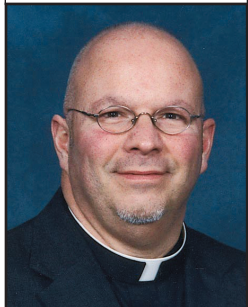




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Opening hearts, minds to hear quiet calling

Father John Gabriel, archdiocesan director of vocations, encourages retreat attendees to cultivate a "listening ear."

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A single flower helps inspire March for Life

Pilgrims bundle up and make plans to participate in the 37th annual rally to be held Jan. 21-22 in Washington D.C. Separately, the archdiocese will celebrate its Pro-Life Mass Jan. 17 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

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Conferences, ordinations, focus on marriage

Papal honors energize archdiocese in 2009

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

The inevitable change and transition of another year were abundant in 2009 as were challenges that will affect the Archdiocese of Newark in 2010. Among the many highlights, Pope Benedict XVI named 18 priests reverend Monsignors, elevated two Monsignors and awarded the Benemerenti Medal for Religious Men and Women to eight priests, Brothers and Sisters.

Once again the archdiocese led the nation in priestly ordinations when 13 men entered into the service of God and His people. Stunning success marked the first archdiocesan Men's Conference held in March. Caldwell College welcomed the first lay president in the college's 70-year history and Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety celebrated the 70th year of his ordination to the priesthood.

In 2009 the Church of Newark joined the states' bishops and Catholics on the national level in fighting to preserve marriage as the faithful union of one man and one woman. It was also a time for celebrating the "Year for Priests."

Sadness also was part of the year just concluded with the death of the archdiocese's oldest priest, Rev. Msgr. Edward F. Wojtycha at the age of 95 and the loss to of a home-grown cleric, Most Rev. Michael A. Saltarelli, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Wilmington, DE.

The following is a month-by-month recap of some of the events in 2009.

January

In an annual start to the new year, faithful from throughout the Archdiocese of Newark are among thousands of pro-life supporters from across the country who converge on the nation's capital Jan. 22 for the 36th annual March for Life in protest



Advocate photo – Ward Miele

PRAYING THE ROSARY—In what has become a tradition in the Archdiocese of Newark, Archbishop John J. Myers led the 13 ordinandi of the Class of 2009 in praying the rosary in the garden of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark last May just before their ordination to the priesthood. For the third time in recent years, the archdiocese led the nation in ordinations.

of the U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

Father Donald K. Hummel is honored by the Union County Patriots Path Council for his 51 years involvement with the Boy Scouts of America with the council's first-ever Lifetime Achievement Award.

February

An archdiocesan task force is formed to work in solidarity with the National Campaign to Reduce Poverty in America coordinated through Catholic Charities USA.

Sister Patricia Lucas, D.H.M., director of the archdiocesan African-American, African and Caribbean Apostolate reflects on her new duties.

Speaking at Seton Hall University in South Orange, former British Prime Minister Tony Blair says global alliances based on shared values are essential to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

March

The inaugural Catholic Men's Conference for the Archdiocese of Newark is a success marked by a response well beyond organizers' expectations, drawing 2,500 participants.

Responding to the economic downturn affecting the entire country, Caldwell College holds its Career Internship Fair to help ease angst among students about to enter the job market.

April

The Caldwell College Board of Trustees announces the selection of Nancy H. Blattner, Ph.D. as its eighth president—the first lay president in the college's 70-year history.

Johnnette S. Benkovic, executive producer of "The Abundant Life" on EWTN, is the keynote speaker at the annual Women's Day of Reflection with the theme "Mary and the Holy Spirit." Over 800 women take part in the event.

Nine prominent clerics and mayors from Anbar Province in Iraq discuss interfaith dialogue as a means of achieving mutual understanding during a Seton Hall University forum.

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Christ’s love fortifies unity of marriage

Readings: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

The various aspects of the Christian teaching about marriage should be presented time and again as young people mature to adulthood and its responsibilities. A deeper understanding of marriage should come progressively to each couple as they live their vocation, wherein “they signify and share the mystery of the unity and the faithful love between Christ and the Church” (Second Vatican Council, Constitution on the Church, No. 1).

This mystery is rooted in the divine plan for the progress of human history toward its goal. Its

purpose was shown in the natural order since the human couple becomes one flesh (person) in the permanent, exclusive commitment that they make to each other (see Gn 2:24). This unity can be taken up into the Paschal Mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection, whereby His altruistic love became the foundation for the new creation. His sacrificial self-giving for the Church becomes the pattern for Christian marriage (see Eph 5:23-33).

Would that all preparing for marriage develop a prayerful appreciation of the extent of Christ’s love, realizing that He offers them the graces to imitate His example. Like other profound realities of the spiritual order, a lifetime of re-

flection and prayer is required for its full meaning to be fathomed and applied to each couple’s unique situation.

The prophets of Israel followed Moses in trying to alert the Israelites to the many dimensions of the Covenant to which God had called them. The exclusive commitment of one wife to one husband became the human model for them to convey the serious demands of the Covenant. Idolatry was equated with adultery, for which a woman could be repudiated by her husband.

Did the destruction of Jerusalem and its Temple imply that God had divorced His spouse? Jeremiah thought so, but he declared that God, not bound by the divorce law of Deuteronomy (24:1-4), could take her back (Jer 3:1). The close link between the people and the land should be noted in both texts. The fate of the land depends on the fidelity of Israel and each of its members to the Covenant and to marriage.

During and after the Exile (587-538 BC), teachers following the inspiration of Isaiah assured

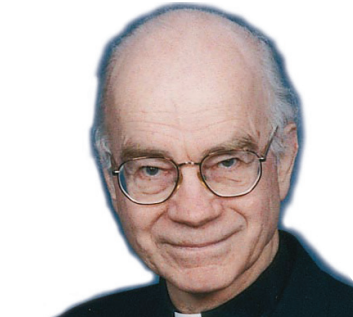
the survivors that they would return to the land of Judah. God will rebuild Jerusalem and give her a new name, signifying a new destiny in divine service (Is 62:2).

Past taunts and accusations by gloating foreigners would be proven wrong as God renews the Covenant bond. “No more shall men call you ‘Forsaken One’ or your land ‘Desolate.’ But you shall be called ‘My Delight’ and your land ‘Espoused’ (Beulah in Hebrew)” (Is 62:4). The intimacy between people and land is clear from the taunts and from the names given for the renewed nuptials. The prophet reinforced this truth by his comment: “For the Lord delights in you, and makes your land his spouse.”

