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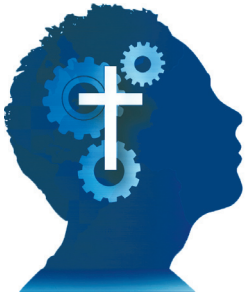
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BACK TO SCHOOL

The second installment of our annual "Back to School" special report includes articles on how ballroom dancing classes at Resurrection School in Jersey City provides the steps young students need to build confidence and social skills; the e-portfolio program at Academy of the Holy Angels in Demarest maintains an archive of top high school academic achievements; Transfiguration Academy in Bergenfield is launching a cutting-edge program known as En-Tech, which is designed to enhance critical thinking and problem-solving skills. The Catholic Advocate staff offers best wishes to students, parents, teachers, guidance counselors, coaches and administrators as they get ready to kick off a promising new school year!

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Felician professor to lead UN conference

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

LODI—Involved in healthcare all her life, Felician College's Mary E. Norton, Ed.D., will soon have the unique opportunity to utilize that expertise on a worldwide stage.

Norton will chair the 63rd annual United Nations Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organization's (NGO) Conference, which will be held Aug. 30 to Sept. 1 in Melbourne, Australia. It will be only the third time in history that the conference will not be held at the UN offices in New York.

Entitled "Advance Global Health: Achieve the Millennium Development Goals," the focus of the conference is on determinants that foster health, not management of disease; such as human rights, prevention, education, infrastructure, sanitation and political will.

Norton will oversee a gathering of experts and educators and approximately 2,000 delegates that will explore global health issues and achievement of the UN's Millennium Development Goals by

2015. Adopted by world leaders 10 years ago, the goals address global dilemmas such as poverty, hunger, maternal and child mortality, disease, inadequate shelter, gender inequality and environmental degradation.

As the chair of the UN confer-

ence in Australia, Norton will focus on the many educational, social and cultural issues that combine to foster a healthy life. She believes that "by understanding the underlying causes of illness, we can all begin to create a healthy world." Access to

proper healthcare is "a human right, essential to human dignity," according to Norton. She said her Catholic faith and the values of "justice and human rights" based on Catholic social teachings provide a moral

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Mass at Newark parish to celebrate service, kindness of Mother Teresa

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

NEWARK — The Missionaries of Charity in Newark will commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Mother Teresa of Calcutta on Saturday, Aug. 28, at Saint Augustine Parish, 170 Sussex Ave. A special Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m.

Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, will preside at the Mass. The public is invited to attend. Call the convent of the Missionaries of Charity at (973) 483-0165 for more information.

Interviewed on Aug. 16, Bishop da Cunha, offering a preview of his homily, said his remarks would focus on the themes of love, service and generosity as demonstrated by the life of Mother Teresa. Bishop da Cunha recalled an anecdote where a man, observing her com-

passionate outreach to the poor on the gritty streets of India, commented he wouldn't do that kind of work for \$1 million. "Neither would I," Mother Teresa replied.

"Saint Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, said love does not seek its own interests. That is the kind of love Mother Teresa lived," Bishop da Cunha said.

Mother Teresa is the founder of the Society of Missionary Sisters of Charity. She came to the Archdiocese of Newark in 1981, attending a Mass at Saint Augustine on June 26. Her stop in Newark was part of a 26-day tour of the United States. She came to Newark in response to an invitation by then-Archbishop Peter L. Gerety, when the two met had met one year earlier in the South Bronx.

"I invited her to come to the archdiocese and she accepted," Archbishop Emeritus Gerety said in an inter-

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New ICHS principal waits to see immaculate smiles

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

LODI—Counting the days in the relative calm before the storm of a new school year, Joseph Azzolino, the recently installed principal of Immaculate Conception High School (ICHS), is eager to get back to work.

"I'm ready to get going. It's going to be nice to see familiar faces," Azzolino said.

Like most Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Newark during the late days of August, there is a palpable excitement in the air at ICHS as administrators and teachers pre-

pare for the new academic year. The campus has been undergoing a facelift during the summer months, with a fresh coat of paint, new carpeting and a new roof in preparation for the incoming students.

Azzolino is the first non-Felician Sister to lead the all-girls Bergen County high school and has few apprehensions due to his noted experience on campus. He is the school's former vice principal and has been at ICHS for 14 years. Former principal Sister Mary Alicia Adametz, C.S.S.F., is now president of the school. The change in management structure was discussed for a lengthy

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Like most principals, Joseph Azzolino—pictured in silhouette at his ICHS office—eagerly anticipates the start of the new school year.



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Syriac Catholic Diocese bishop installed at Bayonne cathedral

BY SAMI DIB

Special to The Catholic Advocate

BAYONNE—The Installation of His Excellency Mar Barnaba Yousif Habash, the Second Bishop of Our Lady of Deliverance Syriac Catholic Diocese in The United States and Canada, was held July 31 at Saint Joseph Syriac Catholic Cathedral, 317 Avenue E.

Patriarch His Beatitude Mar Ignatius Yousif III Younan, Patriarch of the Syriac Catholic Church, Most Rev. John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark, and the Apostolic Nuncio's representative Monsignor Jean-Francois Lantheaume delegated by Archbishop Pietro Sambì, the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, along with a joyful gathering of more than 700 people, witnessed the installation.

Pope Benedict XVI, on April 12, graced the diocese with the news of the selection of the then-Rev. Chorbishop Yousif Habash, as the second bishop of Our Lady of Deliverance Syriac Catholic Diocese. He succeeds his superior, Bishop Joseph Younan (today, Mar Ignatius Yousif III Younan)



who last year was enthroned as patriarch of the global Syriac Catholic Church (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Feb. 4, 2009).

Delegates from throughout the world, along with immediate-family, relatives and parishioners from Bishop Habash's native Qaraqosh, Iraq, attended the installation to show their love and support.

Bishop Habash, over the years,

has forged peace between Muslims and Christians in various cities of Iraq. He is fluent in Aramaic (western Syriac), French, English and Arabic. Among his pastoral ventures, he works passionately for the protection of the children, especially those who suffer in war-torn Iraq.

Mar Barnaba Yousif Habash was born to Behnam and Nejmah (Gajjo) Habash on June 1, 1951 in Qaraqosh, Iraq. He is the third of eight children, having four brothers and three sisters. He studied at Saint Behnam Preparatory School in Iraq and pursued his priestly formation at the Dominican Seminary of Saint John the Beloved in Mosul, Iraq, where he earned a Licentiate in philosophy. After completing his military service in Iraq, Bishop Habash continued his priestly studies at the University of Kaslik in Lebanon, where he received a master's degree in Theology.

Bishop Habash was ordained to the sub-deaconate by Most Rev. Archbishop Cyril Emmanuel Bunni (Archbishop of Mosul, Iraq) in 1969 and ordained to the diaconate by Most Rev. Yousif El-Munnayer (Patriarchal auxiliary bishop) on March 19, 1974.

He was ordained to the presbyterate on Aug. 31, 1975 in Qaraqosh by Archbishop Cyril Emmanuel Bunni in the Church of the Most Pure Virgin Mary in Qaraqosh where he was baptized, confirmed, received his First Communion and was elevated to the rank of bishop on June 11, 2010. Chorbishop Habash was ordained to the Episcopacy in his own home parish of the Most Pure Virgin Mary in Qaraqosh, Iraq, by His Beatitude Mar Ignatius Yousif III Younan as well as Archbishop Georges Camussa (Archbishop of Mosul, Iraq), Archbishop Metti Mattoka (Archbishop of Baghdad) and Bishop Antoine Beylouni (Patriarchal auxiliary bishop).

(Editor's note: Sami Dib is the secretary to the Bishop Our Lady of Deliverance Syriac Catholic Diocese in the United States and Canada.)



Submitted photos

His Excellency Mar Barnaba Yousif Habash (top right photo, center) enjoys a moment in the sunshine following his July 31 installation at Saint Joseph Syriac Catholic Cathedral, Bayonne. Archbishop John J. Myers (bottom right photo, center) is pictured with His Beatitude, the Patriarch Mar Ignatius Yousif III Younan (right) and Father Bassim Shoni. His Excellency Habash was moved by the liturgical celebration, the joy of his people and the support from the Archdiocese of Newark. "Archbishop Myers and the great Archdiocese of Newark, you have proven to us again and again your fraternal love and solidarity and I am grateful for the big brother that you are to me and to our diocese," he said. The image displayed at the far left is the bishop's coat of arms.

Mass at Cathedral to celebrate anniversary for Filippini order

NEWARK—The Religious Teachers Filippini of the Province of Saint Lucy, Morristown, will commemorate its 100th anniversary as a U.S. religious order with a Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Saturday, Sept. 11, 11 a.m.

"The centennial gives us an opportunity to appreciate how God has journeyed with us and to express our gratitude for 100 years of blessings," said Filippini Sister Ascenza Tizzano, M.P.F., former provincial superior and centennial chairperson.

The Sisters began exploring the depths of and renewed their commitment to their charism as Catholic educators—to "Go and Teach the Word of God"—through prayer, fellowship and historical reflection during a convocation held June 30 to July 2 at the Villa Walsh provincial motherhouse, which opened the 100-year celebration.

The motherhouse accommodated 224 Filippini Sisters for the convocation. Guided by the centennial theme of the Pontifical Institute of Religious Teachers Filippini ("Rooted in Christ, Strengthened in Faith, Overflowing with Thankfulness"; Col. 2:7), the Sisters, who teach in the archdiocese, the Paterson, Trenton, Camden and Metuchen dioceses and throughout the United States, gathered to reflect on their rich history.

