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PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Newly ordained Father Manuel Gallo, the coordinator of youth ministry at Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey, is a friendly face that reflects the spirit of Priesthood Sunday. "Fr. Manny's humility, sense of humor and simple trust in God have drawn not only the young to him, but our faculty, staff and parents as well," Father James Heuser, S.D.B., president of Don Bosco Prep, said. "Our mission here at Don Bosco Prep is greatly enriched by his charity and zeal."

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Worked with beloved nun in Calcutta slums Vail recalls encounters with Mother Teresa

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

PARAMUS—It was time. In July James P. Vail, president of Paramus Catholic Regional High School, and his wife Colette, principal of Saint Joseph School in Oradell, visited Skopje, Macedonia, the birthplace of Mother Teresa.

Vail has had a lifetime devotion to the diminutive nun who died in 1997 and was world renowned for her work among the sick and the poorest of the poor. Pope John Paul II beatified the Nobel Peace Prize recipient on Oct. 19, 2003.

It was time, Vail explained, because he had spent since his student days a half century in Catholic education and his wife just a year short of that. It was also marked Mother Teresa's 100th birthday.

Vail's admiration for Mother Teresa comes from personal experience working with her in the slums of Calcutta in the late 1970s. At the time Vail was studying to be a Jesuit. As part of his novitiate training he traveled to India in January 1977. Overall he spent six months in the country. Four months of that time was volunteering at the Home of the Dying Destitute run by Mother Teresa.

When he was in India, Vail explained, Mother Teresa was on the cusp of international notoriety. In

fact she was so "inspiring," he stayed a month longer than planned.

Every night, Vail said, the sisters and volunteers would comb the streets of the Calcutta ghetto picking up people who had been "left for dead." They were brought to the facility under Mother Teresa's tutelage in the hopes that they would recover. But in reality,

Vail lamented, more often than not most were beyond recovery. The primary focus therefore was on providing "dignity and respect before they died," noted Vail.

He did not go out on the nightly trips to bring the homeless and sick to the Home of the Dying and Destitute. Vail's task was to bathe and feed them as well as simply

talk to them. Often, he recalled, he would go in the next day and ask for a certain individual and learn he or she had died overnight. Those cared for by Mother Teresa, he recalled, were thankful for what was being done for them but they were usually at the point where they could not communicate.

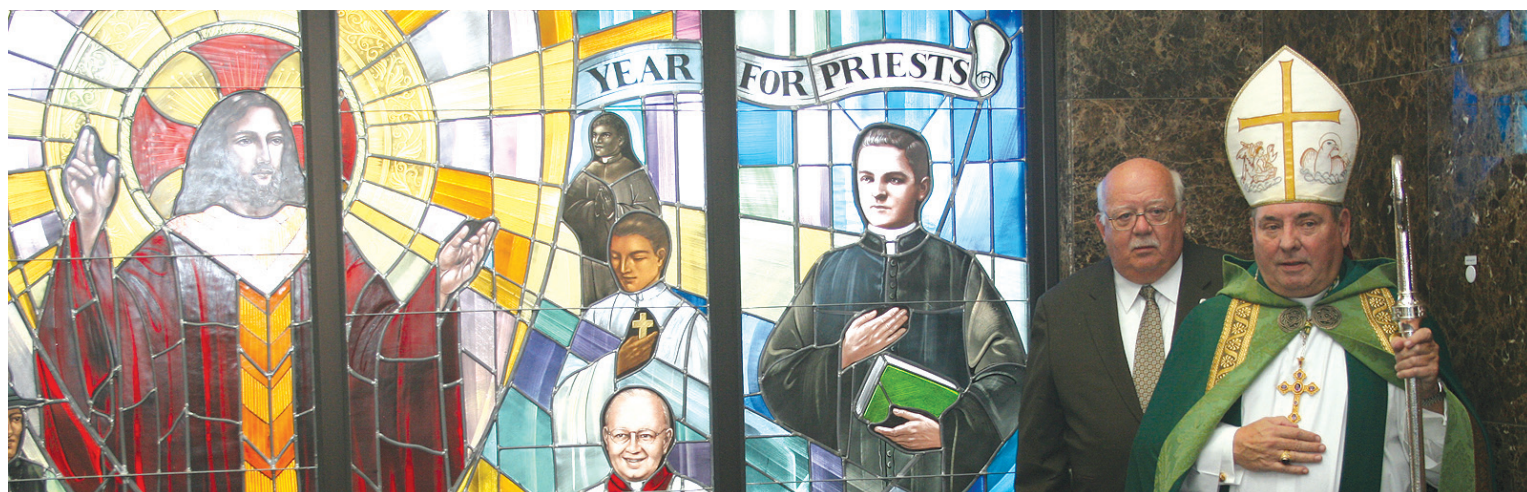
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REFLECTIONS ON EDUCATION

—Rev. Msgr. John E. Doran (right), archdiocesan Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, receives the Cristo Rey Award from Father Robert J. Sandoz, O.F.M., president of Christ the King Preparatory School, Newark, during the school's annual President's Gala held Oct. 14 at The Newark Club. Msgr. Doran accepted the crystal bowl on behalf of Archbishop John J. Myers, the recipient of the award, which honors individuals who embody the vision of the school. Christ the King, which opened its doors in September 2007, is part of the national network of Cristo Rey schools. Christ the King's first senior class will graduate in June 2011. The school also honored Judge John J. Gibbons with its President's Award.



