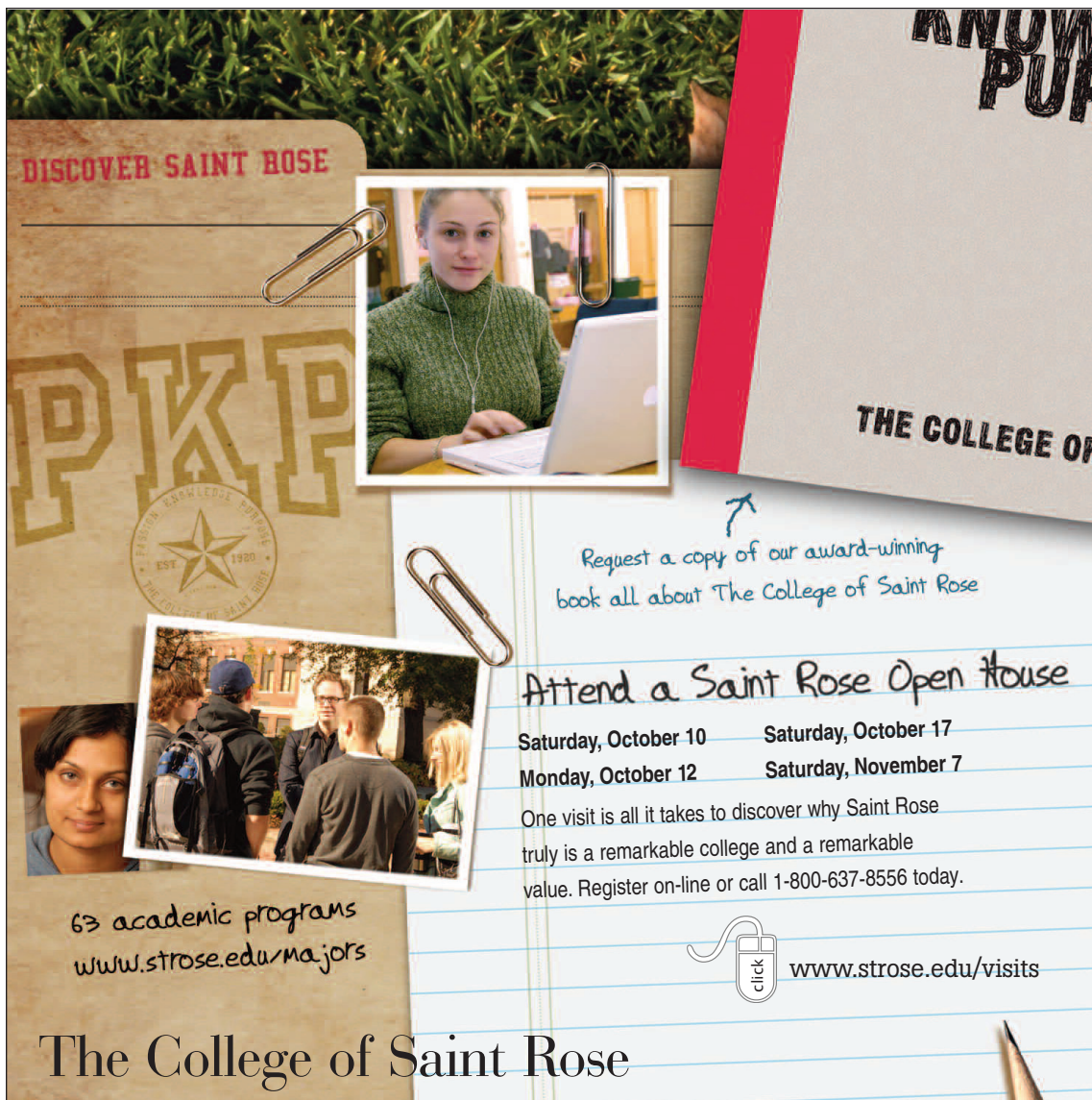
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Union Catholic juniors travel through Europe

SCOTCH PLAINS—Union Catholic Regional High School juniors Brittany D'Annunzio and Marissa Mastrocola traveled to Europe this past summer through the "People to People" sponsored Student Ambassador program.