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Chaplains faithfully train ears, hearts to serve soldiers

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

Three priests who hail from the Archdiocese of Newark gathered at the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Center, Fort Jackson, SC, in early August to receive training and discuss the challenges they face in carrying out their mission of faith. At times that mission, quite literally, is a life-and-death situation, which involves delivering strategic spiritual support and guidance to U.S. soldiers on the front lines of the world's most dangerous, war-torn regions.

Most Rev. Timothy P. Broglio, the Archbishop for U.S. Military Services, met with priests at the chaplaincy center, where the Army, Navy, and Air Force all maintain chaplain schools. During his visit to Fort Jackson Archbishop Broglio spent time with Father Robert Galinas, Father James A. Hamel and Father Joseph Kokeram—all from the Archdiocese of Newark.

"Our ministry is focused on education," Fr. Hamel said during a telephone interview. "As chaplains, we need to be good listeners. We have to develop a 'good ear' to understand the problems of soldiers, but we also are expected to give advice and tell soldiers what we think about a particular situation."

Those situations faced by soldiers can range from being homesick and lonely, to dealing with marital problems, to anxieties caused by being separated from newborn daughters and sons, to confronting the emotional stress of war.

He said chaplains also must learn how to open their hearts and listen to the diverse needs of military women and men of all faiths. "We are pastors to Catholic soldiers, but we are chaplains to all," he explained.

Fr. Hamel, Ch. Maj. USAF staff chaplain, director of the Installation Control Center (ICC) Air Force Chaplain Corps College, was ordained in 1992. His archdiocesan parish assignments included Our Lady of Fatima, North Bergen; Holy Trinity, Westfield; and Our Lady Queen of Peace, Maywood. He began active duty in the Air Force in July 2000.

Since 9/11 his chaplain assignments have included ministering to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. He also served as chief of the Pentagon's Chaplains Office (2005-2006) and has been stationed in Osan Air Base, South Korea, and Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

Ordained in 2005, Fr. Galinas is preparing at the Navy Chaplain School and his first mission upon graduation will be serving Marines at Camp Butler, Okinawa, Japan. His archdiocesan assignments included the parishes of Saint Catherine of Siena, Cedar Grove, and Saint Henry, Bayonne.

Our Lady of Sorrows, South Orange, is the home parish for Fathers Galinas and Hamel.

Fr. Kokeram, ordained in 1999, came on active duty in the Army in 2005 and is at Fort Jackson taking intermediate courses at the Army Chaplain School. He served as a priest at Saint Thomas More, Fairfield, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Newark. He too has spent time in Iraq and also was stationed in Fort Bragg, NC.



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Most Rev. Timothy P. Broglio (second from right), Archbishop for Military Services, is pictured with three chaplains—priests from the Archdiocese of Newark (left to right): Father Robert Galinas (Navy); Father James Hamel (Air Force); and Father Joseph Kokeram (Army). Earlier this month they were part of a gathering at the Armed Forces Chaplaincy Center.

Last May Bishop John W. Flesey, at the invitation of Fr. Hamel, addressed a retreat for U.S. Air Force Catholic chaplains at Bethany Center in Lutz, FL, a forum that drew 53 priests serving throughout the world (see *The Catholic Advocate*, May 26).

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Survey cites value of marriage encounters

HOUSTON — Statistics released at the recent meeting of the North American Secretariat of Worldwide Marriage Encounter show that 97 percent of the over 2,000 respondents to a detailed survey indicate the experience was “good to excellent.”

The statistical data was collected over the past six months and also showed that 73 percent of survey participants said the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend changed their relationship with the Church and they decided to become more active in the Church after their weekend.

“This information validates what leaders of Worldwide Marriage Encounter have believed for many years: the weekend does change lives and marriages and the relationship couples have with the Church,” according to Jose and Marilyn Garcia and Father Mitch Walters of the Archdiocese of Newark—members of the North American Secretariat Ecclesial Team.

Ecclesial team members said the survey results provide an indication of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter movement’s effectiveness in “helping couples

in good marriages attain better ones.” Other statistics show that 90 percent of the survey respondents encouraged family members to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and 84 percent said that the program helped to keep their marriage healthy and vibrant.

Last year Fr. Walters was tapped to join the organization (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Aug. 12, 2009). He serves as the director of the archdiocesan Center for Ministerial Development and is a former pastor of Holy Spirit/Our Lady Help of Christians parish in East Orange.

Fr. Walters, in an article he penned last year, said marriage—

the spiritual union of one man and one woman—continues God’s plan of creation in which spouses participate in the grace of their sacrament. Communication represents the core philosophy of Marriage Encounter, he stated.

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



Father Mitch Walters

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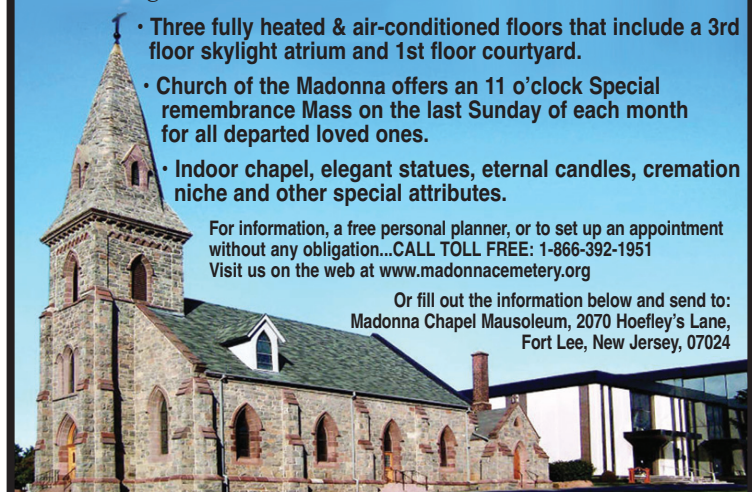
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Five Bergen County parishes take aim to aid sheriff's gun buy-back effort

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

BERGEN COUNTY—With a big assist from archdiocesan parishes, the Bergen County Sheriff's Office will hold its first-ever gun buy-back program this weekend.

Scheduled from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 28 and Sunday, Aug. 29 the buy back will offer up to \$150 for surrendered firearms on a “no questions asked” basis. Money seized from drug dealers will be used to pay for the firearms that are turned in to the sheriff's office.

Participating parishes and their drop-off sites include, on Aug. 28, Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, Garfield, the Saint Joseph Center, 199 Harrison Ave.; and Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, Conlon Hall, 17 North William St. The Aug. 29 loca-

tions are Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Leonia, Lower Hall, 470 Broad Ave.; Saint Andrew Parish, Westwood, 120 Washington Ave.; and the convent of Saint Michael Parish, Lyndhurst, 510 Ridge Rd. The sixth location is Mount Olive Baptist Church, 260 Central Ave., Hackensack, on Aug. 28.

For additional information contact the sheriff's office's Community Outreach Unit at (201) 336-3540 or its 24-hour Operations Unit at (201) 646-2222. E-mail questions can be directed to gunbuyback@bcsd.us.

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This photo of Mother Teresa and Archbishop Peter Gerety originally ran on page one of the July 1, 1981 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*. The image captures Archbishop Gerety signaling for the enthusiastic members of the congregation to take their seats as Mother Teresa was preparing to speak. “My prayer for you is that you turn to Jesus,” Mother Teresa said, addressing an overflowing crowd of 700 at Saint Augustine following the June 26, 1981 Mass. “We must learn from Him to be meek and humble of heart.”

Mother Teresa

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view earlier this month, recalling his encounter with Mother Teresa 30 years ago. “She was a simple person, very easy to talk to, but quite determined in what she wanted to do to help others.”
Four Missionaries of Charity members opened the missionary house here on June 26. Today the Sisters run a soup kitchen, a homeless shelter for women and serve at

Saint Michael’s Medical Center.
Mother Teresa worked in the slums of Calcutta, an urban center located in the Indian state of West Bengal. She accepted the Nobel Peace Prize on Dec. 11, 1979 in Oslo, Norway. According to biographical information found on various Web sites, on Oct. 7, 1950, Mother Teresa received permission from the Holy See to start her own order, “The Missionaries of Charity,” whose primary task was to love and care for those persons

nobody was prepared to look after. In 1965 the society became an International Religious Family by a decree of Pope Paul VI.
She was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in Skopje, Macedonia, in 1910. She died at the age of 87 at the motherhouse in Calcutta on Sept. 5, 1997 and was beatified by Pope John Paul II on Oct. 19, 2003. The Archdiocese of Newark celebrated a Memorial Mass for Mother Teresa Sept. 13, 1997 at the Cathedral Basilica.



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Jeffry Odell Korgen is Executive Director of the Department of Diocesan Planning for the Diocese of Metuchen. For ten years he staffed the Roundtable Association of Diocesan Social Action Directors at the National Pastoral Life Center. He is the author of My Lord and My God: Engaging Catholics in Social Justice, with a forward by Jack Jezreel, and Solidarity Will Transform the World – Stories from Catholic Relief Services, and co-editor of Living God’s Justice – Reflections and Prayers.

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Papal encyclicals define spirit of social justice

This has been a long hot summer. It has also been the summer of our American discontent. An unrelenting economic recession and a natural disaster and the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico have led to a general psychological depression. Unease and discontent lie across the face of the land.

Yet, these sorts of troubles are not new. This summer I have been re-reading the Papal Encyclicals on Social Justice beginning with “*Rerum Novarum*” (1891) up to “*Caritas in Veritate*” (2009). All of them are reflections upon a woeful human condition as life has moved on its steady conveyor belt of time.

What is most striking is the manner in which the teachings of the Holy Fathers have developed over the years. Pope Leo XIII in his reflections on the condition of the working class was primarily concerned about Europe and the United States. He was dealing with a changing world wherein the new world of industrial development had sucked millions of people from farms to cities with all of the concomitant social problems. Factories had transformed people into merely expendable

“things” for the sake of production.