Having learned the bitter lesson of the Exile, the restored community would now live in fidelity to the Lord. Was this but a prophetic dream? While it is true that some failed to keep the commandments, just as some betrayed their marriage vows, the people in general did persevere in their commitment to the one God. Jesus drew attention to His es-

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By Rev. Lawrence Frizzell

teem for marriage and family life on many occasions, restoring the nuptial bond to its pristine exclusiveness (Mt 19:1-12). The fourth Gospel portrays the first great sign of Jesus in the wedding feast of Cana, whereby He manifested the glory that would unfold in the Paschal Mystery and the sending of the Holy Spirit (see Jn 2:11 and 7:39).

The abundance of wine supplied by Jesus was not only to satisfy the petition of Mary, who wanted to ease the embarrassment

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Pilgrims lace boots, grab hats and prepare to ‘March for Life’

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

AREA—Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Newark will join with thousands of people from all corners of the United States to participate in the 37th annual March for Life rally, which will be held in Washington D.C. Jan. 21 and 22.

The two-day rally, a national grass-roots effort that involves people of many faiths, is staged each year to protest the Jan. 22, 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion throughout the United States.

Jim Sondey, chairman of the archdiocesan Pro-Life commission, who first became involved in the event 20 years ago, said he draws inspiration from the growing number of teenagers and young adults who have joined the ranks.

“My expectation is to see more and more young people, especially high school and college students,” Sondey said. “They get motivated through their schools and want to take a stand. This is one way to do it. Their enthusiasm is heartwarming. They believe in the cause and their dedication is an inspiration for me.”

The rally’s main event—the march along Constitution Ave.—is scheduled to begin Friday, Jan. 22 at noon, according to information on the March for Life Web site (www.marchforlife.org). In addition, there will be a “mini rally” held at Lafayette Park, located near The White House, on Thursday, Jan. 21, 6-8 p.m.

The theme for this year’s march is: “Stand Up Now! Unite for the Life Principles—No Exception! No Compromise!” It’s expected that well over 100,000 people will attend the event this year. The first March for Life was held Jan. 22, 1974, which drew a gathering of 20,000 people.

A member of Holy Spirit Parish, Union, Sondey

said he will travel to Washington courtesy of a bus trip organized by the Knights of Columbus Cranford Council 6226, which will depart from Saint Michael Parish, Cranford.

There’s no central archdiocesan committee coordinating bus rides to Washington. It’s suggested that anyone interested in attending the event should contact community parishes for information. Archdiocesan parishes slated to offer bus rides to the rally include Saint John the Apostle, Linden; Saint Philomena, Livingston; Saint Elizabeth, Wyckoff; and Queen of Peace, North Arlington.

As reported last month, the archdiocesan office of Youth and Young Adults Ministries and Youth Retreat Center, Kearny, will sponsor a round-trip bus ride to Washington as part of the “Young Adult Month” slate of activities (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Dec. 23, 2009). The bus will depart Jan. 21 from Saint John the Apostle Parish, 1805 Penbrook Terr., Linden. Contact Sister Marilyn Minter, director of young adult ministry and parish outreach and training, by phone at (201) 998-0088, ext. 4147, or via e-mail (minterma@rcan.org) for details.

Saint John the Apostle Parish is the home of the archdiocesan Respect Life Office, which is directed by Father Joseph A. Meagher, who also serves as parochial vicar at Saint John the Baptist Parish, Jersey City. He described the annual March for Life as “a powerful experience of faith and hope for the future for all who come.”

Michelle Krystofik is the associate director of the Respect Life Office (Web site: www.rcan.org/life), which sponsors events and programs throughout the year, including the “Rachel’s Vineyard” healing weekend retreat for women and men who struggle with the emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion. Upcoming retreat dates are Jan. 15-17, and March 12-14. Call Krystofik at (732) 388-8211 to register.



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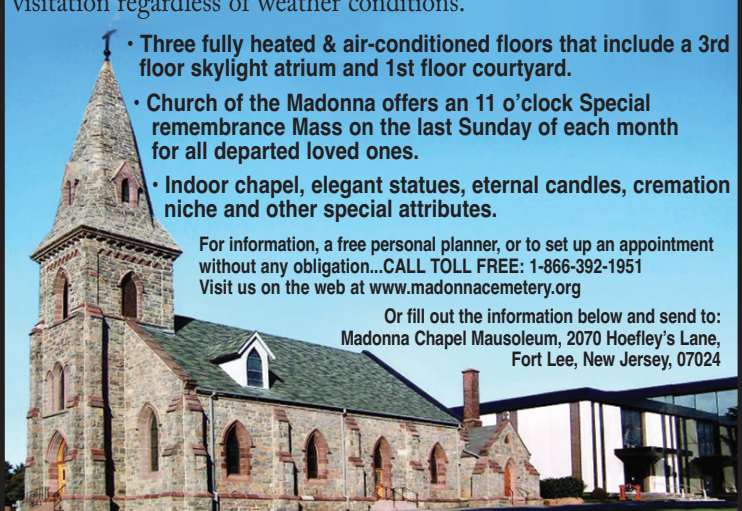
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Catholics gather for Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles. U.S. bishops are taking steps to mobilize Catholics to support immigration reform.



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Bishops to press immigration reform

WASHINGTON—On occasion of National Migration Week (Jan. 3-9), U.S. Bishops and diocesan leaders called on Catholics to welcome newcomers and work for passage of comprehensive immigration reform in 2010. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB), anticipating the debate on immigration reform, will discuss steps in the coming weeks to mobilize Catholics throughout the nation. For example, over 1.5 million postcards already have been sent to members of Congress, urging them to make comprehensive reform a priority—legislation that would reunite families, regularize the status of an estimated 12 million people in this country illegally and restore due process protections for immigrants. “We want to increase Catholic grass-roots support for immigration reform, but we also want to show members of Congress a strong Catholic voice and strong Catholic numbers in support of immigration reform,” Antonio Cube, national manager of the USCCB’s Justice for Immigrants project, said late last year when the campaign was announced.