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The students' most unique experiences took place outside the major metropolitan areas and included an apple strudel-making class, an Austrian dance class, attending school with German students during a three-day home stay with a German family and spending two nights on a camping trip designed to mirror life in medieval times.

While traveling to Italy was their main motivation for participating in the program, both agree that the perspectives they gained during the three-week trip could not compare to any experience they had before. They appreciate the opportunities the program offered and were surprised by their ability to truly serve as "ambassadors" by not only learning from those they met on their travels but teaching them about life in America as well.



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

ARCHDIOCESAN CENTER, Newark, program exploring the life of St. Vincent de Paul, noon, call William T. Evans at (973) 497-4584.

CHURCH OF THE PRESENTATION, Upper Saddle River, single’s trip to Oktoberfest, at Bear Mountain State Park, NY, meet at 11 a.m. to carpool, cost: \$7 per car, call Cynthia Joyce at (201) 819-4055.

September 30

TRINITAS HOSPITAL, Elizabeth, “What Every Woman Needs to Know about Men’s Health, at La Casa di Martino, Roselle Park, 5:30-7:30 p.m., (908) 994-8939.

XAVIER RETREAT CENTER, CONVENT STATION, “Harvest Time,” 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., cost: \$35, (973) 290-5100.

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART, Newark, organ recital with Joseph Wozniak, noon, call John Miller at (973) 484-2400.

October 2

CHURCH OF THE PRESENTATION, Upper Saddle River, single’s wine and cheese party, 8-11 p.m., \$10, call Cynthia Joyce at (201) 819-4055.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3962, Ramsey, charity golf outing, at Wallkill Golf Club, NY, cost: \$130, call Larry Walsh at (201) 327-4590.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH, Ridgefield Park, annual feast featuring games, food and raffle, through Oct. 3, 6:30-10 p.m., (201) 641-6464.

October 3

NJ BLOOD SERVICES, blood drive at Seton Hall University, South Orange, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., call Marie Forrestal at (732) 616-0798.

CARMEL RETREAT, MAHWAH, “Desert Day for Women,” 9:30 a.m., cost: \$35, (201) 327-7090.

QUEEN OF PEACE HIGH SCHOOL, North Arlington, “A Call to Action: Overcoming the Culture of Death,” begins with Mass at 11 a.m. followed by lunch and presentations, cost: \$10/\$5 students, (201) 998-8227 ext. 28.

October 4

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5427, Washington Township, flea and craft market, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., call Jerry Rider at (201) 845-8358.

NJ BLOOD SERVICES, blood drive at St. Agnes Parish, Clark, 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., call Marie Forrestal at (732) 616-0798.

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE PARISH, Saddle Brook, blessing of animals, following 1 p.m. Mass, (201) 843-1888.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL, East Rutherford, Super Raffle, cost: \$100 per ticket, (201) 939-3193.

ST. PETER PARISH, Belleville, Rosary Confraternity communion break-

fast, at Chandelier Restaurant, after 8:30 a.m. Mass, cost: \$22, call Judy Nucci at (973) 751-2960.

October 5

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH, Mahwah, triduum in honor of St. Edith Stein, through Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m., (201) 327-1276.

October 7

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART, Newark, concert with Lisa Schroeder (flute) and Michael Nigro (guitar), noon, call John Miller at (973) 484-2400.

ST. MICHAEL HIGH SCHOOL, Newark, class of 1949 reunion, at Chandelier Restaurant, Belleville, noon-4 p.m., cost: \$40, call Rose at (609) 812-0646.

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

October 9

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

QUEEN OF ANGELS PARISH, Newark and Christ the King Parish, Jersey City, women’s retreat weekend at Pope Pius X Spiritual Center, Blackwood, through Oct. 11, cost: \$225, call Cecilia Faulks

at (973) 672-7439.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5427, Washington Township, Columbus Day dinner dance, 7-11 p.m., cost: \$40, (201) 664-0422.

October 10

XAVIER RETREAT CENTER, CONVENT STATION, “In Solidarity with Mary,” 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., cost: \$45, (973) 290-5100.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH, Bloomfield, “Jesus the Man: The Crisis and Challenge of Living as Jesus Today,” men’s conference, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., cost: \$15, call Bob Miller at (973) 338-9190 ext. 29.