Pope Leo’s letter was a clarion call for justice. He said it was “shameful and inhuman” to use workers as slaves. He called for just wages, occupational safety, decent working hours and a sensitivity for women and children in the workplace. He said workers had a right to organize and, if necessary, to strike for better working conditions.

Over the years, a succession of pontiffs has continued to write. As the world has changed and evolved into a global economy, the encyclicals have dealt with more issues and many more social and economic realities.

The result has been a huge body of teachings. In reality, the world is far more complex, and while issues are basic—human nature does not change—not everything is black and white. The words of the encyclicals are true and their goals and ideals in union with the Gospel. However, the actual policies leading to these goals and ideals can be varied and very controversial.

In his encyclical “Charity in Truth,” Pope Benedict XVI bases his entire moral premise on the

virtue of charity. But, charity is now a far different concept than the one to which we Catholics were accustomed. Charity (*cari-tas* in Latin or *agape* in Greek) means love. As we commonly understood charity, it was love expressed by philanthropy—freely sharing with those in need and doing good deeds for others.

However, Pope Benedict redefines charity. He avers that “charity goes beyond justice.” In fact, while both “charity and justice desire the common good, charity transcends justice.” Pope Benedict in this letter is paying tribute to Pope Paul VI and his encyclical on the “Progress of Peoples.” He calls it the “*Rerum Novarum*” for the present age.

Pope Benedict moves beyond Pope Paul VI. In his letter he calls charity a function of “distributive justice.” And he used terms that can be highly controversial. For example, he gazes at the world and sees huge inequality between rich and poor. He then quotes Pope Paul VI and assigns to “public authorities” (No. 24 in the encyclical) the priorities of the economy. He recognizes “the State’s public authority to address the work problems.” Charity is

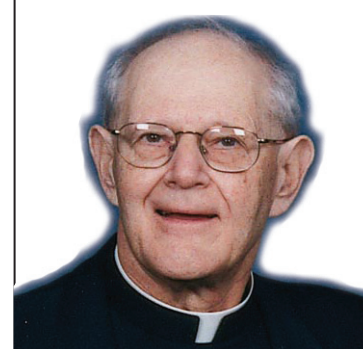
not a private matter any more.

More than that, three times Pope Benedict uses the now-explosive word “redistribution” in regard to the rich and poor (Nos. 36, 37, 39). He says that “what is needed is intervention from the State for purposes of redistribution.” Where have we heard that recently?

President Barack Obama used the similar term “redistribution of wealth.” Where did he get the idea? I believe that it came from Saul Alinsky who was a Chicago-based Orthodox Jewish Socialist in the 1930’s. But where did Saul Alinsky get the idea? Originally he received it from Karl Marx. But later, he came into contact with, and absorbed the ideas of the Catholic Social Movement, and especially the social teachings of the Church. He was closely allied with the socially active priests in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

You can read all about it in the book “Radical” by Nicholas von Hoffman (Nation Books). It is a biography. Barack Obama learned Saul Alinsky’s doctrines and taught Saul Alinsky’s philosophy to others. Alinsky’s “Industrial Areas Foundation” is even now a movement that almost exclusively

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By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist

utilizes churches, religious agencies and religious activists to push for social change. His goals are Christian. However, many of his methods are Marxist. If you know Alinsky, it will help you understand President Obama.

So, dear friends, please be careful. Today’s world is complex. As Pope Paul VI said, “the world is in trouble because of a lack of thinking.” Whether the subject is “Obamacare,” taxes, immigration, social concerns—such as food stamps, Section 8 housing, unions, the loss of jobs or the environment—please remember that there are no simple answers to life.

The pope called for “Charity in Truth.” All of us must practice charity (love) as we seek the truth. Most of us agree on the goals. But many of us disagree on the means to reach that elusive goal of universal justice.

When I hear politicians and talking heads on television pontificating, I am tempted to quote Gertrude Stein who asked: “If these are the answers, what then were the questions?”

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Mary Norton

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and spiritual perspective on her international work.

A veteran educator at Felician College where she has been a staff member over three decades and is associate dean and professor of Global Academic Initiatives, Norton is “delighted” at having been selected chair of the UN conference. She feels her selection came about because of her grassroots background in healthcare as well as her research and academic credentials. Norton has been a healthcare provider, teacher, researcher, program developer, consultant and administrator. She said she is anxious to “educate people worldwide that health is more than ‘managing disease.’ Advancing global health requires a multidisciplinary approach and includes social determinants outside the health sciences.”

The recipient of five Fulbright Awards and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) grants, Norton, developed baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs in Iran, Pakistan and Jordan. She also is a consultant in establishing a doctorate program at the University of Jordan.

Lamenting the worldwide healthcare situation, Norton cited as an example that some 6,000 people die each day from “impure” water. She pointed as well to the consequences of inadequate sanitation and the devastating result of limited or non-existent access to basic healthcare.

“We must begin with a definition of global health,” Norton said in her vision statement for the conference. “This (definition) provides us with a philosophical approach to health, not disease. It helps set goals and priorities, identifies the skills, and resources, needed to implement programs and measure their quality.”

Norton secured NGO status for Felician College and is its representative to the UN Department of Public Information Non Governmental Organizations as well as the International Council of Nurses’ representative to the UN Economic and Social Council.

During her years at Felician College she developed a United Nations Fellows program expanding the educational experiences of students, outside the classroom. She earned her master’s degree and her Doctorate of Education from Columbia University, New York. She also completed a one-year, post-doctoral study in bioethics and the medical humanities at Columbia



Dr. Mary Norton

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She is no stranger to the world stage. Norton was conducting field and research work in Teheran, Iran, in 1979 during the first Iranian revolution. She was in China in June 1989 during the Tiananmen Square uprising, when Chinese government troops massacred hundreds of civilian protestors. Her ports of call also include Karachi, Pakistan; Cambodian refugee camps, the Kingdom of Baharan; Helsinki, Finland; Doha, Qatar; Merida, Mexico and Muscat, Oman. She has worked with the Catholic Medical Mission Board, the UN High Commission for Refugees, the International Rescue Committee, Cornell Medical School, Project Hope, the World Health Organization/PAHO, and the National Institute of Health.

In 2003, Norton directed and produced a film shown at the UN, “Arab Voices Responding to Human Dignity and Security in the Middle East” while on a Fulbright Grant in Amman, Jordan. She recently received the Felician College President’s Award for her work in the Developing World. Norton is also a recipient of American Council on Diversity’s Humanitarian Award and was cited by the New Jersey State Nurses’ Association with its highest recognition—the Excellence in Nursing Education Award.

The Felician College associate dean also finds time to be active at Queen of Peace Parish in North Arlington. She is a eucharistic minister, lector and president of the Queen of Peace High School’s Board of Overseers. She also serves as president of the Serra Club of Bergen County.

School slates day for frosh

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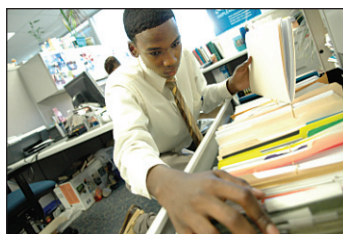
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BACK TO SCHOOL

Dancing classes provide steps to build confidence

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

Amid the twirling dresses and cheering crowd, a group of beaming fifth-grade students at Resurrection School, Jersey City takes a bow in celebration of their closing ballroom dance performance. Over the last 20 sessions, the young students

learned more than just tango and foxtrot, but self-confidence, poise and teamwork.

Partnering with New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) of Newark and the American Ballroom Theater's Dancing Classrooms program, the inner-city elementary school held dance classes from February to May of last school year. The youngsters met twice a week with NJPAC's teaching artist Danielle Thomp-

son to learn traditional ballroom dancing styles including swing, salsa and even folk dancing.

Principal Sister Eleanor Uhl, O.P., inquired about the dance program after viewing the 2005 documentary "Mad Hot Ballroom." The celebrated film chronicled fifth grade students in New York City as they participated in the ballroom sessions.

"I saw the movie and said, 'This is definitely for our school,'"

Sr. Eleanor explained. She applied for Dancing Classrooms through NJPAC and received a grant from The Turrell Fund for this year's sessions.

Billed as a "Peaceable School," Sr. Eleanor believes the program taught students how to be more socially and spiritually aware. "The children learned cooperation, polish and finesse and transformed their inner spirit. They are more attentive and at peace during class; you can see the difference. The ballroom classes enriched their spirit so they can be more at peace with themselves and with God."

The principal saw that students jumped at the opportunity to participate and believes that ballroom dance gives every student the ability to shine. "At Resurrection School, we believe that the whole child should be educated. The dance classes enabled the kids to develop their talents. We are a very diverse school and the students were taught the origin of the dances so it was also cultural learning," she explained.

Dance instructor Thompson saw a change in the students from the first day of class until the final performance. "They are in fifth grade so none of the boys and girls wanted to touch each other while dancing," she noted with a

laugh. "They learned a whole different type of interaction. The students were touching each other respectfully and elegantly while in their dancing positions. One girl was very shy and did not want to perform but she stepped out of her shell to perform in front of the whole school. I encouraged the students to step outside the box and be assertive."

Thompson described the students as possessing "big personalities" and through learning social dance, they became more focused and disciplined. "I love these kids. They were a bundle of joy. Ballroom dancing gives the students another way to look at learning. The program offers kids a totally different mind frame about success. Hopefully,

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En-Tech utilizes science, math to hone problem-solving skills

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

BERGENFIELD—For students in grades six through eight at Transfiguration Academy, the new school year will feature a cutting-edge addition to their curriculum.

September brings the formal launch of an innovative and groundbreaking Energy and Technology (En-Tech) program. Some 120 students are expected to participate.