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LUMINOUS CELEBRATION—Gate of Heaven Cemetery and Mausoleum, East Hanover, unveiled a stained-glass window honoring the Church's worldwide celebration of the "Year for Priests." The window depicts Jesus the Eternal High Priest, surrounded by noteworthy figures, including Saint John Vianney, the patron saint of all priests; Father Michael J. McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus; Most Rev. John J. Myers, the Archbishop of Newark; Rev. Msgr. Richard F. Groncki, and Rev. Msgr. William B. Naedele. Archbishop Myers (standing at right) conducted a special service on Oct. 16 to bless the window. Pictured with the archbishop is Herb Meyer, state deputy of the Knights of Columbus. The installation of the window was made possible by Archbishop Myers, Catholic Cemeteries and the NJ Knights.

Gala event to 'nourish' faithful outreach

NEWARK—The second annual "Nourishing Your Faith" dinner and fund-raiser will be held Wednesday, Nov. 10, at The Venetian, 546 River Rd., Garfield. The cocktail reception begins at 6 p.m. and the dinner and program are slated to start at 7 p.m.

As he did last year, Stephen Doocy, the co-host of the TV show

"Fox and Friends," will serve as master of ceremonies for the event. Doocy is also an author and a lector at Saint Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff.

Guest speakers will include Most Rev. John M. Smith, J.C.D., Bishop of Trenton; Teresa Tomeo, journalist, author and host of the radio program "Catholic Connection"; and Jeff Feagles, the

former punter for the New York Giants football team.



Teresa Tomeo

Archbishop John J. Myers described the event as "the single-most important fund-raising dinner of the Archdiocese of Newark, helping to raise resources that are essential for strengthening the Church and supporting faith initiatives around the region."

Tickets are priced at \$250 per person. The evening will include a "silent auction" that will feature jewelry, a wine treasure chest and tickets for professional baseball, football and hockey games. Proceeds from the fund-raiser will be used to support faith initiatives and evangelization outreach programs of the Archdiocese of Newark, including the Men's Conference and Women's Day of Reflection—two annual gatherings typically held during the month of March. Call the archdiocesan Office of Development and Stewardship at (973) 497-4042 for reservations and information.



Patrick Murray

SHU selects Murray for regents post

SOUTH ORANGE—Patrick M. Murray of Dallas has been named chairman of Seton Hall University's Board of Regents.

Dr. A. Gabriel Esteban, SHU's interim president, made the announcement Oct. 1 after a special nominating committee met and elected Murray. His term is effective immediately and he replaces Kurt T. Borowsky, who last month stepped down from the board (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Sept. 22). An alumnus of Seton Hall, Murray has been a member of the board of regents since 2005.

"I am honored to help lead this great institution and to advance its Catholic higher education mission that has been at the foundation of this university for over 150 years," Murray said.

Murray is the retired chairman of Dresser Industries Inc., a leading manufacturer and marketer of highly engineered equipment of the energy industry. Prior to becoming chairman of the board, he served Dresser as president and chief executive officer. Previously, Murray was president of Halliburton Co.'s Dresser Equipment Group and senior vice president, strategic initiatives of Dresser Industries.

"To this position of great responsibility, Mr. Murray brings a wealth of experience and wisdom gained in his long and distinguished business career, a deep knowledge of Seton Hall and the strategic issues we currently face," Esteban said.



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FITTING TRIBUTE—On Oct. 13 the street next to Saint Augustine School in Union City, where the late Sister Roberta O’Hea S.C. served as a dedicated educator for many years, was renamed in her honor. Over 400 students, alumni and civic officials attended. Featured speakers at the ceremony included Most Rev. Manuel A. Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark; Father Thomas J. Devine, the pastor of Saint Augustine Parish; and Commissioner Chris Irizarry, a graduate of the school. Sr. Roberta taught from 1959 to 1977 and became principal in 1978. She also worked with the archdiocesan Apostolate for the Deaf from 1968 to 1990. In recognition of Sr. Roberta’s frequent trips to the Philippines to recruit teachers, the school’s eighth graders performed a Filipino dance. There was also a salute to her Irish heritage.

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Archdiocese to celebrate ‘Blue’ Mass at Cathedral

NEWARK — The Archdiocese of Newark will celebrate its annual “Blue” Mass for law enforcement officers and personnel on Thursday, Nov. 4, 10 a.m., at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St. Archbishop John J. Myers will preside and serve as the homilist. The Mass remembers the women and men who serve in law enforcement agencies, along with their families, friends and supporters, and will honor those who have lost their lives in the line of duty during

in the past year. Following Mass, a luncheon and reception will be held at the Rink at Branch Brook Park. Tickets are priced at \$20 per person. Call Dennis and Marie Kihlberg at (732) 350-5631 for reservations. Contact Father John McCrone, archdiocesan police chaplain, at (908) 232-1162, Rev. Msgr. Richard Arnholds, Vicar for Pastoral Life, at (973) 497-4321 or Marissa Acosta at (973) 497-4013 for more information on the Blue Mass.