ASSUMPTION PARISH, Roselle Park, rummage and craft sale, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., call Leona Seufert at (908) 241-5874.

October 11

CARMEL RETREAT, Mahwah, “The Seasons of Carmel: Autumn,” 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., cost: \$50, (201) 327-7090.

NJ BLOOD SERVICES, blood drive at St. Bernard of Clairvaux and St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Plainfield, 3:30–8 p.m., call Marie Forrestal at (732) 616-0798.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH, Washington Township, class of 1974 school reunion, noon-5 p.m.,

cost: \$45, call Father David Pickens at (201) 572-7693.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH, Jersey City, blood drive, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., call Lisa Brosnan at (201) 705-1651.

IRATE AND FIRST FRIENDS, Elizabeth, vigil at Elizabeth Dentition Center, 2 p.m., followed by dinner at St. Joseph Social Service Center, at 4 p.m., (908) 965-0455.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH, West Orange, Rosary Altar Society community breakfast, at Rock Spring Country Club, following 9:30 a.m. Mass, cost: \$30, call Ann Pflug at (973) 325-2212.


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6380, Fairfield, pasta dinner in recognition of Grand Knights, at St. Thomas More Parish, 1:30-4:30 p.m., cost: \$10 for adults/\$7 for children, (973) 227-0055.

October 15

ST. MARY PARISH, Rutherford, bereavement support group, meets every Thursday through Nov. 19, 7:30-9 p.m., (201) 438-2200.

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ARCHDIOCESAN CENTER, Newark, bereavement support group facilitator training program, Tuesday mornings through November, cost: \$150, (973) 497-4327.



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A DAY TO REJOICE—Archbishop John J. Myers led the Sept. 13 prayer service at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, to celebrate the 28 archdiocesan priests and men and women Religious who received papal honors. Archbishop Myers praised the recipients for “their witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ” as well as their “goodness and loyalty to the Church.”



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Voices
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four bullet-point items represent some of the ideas and conclusions of the papers.

•Darwin studied the morphology of living things in order to come to his conclusions. In other words, the fin of a fish, the arm of a reptile, the wing of the bird and the arm of a person seem to have characteristics that indicate a possible evolution. One thing could have “morphed” into another. Also, since the 1970’s molecular biology seems to give some credence to the conclusions of Darwin. Molecular genetic analysis therefore would seem to bear out an evolutionary process as proposed by Darwin

•It is agreed that “non-living” things have no subjectivity, no purposefulness or inwardness. Non-organic things simply “are.” They do not evolve. Of course, we are left with the question of the transition from inorganic to organic (living) beings.

•The most elemental living organisms seem to exhibit purpose

(“telos”) in their activity. This is where Catholics break off most clearly from the atheistic evolutionist. Even the most primitive living cell seems to act in a “purposeful way.” For example, cells manifest activities in behavior that follow natural laws. Prokaryotic cells (those that have no nucleus) mutate to eukaryotic cells (those that have a nucleus) in a mechanism that is designed to fight parasitic cells. In doing so they move to a hierarchically higher level of complexity.

•No divine intervention at any step of the process of evolution would be required. The process all occurs quite naturally. However, to say that the diversity of living things that we know on earth could be the result of “blind chance” and “biological necessity” is unreasonable. It just does not compute.

Though not widely known, Charles Darwin himself seems to have held that ultimately there was a creator. In a late edition of his *The Origin of the Species*, Darwin wrote: “There is a grandeur in this view of life, with its several powers, having been originally

breathed by the Creator into a few forms or into one; and that while this planet has gone cycling on according to the fixed form of gravity from so simple a beginning, into endless forms most beautiful and most wonderful have been and are being evolved.”

As far as Catholics are concerned, an evolutionary process seems a distinct possibility. However, nothing jumps from one species to another, unless God programmed the entire operation from beginning to end.