Running En-Tech will be Betsy Walker who came to Transfiguration Academy from MCI Corp., a telecommunications subsidiary of Verizon Communications, where she was a corporate programmer. Describing herself as being "excited with a little trepidation," Walker said En-Tech will combine computer knowledge with the classroom

to expose students to hands-on, problem-solving skills. To that end Walker will coordinate with math and science teachers what is being taught in the classroom.

Among the En-Tech offerings are computer programming, games' creating, engineering projects such as bridge building, broadcasting, graphic design and utilization of Global Positioning System (GPS) information to create a graphic data base in relation with a particular area of study. Transfiguration students will take En-Tech twice a week in 45-minute sessions.

Such technological endeavors are not new to Transfiguration Academy students. Walker already has had the school participate in the National Engineers' Week-sponsored Future City Competition, Alexandria, VA. According to

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Advocate photos — Melissa McNally

Ballroom dancing sessions at Resurrection School culminated in a final dance performance for the whole student body. Although some of the performers were nervous, learning to push forward is an invaluable lesson gleaned from the ballroom dancing experience, according to Ambrose Liu of NJPAC.

Dancing

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this opens the door for some students to think about becoming artists themselves."

Lynece Wilson, 10, was proud of all she accomplished during ballroom dance classes. "I learned that if you have courage in yourself, you can do anything." Ali Mazhar, 11, was excited, not nervous, before his big performance. "Through the dance classes, I learned more about myself. I guess I used to underestimate myself. Now I have more confidence."

Ambrose Liu, associate director of residencies at NJPAC, believes the self-awareness and confidence gained by the students is a testament to the effectiveness of Dancing Classrooms. "The sessions are designed to build the social skills of the students. Some are naturally kinesthetic learners and don't have that outlet in school. There is child-centered, age-appropriate vocabulary. The students all switch partners before the dance and say 'hello' and 'thank you.' The boys and girls are also referred to as 'ladies and gentlemen.' They also escort each other before and after the performance," Liu noted.

When the program launched four years ago, only five schools participated. Now, there are 22 schools involved with ballroom teaching artists in Newark, Union City and Jersey City. Liu praised the commitment of Sr. Eleanor and Resurrection School and celebrated their enthusiasm for ballroom dance.

"The main goal of the program is socializing and getting over the fear of interaction; dance is a vehicle for that," Liu noted. "There are long-lasting bonds formed and positive energy shared by the students. Another goal of Dancing Classrooms is to have a positive impact on the school community."

Ballroom sessions are geared toward fifth graders because they are "just settling into themselves," according to Liu. Middle school students are more open to new experiences and are in an important transitional period.

"The recital is a celebration of what they have accomplished and a manifestation all their hard work," Liu explained. "They get to experience the butterflies of performing in front of a crowd and experience the joy and reward of completing it. The fact that these young people have to adapt while performing is a valuable lesson. The most important thing is to just keep going; that is something that all performers learn at some point."



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AHA's e-portfolio archives high school highlights

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

DEMAREST—How can dedicated students document the full breath and depth of a high school career, track the progress of their scholastic development and illustrate a four-year collection of masterworks in art, science, math and English?

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Students in the Academy of the Holy Angels (AHA) Class of 2011

will be the first to complete a four-year, leading-edge learning experience, archiving their schoolwork in an electronic-portfolio learning management system known as "Haiku." The program was launched in the 2007-08 school year. During the last two years Karen Camporeale, chair of AHA's technology department, has guided students on how to build an e-portfolio archive of their best schoolwork. AHA has been a tablet (laptop) computer school since 2003.

The e-portfolio journey at AHA has been more than just an "academic" exercise for students. Beginning with this year's senior class, submitting an e-portfolio will now be a graduation requirement for the Bergen County school.

Camporeale explained that, thanks to the three-year development effort, the AHA e-portfolio process has defined certain content requirements for students to meet. The requirements include creating a scholastic resume based on their years at AHA; a biographical "in-

troduction to themselves;" a research paper that demonstrates the student's ability to gather, decipher, process and present comprehensive information on a particular topic; a Web page; a multimedia Power Point presentation and

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Advocate photo — M. Gabriele

Pioneers of the e-portfolio program at the Academy of the Holy Angels (AHA), Demarest, include (front row, left to right) Jennifer Navatto of Dumont, Mary Rose Amoresano of Hasbrouck Heights, (back row) Karen Camporeale, chairperson of the AHA technology department, and Principal Jennifer A. Moran. Navatto and Amoresano are members of the AHA Class of 2011.

St. Peter's Prep trio earn Byrd Honors scholarships

JERSEY CITY—Three members of the Class of 2010 at Saint Peter's Prep are among 200 Garden State students to receive Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship according to the New Jersey State Department of Education.

The trio includes Alexander Diaz, who is enrolled at Harvard University along with Justin Barry and James Kuklinski, who will both attend the University of Pennsylvania.

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QPHS students learn to 'lead' at outreach program

NORTH ARLINGTON—Five students from Queen of Peace High School (QPHS) attended the recent Franciscan University Youth Outreach Leadership,

Evangelization and Discipleship (LEAD) program at the University of Rhode Island (URI).

URI hosted the LEAD gathering July 23-25, affiliated with the

Life Teen Steubenville Conference series. Designed for high school students, the goal of the outreach program is to train, equip and empower young people to witness

their Catholic faith to their peers and to prepare them for ongoing service in evangelization.

LEAD utilizes experienced young adults and youth ministers to facilitate the training experience, according to information posted on the Web site www.catholicyouthministry.com. The program is rooted in Scripture, the Catechism and the saints who both lived and spread the Gospel with zeal and faithfulness. Participants are educated to effectively

witness the faith through personal testimony, sharing the Gospel message, service and authentic witness. The LEAD experience consists of workshops on discipleship, including how to develop a prayer life, overcoming sin through the sacraments and other practical tools for developing their faith.

Brother Larry Lavalley, F.M.S., is the principal of QPHS (Web site: www.qphs.org). The Bergen County school will celebrate homecoming and the kickoff of its 80th anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 30.



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Attending the LEAD program in Rhode Island were, left to right, front row, Queen of Peace High School Chaplain Father Scott Attanasio along with recent graduates Anna Chamberlain, Melissa Teresco, Kaitlyn Degnan, Lauren Guzzo, Christine Victori, campus ministry director, (back row) Cody Wicks and current senior class member Caitlin Dickinson

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Sacred Heart shares values with Chinese educators



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Chinese educators (left photo) listened carefully to presentations during their visit to Sacred Heart school. They were particularly interested in the values Sacred Heart tries to instill in students. They stated it was essential for children in China to learn English.

JERSEY CITY — It was a “teaching moment” in international relations and global good will for teachers and students as Sacred Heart School, on Aug. 3, hosted a group of educators from the Nanjing Langwen School in Jiangsu Province, China.

The Chinese delegation, which included the president of the school, the vice principal and two teachers, were on a 15-day tour of

U.S. schools to seek opportunities for cooperation and collaboration. Sacred Heart was selected because of its dedication to educating the children of the inner-city and instilling in them Christian values.

The visitors said their school in China, which has an enrollment 700, is a secular, private school that offers intensive English courses in multiple subjects. Students come to the school for afternoon

sessions when regular classes are over. The Hyde International Group, an international business partnership organization based in Covina, CA, arranged the visit.

Sacred Heart Principal Sister Frances Salemi, S.C. welcomed the guests from China and chaired the 90-minute roundtable discussion. While the Nanjing educators inquired about administration policies, funding, facilities and curricu-

lum planning, they said they were most interested in learning about values of the Hudson County elementary school and how Sacred Heart teachers use those values to motivate their students.

Three Sacred Heart teachers—Siony Delos Reyes, Sandra Bras and Eric Reid—gave presentations on their teaching techniques. Rosemary Sekel, a guid-

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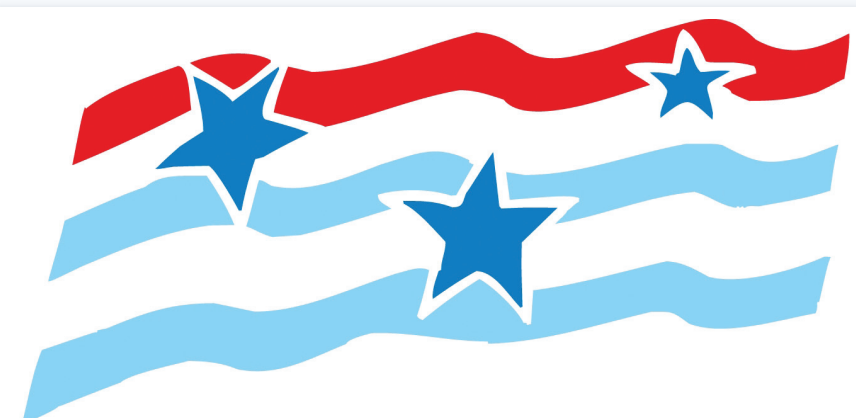
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Sacred Heart

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ance counselor, spoke about the social/economic backgrounds of the student population and the standardized testing program. Elvira Gabot, vice principal, presented a history of Sacred Heart while Sister Mary Thaddeus, S.C., a senior member of Sacred Heart's staff, explained the school's tuition program.

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation made by former and current Sacred Heart students. Anticipating the visit by the

Chinese educators, Sister Frances had asked the students to meet and develop presentations on the teachers who most inspired them. She also asked them to discuss the values of Sacred Heart School and the role those values played in their lives.

Each student began their presentation with a greeting in Chinese, which impressed and delighted the educators. Isaac Atayero, a 2009 graduate, said it didn't matter whether a teacher was strict or easy going. "The most important thing for teachers is to show the student that they care about them as a person," he

declared. Collins Mokaya and Kristian Gabot, members of the Class of 2008, said they learned the most when a teacher involves students in the lesson and related the subject matter to something they understood.