Pope ponders why eyes remain closed

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—An insensitive, hardened heart, over-confidence and world-weary smugness keep people from experiencing the true joy and love found in Jesus Christ, said Pope Benedict XVI. While the Christ child born in Bethlehem seems weak and fragile, in reality “He has the power to give the human heart the greatest and most profound joy” in the world, the pope said. The babe in the manger represents “the stupendous reality that God knows us and is near, that His grandeur and strength do not follow the logic of the world, but the logic of a defenseless baby whose only strength is the love He entrusts to us.” The pope made his remarks at a Mass in Saint Peter’s Basilica Jan. 6, the feast of the Epiphany, which marks the manifestation of Jesus as savior to the world. The pope noted that while many witnessed the star of Bethlehem when Jesus was born, but only few—like the Magi—ac-



Pope Benedict XVI

tually responded to God’s invitation to follow a new path that would change the world. “What is the reason that some see and find (Christ) and others don’t?,” the pope asked. “What opens one’s eyes and heart? What is lacking in those who remain indifferent, those who know the way, but do not take it?.”

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Cornerstone gatherings look to build faith

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

AREA — Several parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Newark will participate in the Cornerstone retreat series, a 26-hour, weekend experience with separate gatherings held for adult women and men.

Participants are encouraged to share their faith experiences. Lay people organize the retreats, with priests and deacons providing spiritual guidance. Church of the Pres-

entation Parish, Upper Saddle River, is credited with developing the Cornerstone concept. Margaret Meyers, director of the women's retreats at Church of the Presentation, cited a Cornerstone history written by Frank Purcell, which said the concept was hatched more than 25 years ago by former pastor Father Jack McDermott and parishioner Herb Floyd.

Purcell wrote the two had envisioned a retreat experience that focused on the faith journeys of lay women and men, rather than theo-

logical presentations by clergy. The name "Cornerstone" symbolizes the retreats are designed to create a foundation for a parish community.

Retreats typically begin at 6 p.m. on Fridays. The following is a list of archdiocesan parishes slated to participate:

• **Church of the Presentation Parish**, 271 West Saddle River Rd., Upper Saddle River—men's Cornerstone Jan. 29-30; Call Mark Cron (201) 444-3451 for more information; women's

Cornerstone March 19-20; Margaret Meyers (201) 739-8455.

• **Notre Dame Parish**, 359 Central Ave., North Caldwell—women's Cornerstone Jan. 22-23, Terry Michaels (973) 226-0979, ext. 15; men's Cornerstone March 26-27, call parish (973) 226-0979.

• **Our Lady of the Lake Parish**, 32 Lakeside Ave., Verona—women's Cornerstone March 26-27, Margaret Gardner (973) 239-5696.

• **Saint Elizabeth Parish**, 700 Wyckoff Ave., Wyckoff—women's Cornerstone Feb. 5-6, Katie Rigg (201) 485-8363; men's Cornerstone March 5-6, Ryan Peene (201) 423-1671.

• **Saint Helen Parish**, 1600 Rahway Ave., Westfield—women's Cornerstone March 5-6; men's Cornerstone March 19-20; call parish (908) 232-1214.

• **Saint Paul Parish**, 200 Wyckoff Ave., Ramsey—women's Cornerstone Feb. 5-6, Sister Maureen Dunn (201) 327-0976; men's Cornerstone March 5-6, Msgr. Lawrence W. Cull (201) 327-0976.

• **Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish**, 60 Byrd Ave., Bloomfield—men's Cornerstone, March 12-13, John Barbetta (973) 338-5086; women's Cornerstone, March 19-20, Sister Arlene Crimmins, (973) 388-9190.

• **Saint Thomas More Parish**, 210 Horseneck Rd., Fairfield—men's Cornerstone Feb. 19-20, call parish (973) 227-0055.



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LUNCH AMONG FAITHFUL FRIENDS—The annual luncheon and reception for retired priests of the Archdiocese of Newark was held Dec. 16 at the Archdiocesan Center. Pictured at the event, enjoying the food and fellowship, are (left to right) Father George Macho, Father Timothy Horgan and Father Robert O'Leary.



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Faithful at Newark expo consider and celebrate the question: 'Why?'

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

NEWARK — Hundreds of faithful from around the archdiocese gathered last month to recognize the work of small Christian

communities and local evangelization programs that enrich the spiritual lives of Catholics.

Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, celebrated Mass Dec. 5 at the Cathedral Basilica of the

Sacred Heart and acknowledged parishes that have participated in evangelization missions such as RENEW International's "Why Catholic?" program.

Following Mass, a free expo and reception for the small Christian communities was held at the Archdiocesan Center. Representatives from RENEW International based in Plainfield, and other faith-based organizations were present to share resources with the faithful.

Developed in recent years, evangelization programs such as "Why Catholic?" and "Disciples in Mission" stress the importance of spreading faith through small groups that perpetuate discussion and sharing. Presented by RENEW International, "Why Catholic?" is an adult faith-formation process based on Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and is updated to include



Advocate photo — Melissa McNally

Deirdre Trabert Malacrea, left, director of marketing and communications at Plainfield-based RENEW International, engaged hundreds of faithful at the Dec. 5 Archdiocesan Center expo, providing information on the accomplishments of small Christian communities and local evangelization programs.

citations from the newly published United States Catholic Catechism for Adults.

Disciples in Mission, a ministry of the Washington-based Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association, fosters parish-based evangelization programs and is also used throughout the archdiocese.

Father Abraham Orapankal, a retreat director for RENEW international, said, "Why Catholic?" program divides the catechism into four booklets that are easy understand. The goal of the expo at the Archdiocesan Center was to encourage the small parish communities to still meet and share their faith after "Why Catholic?"

"Christianity was spread through small, house churches, not huge mega churches or cathedrals," Fr. Orapankal noted. "The definition of a parish is the communion of many communities.

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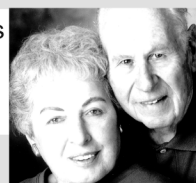


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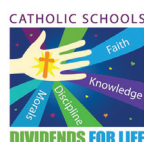
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JERSEY CITY—The electricity purchased for all buildings on the Saint Peter’s College Jersey City campus will be 100-percent renewable “green” energy for a minimum of one year, a program that began with the start of the New Year.

Purchasing green energy as its sole source of electricity, Saint Peter’s estimates it will displace over 3,000 metric tons

of carbon dioxide throughout the year. “The purchase of renewable energy demonstrates Saint Peter’s commitment to sustainable strategy,” said Saint Peter’s College President Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D., who signed the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment in 2008.

College officials said the green energy will be generated by wind power. In addition, the college has implemented a number of green initiatives on campus, such as the elimination of Styrofoam cups and plates on campus and competitions between residence halls to encourage conservation measures.

