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Debate on healthcare reform unfolds

Catholic concerns focus on access rights

BY DANIEL PETERSON

Special to The Catholic Advocate

Whether Catholic healthcare and the urgent call for universal coverage in the age of soaring federal budget deficits, global economic meltdowns and the desperate medical needs of those who are uninsured?

The Catholic Church has been dedicated to the healing and healthcare ministry since the days of Jesus. In the United States, one out of every six patients is treated in a Catholic facility. Catholic healthcare is based on the principle that every person is created in the image and likeness of God and has an inalienable dignity. Catholic teaching states

that life—from conception until natural death—is sacred and should be protected.

Experts inside and outside of the healthcare delivery system have concluded there is a pressing need for comprehensive healthcare reform. While the immediate focus is on hospitals and individual medical bills, healthcare reform is an issue that extends to all sectors of U.S. economy. For example, healthcare “legacy costs” are a major component of the crushing debt burden currently being shouldered by U.S. car builders and steel producers—costs that hinder their ability to be competitive in a fast-moving global economy.

Universal access to healthcare is a basic human right, according to Catholic social teaching. This teach-

ing is rooted in the recognition of the intrinsic dignity of every human being, especially for the most-vulnerable members of society—the young, the elderly, the disabled, the impoverished and the dying. As such, universal access rights represent a chief concern for Catholic healthcare leaders; whether this access can be attained remains an open question.

“Universal access to quality healthcare is a fundamental right,” Father Joe Kukura, president of the Catholic HealthCare Partnership of New Jersey, Princeton, declared.

“It’s hard to realize our own dignity if we don’t have healthcare,” said Jeff Tieman, senior director,

health reform initiatives, at the Catholic Health Association in Washington, D.C.

Universal access means coverage for all people, regardless of insurance or citizenship status, Tieman said. “When we say ‘everyone’ we mean everyone,” he said. “Every person should be able to access healthcare.”

The Obama administration, as part of its budget proposals, has outlined a reform plan that claims to reduce healthcare costs for individuals who already have insurance and employers who provide it, as well as improve access for those without it. The federal administration is pro-

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Montapo alliance inspires app for spiritual bonding

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE

Editor

MONTCLAIR, MAHWAH — This is a story about a low-tech, long-distance form of communication employed by students on two college campuses in the Archdiocese of Newark that is more powerful and user friendly than any cell phone, Blackberry or Internet site.

The bandwidth is unlimited and eternal. The content is spiritual. The format requires outreach and a heartfelt sharing of values. The system is designed to cultivate faithful friendships, develop soul-searching retreats and facilitate a meaningful exchange of religious dialogue and ideas—concepts and connections designed to last well beyond undergraduate years.

This low-tech communication “app” involves a link between students in the Catholic campus ministries of Montclair State University

(MSU) and Ramapo College. Though they are “secular” institutions of higher education—located 25 miles apart but within the geographic boundaries of the archdiocese—each school hosts a significant number of Catholic young adults among their respective, highly diverse student bodies. That being the case, Catholic students involved in the Montclair/Ramapo connection have a unique set of issues and challenges that make up their daily academic lives and faith journeys. This shared experience serves as the foundation for their link.

The faithful connection has yielded significant results in recent months. Seventy Montclair and Ramapo students gathered the weekend of Feb. 27, 28 and March 1 at the Mount Manresa Retreat House in Staten Island, NY—the second “Montapo” event (Montapo being an amalgamation of the two college

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Advocate photo — M. Gabriele

APPLAUSE FOR ANNIE—This just in: rumors are circulating throughout the four corners of North Arlington that the sun will come out, tomorrow, according to unidentified sources who attended the dazzling Queen of Peace High School (QPHS) production of “Annie.” Performances were staged April 24, 25 and May 1, 2. Robert Russell served as the producer and director while Edward Ginter was the musical director. The show marked the 25th production for the Russell/Ginter team at QPHS. Cast members included QP Elementary School students (left to right) Kristen Vitale; Christina DeRamos, who played the lead role of Annie; and Sarah Lopez. Special praise goes to the polished pit orchestra that supported the spirited cast of students and faculty. Bravo!

The covenant and Christ's presence in Eucharist

Readings: Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 22; 1 John 3:8-24; John 15:1-8.

Occasionally we hear a complaint about the complexity of Christian faith, especially when compared with "the simplicity of the Gospel." How do we deal with this type of facile indictment? A poet has remarked about the Bible and especially the Gospel according to Saint John: "It's so simple that a child can wade in it, so profound that a whale can swim in it."

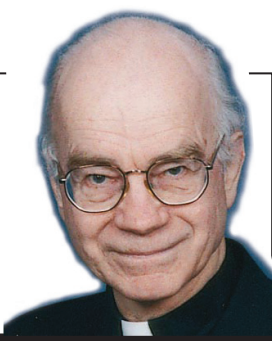
Throughout a lifetime we should probe ever more deeply into God's Words; indeed, this is what the Church has done over the centuries. Because faith is lived within a community, its application to a worldwide Church involves considerable challenges.

In his first letter, Saint John conveys the essence of Christian faith and practice in a nutshell: "This is God's commandment,

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5th Sunday of Easter
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By Rev. Lawrence Frizzell



that we should believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He commanded us" (3:23). However, this link between faith and love needs to be set within the context of covenant and the mystery of the Blessed Trinity. So we read on: "All who keep His commandments abide in Him and He in them. By this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us" (3:24). Christian faith must be explicitly Trinitarian while adhering to the Jewish belief in the one God.

We can begin to plumb the depths of this synthesis of the

Gospel only by appreciating the biblical heritage upon which John drew. Through the reciprocal formula of abiding or indwelling, he pointed to covenant, expressed by Jeremiah in these words: "I will put my law within them and I will write it in their hearts; I will be their God and they shall be my people" (31:33).

The Gospel of John devotes five chapters to the Last Supper without mentioning the institution of the Eucharist. A "simple" reading might lead one to conclude that Jesus' gift of Himself under the signs of bread and wine was considered unimportant. But wait! A long chapter is devoted to the necessity of sharing in the Bread of Life to possess eternal life. "The bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh" (6:51). What could be closer to the proclamation concerning the bread held by Jesus at the Last Supper: "This is my body, which is for you" (1 Corinthians 11:24)?