Following the formal presentations, the Chinese educators presented Sr. Frances with gifts of carved wood and beautifully decorated fans. Led by Karissa Gabot, students sang "Amazing Grace." The Chinese educators were visibly moved by the performance and applauded enthusiastically as the children left the room.

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NATIONAL CHAMP—On the eve of his graduation last spring, Seton Hall Prep senior George Reynolds was crowned a national champion. Culminating a year of practice and competition in a pair of forensics (speech, debate, dramatic presentation) categories, Reynolds—pictured with Lynn Hart, his coach and teacher at the West Orange school—bested 300 other participants from throughout the United States in the "dramatic performance" category at the National Catholic Forensics League's Grand National Tournament held in Omaha, NB. In his presentation, from "Same Kind of Different as Me" by Ron Hall and Denver Moore, Reynolds adopted the persona of an ex-sharecropping black man (Moore) from Red River Parish, LA, who reminisces about childhood memories of his grandmother and best friend, Big Mama, and about the stifling effects of poverty on African-American families in the South. Reynolds, a resident of Orange, will continue his studies this fall as a freshman at American University, Washington, D.C.



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USCCB lists lessons to educate children on abuse

WASHINGTON—As schools launch a new academic year, millions of children also are set to learn the ABC's of child protection. In Catholic schools and parishes nationwide, safe-environment training gives children the skills necessary to protect themselves from would-be sexual offenders.

Mary Jane Doerr, associate director of the Secretariat for Child and Youth Protection of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), has listed some of the messages children will hear when attending safe-environment programs.

Abuse is never a child's fault. This is a point that children need to hear over and over again. Offenders try hard to make children feel complicit in the abuse or to blame them for the abuse. The blame always belongs to the adult who is taking advantage of a child's trust and vulnerabilities.

Abuse that has happened always should be reported. Children must learn to tell a parent or another trusted adult if someone is hurting them and to keep telling until they are believed.

God loves children and wants them to live holy, happy lives. If a child has been abused, that child learns they are still innocent and loved by God and their families. The shame of child sexual abuse needs to be put where it belongs: on the abuser.

Abuse that has happened always should be reported. Children must learn to tell a parent or another trusted adult if someone is hurting them and to keep telling until they are believed. One study shows that children tell of their abuse an average of nine times before someone believes them. Parents can help children learn whom they can trust by pointing out the adults who can be trusted. Parents can also teach children the correct names of private body parts. This simple step gives children the vocabulary to tell others what happened to them.

You can recognize abuse when it happens. Children learn

to trust that feeling that says something isn't right and to tell a parent or other trusted adult when something happens that makes them feel uneasy. Children learn to question if someone is telling them to do what the child doesn't like, but says it is because he loves the child. Children learn to tell parents or trusted adult if another person makes them sad or confused or

tries to get them to break rules. This can stop the process of "grooming" by which an abuser lures a child toward danger. A child who questions another's inappropriate behavior can send a message to the offender that this child is not an easy target, but rather one who will tell what is being done to him or her.

There are ways to spot a

"grooming process." Offenders are willing to spend a great deal of time grooming the family, the child and even the community so they may be seen as a trusted friend. Children must learn that anyone who lets children break rules needs to be reported to parents and other trusted adults. Children learn not to keep secrets from parents. They should tell par-

ents when someone gives them special gifts or is always touching them or tickling them.

Parents or other trusted adults will talk about this subject. Children often try to protect their parents from bad news, so they need to learn they can tell their parents anything. This lesson is conveyed when parents stay in-

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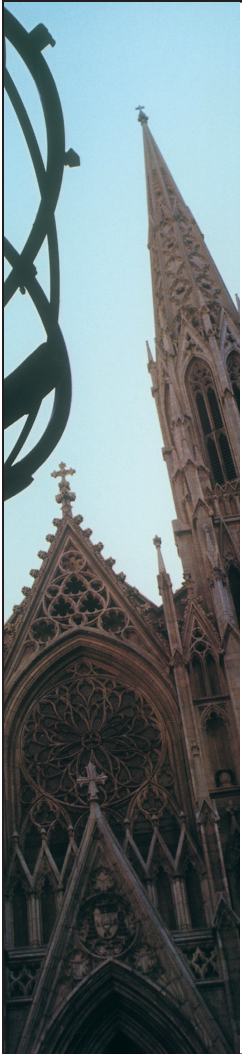
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Trenton lawmakers continue the debate on scholarship bill

BY MARY MCELROY

Special to The Catholic Advocate

Senate Bill S1872, The Opportunity Scholarship Act (the OSA), sponsored by senators Ray Lesniak and Tom Kean, Jr., as well as assemblymen Angel Fuentes, Ralph Coutinho, Gary Schaer, and Alex DeCroce (known as A2810), continues to enjoy bipartisan support in the Senate and the Assembly. Introduced by Sen. Lesniak, S1872 seeks to establish a pilot program that would be the first of its kind in the state, providing true educational options for New Jersey's neediest families.

Under the proposed five-year pilot program, eligible low-income children attending a chronically failing public school would receive scholarships to attend participating public or non-public schools. Districts with failing schools would be eligible to apply to the Department of Education for Educational Innovation funds to improve their public schools. While the legislation is a measure to advance quality education for

students for whom it is lacking in their current schools, it's expected to have a positive effect on both public and nonpublic education.

The bill creates a mechanism for low-income families living near failing public schools, scholarships to attend a public or non-public school of their choice. Financed through a 100-percent tax credit for corporations subject to the NJ Corporate Business Tax, the scholarships are valued at approximately \$6,000 per student grades K-8 and \$9,000 for high school students. Schools accepting OSA recipient students agree to accept the scholarship as payment in full for tuition and fees.

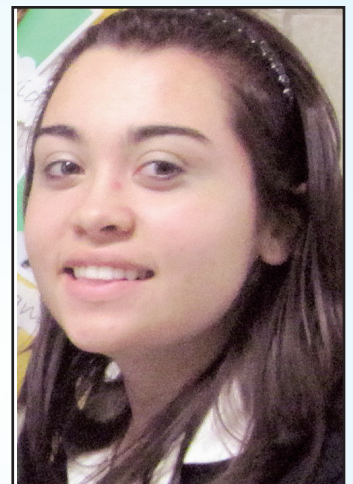
It's anticipated that, should the bill become law, more students will apply than seats available, resulting in scholarships being awarded via lottery, with students' siblings receiving preference. Once accepted, the scholarship applies until the student graduates. Participating schools would agree to follow a non-discrimination policy in accepting eligible students, and to test scholarship students using stan-

Academy cites achievement of AP scholar Emilie Burke

ELIZABETH—Emilie Burke, a incoming senior at Benedictine Academy, has earned the prestigious distinction of being named an Advanced Placement (AP) scholar by the College Board in recognition of her exceptional achievement on the college-level AP program exams.

Administrators at the all-female Catholic college prep high school were notified of Burke's accomplishment in July. A Colonia resident, Burke qualified for the AP scholar award by completing three AP exams with grades of three or higher (on a five-point scale).

Burke was one of many high school students worldwide who took the AP exams in May and performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of "AP scholar." The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still



Emilie Burke

in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both, for successful performance on the AP exams.

Benedictine Academy is a Catholic, college-preparatory secondary school that was founded by the Benedictine Sisters in 1915 to serve young women in Elizabeth and the surrounding communities.

dardized assessments determined by program regulations.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be enrolled in a chronically failing public school or a participating nonpublic school. As defined by the NJ Department of Education, a chronically failing public school is one where 40 percent or more of students have failed both the math and language arts statewide assessments for two consecutive years, or 65 percent or more have failed either component during the same time period. In addition, students must be considered low-income, meaning that their family earns less than 2.5 times the current Federal Poverty Level, which generally is about \$55,000 for a family of four. While the scholarships can be used at recognized nonpublic schools, this is clearly a bill aimed at improving public education. A full 75 percent of the scholarships are allocated to students enrolled in public schools.

Three scholarship organizations governed by regulation and selected by a statutorily created OSA governing board, would administer the program. Each scholarship organization must be a 501(c) 3 tax exempt organization that agrees to retain no more than 5 percent of funds as administrative costs, distributing no less than 95 percent of tax credit contributions as direct scholarship funds. Because it is a pilot program, independent studies detailing academic achievement, taxpayer savings, enrollment patterns, and parent satisfaction are to be compiled and published. In this way, the pro-

gram, modeled in part after the successful Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax program (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Aug. 26, 2009), can be studied on its own merits.

The proposed legislation has the full support of the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey (Web site: www.njcathconf.com). "The Opportunity Scholarship Act will help ensure the continued viability of nonpublic schools in New Jersey," the bishops said in a statement. "It will help strengthen public schools. It will empower parents and, for students who might otherwise face futures of economic despair, diminished expectations and unrealized dreams, it offers real hope."

The bill... does not take money out of the existing education budget; therefore it is not a voucher bill," the statement continued. "It is not an added burden to taxpayers; rather, it is funded through the corporate tax revenues that would be used for purposes other than education. Notably, the legislation also does not undermine ongoing reforms of public education in these districts. In fact, the legislation provides for an Educational Innovation Fund to help public school districts strengthen failing schools."

Closely watched by all in the state education community as well as on the national school choice front, the OSA has the opportunity to make history. In an unprecedented move, the spring hearing of the Senate Economic Growth Committee—where the bill passed

unanimously—was held outside on the steps of the State House (see *The Catholic Advocate*, May 26). Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, addressed those assembled at the State House and spoke on behalf of the state's Catholic bishops and the Archdiocese of Newark.

The gathering in Trenton, held on May 13, was in response to opponents of the bill, who refused to clear the hearing room so that all those interested could be present for the proceedings.