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NURSERY RHYMES—Sarah Libby (left), a volunteer at the nursery at Our Lady of Sorrows School, South Orange, enjoys some playtime with her friend Finn. Opened on Sept. 8, the nursery school offers day care and education for children ages six weeks to three years old. Bonnie Hughes, director of the nursery school, has 10 members on staff at the center, which will operate year round. The building had been unused for years until parishioners Barbara McCarthy and Clarke McCarthy had the vision to build a school. Renovations on the building began in May. For more information, contact the nursery school at (973) 763-4040. Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Emery is the pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish.

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Knights cooking up fund-raiser to aid Several Sources Shelters

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP —The Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council No. 5427 will sponsor a pasta buffet benefit in their hall at 79 Pascack Road, Sunday, Oct. 18, 1 - 6 p.m. Proceeds of the fund-raiser will go to benefit Several Sources Shelters Inc.

Founded in 1981 by Kathy DiFiore, Several Sources assists young women who have become pregnant and have nowhere else to turn. Fiore, interviewed last year, said the number-one priority for the organization is to support young women in crisis so they avoid considering abortion (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Nov. 26, 2008).

Several Sources supports women and their babies as well as offering counseling and assistance with job training and education. The group also has a Web site (www.lifecall.org) and a 24-hour hotline (800-662-2678).

The fund-raiser's buffet menu will include pasta, meatballs, sausage, salad and soda, along with an available cash bar. Tickets are priced at \$20 per person (free admission for children under five),



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Several Sources, founded nearly 30 years ago by Kathy DiFiore, maintains four residential shelters, supporting pregnant women in crisis. The group will be honored with a fund-raiser buffet dinner on Oct. 18 organized by the Knights of Columbus Mother Seton Council No. 5427.

with a \$50 family cap admission charge for parents and their minor children.

Tickets for the fund-raiser must be purchased in advance—no later than Sunday, Oct. 11. Tickets are available at the council's hall, Monday through Friday, 3:30 - 6:30 p.m., and after masses from members of Council No. 5427 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 668 Ridgewood Rd.

The New Jersey Knights of Columbus donated more than \$4.5 million to charities in 2008. Herbert C. Meyer was installed at the state deputy during a Mass July 11 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Aug. 12).

Group plans '40-Day' vigil

HACKENSACK—A Mass at Holy Trinity Parish on Sept. 23 launches the "40 Days for Life Campaign," an outreach program dedicated to ending abortion (Web site: www.40daysforlife.com).

The archdiocesan effort is part of a national campaign spanning more than 200 cities. Volunteers interested in joining the prayerful, 40-day vigil at the Women's Choice Medical Center, 10 Zabriskie St., should contact Lorraine Logerfo by phone (201) 384-3947 or via e-mail (40daysforlife.hackensack@gmail.com).

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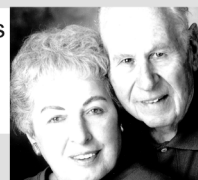
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‘Patron of the elderly’ to be canonized on Oct. 11

TOTOWA — At the time of her beatification in 1982, Jeanne Jugan, the foundress of the Little Sisters of the Poor, was hailed by Pope John Paul II as a woman of “prophetic intuition whose spirituality and apostolic message were timelier than ever.”

In addition, she is revered as a friend and patron of the elderly and a saint for old age and every age. This humble French woman, who established an international religious family dedicated to the care of the needy elderly, will become a saint on Oct. 11.



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Statue depicts the image of Jeanne Jugan, the foundress of the Little Sisters of the Poor. The Little Sisters serve the needy elderly at Saint Joseph’s Home for the Elderly, 140 Shepherd Lane, Totowa.

The Little Sisters believe that in Saint Jeanne Jugan, the elderly will have a faithful friend and intercessor. Call Mother Gerard Marie O’Connor, superior, Little Sisters of the Poor, Saint Joseph’s Home for the Elderly, at (973) 942-0300 for more information on the canonization celebrations.

The Little Sisters of the Poor trace their roots to humble begin-

nings in Brittany, France in 1839. One hundred seventy years later, over 2,700 Little Sisters of the Poor care for more than 13,000 needy elderly persons in 202 homes around the world, 32 of which are located in North America.