The Jewish blessing for the cup of wine at a meal expresses gratitude and praise to God for creating the fruit of the vine. Jesus' allegory of the vine undoubtedly ex-

pands upon this prayer. "I am the true vine and my Father is the vine grower." The Fourth Gospel contains seven "I am" sayings with a predicate. Is it mere coincidence that the first saying is "I am the bread of life" (6:35, 48, 51, 57) and the last is "I am the vine, you are the branches" (15:5)? In both passages the reciprocal formula occurs, with the verb "to abide."

John may not record the term "covenant," but the intensely personal experience of union with Jesus, resulting from the Father's work (6:32, 37, 44-46, 57 and 15:1, 8-10) must take place within the community of believers, the Church. Although the English term "you" is ambiguous, the Greek text of John 15 uses the plural form. The covenantal expe-

rience of divine indwelling has numerous effects, two of which are efficacy of prayer and fruitfulness of deeds expressing obedience to the commandments. "If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will and it shall be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples" (15:7-8).

The account of Saul's return to Jerusalem after his Baptism in Damascus draws attention to the Christian's need to belong to the Church and to be recognized by its leaders. Like the first communities described by Saint Luke, may the Church today have peace and be built up, walking in the fear (awe) of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit (see Acts 9:31).

Vocations dinner supports seminarians in archdiocese

AREA—Bishop Manuel A. Cruz will serve as the keynote speaker for the 55th annual Archbishop's Vocation Fund Dinner Wednesday, May 13, at Mayfair Farms, 481 Eagle Rock Ave., West Orange.

This year's event, which begins with a 6 p.m. cocktail reception, will honor Richard Margerm, a past district governor of the Serra Club of Union County.

Award winners will include Father Brian G. Plate, a former archdiocesan vocations director and now pastor of Saint Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit; David O'Boyle, president of the Serra Club of West Essex; Msgr. James C. Turro, professor emeritus of Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange; and Carmine Monteleone, treasurer of the Serra Club of Hudson County.

Tickets are \$80 per person. Each year the dinner raises funds to support seminarians in the archdiocese. Contact Joseph Pagano by phone at (201) 424-6773 or via e-mail at jpagano18@comcast.net or Rose Marie Deehan, (973) 762-6180, jpdeehan@aol.com, for reservations.

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Campus Ministry director shares faith journey

Madigan's outreach efforts touch students

BY MAUREEN MADIGAN
 Special to The Catholic Advocate

There have been defining moments on my faith journey that have led me to where I am today and why I have been serving in Catholic Campus Ministry for almost 12 years. In July 2007 I was appointed as the archdiocesan director of Catholic Campus Ministry, which is my current position. In addition, I work as the lay campus minister at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken.

What originally drew me to campus ministry was the opportunity to share and teach the Catholic faith on many different levels with young adults. I was able to bring my own life experiences to the students I would be serving.

Growing up, I attended Mass every Sunday with my family, received all my sacraments and went to CCD every week. As a teenager, I began searching for the meaning and purpose of life, trying to fit in and pondering the questions: Who am I? Why did God create me? Is it possible to be happy in this life? Does God really care about every aspect of my life?

What inspired me most at the time was hearing other people talk about their "relationship" with Jesus. I remember thinking, "I want to know Him and hear His voice too!" This desire changed my life. As this was taking place, I was struggling to understand what it meant to be Catholic.

Before graduating from high school, I considered leaving the Catholic Church because of my uncertainty regarding the Church's origins and my unanswered questions. There was a disconnect between my relationship with Christ and my understanding of the Church.

I decided to attend Franciscan

University of Steubenville, OH—the first Catholic school I had ever attended. It was an incredible experience. I never understood the fullness, richness and beauty of the Catholic Church until this stage of my life. My faith journey was coming together.

In the fall of 1997, I was offered a position by the Archdiocese of Newark to be the lay campus minister at the Newman Center, Newark, serving Rutgers-Newark, New Jersey Institute of Technology and Essex County College. It was an exciting challenge to be working for the Church and serving in this capacity.

Members of the Archdiocese of Newark's Campus Ministry team are grateful to Archbishop John J. Myers for his ongoing support and guidance to formulate our mission. Our Web site (www.ccm-nj.com) contains the mission statement as well as the vision that we pursue. The Campus Ministry staff is composed of dynamic, dedicated priests, lay campus ministers and Sisters who strive to build a faith community. They look to do this on and off campus, where students have an opportunity to grow in their own Catholic faith and relationship with Christ. Many lives

have been transformed because of this ministry.

The team covers 10 public, private and state colleges and universities and technical schools within the Archdiocese of Newark. These schools include: Rutgers-Newark, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Essex County College, University Medical and Dental School of New Jersey, Montclair State University, Ramapo College, Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, Kean University, New Jersey City University and Stevens Institute of Technology.

Many of the campuses we serve are experiencing tremendous growth in the number of students involved with Campus Ministry. We have seen an increase of students coming back to the Church and sacramental life. Faith-based activities include eucharistic adoration, weekly rosary, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), spiritual retreats, discerning religious vocations and outreach efforts to the poor and imprisoned. Many students also are seeking to learn more about their faith and build new friendships (see related "Montapo" story on page 1).

Cardinal Newman, a convert



Maureen Madigan

to Catholicism, began an outreach to college students at secular colleges and universities in the 19th century. He encouraged students to truly live their Catholic faith and integrate it into their studies. He stressed that our intellectual development needs to be understood in the light of faith and reason.

Members of the Campus Ministry staff pray our students will invite Christ into every aspect of their lives. We hope they will share in the life-giving love of the Trinity, receiving all that God has for them, so they will live in freedom.

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Exhibit to show Shroud of Turin

ROME (CNS)—The Italian Archdiocese of Turin has announced that the Shroud of Turin, which many believe is the burial cloth of Christ, will be on public display April 10-May 23, 2010. The public exposition in Turin's cathedral will offer members of the public their first opportunity to see the shroud since it underwent major cleaning and restoration in 2002. The Archdiocese of Turin's official Web site, which provides details about the shroud (www.sindone.org), is undergoing a redesign in conjunction with the 2010 exposition. A

Vatican researcher recently has found evidence that the Knights Templar, the medieval crusading order, held secret custody of the shroud during the 13th and 14th centuries. The researcher, Barbara Frale, who works in the Vatican Secret Archives, said documents that came to light during research on the 14th-century trial of the Templars contained a description of a Templar initiation ceremony. The shroud's history has long been the subject of debate. It was believed by some to have been in Constantinople, now Istanbul, Turkey, when the city was sacked during the crusades in 1204. It resurfaced in France in 1357.