Having passed the Senate Economic Growth Committee, the

bill awaits action by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee. In the Assembly, the bill saw positive movement when it was assigned to the Assembly Economic Growth Committee, chaired by the Hon. Albert Coutinho (D, Newark), a sponsor of the bill. It is expected that with continued pressure and interest on the part of constituents, the OSA will be debated in the state legislature after both houses resume a full schedule.

(Editor's note: Mary McElroy is the director of NJ Network of Catholic School Families.)



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En-Tech

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its Web site (www.futurecity.org), requirements include computer skills, research and presentation ability, computer knowledge and practical math and science applications. Each team member has a vital role in completion of their project. Open to seventh and eighth grade students, the competition “combines a stimulating en-

gineering challenge with a ‘hands-on’ application to present their vision of a city of the future.” Walker explained En-Tech is an education program developed in-house by the Bergen County academy. According to an outline provided by Walker, the En-Tech concept focuses on applied learning of pure science principles. “The program is designed to emphasize the design process used by engineers,” the outline stated. “Engineers’ initial ideas



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Betsy Walker (back row, third from right), a technology teacher at Transfiguration Academy, is pictured with students involved in the En-Tech program. Designed in-house by educators at the Bergen County school, the En-Tech curriculum encourages students to employ the engineering design system of thought in order to tackle challenging, high-tech problems. Co-sponsored by the parishes of Saint Mary, Dumont, Saint John the Evangelist, Bergenfield and Ascension, New Milford, Transfiguration Academy (Web site: www.transfigurationacademy.org) houses an extensive computer lab and offers after-school enrichment in robotics, computer programming and digital imaging. In addition, the academy is linked to the American Weather Service (AWS) system via a fully operational weather station on its grounds. According to information on the school’s Web site, weather data from the station is gathered on a 24-hour basis and transmitted via Internet to the national AWS system.

rarely solve a problem. Instead they try different ideas, learn from their mistakes and try again. The steps engineers use to arrive at a solution are called the

design process. As students work through a challenge, they will utilize the following process: research, brainstorming, designing, building and testing, evalu-

ating and redesign.” The outline also explained En-Tech is not specifically an engineering curriculum, “but takes the computer curriculum and fuses instructional technology, science and mathematics into a program where students use the design process and hands-on activities to apply acquired academic concepts to solve real-world problems.” Problems to be considered could include the development of alternative energy systems such as solar power generation.

Transfiguration Academy Principal Sal Tralongo is “very impressed and excited” about En-Tech. It will, he declared, “put Transfiguration Academy in the forefront of education.” He cited the program’s combination of high-tech disciplines, such as math, computer technology and science, as providing a challenging, engaging curriculum for students.

Tralongo is equally convinced students will “benefit from practical applications of what they are being taught.” He said he is appreciative of the faculty’s role in making En-Tech a reality and particularly Walker who he said “has been in the forefront of creating a creative, exciting and innovative program for Transfiguration Academy.”

A similar education initiative, known as synergistics, is in place at Saint Thomas the Apostle School, Bloomfield (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Aug. 11).

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Nutley students construct a model of faith



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NUTLEY—Religious educators seek innovative ways to teach the importance of the Church and the Catholic faith. Using a hands-on approach, Andy Kutler, Janine Evans, Bill McMillan and GraceAnn McMillan—CCD teachers at of Our Lady of Mount Carmel—inspired their fourth, fifth and sixth grade students to build a church model that measured 10 feet long, 8 feet wide, and 6 feet high. Students utilized recycled materials for the structure, which was completed in June. The frame was made of wood, PVC pipe and cardboard. Styrofoam was used to assemble the pews and altar. To complete the project, the construction team traced their handprints on the outside walls.



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involved in their children's activities and talk with them about what is happening in their lives. This is how children learn what can be shared with parents. The more effective safe-environment programs include parents in the learning process. This gives the child a clear signal that this subject is not off limits but instead is something to be talked about with family members.

Boundaries exist. Learning about personal boundaries can protect children and their knowing boundaries help to reinforce the teaching to listen to one's instincts. Children who listen to the voice that says "this doesn't feel right," can protect themselves.

Children can stand up for themselves. Children need to be

respectful and obey, yet at the same time need to know there are times when it is OK to say no to an adult. Children learn when it is appropriate for them to say, "No, stop doing that." For example, they hear they can say no to someone who makes them uncomfortable, shows them pornography, or offers them alcohol.

There are ways to explain inappropriate behavior. Children learn how to describe what's happening when someone is doing something that just seems a "little weird" even though it may not seem wrong. The ability to articulate what has happened to a child enables a child to more easily confide in a parent or other trusted adult. This can alert the adult to a potentially dangerous situation so it can be avoided. This is ultimately the goal of safe-environment education.



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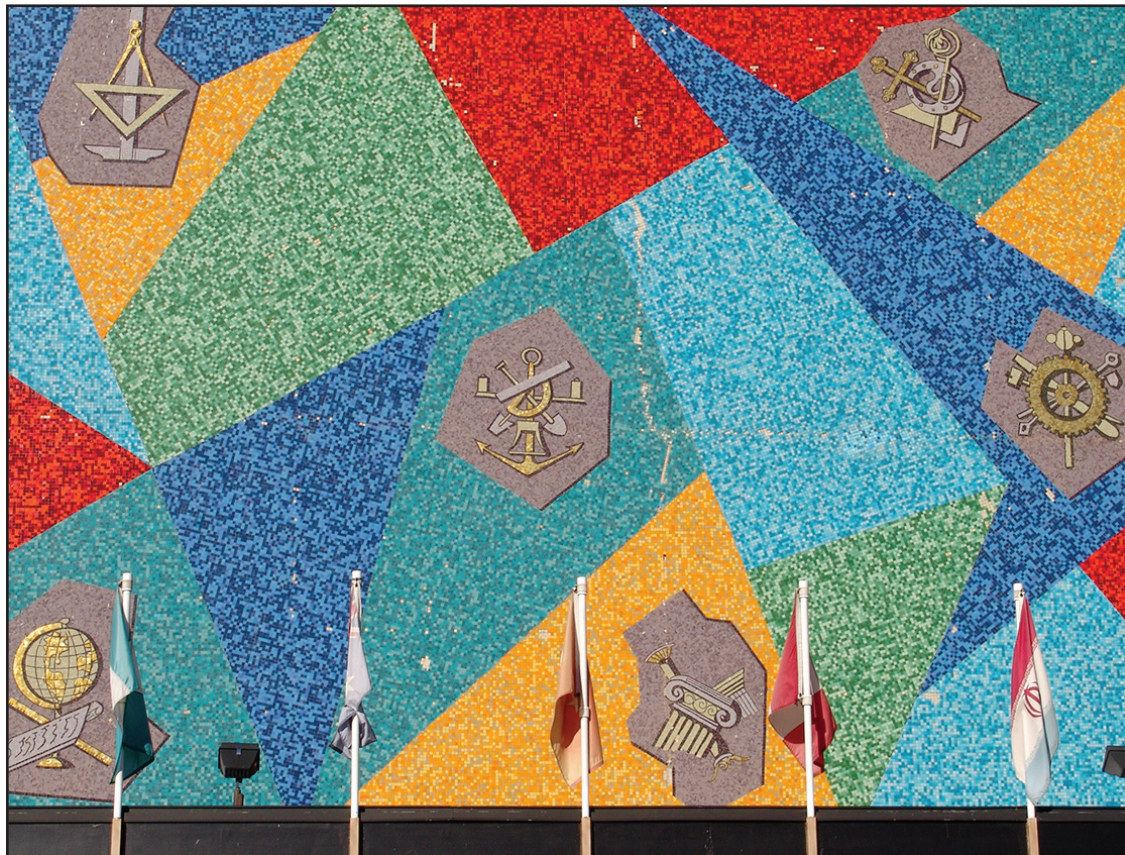
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Retreats help frosh find a place in colorful mosaic



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Paramus Catholic (Web site: www.paramuscatholic.org) is a co-ed high school that houses over 1,500 students. Pictured is the school's distinctive mosaic mural, a giant work of art that decorates the school's façade. Last fall students at the Bergen County school arranged an online Skype chat session with Archbishop John J. Myers (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Nov. 11, 2009).

PARAMUS—It's common for incoming freshmen to have anxieties about starting high school and adjusting to a diverse, new academic environment. One of their biggest concerns is: "will I fit in and make friends?"

Last spring Paramus Catholic High School (PC) launched its first series of freshmen retreat experiences entitled "Building Lifelong Friendships with God, Others and Yourself." The program was a success and is now part of PC's campus ministry program, helping to put freshman fears to rest.

Every ninth grade religion class participates in an evening of reflection, which is held at the school, located at 425 Paramus Rd. Upperclassmen enrolled in the school's peer ministry leadership course participate in the retreats, which will consist of prayer, icebreakers, social activities, witness talks, and small-group discussions.

"By creating a retreat experience just for freshmen, we will be able to bring the freshmen class closer together and closer to God," Joseph Wilson, PC dean of campus ministry, said. "We hope it will inspire them to get involved with campus ministry programs and activities early in their high school careers, instead of waiting until they are juniors or seniors."

"We also want them to see the benefits of making prayer and service a part of their daily lives," he continued. "Students who are involved in Paramus Catholic's campus ministry make giving back to their communities a way of life, and they make lifelong friends in the process."

PC's campus ministry program hosts various retreats throughout the school year, such as the search retreat, where students reflect on God's presence in their lives; the service retreat, where students participate in various community outreach projects; and "Tent City," where students learn what it's like to be homeless.

The campus ministry team also participates in Bridges Outreach Runs, which involves distributing brown-bag lunches, blankets, coats, toiletries and other necessities to the homeless in New York City. Students also can participate in blood drives, blanket and coat drives, food drives, Toys For Tots and Christmas "family adoptions."