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VISITOR FROM THE VATICAN—Archbishop Zygmunt Zimowski (left), the president of the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Healthcare Workers, served as the celebrant and homilist for Mass Oct. 16 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. The Mass commemorated the 32nd anniversary of Pope John Paul II’s election to the papacy and offered prayers for the pope’s beatification. Pictured with Archbishop Zimowski is Father Andrew Ostaszewski, Ph.D., coordinator for the archdiocesan Polish-Slovak Apostolate and pastor of Saint Casimir Parish, Newark.

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New document offers vision of communion for churches

WASHINGTON — Representatives of the Orthodox and Catholic Churches have issued a new document outlining immediate steps they can take to overcome their 1,000-year separation, according to a statement released by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The North American Orthodox-Catholic Theological Consultation finalized statements when it met at Georgetown University, Sept. 30 to Oct. 2. The consultation is co-chaired by Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond of New Orleans and His Eminence Metropolitan Maximos (Aghiorgoussis), Bishop of the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Pittsburgh.

The statement, “Steps Towards a Reunited Church: A Sketch of an Orthodox-Catholic Vision for the Future,” is an unprecedented effort to begin to visualize the shape of a reunited Catholic and Orthodox Church that would result from the re-establishment of full communion. The text acknowledges that the role of the Bishop of Rome in the Church is a central point of disagreement and outlines the history of this divergence between East and West. It goes on to summarize the many elements of the Christian faith and ecclesial life.

The text of the complete statement is available online: (www.usccb.org/seia/steps-towards-reunited-church.shtml).

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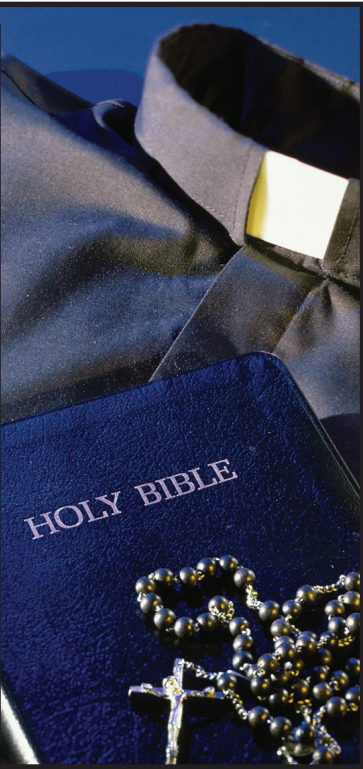
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John 1:38-39

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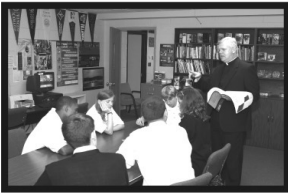
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Sister Mary Victor Waters receives official congratulations on her 106th birthday as Tenaflly Mayor Peter Rustin, left, and Councilman Patrick J. Rouse, present her with a proclamation marking her birthday, Sept. 14, as "Sister Victor Waters Day in Tenaflly."

Sister Mary marks 106th birthday

TENAFLY—What's the secret for a long life? According to Sister Mary Victor Waters M.S.I.C. who celebrated her 106th birthday Sept. 14, it is to "keep praying, trust in God, stay busy, get involved with others, don't take pills and stay away from doctors."

The County Galway, Ireland native marked her birthday milestone at Our Lady of the Angels Convent.

She immigrated to the United States and found work as a seamstress in Chicago. She felt a call from God to the Consecrated Life in her early 20s and entered the Novitiate of the Missionary Franciscan Sisters after she had moved to Boston.

Over the years Sister Mary Victor has been a teacher in many schools and served as assistant

novice mistress. She enjoys crocheting. Her specialty is dressing dolls for gifts for friends and the Saint Francis Gift Shop in Tenaflly.

Sister Mary Victor attends daily Mass and participates in the community's prayers and activities. Since her 100th birthday she received a medal from Mary McAleese, the president of Ireland.

Holy Name, town create emergency radio network

TEANECK—Holy Name Medical Center, the 200 Club of Bergen County and Teaneck Township have joined forces to fund the purchase of emergency communication technology, which will provide improved radio coverage for emergency personnel while on site at Holy Name.

In a joint effort to enhance response time and efficiency, the three organizations contributed \$22,722 for a two-way radio signal booster and internal antenna system at Holy Name.

The equipment will allow Teaneck Police and Ambulance Corps personnel to hear and respond to calls from their dispatchers more efficiently while inside the medical center.