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Poster for the 2010 exposition of the Shroud of Turin.



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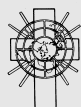
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Pontiff consoles earthquake victims

ONNA, Italy (CNS)—In a visit aimed at strengthening people's faith and hope for the future, Pope Benedict XVI called for immediate measures to rebuild towns and villages devastated by a deadly earthquake. The pope told survivors it had been his desire to come see them from the very moment the earthquake struck this mountainous central Italian region April 6. "I would have liked to have gone to every town and every neighborhood, to all the tent cities and to have met everyone if it had been possible," he said under drizzling rain in the makeshift tent encampment a few miles outside L'Aquila. The pope's April 28 visit took him first to Onna, a tiny village that had once been home to some 300 people. "Dear friends, my presence among you is meant to be a tangible sign that the crucified and risen Lord has not abandoned you," he said. The current international outpouring of help and support cannot end with just emergency aid, he said (see related photo on page 6). Efforts must continue and "become a steady project" so that the city and sur-



CNS photo

Pope Benedict comforts an earthquake survivor during a visit to a tent camp in Onna, Italy, April 28.

rounding towns can rise again, he said. The magnitude 6.3 earthquake reduced buildings in the town to rubble, killing some 40 people and rendering the entire population homeless. The severity and extent of the damage was evident even when viewed from the highway encircling L'Aquila. The city and its outskirts have become ghost towns, with streets and parking lots empty of cars and entire apartment buildings dark and shuttered. Several buildings had enormous holes blown out of their walls, looking as if they had been bombarded with rocket fire. The quake and its string of aftershocks left some 65,000 people homeless, nearly 300 people dead and another 1,500 injured.

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Having first communions at Sunday masses as we do helps further emphasize the link with the parish worshipping community. Clearly it is the hope that they will come back with their families Sunday after Sunday.

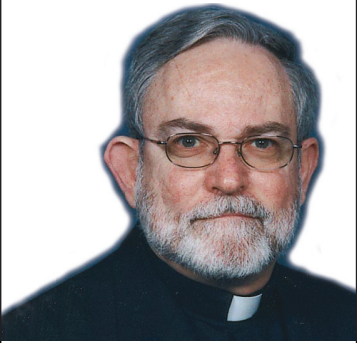
Our confirmation program has its own series of challenges. There are instructional sessions for our 130 candidates, some with their parents and sponsors, on various Sunday afternoons. Opportunities for Christian service, whether at Mass, religious education, or local food pantries and soup kitchens, highlight the importance of every responsible Catholic to be involved in some way in the life and mission of the Church in and to the world.

The culmination of the preparation is a weekend retreat on our parish grounds, this year concluding on Palm Sunday. Traditionally, our Sunday night youth group members give the talks, guide the discussions, and otherwise make the weekend happen, all under adult supervision and chaperoning. That group's numbers have declined in recent years as other cultural expressions, such as our Spanish Youth for Jesus (Jóvenes de Jesús) and our Filipino Youth for Christ have attracted a fair percentage of the constituents who would otherwise have populated our Sunday night group. We also have an active "venture crew" and several Neo-Catechumenal communities.

In a sense, more teens are being served, but often in isolation from one another. We've discussed at our parish pastoral council the pros and cons of this approach. A recent recommendation was to try to establish a parish youth council with representatives from each of the groups included.

In the meantime, however, our

SEEING & BELIEVING



By Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnholz

new confirmation coordinator had a similar idea. He invited teens from each of the groups to work together on the retreat. The results were magnificent. Not only did the candidates get to interact with a variety of teens they each could identify with, but the teens themselves found a common bond as they worked together in giving witness to the Spirit in their lives by word and deed. A good percentage of them are now coming to Sunday night youth group, too, where we've already had some deep conversations on living a life in Christ among the many temptations the world offers these days.

The retreat opened minds and hearts. Confessions revealed in the lives of many candidates struggles and difficulties, at least some of which previously seemed impossible to overcome, which could now be dealt with through the help of God's grace.

In their final interviews with one of our priests in these last weeks before confirmation, countless candidates continued to openly share their stories of what a difference the retreat made in the direction of their lives. May the Holy Spirit help them and all of us to meet life's challenges with unflagging faith, renewed hope and active charity.

(Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnholz is pastor of Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, and archdiocesan Vicar for Pastoral Life.)

Our Lady of Peace Fair

NEW PROVIDENCE—Our Lady of Peace Parish presents its annual fair on Wednesday, May 13 and Thursday, May 14 from 6-10 p.m., Friday, May 15 from 6-11 p.m., and Saturday, May 16 from 1-11 p.m., rain or shine. There will be carnival rides, games of skill, chance wheels and a 50/50 raffle. Contact Eleanor Freda at (908) 376-0998 for more information.

Leonía Concert

LEONIA—Famed Irish singer and storyteller Carmel Quinn will perform a benefit concert at Saint John Parish on Sunday, May 17, at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$18 regular admission, \$15 for students and senior citizens. Groups of 10 or more can purchase tickets in advance at \$13 each. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis. Reservations can be made by calling Mark Roger at 201-641-0067.

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SFIC plans dinner May 19

NEWARK—The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) will hold its 25th annual dinner Tuesday, May 19, at Mayfair Farms, 481 Eagle Rock Ave., West Orange. The festivities begin 6 p.m. with cocktail hour.

The event will recognize the scholarship fund's past, present and future and the importance Catholic education means to inner-city students in the Archdiocese of Newark.

Contact Gerard T. O'Connor, SFIC executive director, at (973) 497-4279 or via e-mail (oconnoge@rcan.org) for reservations. Additional information on the SFIC can be found online at www.sficnj.org.

The highlight of the dinner will feature John C. Walcott as the recipient of the SFIC's *Vitae Discimus* Award ("We Teach By Our Lives"). Walcott, a Summit resident and member of Saint Teresa of Avila Parish, joined the SFIC's board of trustees 20 years ago and held the position of board president for two years.