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period before actually being put into place for the 2010-2011 school year.

"Sr. Mary Alicia and I have discussed the president/principal change for close to 10 years. Over the last six months, the conversation became more in depth," Azzolino explained. "We wanted to do something different to boost the school as a whole. We wanted to reconnect with alumni and donors which is really the role of a



Joseph Azzolino

president. This new model provides an infusion of energy that is long overdue at the school."

The move to principal from vice-principal felt like a natural progression for Azzolino. Ten years ago, he was installed as acting principal while the school searched for an official new leader. The title change, he insists, is not a major shift.

"I am asking myself, 'How do I get people to accept the change? How do I get the other pieces in place?' Thankfully, I have had so much support from everyone—Sr. Mary Alicia, faculty, students and parents—that the transition has been quite easy."

As one of the changes for next year, the new principal has assembled an administrative team and has assigned department heads. He

describes his leadership style as very involved and team-oriented. "I am not a 'me person.' I consider myself a 'bottom-up' leader. It is our school and I just happen to be principal. We are all equal. I like to roll up my sleeves and see what needs to be done."

He said the Felician and Franciscan values will continue to play a major role at the school. As a lay person, Azzolino offers a different perspective as the leader of ICHS. "I want to make it known that my door is always open. I want to create an atmosphere of teamwork and for people to take ownership of their school. I would like to give people the freedom to make choices on their own. I trust everyone to do their jobs."

A new course that will debut this school year is a physical science class for sophomore students. Azzolino noted that the second-year students sometimes get lost in the shuffle and chemistry proves to be a difficult subject to grasp. "Chemistry is a tough subject in a tough year. Students will have virtual labs and virtual textbooks that give them a foundation for junior year chemistry class. Our building is wired and the course gives students the opportunity to use up-to-date technology."

An existing program designed to help students transition from high school to college is Project Forward. ICHS, located next door to Felician College, enables high school students to take college courses on campus after their sophomore year. "Our students actually take the classes in a college

setting. They attend class among college students and the program gets them prepared for higher education. Some students finish their first semester of college while still in high school," Azzolino said.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the job, according to the newly appointed principal, is seeing former students return to their alma mater. "When the alums come back, I ask them if they were prepared for college. Did we do everything we said we would? One hundred percent of the students say yes, they were prepared. That is when you know you have done something right."



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HARD WORK, BIG EASY—Students from Mount Saint Dominic Academy, Caldwell, dedicated a portion of their summer days to service in New Orleans, learning to hammer, paint and even put up dry-wall to help restore homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina. During mid-July, a team of 17 students led by Lauren Smith, campus ministry director and an alumna of Mount Saint Dominic, along with school trustee Sister Lena Picillo, O.P., traveled to "The Big Easy." Under the direction of the non-profit organization lowernine.org, the Mount team reconstructed homes destroyed by the Katrina flood waters.



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ACROSS THE YEARS—A century plus of learning at the combined schools of Saint Patrick/Assumption/All Saints in Jersey City was celebrated in June. The event marked the 100th, 110th and 111th anniversary of each school, respectively. The three-day festivities began with a wine and cheese party. Students also performed for alumni and guests. The following day featured a yacht cruise around the Hudson River. Among those attending was Katherine Crossan, seated left, from the Saint Patrick School Class of 1944 with several nuns including Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth who are celebrating the Order's 150th anniversary. Pictured with Crossan are left to right, seated, Sister Jacqueline Cary, Sister Julia Scanlan and Sister Agatha Mathangani. Standing are Sister Maeve McDermott, Sister Prudentia Osuji and Sister Celiane Voyard. The weekend ended with a Baccalaureate Mass.

Kearny center to host Gennesaret gathering

KEARNY—The annual Gennesaret retreat will be held Oct. 15-17 at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, 499 Belgrove Ave. Open to those with serious and life-changing illnesses, the retreat provides a format for the spiritual and physical needs of participants.

The retreat concept is inspired by the Gospel message of Mark, which tells of Jesus landing on the shores on Lake Gennesaret and having the sick brought to Him.

For nearly 40 years, an affiliated group of NJ doctors and nurses, along with a fund-raising committee, have organized the retreat series at various locations throughout the Garden State. Much of the weekend centers on the physical well-being of attendees. A preliminary consultation is conducted by a medical staff member to assure proper healthcare of an individual. The schedule includes reflection periods, daily Mass, the Sacrament of the Sick and discussions with spiritual directors.

The weekend retreat is supported through donations. Those who attend can do so at no charge. Call Hilare Reinold at (732) 566-7237 or Peggy Walsh at (908) 654-5575 for registration information.



Golf, tennis outing to aid MS research, patient care

TEANECK—The Holy Name Health Care Foundation will hold its 13th annual charity golf and tennis invitational event on Monday, Sept. 13 at the Knickerbocker Country Club, 188 Knickerbocker Rd.

The golf shotgun will start at 12:30 p.m., tennis begins at 2 p.m. and the awards dinner gets underway at 5:30 p.m. For more information on tickets and sponsorship opportunities, contact Lisa Futterman by phone at (201) 833-3000, ext. 3899 or by e-mail (Futterman@holyname.org).

Proceeds will benefit patient care and research at the Holy Name Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Center. Brett Massingham, PGA Pro Golfer, and Maggie Weder, USGA Women's Amateur, will again serve as co-chairs. Both, who are living with MS, will offer group golf clinics throughout the day.

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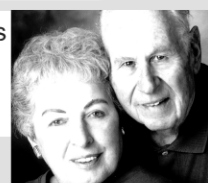
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IT ALL ADDS UP—Students at Visitation Academy in Paramus recently helped Saint Jude Children’s Research Hospital, New York, with pupils in grades four and five participating in the hospital’s Math-A-Thon, a volunteer-based fund-raiser. The program included a free math curriculum supplement for grades K-8 that students complete after obtaining sponsorships from family and friends. Visitation Academy students raised \$3,013 to help patients at Saint Jude in their battle with cancer and other catastrophic childhood diseases.

Sister Anne breathes sigh of relief following her treatment at Trinitas

ELIZABETH—Sister Anne Virginie Grimes, S.C., who joined the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth community 61 years ago, found the community’s sponsorship of Trinitas Regional Medical Center became a real value to her when she needed specialized medical care.

A retired administrator at Saint Raphael’s Hospital, a Sisters of Charity-sponsored facility in New Haven, CT, Sr. Anne has resided at the community’s Saint Anne Villa in Florham Park the past three years. Recently, during treatment for unrelated symptoms at an area hospital, her doctor noticed a non-healing wound on her left leg that had become progressively worse. When Sr. Anne was informed of the possibility of amputation, she sought advice before making a decision.

“I reached out to Sister Edna Hersinger, S.C., who is secretary of the Trinitas Board of Trustees,” she said. “Sr. Edna spoke very highly of the Wound Healing Center at Trinitas. Thanks to her, I was connected to professionals who turned what could have been a dire situation for me into one with a much happier outcome.”

“The treatment and care that I received under Dr. Morteza Khaladj included two skin grafts and four months of highly specialized treatment including hyperbaric oxygen therapy,” she said. “Today, I look down and see a beautifully healed wound, not a missing limb.”

Earlier this year the Trinitas fa-

cility was named a “center of distinction” by Diversified Clinical Services (DCS), Jacksonville, FL (see *The Catholic Advocate*, May 12). The recognition cited clinical results at Trinitas in 2009 as the center exceeded benchmarks in healing outcomes, patient satisfaction, outlier management, and days to heal. Over 6 million Americans suffer from chronic wounds.

Gary S. Horan, FACHE, president and chief executive officer of Trinitas, said the center’s multidisciplinary team approach provides healing for patients who previously thought their wounds were irreparable or would result in amputation. The Trinitas center was the first in New Jersey to use innovative technologies as the “Apligraf” living-skin device.

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“Earning recognition from an organization with the international reputation and credibility of J.D. Power and Associates is really very satisfying,” Michael Maron, president and chief executive officer of Holy Name, said. “The pride of our medical center is our people, and this sends that message home.

“For us, ‘excellence begins with me’ is a principle we take very seriously and that’s reflected in this award,” Maron continued. “I commend our nursing staff, as well as our physicians and all the allied health professionals who support them. As a team, they create the patient-focused culture we have here at Holy Name, where quality care, patient safety and compassionate service are the basis of everything we do.”

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J.F.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Oh most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me that you are my mother. Oh Holy Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. I place this cause in your hands. Amen. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. Novena is published in gratitude. Thank you.

W.B.

SHOULDER WOUND OF JESUS CHRIST PRAYER

O loving Jesus, meek lamb of God, I a miserable sinner, salute and worship the most sacred wound of Thy Shoulder, On which Thou didst bear Thy heavy cross, which so tore Thy flesh and laid Thy bones as to inflict an anguish greater than any other wound of Thy most Blessed Body. I adore Thee, Oh Jesus most sorrowful, I praise and glorify Thee, and give thanks fully to thee for this most Holy and sacred and painful wound, beseeching Thee by that exceeding pain, and by the crushing burden of Thy heavy Cross to be merciful to me a most miserable sinner, to forgive me of all my mortal and venial sins and to lead me on towards Heaven along the way of Thy Cross. In Jesus' name (mention request) Amen to all. Thank you for your help. This most powerful prayer must be said for requests and most urgent help. After you have said and asked for your requests- This prayer MUST be published immediately after being said.

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PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT/ST. JUDE

Holy Spirit & St. Jude You who make me see everything & who show me the way to reach my ideals, you who give me the divine gift to forget & forgive the wrong that is done to me, You who are in all the instances of my life with me. I in this short dialogue, want to thank you for everything & confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with you & my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank you for your love toward me & my loved ones. You must pray this prayer 3 consecutive days without asking your wish, after third day your wish will be granted no matter how difficult it may be, the promise to publish the dialogue as soon as your favor has been granted. Thank you for your help, please continue to pray.