The project has been coordinated by Chuck Gerity, assistant vice president for emergency operations; Thomas Rose, coordinator of the medical coordination

center at Holy Name; Jack Terhune, president of the 200 Club of Bergen County; and Chief Robert Wilson and Captain Mark Distler of the Teaneck Police Department.

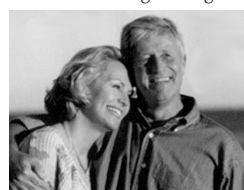
"Now our township's police officers and EMS personnel have the peace-of-mind associated with 100-percent radio coverage within (Holy Name), with signal strength that is consistent and reliable," Gerity explained. "This is an improvement that not only makes life easier for our emergency responders, but ultimately pays dividends for the people in our community."

Separately, earlier this year Cleverley + Associates, Worthington, OH, a healthcare financial consulting firm specializing in operational benchmarking and performance enhancement strategies, recognized Holy Name as a top-ranked "Community Value Provider."

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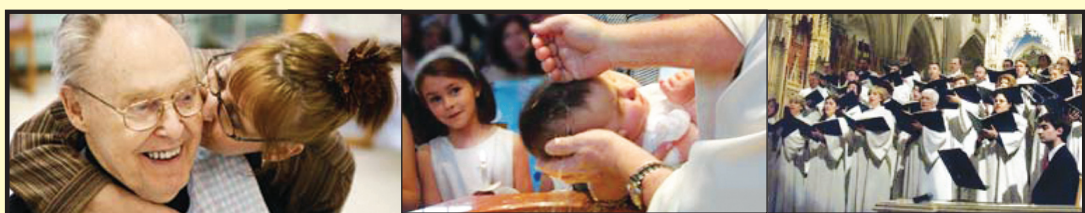
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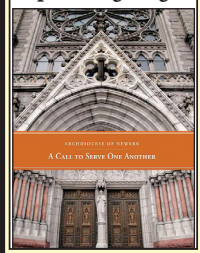
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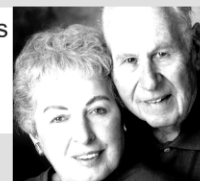
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A highlight event on the schedule will be the gala Sesquicentennial banquet held May 18, 2011 at the Pleasantdale Chateau, 757 Eagle Rock Ave., West Orange.

The seminary's FEAST (Formational Evenings at the School of Theology) Thursday evening lecture series will be featured throughout the Sesquicentennial celebration. According to information on the seminary's Web site (www.shu.edu/academics/theology), each lecture will have a Marian dimension and reflection, given the role of the Blessed Mother in the life of the seminary.

FEAST lectures will be held in the seminary's Chapel of the Good Shepherd, which is located in Lewis Hall. The presentations are open to the public, however seating in the chapel is limited and courtesy reservations for each lecture are required. Contact Kris Hudak by phone at (973) 761-9633 or e-mail (kristine.hudak@shu.edu) for reservations.

Nov. 18, 2010—FEAST lecture: "Christ and Mary: Our King and Queen," by Father Mark Francis O'Malley, Hist. Eccl.D, evening prayer 5:30 p.m., lecture 6:15 p.m.

Dec. 2, 2010—FEAST lecture: "The Mother of All Christians," by Rev. Msgr. John A. Radano, Ph.D., evening prayer 5:30 p.m., lecture 6:15 p.m. Msgr. Radano is a former faculty member and chair of SHU's Department of Religious Studies. From 1984-2008, he served on the Pontifical Council For Promoting Christian Unity, Vatican City, leading its Western section.

Jan. 20, 2011—FEAST lecture: "Journeying with the Holy Family," by Father Lawrence B. Porter, Ph.D., evening prayer 5:30 p.m., lecture 6:15 p.m. Fr. Porter is a professor of Systematic Theology at SHU.

Jan. 27, 2011—FEAST lecture: "And a Virgin Shall Conceive," by Gregory Y. Glazov, D.Phil. (Oxon.), evening prayer 5:30 p.m., lecture 6:15 p.m.

Feb. 3, 2011—FEAST lecture: "The Sword That Pierces Sin," by Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D., evening prayer 5:30 p.m., lecture 6:15 p.m.

Feb. 17, 2011—FEAST lecture: "The Fountain in the Desert," by Jeffrey L. Morrow, Ph.D., evening prayer 5:30 p.m., lecture 6:15 p.m.

Feb. 24, 2011—FEAST lecture: "Totus Tuus," by Father John S. Grimm, J.D., S.T.L., evening prayer 5:30 p.m., lecture 6:15 p.m.

March 3, 2011—FEAST lecture: "Do Whatever He Tells You to Do," by Zeni V. Fox, Ph.D., evening prayer 5:30 p.m., lecture 6:15 p.m.

March 17, 2011—FEAST lecture: "Radical Reconciliation and Forgiveness," by Andrew E. Saunders, M.A., evening prayer 5:30 p.m., lecture 6:15 p.m. Saunders is the coordinator of programs for the Institute for Christian Spirituality and director of the Catholic Center of Family Spirituality.