In addition to honoring Walcott, the SFIC also will recognize Mr. and Mrs. George Frazza, residents of Mendham, with the Archbishop Peter L. Gerety Award for outstanding service and commitment to providing scholarships to inner-city children attending Catholic elementary schools.

Kevin Cummings, president and chief executive officer of Investors Savings Bank, Short Hills, will serve as chairman of the event. Archbishop John J. Myers is the honorary dinner chairman. His Eminence Theodore Cardinal McCarrick and Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety will serve as members of the honorary dinner committee.



Advocate photo — Ward Miele

EARTHQUAKE RELIEF—Local members of UNICO National, the largest Italian-American, non-profit service organization in the country, recently completed the first phase of fund-raising to help victims of the April 6 earthquake that struck the L'Aquila section of central Italy, 70 miles west of Rome. UNICO officials visited Archbishop John J. Myers (right) April 24 to present a \$10,000 check to aid earthquake victims. UNICO representatives included, left to right, Sebastian D'Elia, public relations representative of the group's Earthquake Relief Committee; Renato Biribin, committee coordinator and past national president; Salvatore Benvenuti, national executive administrator; and Robert Bengivenga, president of UNICO Plainfield.

Tajci to perform at Bayonne parish

BAYONNE—Internationally acclaimed singer/songwriter Tajci will perform "Let It Be—Mary's Story" on Wednesday, May 20, 7 p.m., at Our Lady of Mount

Carmel Parish, 39 East 22nd St.

The concert, with Tajci on keyboards backed by electronic instrumentalist Denny Bouchard, will feature arrangements by the

duo in a wide variety of musical styles, traditions and ethnic origins. The program will include contemporary Christian favorites, original songs, Hebrew and Gregorian chants and hymns.

Since the spring of 2000, Tatiani (Tajci) Cameron has presented her spiritual performances at over 650 venues nationwide. In her teenage years Tajci was a pop music star in communist Central Europe. She left Europe at the age of 21 and began performing in parishes.

The event is open to the public and free-will donations will be accepted.

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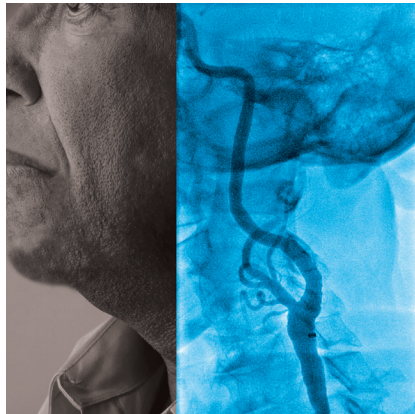
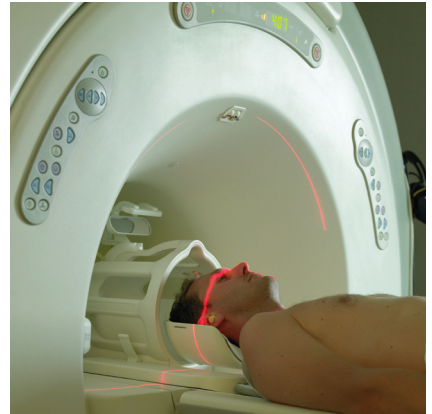
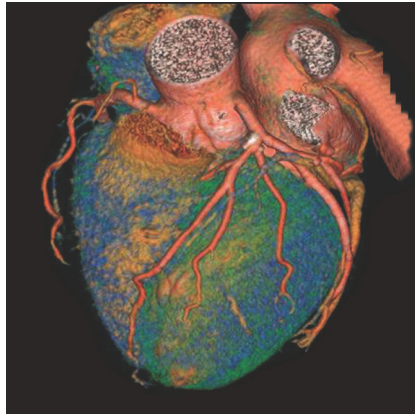
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Montapo link

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names). The first Montapo was held a year earlier at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny.

Ramapo and Montclair students, joyfully maintaining their faithful alliance and momentum, will meet this month to lay out plans for next year's Montapo.

Student volunteers developed the programs and activities for the Staten Island retreat—a 15-week effort. Participants said the gathering was a “teaching moment,” an opportunity for students to step back from the daily grind of classes, homework and text messaging in order to reflect on the ongoing global celebration of the “Year of Saint Paul.” Retreat speakers offered thoughts on the revelation of Saint Paul—as described in chap-

ters nine, 22 and 26 of Acts of the Apostles—and how students might apply a similar “calling” to energize their lives.

“We spent a lot of time talking about the spiritual strength of Saint Paul,” Jim Marino, a Ramapo junior who resides in Goshen, NY, explained, noting the theme of the retreat (“unstoppable”) was a nod to Saint Paul's steadfast faith. “Saint Paul is an example for students that it's never too late to turn to Jesus.”

Katie Creighton, a Ramapo senior who hails from Middletown, said the retreat experience provided her with a grounding to incorporate Catholic values into her hectic schedule. “Sometimes it's hard to maintain a balance

in your life,” she confessed. “The social interaction (between Ramapo and MSU students) helps keep our values strong.”

Britany Tobjy, an MSU sophomore and resident of Parsippany, said the retreat was designed to have participants see God through the fellowship of others. “It helps me that there are people of faith who surround my life,” she said. “They help me build my faith and keep me accountable.”

“The first day of the retreat was a bit confusing for everyone,” Maria Rella, an MSU freshman and Old Bridge resident, recalled. “By the end of the retreat I was glowing. I feel like I'm so much more aware of

what God wants me to be.”

There are several factors that fortify the Ramapo/MSU connection. First, the respective Catholic campus chaplains at the two schools are good friends. Father William P. Sheridan, the pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Mahwah, and the Ramapo campus minister, and Father Jim Chern, the director of MSU's Newman Catholic Center, have maintained a brotherly bond that dates back to the late 1980s when the two first met at Saint Agnes Parish in Clark. At the time Fr. Sheridan was a seminarian while Fr. Chern was a high school student. Since then their spiritual journeys have crossed paths many times.

Archbishop John J. Myers has celebrated Mass on both campuses—most recently at MSU on March 29—and a year earlier at Ramapo (see *The Catholic Advocate*, March 5, 2008). Late last year Ramapo became the second NJ campus (SHU is the other) to establish a chapter of Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), a national organization based in Denver.