ConEdison Solutions, White Plains, N.Y., will provide the campus with the renewable energy and related services. Saint Peter’s also is working with R3 Energy, Tarrytown, N.Y., an advisor on intelligent energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions to various institutions.

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Obituaries

Sister Bernadine Paglia, M.P.F.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 7 at Saint Lucy Chapel, Villa Walsh, Morristown, for Sister Bernadine Paglia, M.P.F., 94, who died Jan. 3.

Sr. Bernadine entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1933. She received the habit in 1934 and made her religious profession in 1937.

She began ministry in New York City and spent 19 years doing catechetical work in Cleveland and Akron, OH. Sr. Bernadine taught middle school in Lodi, Newark, West New York and Scotch Plains.

Sr. Bernadine worked in the library at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, Garfield and from 1990-2001 she assisted at Saint Bartholomew Parish, Scotch Plains. She was instrumental in organizing and leading the ladies’ rosary group there. She retired to Villa Walsh in 2005.

Sister M. Mercedita Moran, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 22 at Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, for Sister M. Mercedita Moran, S.C., 85, who died Dec. 18.

A Jersey City native, Sr. M. Mercedita entered the Sisters of Charity Sept. 6, 1944 and was a member for 65 years.

Sr. M. Mercedita served as an educator at the following archdiocesan schools: Immaculate Conception High School, Montclair (1947-1956); Holy Trinity High School, Westfield (1956-1971) where she served as principal (1971-1974); and Marylawn of the Oranges, South Orange (1974-1976).

After teaching in New York, she retired to Jersey City in 1994. In 2001, she moved to the Convent of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, where she served in ministry to the local community until 2009.

Sister Cornelia Agnes Devine, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 7 at Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, for Sister Cornelia Agnes Devine, S.C., 94, who died Dec. 2.

Sr. Cornelia entered the Sisters of Charity Dec. 8, 1934 and was a member for 74 years. She served in health ministry throughout New Jersey, New York and Arizona. She graduated from Jersey City State College with a bachelor’s degree in nursing education.

Sr. Cornelia served at the following archdiocesan hospitals: Saint Vincent Hospital, Montclair (1949-1950 and 1957-1958); Saint Elizabeth Hospital, Elizabeth (1950-1956) where she was operating room supervisor (1961-1972, 1973-2000); and Trinitas Medical Center, Elizabeth (2000-2002).

Sister Margaret de Sales Sullivan, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 3 at Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, for Sister Margaret de Sales Sullivan, S.C., 91, who died Dec. 1.

Sr. Margaret entered the Sisters of Charity Dec. 8, 1934 and was a member for 74 years. She was an educator in New Jersey and Massachusetts. She was an educator at the following archdiocesan schools: Saint Rose of Lima School, Newark (1939-1941); and Paramus Catholic High School, Paramus, where she served as teacher/counselor (1966-1971), vice-principal (1971-1978) and principal (1978-1986).

Sr. Margaret returned to teaching at Paramus Catholic High School until 1997. In 1988, she moved to Holy Trinity Convent, Hackensack, where she resided until 2008.

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WESTWOOD—“Array of Hope,” a concert experience geared to enlighten teenagers and adults and promote spiritual healing, will be held at Saint Andrew Parish and Education Center, 120 Washington Ave., on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 15 and 16, at 7:30 p.m. (both dates).

Advance tickets are \$10 and are available by calling (201) 664-6777, ext. 206. Tickets priced at \$15 will be available at the door on the evenings of the performances.

The program includes music, motivational speakers, and multimedia presentations featuring the Vine Music/Universal Music recording group “Sacred Road” along with other performers.

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GIFT OF GIVING—Students at Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, participated in the Giving Tree project during the Christmas season. The tree, located in the school's main lobby, was adorned with gift tags for needy children. The gifts were delivered to the Saint Joseph Social Service Center, Elizabeth. Sister Jacquelyn Balasia, student council moderator, spearheaded the project and said the Mother Seton community was extremely generous.

Students reach out, offer food, coats for the needy

AREA—Taking time to remember their less-fortunate neighbors, students at Lacordaire Academy, Upper Montclair, and Saint Mary of the Assumption High School, Elizabeth, fed the hungry and distributed coats during the recent holiday season.

Lacordaire Academy students, accompanied by teachers Patricia Picinich and Robert Farrell, volunteered at Saint John's Soup Kitchen in Newark during their Christmas break. The teens cooked soup, prepared lunch, served lunch and breakfast and helped stock and organize pantry shelves.

In a separate effort, students from Saint Mary of the Assumption High School collected and

distributed 85 coats and jackets to the Saint Joseph Social Service Center, also based in Elizabeth, which will be given to local children and adults. Flora DelValle, an art and Spanish teacher, coordinated the project.

Picinich, religion coordinator and campus minister at Lacordaire, praised the service ethic of students for giving their time during the holiday break to help others. Throughout the school year Lacordaire and Saint Mary students volunteer their time in similar community-outreach projects.

Newark expo

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The parishes that participated in 'Why Catholic?' have a renewed vitality in their personal and parish life. When we started 'Why Catholic?,' 42 parishes and about 6,000 people took part. We have to keep these groups going."

Using faith-sharing materials in a smaller group setting may be more inviting to those uncomfortable with expressing themselves to a large group, Fr. Orpankall said. "That is what is so attractive to people. Increasing fellowship creates a greater parish life."

Linda Pinto, a parishioner at Saint Phillip the Apostle Parish in Saddle Brook, has participated in the "Why Catholic?" program since its inception. She and her husband John hosted the group discussions at their home once per week. In each six-week long session, the focus shifted to a different aspect of faith. The discussions fostered a sense of community and deepened her faith.

"Why Catholic?" enriched my spirituality," she said. "It's hard in this world to practice faith and like minds make it easier to share. We were like a family; we had some arguments but we all left joyful."

John Pinto attended the expo to gather more ideas for the small faith-sharing groups at his parish. He believes the Holy Spirit was present during the group sessions and the program created a sense of parish unity.

"We met people we have come to cherish through 'Why Catholic?,'" he said. "It's not just about you alone; it's about community. Christ was coming through to us through others. People, who you didn't think would open up, blossomed."

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May

Young people from throughout the Archdiocese of Newark and beyond converge at Seton Hall University for the sixth annual Pro-Life Rally sponsored by the Salesians of Don Bosco in South Orange.

With 13 men ordained to the priesthood, the Archdiocese of Newark again leads the nation. The Class of 2009 also boasts of two homegrown priests. The Church of Newark, notes Archbishop John J. Myers, "continues to be blessed by so many vocations to the priesthood."