March 24, 2011—FEAST lecture: "Salvation in One Syllable," by Julie V. Burkey, M.A.P.M., evening prayer 5:30 p.m., lecture 6:15 p.m. Burkey is the coordinator of the Center for Workplace Spirituality.

May 18, 2011—Sesquicentennial banquet, Pleasantdale Chateau, West Orange; for information on reservations and sponsorship opportunities, contact Catherine A. Cunning at (973) 378-2661 or e-mail (catherine.cunning@shu.edu).



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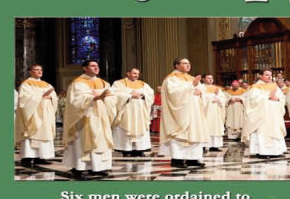
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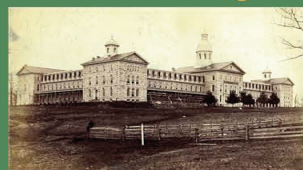
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Before His Holiness' Papal election Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger addressed bishops and the Seminary community during a conference Saint Charles Seminary.

SHU students share pain, grief at gathering for Jessica Moore

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

SOUTH ORANGE—A prayer service was held Oct. 6 at Seton Hall University for student Jessica A. Moore, 19, who was shot and killed at a Sept. 25 house party in nearby East Orange. The service also offered prayers for injured students Nakeisha Vanterpool and Nicosia Henry, who also were injured in the shooting and have since returned to campus. Hundreds of students, faculty and other members of the Seton Hall community gathered with Moore’s family to remember the slain honors student from Disputanta, VA. A slideshow ran during the service, projecting candid photographs of Moore and words of condolences from her friends and family. Dr. A. Gabriel Esteban, interim president of Seton

Hall University, assured the audience that Moore’s presence was with them at the service. Coming together as a community, Esteban stressed, was the best way to face such tragedy. Professor Melinda Papaccio, Moore’s former English instructor, remembered the student as a “lovely, intelligent, talented” young woman who could “light up the room with her warm, vibrant spirit.” The professor commended Moore’s parents for instilling her with positive values and a deep sense of spirituality. “Your Jessica was the embodiment of love and compassion. She was a beautiful spirit of life and love.” Rev. Msgr. C. Anthony Ziccardi, vice president of mission and ministry at Seton Hall, encouraged the community to not lose faith, even after the senseless act of violence. “Let us not be pes-

simistic about human nature; God made it,” Ziccardi explained. “Our loss is great and our hurt is deep, but we are going to get through it. (Jessica’s) life is no less complete for being brief...it is fulfilled.” Olanda Tolliver, Jessica’s stepfather, thanked the Seton Hall community for their outpouring of love and support. He believed his daughter touched the lives of all she came in contact with and lauded her sense of spirituality. “These tears I shed today are not tears of sadness,” he remarked, “but tears of joy that if I live the way my daughter did, I will one day see her again.” The late student’s mother, Dr. Phyllis Moore-Tolliver, also offered her gratitude and encouraged everyone to strive for peace in the community. “Don’t let Jessica’s blood be spilled in vain. We must commit (ourselves) to end this violence,” she said.



Advocate photo – Melissa McNally

Seton Hall students mourned the loss of their classmate, Jessica Moore, during an Oct. 6 prayer convocation. Moore, according to news reports, was a psychology major and an aspiring musician. Earlier this month police arrested two East Orange men in connection with the tragic incident.

Father Calderon addresses Orthodox/Catholic confab

WASHINGTON—Father Juan Luis Calderon, coordinator of *New Jersey Catolico*, the sister publication of *The Catholic Advocate*, was a presenter at the annual United States Oriental Orthodox-Roman Catholic Consultation held Sept. 20-21 at the Passionist Spiritual Center in the Bronx, New York. Co-chaired by Catholic Bishop Howard J. Hubbard of Albany, NY, and the Right Reverend Chorpiscopos John Meno of the Syrian Orthodox Church of Antioch, the meeting focused primarily on pastoral issues facing both churches. Fr. Calderon’s presentation was titled “The Follower, the Seeker and the Convert: Hispanics and Their Experience of God.” He

offered an analysis of why U.S. Hispanics are leaving the Catholic Church to become members of different Christian congregations. “I analyzed the conclusions of several studies and statistics about this issue, clarified some ‘urban legends’ about proselytism, established differences between proselytism and the natural missionary activity of the churches, and offered some possible pastoral solutions to the problem of proselytism and people leaving faith,” he said. Fr. Calderon serves as parochial vicar at Saint Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York, Saint Rocco Parish, Union City, and is a member of the advisory committee for archdiocesan Hispanic Apostolate.

SMA to host forum Nov. 13

TENAFLY—The Society of African Missions (SMA Fathers), 23 Bliss Ave., will present its second symposium on “Black Catholics in the United States” on Saturday, Nov. 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sister Jamie T. Phelps, O.P., Ph.D., the director of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University, New Orleans, and Father Giles Conwill, Ph.D.,

director of campus ministry, also at Xavier, will be the featured speakers. Sr. Jamie will discuss social justice while Fr. Conwill’s presentation will focus on evangelization. Admission is \$25 per person. Call Deacon Keith McKnight at (888) 250-4333 or the SMA office at (201) 567-9085 to make reservations.