Kearny Youth Retreat Center to host Tricky Tray May 15

KEARNY—The Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, 499 Belgrove Dr., will host a Tricky Tray fund-raiser and dinner Friday, May 15. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

The archdiocesan Young Adult Council is sponsoring the event. Tickets are priced at \$25 per person, which includes dinner and a sheet of raffle tickets. Call Sister Loretta DeDomenicis at (201) 998-0088, ext. 4147 for details.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the pages that follow, we present to you the highlights of the financial information of the Archdiocese of Newark for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

During this year, through prudent stewardship practices and your generosity, we continued to reach out to others in need, to provide faith-filled education, to ensure essential pastoral, physical and spiritual outreach to those at the fringes of society, and to strengthen our ability to worship according to our teachings and traditions.

In most areas of service, we maintained levels of expenditures that were comparable to those of fiscal year 2007. Healthcare and social services ministries program expenditures, however, showed a dramatic increase in FY 2008 as we recognized, following the transfer of Cathedral Healthcare System to Catholic Health East in mid-2008, the full extent of several years of financial support of the operations of Cathedral Healthcare. The Archdiocese received no reimbursement for its contributions to the operations of Cathedral Healthcare as part of that transaction, nor did we expect to.

As we began this current fiscal

year (FY 2009), our nation's economy showed signs of financial instability that ultimately has shaken financial institutions, businesses, and our own households. The Archdiocese has not been immune from these financial upheavals, and we are monitoring closely our investments, our expenses and our daily operations in order to lessen its impact on our ability to maintain services. This year we have taken a number of steps to ease the potential downside of this recessionary cycle, including a hiring freeze on all positions in the Archdiocesan Center. In our fiscal year 2010 budgeting process, which is near completion, we have continued the hiring freeze in the Archdiocesan Center, and instituted a freeze on merit raises and performance-based bonuses. Parishes and schools have postponed all new capital campaigns and non-essential construction. Emergency repairs, necessary maintenance and renewal of real estate leases, rentals and sales will be authorized with the usual process.

I am particularly grateful to the priests of this Archdiocese, who have offered during this time of financial uncertainty to forego a raise in their salaries in order to allow parishes and other ministries within the Archdiocese to direct funds into much needed programs and services.

The coming months are sure to



Archbishop John J. Myers

be difficult for this great Archdiocese and the people we serve. As we all work together to demonstrate in the most effective way our caring and careful stewardship of local and Archdiocesan resources, let us pray that the Holy Spirit sends us wisdom to make the right choices, strength to carry out those choices, and patience as we meet these challenges.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely in the Lord

✠Most Reverend John J. Myers
Archbishop of Newark



Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark Chancery Office

CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2008 and 2007.

Assets

	2008	2007
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 19,386,168	\$ 16,038,530
Accounts and loans receivable, net (Notes 3 and 8)	13,863,656	33,113,567
Contributions receivable, net	1,566,194	1,503,148
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,167,454	1,135,908
Investments:		
Custodial funds	234,118,045	219,894,625
Endowment Funds	74,238,854	73,216,564
Other funds	40,701,680	57,608,863
Total investments	349,058,579	350,720,052
Property and equipment, net	24,832,419	26,241,358
Total assets	\$409,874,470	\$428,752,563

Liabilities and Net Assets

	2008	2007
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 8,126,485	\$ 7,952,398
Accrued subsidies to affiliates and other obligations	9,377,000	8,518,997
Conditional asset retirement obligations	1,337,159	1,262,463
Custodial funds	234,118,045	219,894,625
Total liabilities	252,958,689	237,628,483
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted net assets	50,015,250	84,909,331
Temporarily restricted net assets	12,549,984	12,434,502
Permanently restricted net assets	94,350,547	93,780,247
Total net assets	156,915,781	191,124,080
Total liabilities and net assets	\$409,874,470	\$428,752,563

Statement of Activity and Changes in Net Assets

	2008	2007
Change in unrestricted net assets:		
Operating support and revenue	\$ 33,289,389	\$ 33,164,235
Operating expenses	55,835,211	31,623,522
Increase (decrease) in unrestricted net assets from operation	(22,545,822)	1,540,713
Non operating revenue	(12,348,259)	20,892,146
Increase (decrease) in unrestricted net assets	(34,894,081)	22,432,859
Increase (decrease) in temporarily restricted net assets	115,482	(540,996)
Increase (decrease) in permanently restricted net assets	570,300	1,041,513
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(34,208,299)	22,933,376
Net assets, beginnng of the year	191,124,080	168,190,704
Net assets, end of the year	\$156,915,781	\$191,124,080

Statement of Cash Flows

	2008	2007
Net cash provided (used) in operating activities	\$ (977,998)	\$ 297,016
Net cash provided (used) in investing activities	3,385,727	(279,504)
Cash flow provided by financing activities	939,909	1,041,513
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	3,347,638	1,059,025
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year	16,038,530	14,979,505
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year	\$ 19,386,168	\$16,038,530

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark Chancery Office
CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION
Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2008 and 2007.

Support and Revenue

	2008	2007
Assessments	33% \$11,080,023	32% \$10,564,013
Archbishop's Annual Appeal	27% 8,864,631	25% 8,353,134
Interest and Investment Income	12% 4,147,925	15% 4,927,245
Miscellaneous Revenues	10% 3,198,332	11% 3,677,254
Cemeteries Assessment	8% 2,664,080	8% 2,619,820
Endowment Fund Revenue	10% 3,334,398	9% 3,022,769
	\$33,289,389	\$33,164,235

Operating Expenses

	2008	2007
Program Services	88% \$49,102,221	80% \$25,338,359
Management and General	10% 5,590,070	17% 5,364,210
Fundraising	2% 1,142,920	3% 920,953
	\$55,835,211	\$31,623,522

Program Services Detail

	2008	2007
Pastoral	19% \$ 9,353,684	37% \$ 9,398,531
Healthcare and Social Services	58% 28,387,520	22% 5,509,887
Priestly Ministry and Formation	9% 4,313,756	14% 3,656,186
Education	8% 4,079,734	16% 4,012,609
Other	5% 2,250,273	8% 2,083,096
Public Affairs and Information Services	1% 717,254	3% 678,050
	\$49,102,221	\$25,338,359



Turnaround strategy allows Saint Michael's to sustain faithful care

When Walter Ort, a resident of a Newark nursing home, felt his chest tighten and his breathing suddenly become labored, he knew he was in trouble. And he knew exactly where he needed to go.