June

Pope Benedict XVI bestows the honorary title of Reverend Monsignor upon 18 priests of the Archdiocese of Newark and further elevates two monsignors of the archdiocese. Eight Religious priests, Brothers and Sisters are also honored by the pontiff with

the Benemerenti Medal for Religious men and women.

After 15 years at the helm of Seton Hall University, Msgr. Robert Sheeran announces he will step down as president in June 2010.

Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety is honored by the Church of Newark on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood and his upcoming 97th birthday.

July

After four years at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny as associate director of parish outreach and training, Sister Loretta DeDomenicis, F.M.A. is reassigned to Illinois.

In recognition of her many years with RENEW International, Sister Alice Yohe, S.S.J., is honored with the Plainfield-based organization's President's Award.

Rev. Msgr. Edward F. Wojtycha, 95, the oldest priest of the Archdiocese of Newark, dies June 8 in Florida. The previous year he had marked 70 years in the priesthood.

August

The Archdiocese of Newark plans a yearlong series of events and liturgies to participate in the Year for Priests, a worldwide celebration launched at the Vatican on June 19.

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter community of Canada and the United States selects Father Michael (Mitch) Walters of South Orange to join the group's newly formed North American Secretariat.

The Bishops of New Jersey issue a "Message on Marriage" to all parishes throughout the state to clearly and unequivocally remind the faithful of their Catholic/Christian belief in marriage. Garden State bishops also launch a petition campaign that calls on state lawmakers to maintain the definition of marriage as that of a union of one man and one woman.

September

Archbishop Myers leads a Sunday evening prayer service at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in celebration of the papal honors bestowed by Pope Benedict XVI on archdiocesan priests, and men and women Religious.

Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, travels to the nation's capital to offer his views on healthcare reform during a series of meetings with several groups of House and Senate leaders.

October

Most Rev. Michael A. Saltarelli, D.D., Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Wilmington, DE, who answered God's call to serve as a priest and bishop in the Archdiocese of Newark and then went on to become a prominent national figure in the Church, dies Oct. 8 at the age of 77.

The New Jersey Catholic Conference joins with the New Jersey Knights of Columbus and the New Jersey Family Policy Council and other faith groups on the Statehouse steps in Trenton at a "Protect Marriage" rally.



Advocate photo — M. Gabriele

ONE OF MANY—Rev. Msgr. Ronald J. Rozniak (right), pastor, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, was elevated to the rank of Protonotary Apostolic Supernumerary, one of the papal honors presented during a Sept. 13 prayer service at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Pictured with Msgr. Rozniak is Rev. Msgr. John E. Doran, archdiocesan Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia.

Archbishop Pietro Sambi, the apostolate nuncio to the United States, issues a clarion call to North American vocation directors in his keynote address at the 46th annual National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors held at the Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel and Convention Center in East Rutherford.

Promoting a culture of life and ensuring justice for all persons from conception to natural death is the focus of the annual Life Issues Seminar held at Queen of Peace Parish in North Arlington.

The first in a series of information sessions about the introduction of the Third Typical Edition of the Roman Missal with a new English translation, slated for the spring of 2011, is held for archdiocesan priests in the Archdiocesan Center.

Holy Family Parish in Nutley was filled with the priestly and Religious colleagues of Father Benedict J. Groeschel, C.F.R., for a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Myers to mark Fr. Groeschel's half-century in the priesthood.

November

Communicating on the cutting-edge of technology, Archbishop John J. Myers "connects" with students from Paramus Catholic Regional High School via the Internet complete with an online video hookup.

The New Jersey State Knights of Columbus Motorcycle Ministry, which hit the road for the first time in the spring, issues a call for members from the Archdiocese of Newark.

At the annual Blue Mass, honoring the men and women of the state's law enforcement community, Gov. Jon Corzine and Gov-elect Chris Christie attend and meet afterwards in the private quarters of Archbishop Myers to discuss the transition of power in January.

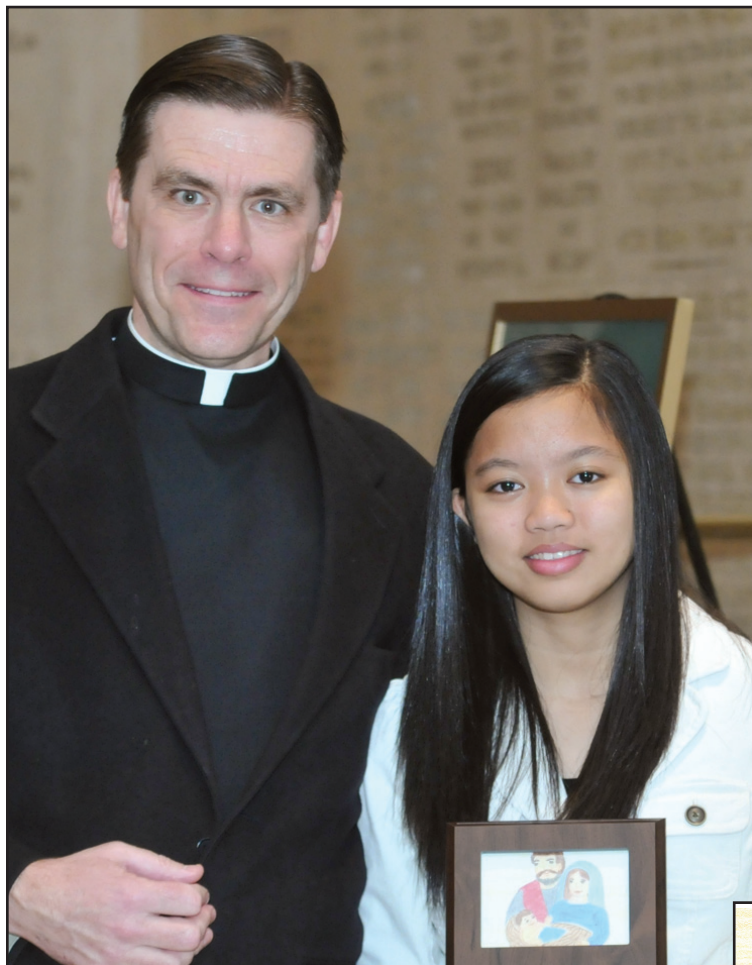
Continuing their efforts to advocate for maintaining the definition of marriage as that of a union of one man and one woman, the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey call upon all Catholics in the Garden State to observe Sunday, Nov. 29 as a "Day of Prayer for the vocation and sacrament of marriage. The bishops also call upon Catholics to pray that state lawmakers preserve the definition of marriage.