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Jim and Colette Vail are pictured at the Mother Teresa statue at ground level of an open-air Memorial Home in Skopje, Macedonia.

Mother Teresa

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When she received the Nobel Prize in 1979, Mother Teresa said in her acceptance speech she was grateful to receive the recognition “in the name of the hungry, the naked, the homeless, of the crippled, of the blind, of the lepers, of all those people who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout society, people that have become a burden to society and are shunned by everyone.”

Vail remembers vividly that Mother Teresa told him she was appreciative for the westerners who had come to volunteer and help but at the same time expressed “surprise” that they had done so in light of the need in their own countries.

Asked what being in Mother

Teresa’s presence was like, Vail said “she was not just a person, she was a force. I felt her saintly presence.”

In Skopje the Vails visited the site where Mother Teresa’s childhood home once stood. The exact location is marked off and there is a monument and statue on the grounds. The city also features a museum and chapel in honor of Mother Teresa. Visiting the museum Vail said was a unique experience to learn even more of the life led by Mother Teresa. “A beautiful place” is how he described the chapel stressing however that “it is not ornate, just like her.”

She has known all along, Colette Vail explained, that Mother Teresa “had a special place in my husband’s heart.” In Skopje, she said, “there was a sense that you were on sacred ground.” She was struck by the abject silence among those visiting the museum.

That silence, Colette Vail said, was borne one of “profound respect and peace.” After visiting Skopje, she concluded, “Mother Teresa is a more real person. She is a modern-day saint to me.”

In the Archdiocese of Newark, the Missionaries of Charity marked the 100th anniversary of Mother Teresa Aug. 28 with a Mass at Saint Augustine Parish, Newark (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Aug. 25).

IHA to host Broadway hit musical ‘Cats’

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP—Immaculate Heart Academy (IHA), 500 Van Emburgh Ave., will host performances of the hit Broadway musical “Cats” Nov. 5-7 and 12-13. Students from IHA, Bergen Catholic, Don Bosco Prep and other Bergen County Catholic high schools will make up the cast and stage crew for the production.

Tickets are priced at \$15 per person in advance and \$18 at the door. In addition, a special group of tickets will be sold for \$10 for present IHA grandparents to attend the matinee performance on Sunday, Nov. 7 at 2 p.m.

For more information, visit the IHA Web site (www.ihahs.com) and click on the “IHA Musical” link or call the IHA main office at (201) 445-6800.

Mount plans hall of fame fund-raiser

CALDWELL—Mount Saint Dominic Academy will host its annual Hall of Fame dinner, fund-raiser and awards ceremony on Friday, Nov. 5, at Mayfair Farms, 481 Eagle Rock Ave., West Orange. Proceeds from the event will benefit academy students.

Nancy Falivena Gennaro, an attorney; Donna Vasquez Hauptvogel, an academy faculty member; Karen Kleppe Lembo, Caldwell Public Library director; and Mary Beth McGuinness Oria, an executive with RENEW International, Plainfield, are the four honorees at this year’s event.

Tickets are priced at \$125 per person. Diane Leslie is the chairperson of the Hall of Fame planning committee. Call Jackie O’Connor at (973) 226-0660, ext. 1134 to reserve tickets.

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Bishop assails bullying as a vicious, cowardly act

BY BISHOP

ARTHUR J. SERRATELLI

Special to The Catholic Advocate

Students at Rutgers University recently experienced "Black Friday." Many of them wore black, mourning the tragic death of a university freshman who ended his life after being bullied by two other students. Moments before he jumped off the George Washington Bridge, Tyler Clementi posted a message on his Facebook page: "going to jump off the gw bridge sorry."

What thoughts, what emotions, what feelings of utter hopelessness must have driven this talented and promising young man to end his life?

Three days earlier, his privacy had been invaded. His roommate and a friend secretly filmed him in his dorm room in intimate moments with another man. Then, in an act of brazen disregard for the dignity and rights of their fellow student, they used a webcam to stream the video of the victim's sexual tryst publicly on the Internet.

To make sport of someone else's life is shameful. This was a cruel act; a clear case of cyber bullying meant to embarrass, to ridicule and belittle.

A young man with a bright future is now gone. Two students

with so much to learn about life and tolerance, respect and understanding, are now facing criminal charges along with the pangs of conscience for their irresponsible actions. A family is in grief and a community is searching for ways to prevent this from ever happening again. So complex is this loss of life, this blatant disregard for another person, that no single response is possible.

In our country, every year, almost 5,000 young people between the ages of 15 and 24 end their lives. According to the Center for Disease Control, suicide is the third-leading cause of death for this age group. Teen suicide is on the rise in the U.S. When young people feel anxious, stuck in a situation that seems without escape, when they experience depression and hopelessness, suicide becomes an answer. Suicide leaves behind a trail of tragedy. Any death is difficult, but there is a much heavier grief to face when someone ends his or her own life.