C.D.

PRAYER TO ST. CLAIRE

Ask St. Claire for three favors; one Business and two impossible. Say nine Hail Mary's for nine days with a lighted candle. Published the ninth day "May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, and glorified today and every day." Requests will be granted no matter how impossible they seem. Publication must be promised. Published in gratitude. Thank you, St. Claire.

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G.C.

PRAYER TO ST. CHRISTOPHER

O Glorious St. Christopher you have inherited a beautiful name. Christbearer, as a result of the wonderful legend that while carrying people across a raging stream you also carried the Child Jesus. Teach us to be true Christbearers to those who do not know Him. Protect all of us that travel both near and far and petition Jesus to be with us always. Published in gratitude. Thank you, St. Christopher. Amen.

R.C.

PRAYER TO ST. THERESA

Oh Glorious Saint Theresa, whom almighty God has raised up to aid and counsel mankind. I invite your miraculous intercession. So powerful are you obtaining every need of body and soul, our Holy Mother Church proclaims you a "Prodigy of Miracles." Now fervently I beseech you to answer my petition (mention here) and carry out your promise of doing good upon earth of letting fall from heaven a shower of roses. Henceforth, Dear little flower, I will fulfill your plea to be made known everywhere and I will never cease to lead others to Jesus through you. Amen. (Say prayer everyday for 9 days. By 4th day, ask for a sign. If prayers are to be answered between 4th and 9th day, you will see a rose in magazine, TV picture or receive roses. You can also get a strong scent of roses in home even if no roses are present. Must promise publication. Thank you.)

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September 1

LUMEN CENTER, Caldwell, “Retreat, Reflect, Recharge!” 8:30 a.m. - noon, cost: \$25, (973) 403-3331 ext. 25.

September 4

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 12769, Secaucus, blood drive, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., call Neal at (201) 223-7967.

September 12

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5427, Washington Township, annual charity picnic, 1-6 p.m., cost: \$25 in advance/\$30 at gate, \$5 for children 5-12, contact (201) 664-0422 or www.kofc5427.org.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH, Scotch Plains, “The Great Adventure—A Quick Journey through the Bible,” eight-week Bible study course, cost: \$10, call Felicia Levine at (908) 889-2100 ext. 22.

HOLY REDEEMER PARISH, West New York, International Food Festival, 8-6 p.m., (201) 868-9444.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH, Ridgewood, career resources ministry, 1 p.m., first in four-part fall/winter workshop series, call Tom Lewis at (201) 445-1864 or Carol Shea at (201) 447-4215.

September 13

CENTER FOR HOPE HOSPICE AND PALIATIVE CARE, Scotch Plains, 24th annual golf outing, at Ash Brook Golf Course, cost: \$185 per person or \$65 for dinner only, call Bob Coloney at (908) 889-7780.

September 14

LUMEN CENTER, Caldwell, “When We Eat This Bread: Eucharist in 1 Corinthinas 10-11,” also on Sept. 21, 5-7:30 p.m., cost: \$40 for two weeks, (973) 403-3331 ext. 25.

September 15

ST. LUKE PARISH, Ho-Ho-Kus, “My Faith Journey Post 9/11,” 7:30-9 p.m., contact Andy Saunders at (201) 444-0272 or liturgy@churchofstluke.org .

September 16

RENEW INTERNATIONAL, Plainfield, 18th annual golf classic, at Fiddler’s Elbow Country Club, Bedminster, call Margarita at (908) 769-5400 ext. 140 or visit golf@renewintl.org.

September 19

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, Hackensack, parish picnic, featuring Polish foods, games and raffles, 2-10 p.m., call (201) 440-3224.

September 20

CHURCH OF THE PRESENTATION, Upper Saddle River, separation/divorce ministry meeting, through Nov. 22, 7:30- 9 p.m., contact Milli Stellatos at (201) 327-1313 ext. 812 or mstellatos@churchofpresentation.org.

September 24

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5437, Garwood, fish fry, 6-8 p.m., cost: advance tickets \$12 for adults/\$10 for children, \$15 at the door, call (908) 789-9809 after 4 p.m.

September 25

ST. CATHARINE PARISH, Glen Rock, prayer shawl ministry meeting, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., cost: \$10, (201) 891-3097.

September 26

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH, Mahwah, “Not By Bread Alone,” spiritual book discussion group, at Panera Bread, Ramsey, 5-6 p.m., topic is “Mariette in Ecstasy” by

Ron Hansen, contact Jennifer Edwards at (201) 327-1276 or paicc@yahoo.com .

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH, Bloomfield, blood drive, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., call Blood Center of New Jersey at (973) 676- 4700.

QUEEN OF PEACE HIGH SCHOOL, North Arlington, open house, 1 p.m., visit www.qphs.org or call (201) 998-8227.

Catholic Cemeteries Memorial Masses

All Masses start at 9:30 a.m. For more information call (866) 773-7526.

September 7 Gate of Heaven Chapel, East Hanover

September 8 Holy Cross Chapel, North Arlington

September 10 St. Gertrude Chapel, Colonia

Obituaries

Father Regis Wallace, O.S.B.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 17 at Saint Mary’s Abbey, Morristown, for Father Regis Peter Wallace, O.S.B., who died July 13.

Fr. Wallace began studies for the priesthood at Saint Mary’s School of Theology, Morristown, and was ordained on May 28, 1960. His first solemn Mass was celebrated at his home church of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, East Orange.

Fr. Wallace taught at Delbarton School, Morristown, and in 1961 taught English at Saint Benedict Preparatory School in Newark. In 1965, he was assigned to serve as pastoral associate at Saint Elizabeth Parish, Linden, where he remained until 1967. While at Saint Elizabeth he was moderator to the CYO and led the religious education program and organized social activities for post-high-school young adults. In 1967, Father Regis returned Saint Benedict.

In 1974, he once again took up pastoral work at Saint Elizabeth Parish, ministering to the difficulties of divorced and separated Catholic. He was appointed an Advocate of the Matrimonial Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Newark in 1978. In 1980, he was appointed pastor of Notre Dame of Mount Carmel Parish, Cedar Knolls, where he remained for 17 years.

Sr. Ellen Maureen, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 3 at Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, for Sister Ellen Maureen McIntyre, S.C., 92, who died May 31.

Sr. Ellen Maureen graduated from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, and entered the Sisters of Charity March 25, 1944. She was a member of the order for 66 years.

She was a teacher at the following archdiocesan schools: Our Lady of Sorrows School, South Orange (1944-1945); Saint Anastasia School, Teaneck (1946-1958); Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament School, East Orange (1961-1963); Saint Mary Elementary School, Dumont (1964-1965); Our Lady of Victories School, Harrington Park (1965-1985) and Paramus Catholic High School (1985-2003).

e-portfolio

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video; and an assembly of images representing art/graphic design projects. It is, to be sure, a rigorous list of assignments for even the most tech-savvy teenager.

In addition to constructing these high-tech modules, students are required to think critically and creatively and use e-portfolio to record their thoughts on various “reflections,” pondering a series of questions that relate to the diverse, global and complex society of the 21st century. Students reflect on “how best to use digital media” in order to: gather, evaluate and use information; communicate and work collaboratively; improve decision making and problem solving; plan and conduct research; practice legal and ethical responsibility in academia and business.

“Students also must reflect on two open-ended questions,” Camporeale said. “What work in your e-portfolio are you most proud of and what does it indicate about you as a student? How have the technology skills you’ve mastered at AHA (using

e-portfolio) prepared you for your future?”

Principal Jennifer A. Moran said the launch of AHA’s e-portfolio program coincided with the school’s 2007/2008 Middle States reaccreditation. The genesis of e-portfolio occurred at that point, when the school’s technology committee proposed the development of a cross-curricular electronic “repository” where students could archive their work.

Moran noted the e-portfolio concept has gained recognition among Garden State educators, so much so that the NJ Department of Education is weighing whether it should be part of a core curriculum that reflects the technology literacy of all students.

A logical extension of e-portfolio would be to utilize it as a resource when senior students are applying for college, Camporeale said. She envisioned a day when a technology like e-portfolio may be a requirement linked to the college admissions process.

Founded in 1879, AHA (Web site: www.holyangels.org) is a Catholic college preparatory school for young women, in the tradition and charism of the School Sisters of Notre Dame.



Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY/MINISTRY

All terms are effective Sept. 16 and end Aug. 31, 2013.

Reverend Monsignor Michael A. Andreano has been re-appointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term.

Reverend Monsignor Ronald J. Rozniak has been re-appointed to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term.

Reverend Monsignor David C. Hubba has been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term.

Reverend Charles M. Kelly has been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term.

Reverend Joseph A. Mancini has been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term.

Very Reverend John E. Wassell, V.F. has been elected to the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Newark for a three-year term.

Hoboken plans Italian festival

HOBOKEN—The 84th annual Hoboken Italian Festival will be held at Sinatra Park, along the Hudson River waterfront, Sept. 9-12 (Thursday to Sunday).

The festival, which blends the grand traditions of Italian food and culture with contemporary entertainment, will run 5 to 11 p.m. on Sept. 9 and 10 and noon to 11 p.m. on Sept. 11 and 12.

The religious celebration honoring the Madonna Dei Martiri defines the festival. A day-long procession on Sept. 11 will include a re-enactment of the “Blessing of the Fleet.” An 800-pound statue of the Madonna will be carried onto a ship to cruise the Hudson River.

The origins of the festival date back over 600 years to the small Adriatic town of Molfetta, Italy. Call (201) 216-0252 or visit the festival’s Web site www.hobokenitalianfestival.com for more information.



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