Sister Theresa Mary Martin celebrates her 25th anniversary as president of Felician College.

December

The Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark hosts the 39th annual Candlelight Carol Sing featuring the Cathedral Choir and Brass Ensemble with organist Vincent Carr.

In the spirit of the Christmas season of giving, Most Holy Name Parish in Garfield raises funds for the construction of an orphanage in Guatemala.



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CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN—Zharmaine Jhoy Sto. Tomas, a parishioner at Our Lady of Victories Parish, Jersey City, was a prize winner in the national Christmas Art Contest sponsored by the Holy Childhood Association (HCA). HCA is one of the Pontifical Mission Societies devoted to encouraging prayer and sacrifice in schools and religious education programs for children in Church missions. "Children helping children" was the theme of the HCA art contest. Tomas is pictured with Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Fuhrman, archdiocesan director of the Pontifical Mission Societies, during the award ceremony held Dec. 11 at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. Sister Arline Zurich, O.S.B., serves as the HCA coordinator for the Archdiocese of Newark.



Cagers net cash for SFIC



NEWARK — The Union County CYO Youth Basketball League, in partnership with four archdiocesan high schools, raised over \$1,500 on opening weekend for The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC).

During the weekend of Nov. 21-22, over 50 teams competed in more than 25 games played at Union Catholic Regional, Scotch

Plains; Roselle Catholic, Roselle; Mother Seton Regional, Clark and Saint Peter's Prep, Jersey City.

"We were looking to start our season early and having local Catholic high schools for a whole day of games was a perfect fit," Bill Fitzpatrick, athletic director at Holy Trinity Parish, Westfield, said.

League parishes are required to perform service projects for the community as part of their registration for CYO athletics.

Working with Gerry O'Connor, SFIC executive director, the schools were invited to open their facilities as a showcase to draw future students while raising awareness of the SFIC mission.

In addition to regular season league games, Saint Peter's Prep hosted several non-league games with teams from Hudson, Union, Essex and Morris counties. "SFIC changes lives, and we at Saint Peter's Prep are proud to support it, Father

Robert Reiser, S.J., Saint Peter's president, explained.

SFIC provides partial-tuition scholarships to economically challenged students who want to attend private or parochial schools in the Archdiocese of Newark. Over 2,200 students in grades K-12 are receiving over \$2.6 million in tuition assistance for the 2009-2010 school year. Visit the SFIC's Web site (www.sficnj.org) or call (973) 497-4279 for more information.



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ADORATION CHAPEL—Most Rev. John M. Smith, the Bishop of Trenton, last November blessed the new Mother of Mercy Adoration Chapel at Corpus Christi Parish, Hasbrouck Heights. Clergy from the Corpus Christi and Assumption Parish, Wood-Ridge joined Bishop Smith, while Very Rev. Lewis Papera, Corpus Christi pastor, served as the homilist. Designed by architect Joseph DeMaria of Morristown, the chapel creates a quiet, prayerful setting. "It is an emotional and spiritual sanctuary for oneness with God," DeMaria said. Fulton Building Co., Inc., North Arlington, built the chapel, while Hiemer & Co. Studio, Clifton, executed the stained-glass windows.

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Retreat attendees gain a 'listening ear'

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

NEWARK—As he prepared for last weekend's three-day discernment retreat, Father John D. Gabriel, director of vocations for the Archdiocese of Newark, was guided by his vision of the experience as a time for men considering the priesthood "to discern, to listen, to speak and to enjoy the presence of Christ."

Reflecting on the essence of a retreat, Fr. Gabriel said "often in life, it seems to us that we are the ones making the decisions, that we guide our lives according to our own wishes and desires. Yet sometimes, even without knowing it, we are in fact being led by forces outside of ourselves." That, the former pastor of Saint Thomas More Parish, Fairfield, stressed, is what the retreat was all about.

The work that goes into tilling the fields for vocation awareness has yielded a bountiful harvest for the archdiocese in recent years. Last May the Church of Newark again led the nation in the number of new priests with 13 (see *The Catholic Advocate*, May 20, 2009). In addition the archdiocese had the most ordinandi in the United States in 2006 with 17 and 13 three years ago.

Addressing the 25 men who attended the "Stay with Us, Lord" retreat, which was held Jan. 8-10 at the Carmel Retreat House in Mahwah, Fr. Gabriel prepared a reassuring essay, writing that "God will reveal His plan to you; perhaps in a dramatic way but, more likely, it will be revealed in the quiet of your own heart, in a moment of heartfelt prayer, perhaps during a time of struggle or joy." He urged them to "develop a listening ear and cultivate within yourself an availability to God so that His Word will take root in you....your peace rests in doing His will."

Calling the priesthood "an awesome life, a great adventure, a life filled with meaning and purpose," Fr. Gabriel cautioned "don't let feelings of fear or unworthiness make you dismiss any possibility right off the bat. Relax, be open and honest and put your past, present and future into God's hands. Jesus always seemed to have a special place in His heart for imperfect people as long as they were willing to trust in Him."

The vocations director told those at the retreat "from the beginning of time, God knew that you would exist at this moment. He knows the deepest desires of

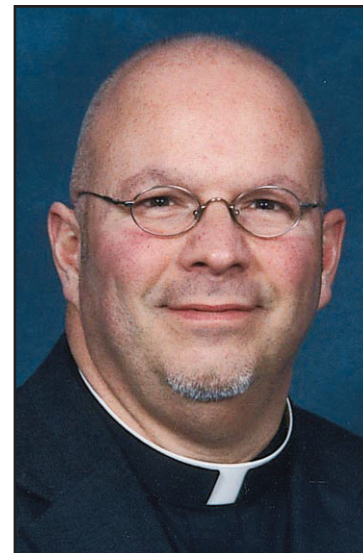
your heart, He knows your struggles and fears, He knows your potential for good. He has in mind a great plan for your life."

A focal point of the retreat was the words of Pope John Paul II on the meaning of vocation in comments made over the years to young people. Fr. Gabriel drew inspirational passages from the book "The Meaning of Vocation, In the Words of John Paul II," published in 1997 by Scepter Publishers, a collection of writings and the text of speeches given by the pope.

On one occasion the late pontiff said "you must never think that you are alone in deciding your future...when deciding your future, you must not decide for yourself alone." Pope John Paul II elaborat-

ed, declaring that "every vocation is part of a divine plan."