We need to stay connected to our young people. They need to know that we are there for them and with them. They must experience and truly feel that our love goes beyond their inadequacies and failures because that is how God loves each of us.

Bullying, as in the case of the

Rutgers student, is one of the major causes of suicide. Bullying has been around since the days of Cain and Abel. According to the National School Safety Center, one in every seven children faces bullying at school. Taunting and teasing are cruel schoolyard games. Today, in the age of e-mail, Twitter and Facebook, the Internet magnifies the ability to torment others. The world is now the schoolyard. The harm is unlimited. And, those who bully others can do it without ever having to face the victim and see the harm inflicted.

Children learn from adults. What values are we passing on to them? We witness today the bitter politics of detraction. Political figures at times go beyond the issues and drag into their campaigns for office the sins of their opponents. Are our young people learning from adults that it is OK to tear down someone publicly and dismantle their good name? With increasing frequency, the sins of politicians, movies stars, and sports heroes are exposed by the media. What does this teach our young about respecting privacy? Is there any respect for privacy permissible today?

Not simply by word, but by example, young people need to be taught respect for the other. Tolerance for others, whatever

their culture, religion or sexual orientation, is an acquired virtue. Tolerance means respecting the person as created by God and destined for eternal life. While it does not mean acceptance of moral evil, it does mean not hating another in any circumstance.

In our secularized society, a university true to its mission, therefore, cannot marginalize religion or jettison morality. At the heart of every authentic religious tradition is compassion. At the center of all moral values is the respect for the other. There will always be failures. But the university that is faithful to its mission will be the place where the students' horizons are broadened, their minds opened to understanding and their hearts strengthened to love.

Tyler Clementi's last word was "sorry." We, too, are sorry, very sorry. In the wake of this tragedy, we need to find a way forward. Moved by our own sorrow, we turn to God. We pray for Tyler. May he know something that he did not experience in his last days. May he know the love of God who is mercy and compassion. We pray for his family and for all who knew him. May they find comfort and consolation as others grieve with them. We also pray for the two students whose bad choices contributed to this tragedy. They, too,

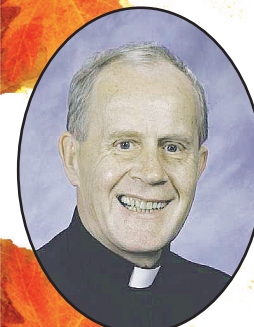


Bishop Arthur Serratelli

are children of our loving God.


But there is more. We are all responsible for our own actions. And, actions have consequences. Our sinful choices ripple out in ever-widening circles touching others in ways we do not imagine. And so do our virtuous acts. We need to recognize what is evil and sinful in ourselves and seek to eliminate it first from our lives before we try to reform society. We need to choose each day to love those whom we encounter, even when we differ. When our lives are good and our choices moral, we create an environment where others can truly live.

(Editor's note: Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli is the bishop of the Diocese of Paterson.)



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BLOOMFIELD—LIFENET will hold a “True Love Waits 2” seminar for adult youth leaders and teachers on Saturday, Nov. 6, at Saint Thomas the Apostle Church, 60 Byrd Ave., from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

A pro-life educational non-profit organization, LIFENET is working in partnership with the Archdiocese of Newark on the Love and Life Project, which is an initiative to reach youth and adults in the archdiocese with the truth about God’s beautiful gift of sexuality. LIFENET trains speakers to make pro-life and chastity presentations to teens and young adults.

Christine Flaherty is the executive director of LIFENET while Rebecca O’Keefe serves as director of operations. Call O’Keefe at (201) 804-8331 for more information on the Nov. 6 seminar or visit the group’s Web site (www.lifeneteducation.org).

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Members of the LIFENET staff include (kneeling, left to right) Christopher Witrak, Omar Fernandez (standing) Annie Clemente, Holly Lawmaster, Christine Flaherty, Rebecca O’Keefe and Bulay Minano.

Parish to host ‘hope, healing’ forum

FAIRFIELD—Anna Graziano, a certified spiritual director and an adjunct retreat director at Loyola House of Retreats in Morristown, will present “An Evening of Hope and Healing” at

Saint Thomas More Parish, 210 Horseneck Rd., Wednesday, Nov. 3.

The program, to be held in the parish’s O’Connor Hall, is free and open to the public. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and the presentation

is slated to start at 7:30 p.m.

The evening will conclude with refreshments. Call the parish at (973) 227-0055 for details. Father Ward P. Moore serves as the pastor of Saint Thomas More Parish.

Graziano’s presentation will explore the call from God to be whole in body, mind and spirit in spite of suffering and the many challenges that life presents.

A member of Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish in Bloomfield for nearly 40 years, Graziano has led numerous ministries and spirituality programs. She is a supervisor for spiritual directors and retreat director for The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius and has served as an adjunct retreat director at Saint Mary’s House of Prayer in Watchung.