Sister Margaret Regina, provincial superior of the Little Sisters’ Brooklyn province, attended her

foundress’ beatification in 1982. Sr. Margaret described the canonization as “an inner joy that overflows not only into the lives of us, her daughters, but also into the lives of our elderly residents and their families, our associates, staff, volunteers, benefactors and friends. Now her message of unselfish love will be heard in all the corners of the world.”

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Benefit to 'SOAR' Oct. 6

NEW YORK CITY—Support Our Aging Religious (SOAR) will hold its annual benefit dinner Oct. 6 at Tavern on the Green.

This year's honorees are 96-year-old Sister Mary Clark of the Religious of the Sacred Heart, and the worldwide architectural firm the Rambusch Company.

The annual benefit dinner supports SOAR's grant program that makes possible financial assistance to religious congregations in economic distress. The funds are earmarked for the care of elderly and infirmed Religious.

Sr. Mary Clark will be honored with the Father Victor Yanitelli Award presented to a Religious in acknowledgement of service to others. Sr. Clark is this year's recipient after a lifetime of scholarship and empowerment of many lay and seminary students as a professor of philosophy.

After the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, the Rambusch Company designed and built the 9/11 Firefighters' Memorial.

Founded in 1986, SOAR has awarded some 900 grants totaling almost \$9 million.

For additional information contact Peg Zukowski at (732) 564-9975 or email her at bpzuk@aol.com. Reservations for the benefit dinner are limited and should be made soon.

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Fall series shines 'Spotlight' on teaching of Catholic faith

AREA—The Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark is again offering its "Spotlight" series intended to introduce adult Catholics to the key teachings of their faith.

Spotlight on the Catechism offers a course on each of the four parts of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Spotlight on the Scriptures contains two courses: introductions to the Old Testament and New Testament.

The series is coordinated by Dr. Eugene Tozzi, associate director for adult and family catechesis.

In the past most Spotlight courses met one evening weekly for a total of three evening sessions, but that is changing. "Several parish catechetical leaders suggested that Saturday sessions might fit better into people's packed schedules. We had a very strong response to Saturday sessions in Jersey City and will now be trying them in Cranford and in Roseland," Tozzi explained. Saturday sessions will allow participants to complete a full course in one day instead of returning for three evenings. They are scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. and include lunch. Sessions planned for Saint John the Evangelist in Leonia will remain in the evening.

Two new presenters have joined the Spotlight team. Paul Gibbons will be offering Spotlight on the Old Testament on Saturday, Oct. 24 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Jersey City. Gibbons has experience as a parish director of religious education (DRE) and a teacher at the elementary and high school levels. Father John Gabriel will present Spotlight on the New Testament at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Roseland on Saturday, Nov. 14. For the past year Fr. Gabriel has served as director of vocations for the Archdiocese of Newark.

In addition to the Spotlight on the Scriptures courses, two courses in the Spotlight on the Catechism series will be offered.

Spotlight on Sacraments "The Paschal Mystery: Past, Present, and Future" will be presented by Sister Christine Tobin, S.F.C.C., director of religious education at Saint Paul Parish in Ramsey. The course will take place at Saint Michael Parish in Cranford on Saturday, Oct. 17, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Spotlight on Prayer: "God's Thirst," will be presented by Fr. Terrence J. Moran, C.Ss.R. at Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Leonia, Mondays, Oct. 19, 26, and Nov. 2, 7 to 9 p.m.

The other courses in the series will be offered in the winter/spring semester. Spotlight on Faith is tentatively planned for Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Roseland and Spotlight on Morality at Saint Michael Parish in Cranford. Dates have not yet been established.

Registration for the Saturday courses is \$40 and includes lunch, while the evening courses are \$30. Courses are open to the general public. Participants receive a certificate after completing each course. Parish catechists, Catholic school religion teachers, RCIA team members and others in catechetical ministries can earn doctrinal certification from the Catechetical Office by completing the entire series.

For more information, to request a brochure, or to register call Tozzi at 973 497-4288 or e-mail tozzieug@rcan.org. Brochures are also available in many parish, religious education and school offices and on the Catechetical Office Web site www.rcan.org/catechet. Driving directions to each of the course locations are also available on the Web site.



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