He urged young people to ask about the love of Christ. "Acknowledge His voice resounding in the temple of your heart. Return His bright and penetrating glance, which opens the paths of your life to the horizons of the Church's mission. It is a taxing mission today more than ever, to teach men the truth about themselves, about their end, their destiny, and to show faithful souls the unspeakable riches of the love of Christ. Don't be afraid of His demands, because Jesus, who loved us first, is prepared to give Himself to you as well as asking of you. If He asks much from you, it is because He knows you can give much."



Father John Gabriel

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Encouraging those who discern 'the call'

I smiled to myself at a pre-Christmas luncheon a few weeks ago as I listened to some of our Transfiguration Academy faculty members reminisce how, when they were children, they organized areas in or around their homes, either with dolls or other playmates, into mini classrooms where they could be the teachers. It seemed a hint of an early calling to this most noble profession, perhaps influenced in part by those who taught them.

I smiled, because it helped me think back to my own early child-

hood years and the mini-altar I created on the top of my bedroom bookcase and the vestments cut from old sheets and marked with a simple cross that I wore, to offer a private Mass with my teddy bear in attendance. (Somehow, he didn't answer any of the Latin responses!)

Not every budding teacher creates a childhood classroom, nor does every future priest establish his own mini-sanctuary. Indeed, in these more recent decades, many teachers and priests (and deacons and

Religious) only come to discern a call later in life, after having already pursued one or several other professions.

Some still follow a continuous path from high school to college to graduate school or seminary to certification or ordination. Others have been away from formal education or even significant faith practice for a period of time. In any case, some event or circumstance or person opens their minds and hearts to something that God has been silently calling them to consider for a few or many years.

I was blessed to be part of a home where religion was valued and lived. My mom was a devout Catholic and for much of her life attended daily Mass. My dad was a member of the Reformed Church of America, who was a regular Sunday worshipper and loved to sing church hymns as he accompanied himself on the piano in our home.

Coupled with that influence was the wide scope of witness offered by eight priests, 41 Franciscan Sisters, and 19 Christian Brothers in my parish of Saint Joseph of the Palisades

SEEING & BELIEVING



By Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnholz

in West New York. I ended up being involved in both parish and school activities that helped me experience first hand the joy and dedication of those who had given their lives to God. Of course, they were all more than supportive whenever I mentioned that I was thinking about being a priest.

Although we used the word "vocation," most Catholics didn't have the same sense of "call" that my Protestant father did. He shared with me that if I truly believed God was calling me, he would never stand in the way. Only during my seminary formation did I come to appreciate more fully what "God's call" really means. Of course, I still learn more about it each day.

With smaller families, and more divided ones, nurturing a son's vocation to priesthood or a daughter's to religious life is much more challenging these days. Add to that the materialistic and hedonistic American culture in which we live, eternal values can sometimes seem remote or unattainable. But we believe God is always calling men and women to follow Him in these lives of ordained or consecrated service.

If you are someone who is thinking about the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life, talk to a priest or religious brother or Sister about it. It may open the way for you to better consider this opportunity for a lifetime. If you know of someone who has expressed such an interest, or who at least exhibits qualities like those you treasure in priests and religious who have brought you closer to God, say a word of encouragement to them to give it some more thought. Pray for them, asking God to help them hear His call.

I thank God for the gift of my ministry. I get to use the gifts and talents He has given me, some of which I was aware and others I

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Official Appointments



Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

PASTOR

Reverend Joseph D. Girone, has been appointed Pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison, and Saint Anthony Parish, East Newark, effective Feb. 1.

Vicar of Saint Lucy Parish, Newark, effective Jan. 20.

Reverend George Joseph, Chaplain at Jersey City Medical Center, was appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Michael Parish, Bayonne, effective Jan. 1.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Reverend Dominic G. Ciriaco, Chaplain at Paramus Catholic Regional High School, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Notre Dame Parish, North Caldwell, effective Feb. 1.

Reverend Carlos M. Viego, Parochial Vicar of Saint Lucy Parish, Newark, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint John Parish, Orange, effective Jan. 20.

OTHER

Reverend Eustace Edomobi, Chaplain at Saint Michael Medical Center, Newark, was appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Theresa Parish, Kenilworth, effective Jan. 1.

Reverend Christoph Lintz has had his release to continue pastoral service within the Archdiocese of Munich extended for an additional three years, ending Sept. 1, 2013.

Reverend Peter O. Iwuala, Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Peace Parish, New Providence, has been appointed Parochial

Reverend Monsignor Kenneth J. Herbster was granted retirement, effective Jan. 1.

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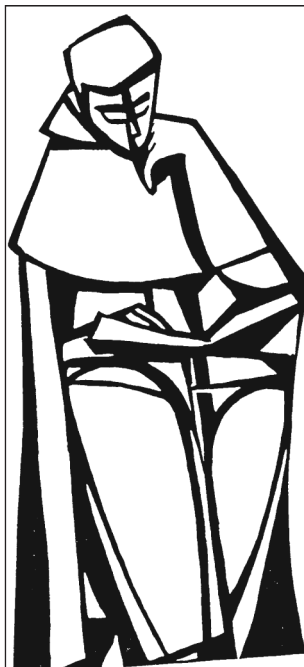


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SEEING & BELIEVING

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have only come to discover, to bring people closer to Him. I am far from perfect and marvel at the many things other priests bring to their ministry that I am unable. And yet it is that very diversity which attracts the faithful to be able to find comfort in sor-

SUNDAY READINGS

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of the young couple. Wine was, moreover, the great symbol of joy in the final days (see Am 9:13-15), when people would experience God's presence as at a great banquet (see Is 25:6-10).

In Christianity this communion is rooted in the Paschal Mystery as the self-giving of Jesus for the life of the world. Thus this sign at Cana points to the multiplication of loaves and the gift of the living bread (Jn 6:48-58). Did the presence of Jesus make a lasting impression on the common life of the couple celebrating their nuptials? One hopes that they came to realize that they were drawn by Jesus into the drama of salvation. More important, what impact does Christ's presence have on the life of those entering marriage today? Do all Christians acknowledge both the gifts and the challenges of the vocation to married life?

(Rev. Lawrence Frizzell is the director of the Institute of Judaic-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University, South Orange.)

row, support in struggle, and encouragement in doubt.