"I told them to take me to Saint Michael's," the 70-year-old man said recently from his hospital bed at the medical center in Newark's University Heights district.

Ort was unaware that Saint Michael's Medical Center had recently completed a major transition after a long period of financial instability. He knew only that the hospital was there when he needed prompt medical care. "I've been a patient at a few hospitals," he said. "At Saint Michael's, the doctors and nurses really treat you well."

Last year, Saint Michael's Medical Center and its affiliated hospitals, Saint James Hospital and Columbus Hospital, were losing \$6 million each month. "It is not an exaggeration to say that there was serious doubt about the future of all three hospitals," said Robert H. Evans, chief executive officer of Saint Michael's.

Today there are numerous signs of a turnaround. Last year Catholic Health East (CHE), a Catholic healthcare system based in Newtown Square, PA, with 35 hospitals in 11 states, acquired Saint Michael's Medical Center, an institution started by Franciscan Sisters of the Poor in 1867 (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 22, 2008 and Jan. 23, 2008). Saint Michael's joined with three other CHE hospitals—Saint Francis Medical Center in Trenton, Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center in Camden, and Lourdes Medical Center of Burlington County in Willingboro—to establish the state's largest Catholic hospital system: Catholic Health East New Jersey.

"If CHE had not intervened, we would have seen a healthcare meltdown in Newark," Evans said.

The purchase by CHE strengthened Saint Michael's in several ways. Saint Michael's was able to secure \$130 million in bond financing to begin major renovations necessary to remain competitive. In addition, Saint Michael's enjoys a nearly 40-percent improvement in purchasing power as a result of its affiliation with CHE. "We were able to achieve improved costs on everything from basic utilities to medical supplies and equipment," John Grywalski, chief financial officer for Saint Michael's, said.

As part of the changeover process, Saint James and Columbus transitioned out of acute care and became the medical center's satellite campuses, providing ambulatory and emergency services. Officials at Saint Michael's and CHE worked closely with Newark community leaders to ease community concerns and ensure that the ongoing needs of residents would be met.

The talk of hospital survival is not idle. Since 2007, nine New Jersey hospitals have closed, leaving patients bereft and employees jobless. The transition to membership within CHE has given Saint Michael's several needed boosts. Surgical volume has doubled over the past year, inpatient admissions increased 60 percent, and the emergency room is posting a record number of visits.

Saint Michael's remains committed to its mission to serve all patients, regardless of their ability to pay. Hospital executives say the economic downturn creates new challenges to Saint Michael's as well as other hospitals throughout the state. Nearly half of New Jersey's hospitals reported layoffs in 2008, according to the New Jersey Hospital Association, Princeton.

Evans said Saint Michael's has witnessed an increase in uninsured patients while seeing a substantial decline in funding from the state. The hospital's vulnerability is due to its urban setting and disproportionate share of charity care patients, for which Saint Michael's

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posing \$634 billion for this reform over the next 10 years. However, political arguments over the price tag and how to pay for it are just beginning to unfold.

Healthcare reform has been on the national radar screen since the mid-1990s, but little has been accomplished even as the number of uninsured citizens soars. It's estimated that 46 million Americans, including 9 million children, are uninsured.

As for the prospects of achieving comprehensive healthcare reform this year, Fr. Kukura and Tieman expressed a cautious optimism, tempered by the political stalemates of recent years. They were leery of making specific predictions, considering the size and complexity of the issue.

Both sources did say healthcare

reform should be based on the absolute and fundamental value of human life. "This is a value-driven reform," Tieman pointed out. "We hope to see healthcare reform reflect the vision of Catholic healthcare: human dignity, common good, concern for poor and vulnerable, stewardship and pluralism."

Catholic healing tradition maintains that to be complete and integrated, one must prosper physically and spiritually. A hallmark of Catholic healthcare is the concern for holistic development. "Catholic hospitals work to promote the health of mind, body and spirit," Tieman said.

The conversation on how to provide universal coverage is taking place against the backdrop of mounting cost concerns. According to a 2000 World Health Report on healthcare systems conducted by the World Health Organization, the cost of healthcare in the United States

ranks among the highest in the world, whereas the quality ranks 37th out of 190 developed and developing countries.

The National Center for Health Statistics, Hyattsville, MD, estimates the United States spends twice as much on healthcare per capita (\$7,129) than any other country and spending continues to increase. In 2005, the national healthcare expenditures totaled \$2 trillion. The payment of healthcare expenditures included private health insurance, 36 percent; the federal government, 35 percent; state and local governments, 11 percent; and out-of-pocket payments, 15 percent.

"The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society," according to a statement by the Washington D.C.-based United States Conference of Catholics Bishops (USCCB). "This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person."

St. Aloysius slates parade

JERSEY CITY—Saint Aloysius Parish, 691 West Side Ave., will celebrate the crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary Saturday, May 16. The celebration will begin with a parade at 3 p.m., followed by the crowning at 4:30 p.m., Mass at 5:30 p.m. and a dinner/dance at 6:30 p.m. Call the parish at (201) 433-6365 or Liz Lindo at (201) 451-1884 for more information.

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Award diagnoses Holy Name as a ‘best’ employer in NJ

TEANECK—Holy Name Hospital recently was cited as among the best workplaces in the state. Holy Name was recognized at the “Best Places to Work in New Jersey” awards ceremony held April 23 at the Hilton East Brunswick.

Determination of the Best Places to Work in New Jersey is an award program established four years ago by NJBIZ magazine and sponsored by Gibbons P.C., Sobel & Co. LLC, Extensis, iCIMS and Novo Nordisk.

Best Places to Work in New Jersey is comprised of 55 companies split into two groups: 30 medium-sized (25-249 employees) and 25 large-sized companies (more than 250 employees). Holy Name Hospital was cited in the latter category.

To be considered for participation, companies must fulfill specific requirements: at least 25 employees in New Jersey; a for-profit or not-for-profit business; a publicly or privately held business and have a facility in the Garden State.


Companies from across the state entered the two-part process to determine the 55 Best Places to Work in New Jersey. The first consisted of evaluating each nominated company’s workplace policies, practices, philosophy, systems and demographics. This part of the process was worth approximately 25 percent of the total evaluation. The second part consisted of a survey of employee experience which was word the remaining 75 percent of the total evaluation. The combined scores determined the top companies and the final ranking.



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DOCTORS FOR A DAY—Ten upperclassmen from Saint Peter’s Prep, Jersey City, took part recently in the inaugural “Doctor for a Day” program at nearby Jersey City Medical Center. Dr. Dominick Rotoli (right), a fourth-year medical student, explained hospital routine to, left to right, Elliot Montalvan, Alex Yang and Anand Brambhath. Medical center resident physicians and the school’s guidance department sponsored the program. Students spent the day touring the hospital, witnessing staff in action, speaking with doctors and attending lectures.

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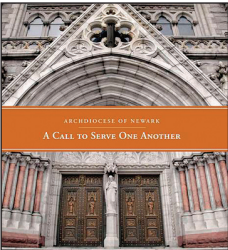
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Marist's Medquest to inspire doctors, nurses of the future

BY ALICE J. MIESNIK

Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

The expanding, high-tech healthcare profession is sparking interest in many high school students who are looking for ways to give back to their community. However, beyond their desire to serve others and earn a decent salary, many students at Marist High School, 1241 Kennedy Blvd., Bayonne, have another reason to enter the field of medicine—because so many of them come from homes where hospital work is a family tradition.

Marist High School is launching Medquest, a high school pro-

gram designed for incoming freshmen who indicate an interest in pursuing a healthcare career such as doctor, nurse, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, dentist, veterinarian, or medical technician (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Feb. 18).

"It is our hope that Medquest will catapult Marist students into some of the nation's best pre-med, pre-vet, and pre-dental programs," Brother Steve Schlitte, Marist principal, said, noting that many alumni and members of the Marist family community are connected with the healthcare sector.

To explore best practices for Medquest, Marist has been working with a consultant who has ex-

perience on both the college level and in the private sector. The administration also has visited two similar high school programs. One is a school in Manhattan that emphasizes clinical experience, while the other (in New Jersey) focuses on students earning college credits as its primary goal.

Marist has decided to take the best of both worlds, designing its program to be both academically challenging as well as clinically rewarding. In addition to the rigorous college prep program already available at Marist, the Medquest curriculum will be enhanced with several other required courses. The student's lab science sequence will begin with biology,

rather than conceptual physics presently offered to freshmen. Students then will continue with chemistry, anatomy and physiology, and physics, requiring four sciences to graduate, rather than the traditional three.

Opportunities for advance placement (AP) sciences will be made available upon demand through Marist's membership in Virtual High School (VHS), an online Global Consortium. Two Marist students—sophomore Roger Arias and junior Kevin Menendez—are enrolled in AP biology in the fall through VHS.

In addition to the lab sciences, the students' curriculum will include a specific Medquest course each year. Health (with First Aid and CPR Training) along with medical careers will be offered in the freshmen year, followed by medical terminology in the sophomore year. Healthcare, theory and

practice, will be taught in the junior year while clinical practice and medical technology will round out the final year.

A crucial piece of the program will be co-curricular clinical experiences and volunteer assignments. The first year will include tours of medical facilities. The second year will require 60 volunteer hours at a facility approved by the school, such as a hospital, a dentist's office, a nursing home, a rehab, or a vet's office. The third-year Medquest course will prepare students for actual field experience.

(Editor's note: Alice J. Miesnik is the assistant principal for academics at Marist High School. Visit the school's Web site—www.marist.org—or call the school at 201-437-4544 for more information on the Medquest program.)



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WOMAN OF DISTINCTION— Nancy DiLiegro, Ph.D., a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE) and an administrative vice president of clinical services at Trinitas Regional Medical Center, will be honored May 18 with the "Women of Distinction" award to be giving by the American Heart Association at its Garden State "Go Red for Women" luncheon. Under her guidance, the Trinitas cardiology unit, which includes the Cardiac Catheterization Lab, has been recognized as a "Center of Excellence."

St. Anthony's plans forum

JERSEY CITY—Female students of Saint Anthony High School's Class of 2009 will take part in a workshop, "The Power of Purpose," Friday, May 8, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Guest Experience LLC, a company devoted to mentoring individuals, is sponsoring the forum. The school is located at 175 Eighth St. Contact Mathew Glowski, principal, at (201) 653-5143 for more information.

Healing ministry defines mission

BY DR. PHILLIP FRESE

Special to The Catholic Advocate

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark is a community-based healthcare services ministry of the archdiocese. We are a family of affiliated corporations that includes Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health, Mount Carmel Guild Schools and Domus Corp.

Services were started in 1903 by providing healthcare to children. Over the years the organization expanded its family health services to include spiritual, mental and physical relief to those in need. Today, Catholic Charities health services impact over 10,000 individuals a year. The following is a brief description of some of the services offered by Catholic Charities.

Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Healthcare System

Mount Carmel Guild, accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, provides mental health services that touch the lives of over 8,000 individuals a year. Mount Carmel Guild is committed to providing quality comprehensive services to patients and their families in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union Counties. Services include inpatient and outpatient psychiatric care, residential programming, partial care, help for the mentally ill with chemical addictions and programs for children with emotional and behavioral problems.

Mount Carmel Guild Academy Autism Program

The Catholic Charities healthcare ministry has expanded to the



Dr. Phillip Frese

classroom with the establishment of an autism program at Mount Carmel Guild Academy, located in West Orange, which serves surrounding school districts. Autism affects an estimated 1.5 million Americans.

The academy's program serves students ages 5 to 14 years old in small classroom settings, combining social skills and movement training with academic courses such as science, art, and music.

Mount Carmel Guild Little Schoolhouse "Snuggles Program"

The Little Schoolhouse program in Union County provides daycare for mildly ill pre-school children while enabling parents to meet their employment obligations.

Saint Bridget's Housing and Franciska Residence Services for the HIV Positive

New Jersey has the fifth-highest rate of HIV/AIDS infection in the nation. Catholic Charities addresses this epidemic by offering transitional housing and medical services for homeless men living with HIV/AIDS at Saint Bridget's Residence, Newark, and Franciska Residence, Jersey City. Both locations provide 24-hour services,

offering residents access to temporary housing in a safe, clean environment.