It is humbling to think that I can be a channel of reconciliation and grace to the sincerely penitent, whether I know them personally or not. I am facilitating spiritual relationships from

baptism to communion, from anointing to death, from preaching to counseling. Of course, I pray every day that I may not just be talking the talk, but more clearly walking the walk, that I and those who interact with me may together arrive at the ulti-

mate destination of our journey to eternity.

Let us continue to pray for one another, that each of us may discern God's call to us and perhaps even be an instrument in someone

else doing the same!

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

Mass to pray for the unborn

NEWARK—The annual archdiocesan Pro-Life Mass and Holy Hour will be celebrated on Sunday, Jan. 17, noon, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St.

The Mass marks the 37th anniversary of the Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in the United States. Most Rev. John W. Flesey, S.T.D., D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, will serve as celebrant and homilist.

Following Mass there will be a procession to nearby Saint Lucy Parish, 118 Seventh Ave., where there will be a Holy Hour including the rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet and silent adoration and benediction, offering prayers for the unborn.

The archdiocesan Respect Life Office, based at Saint John the Apostle Parish, Linden, and the archdiocesan Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Kearny, will sponsor the celebration.

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John 1:38-39

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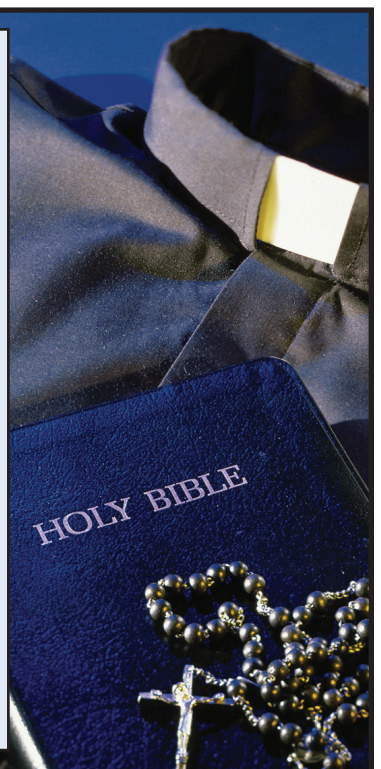
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Luke 1:30,37,38

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January 18

NJ BLOOD SERVICES, blood drive at Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, 1-7 p.m., call Marie Forrestal at (732) 616-0798.

January 20

ST. LUKE PARISH, Ho-Ho-Kus, "Luke at Luke's," a study of the Gospel according to St. Luke, 12:30-2 p.m. or 7:30-9p.m., also on Jan 27, Feb. 3 and Feb. 10, call Roberta Maguire at (201) 444-5690.

January 22

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 1345, Bergenfield, bus trip to March for Life in Washington D.C., Mass at St. John the Evangelist Parish at 6 a.m., bus leaves

at 7:15 a.m., call Matt Hayes at (201) 387-2310.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL, Lyndhurst, tricky tray, 6 p.m., cost: \$9 per person, no one under 18 admitted, call Patty at (201) 933-0783.

January 23

ST. ANNE PARISH, Jersey City, "Life in the Spirit Seminar," for youth and young adults, through Jan. 24, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., call Tina Edelmann at (201) 653-4785.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5427, Washington Township, basketball free-throw championship, at Brookside Upper Elementary School, Westwood, for ages 10-14, 3-5 p.m., call Fran Sullivan at (201) 664-7897.

January 25

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, Nutley, Rosary Altar Society meeting, 7:45 p.m., call Joyce Ritacco at (973) 235-0668.

FELICIAN LANGUAGE AND READING CENTER, Lodi, reading improvement courses for students grades 1-4, through April 29, call Sister Mary Delphine at (973) 473-7447.

January 26

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH, Scotch Plains, adult book discussion group, on "Run: A Novel" by Ann Patchett, 7:30-9 p.m., (908) 889-2100.

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LUMEN CENTER, Caldwell, "Spirituality of Learning: Handing on the Faith," 5:30-7:30 p.m., (973) 403-3331 ext. 25.

January 29

ARCHDIOCESE OF CAMDEN, "Healing with the Eucharist" Annual Charismatic Retreat, at Pius X Retreat House, Blackwood, through Jan. 30, call Pat Loughran at (609) 602-0395.

January 30

ST. MARY PARISH, Pompton Lakes, "Forgiveness and Reconciliation" retreat, with Rev. Petero Sabune, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., (973) 835-0374.

THE BENEDICTINE CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY, Elizabeth, "Thomas Mer-

ton: A Voice Crying Out," at St. Walburga Monastery, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., cost: \$30, (908) 353-3028.

January 31

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH, Scotch Plains, informal exploratory session for adults about the Catholic faith, 9 a.m., call Felicia Levine at (908) 889-2100.

Other

ST. LUCY PARISH, Newark, Igbo (Nigerian) Mass, first Sunday of the month, 10 a.m., also English/Filipino Mass at 4 p.m., call Victoria at (973) 444-4451 for the Igbo Mass and Jennifer at (917) 743-1477 for the English/Filipino Mass.

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D.A.

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L.G.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(Never known to fail).

Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me show me herein, you are my mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth! I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3X). Holy Spirit you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. The person must say this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days, the request will be granted. This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.

G.O.

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M.L.G.

Foundation grants support healthy 'horizons'

NEWARK—One Catholic charitable organization and three schools in the Archdiocese of Newark received grants from The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey to support their health-related programs, part of the foundation's fourth round of grant giving in 2009.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark received a grant of \$20,000 to support its Saint Bridget's Medical Case Management program that serves homeless individuals with HIV. The program provides outreach services, on-going engagement and clinical case management to drop-in center clients and shelter residents.

Saint Benedict's Preparatory School received a grant of



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\$20,000 to support programming of the Starfire Counseling Center. The center serves students with psychological, emotional, or behavioral problems that may threaten their academic progress and their ability to function at school and in the community.

Saint Vincent's Academy received a grant of \$24,000 to support its Women's Wellness Plus Program that addresses

weight and other health-related problems for young women attending the academy.

Marylawn of the Oranges Academy, South Orange, received a grant of \$15,000 to support the school's Health and Wellness After-School Enrichment Program.

Overall 38 charitable organizations received \$936,500 during the foundation's fourth round of grant giving. The foundation awarded more than \$1.9 million in grants to 96 organizations in 2009. William J. Marino, chairman of the board of directors for the Horizon Foundation, noted that since its inception in 2004 the foundation has awarded nearly 500 grants totaling over \$18 million to organizations throughout New Jersey. Visit the foundation's Web site (www.horizonblue.com/foundation) for more information.

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