Inmate HIV and Substance Abuse Program

Catholic Charities participates in a national initiative for HIV detection and AIDS prevention among inmates at the Union County and Hudson County Jails. Those incarcerated are more likely than the general population to be infected with HIV. The program features HIV discharge planning, educational programs and rapid testing.

(Editor's note: Frese is the president and chief executive officer of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark. Visit the organization's Web site—www.ccannj.org—for more information on programs and services.)



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LIFE-SAVING WORK SALUTED—Most Rev. Manuel A. Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark (right), celebrated the seventh annual Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Mass on Sunday, April 26, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. After Mass, he greeted the faithful on the steps of the Cathedral Basilica and blessed the rosary beads of an EMS worker. In his homily Bishop Cruz said EMS technicians have dedicated their lives to caring for those who are injured, sick and dying. "You have a difficult job," he declared, calling what they do a vocation.

Trinitas outlines free May seminars

ELIZABETH—Trinitas Regional Medical Center, 210 Williamson St., is sponsoring a series of healthcare seminars during the month of May. Events are free and open to the public, however pre-registration by phone is requested to help with event planning. Call (908) 994-5138 to register for the clinics unless indicated otherwise.

There will be a seminar on heart disease for the English and the Spanish speaking communities Tuesday, May 19. The Spanish presentation will begin at 11 a.m., while the English forum will start at 1 p.m. Dietitians will give a cooking demonstration and distribute samples, while nurses will conduct blood pressure and blood sugar screenings. Call (908) 994-8916 no later than May 15 to register.

A forum on stroke awareness and prevention, jointly sponsored by Trinitas, the Jewish Family

Service of Central New Jersey, and the City of Elizabeth Recreation Department, will be held Tuesday, May 19, 10-11:30 a.m. at the Elmora Raquet Club, 23 Fernwood Terrace. Debbie Milkowski, RN, stroke program coordinator at Trinitas, will be the featured speaker. Call (908) 352-8375 by May 14 to register. In addition, Trinitas will host a free stroke screening clinic (blood pressure, glucose, auscultation, consultation with nurses) on Wednesday, May 20, 10 a.m.-noon.

A summer skin care seminar, featuring a presentation on how to prevent skin cancer by Carol Blecher, Advance Practice Nurse, will be held at Trinitas Thursday, May 21, 1-2:30 p.m.

"Fitness for Seniors," a program featuring Jim Dunleavy, director of Trinitas' Health and Rehabilitation Center, is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27, 10:30 a.m.-noon.

St. Michael's

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receives reimbursement far below the costs incurred by the hospital in providing care (see *The Catholic Advocate*, July 16, 2008).

"Taken together, these complicating factors create a 'perfect storm' that presents significant challenges for the hospital," Evans said.

Despite the economic concerns, new programs and services are being launched and the hospital is establishing itself as a regional center for orthopedic care under the leadership of Dr. Richard Boiardo, chief of orthopedic surgery (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 22, 2008). In addition,

the Connie Dwyer Breast Center recently was accredited as a center of excellence for breast imaging.

Saint Michael's is working to weather the current economic storm to ensure that the medical center can continue providing care to patients such as Dolores Harrison, who sat in her hospital bed recently crocheting a blue shawl. Harrison first came to the hospital in 2000 for the treatment of HIV and AIDS.

"As far as I'm concerned, no matter where you look, you won't find better medical care, or kinder, more considerate people, than at Saint Michael's," she said.

(Editor's note: This is a guest article written by representatives of Catholic Health East.)



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JOINING FORCES—Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, partnered with The 200 Club of Bergen County in the presentation of defibrillators to three local emergency responder agencies. The 200 Club supports law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services personnel and their families financially and emotionally in the event of death or serious injury in the line of duty. On hand to receive the life-saving equipment were, left to right, Captain Edward Rose, Ridgefield Park Police Department; Henry Gates, vice president, 200 Club; Jack Terhune, president, 200 Club; Wayne Kinder, vice president, facilities management at Holy Name Hospital; Chuck Gerity, assistant vice president emergency preparedness and operations; Joseph Parisi, chairman, Holy Name Hospital Health Care Foundation; Police Officer John Mulvaney, Moonachie Police Department; Lieutenant Tony D'Amico, Carlstadt Fire Department, Truck Company No. 1; Lieutenant J.T. Sowers, Carlstadt Fire Department, Truck Company No. 1; Chief Daniel Eckert, Carlstadt Fire Department, Truck Company No. 1; and Chief Robert Lee, Ridgefield Park Police Department.

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PRO-LIFE YOUTH RALLY—Speakers at the sixth annual Pro-Life Youth Rally, held April 24 on the campus of Seton Hall University, South Orange, encouraged young adults to practice chastity and spread the pro-life message. The rally, sponsored by the Salesians of Don Bosco, South Orange, drew 1,000 students from high schools, colleges and parishes throughout New Jersey as well as other states. Father Steve Ryan (pictured in photo at left), a Salesian priest who has led and organized the rally each year, prayed that Jesus would help students to build a “culture of life.” Jason Evert, an author and founder of the Pure Love Club, El Cajon, CA, delivered the rally’s keynote speech. Evert declared modern culture too often confuses “love with lust.” Instead of embracing what society teaches, Evert told students that “sex is worth waiting for. When it’s real love you’ll know it because it brings you closer to family, friends and God.” He encouraged students to live chaste lives. Mary Grace, a junior at Queen of Peace High School, North Arlington, said Evert’s talk “helped change people’s minds about saving themselves for marriage.” Tim Dore, a junior at Oratory Prep, Summit, said he understood the connection between the importance of chastity and building a culture of life. Students later participated in discussion groups, where they reflected on the various rally presentations. “The group discussions are important because they give students a chance to express their ideas,” said Katrina Furhman, a freshman at Franciscan University at Steubenville, Ohio. Following the group discussions, students saw two pro-life skits performed by student groups from Seton Hall Prep, West Orange, and Lacordaire Academy, Montclair. The skits focused on the importance of having children within marriage. The rally concluded with a Mass presided by Father William J. Halbing, the pastor of Saint Antoninus Parish, Newark, and concelebrated by nine other priests. In his homily Fr. Halbing called on students to be pure and allow God’s light to shine through their brokenness.

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