Official Appointments



Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

PASTOR

Reverend Richard J. Carrington, Pastor of SS. Joseph and Michael Parish, Union City, has been reappointed for a second six-year term ending Jan. 31, 2017.

Reverend Patrick Mulewski, Pastor of Saint Pius X Parish, Old Tappan, has had his pastorate extended ending June 30, 2014.

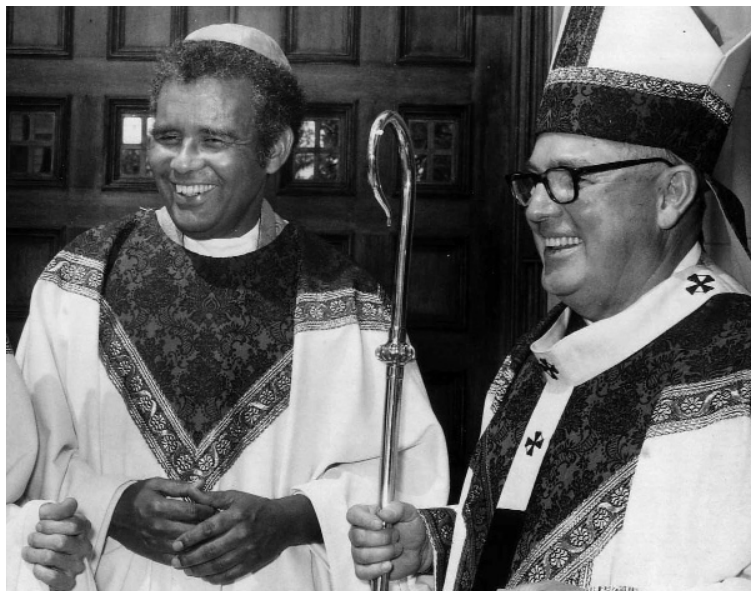
Reverend Frank Rose, Pastor of Saint Bernard of Clairvaux and Saint Stanilaus Kostka Parish, Plainfield, has been reappointed for a second six-year term ending Jan. 31, 2017.

OTHER

Reverend Onyedika Michael Otuwuronne, Parochial Vicar of Saint Mary Parish, Dumont, was appointed Prison Chaplain at Bergen County Jail, Hackensack, with continued residence at Saint Mary Rectory, Dumont. The appointment was effective Oct. 1.

Reverend Richard G. Francesco, Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, West Orange, has been released for pastoral service in the Diocese of Helena, MT, for a period of three years beginning Feb. 1, 2011 and ending Feb. 1, 2014.

Reverend Robert J. Gelinas has been released to the Archdiocese for the Military Services to serve as an active duty chaplain with the United States Navy.



HONORING BISHOP FRANCIS—The archdiocesan Office of African American, African and Caribbean Apostolate will host the annual Bishop Joseph A. Francis awards luncheon on Saturday Nov. 6. The event begins with an 11 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers. The luncheon will follow in the Archdiocesan Center. Tickets are \$40 per person. Call (973) 497-4013 for details. Bishop Francis (left), pictured with Archbishop Peter L. Gerety in 1976, died in 1997. He was the first African-American bishop in the archdiocese and a pioneer for social justice.

Queen of Peace gets ready to mark 80th anniversary

NORTH ARLINGTON—Queen of Peace High School, 191 Rutherford Pl., will celebrate its 80th anniversary with a series of events beginning Saturday Oct. 30.

The celebration will include a home football game at Rip Collins Field; Mass at 5:30 p.m.; a wine and cheese social; viewing of a 80th anniversary video; a nostalgia tour and live entertainment. Call the school at (201) 998-8227, ext. 28, to make reservations for events.

Other activities to mark the milestone include the annual Sister Ann Jordan Volleython on Sunday, Nov. 7 at 1 p.m. in the Sonny Connors gymnasium at the high school. An 80th anniversary gala reception will take place Dec. 3 at the Forest Hill Field Club, Bloomfield.

Additional information about plans for the anniversary celebration is available on the school’s Web site (www.qphs.org).



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October 31, 2010

A yearning, an inner movement of the soul

I have been asked to write about the priesthood to mark the annual celebration of Priesthood Sunday. This is a most difficult task so all that I shall attempt to do is to speak about the sacred calling as I have experienced it in my 53 years as a priest. After all, each priest is an individual with his own inner world and one who has had his unique personal experiences. Therefore, while the essential call of a man to God's service is the same, the lived-out vocation for every priest will differ.

The call to be a priest does not usually come from "without." It is not like joining the military or pursuing a business career. It is not an attraction from the outside that moves a man; nor does the origin of a vocation come from one's own psyche in the sense that a man contemplates the priesthood coldly and analytically and then decides to take the necessary path to ordination as a purely rational decision.

For me, and I suspect for every other young person, my vocation was an inner movement of

the soul. This desire seems to come almost of itself. It is a yearning in the depth of the soul that is nearly irresistible. The thought arises. The heart responds. And then, in comparison, all other possible lifestyles seem inadequate and without allure. I suppose in the world it would be like a romance. But this is God calling. Even the soul of a sinner, like Saint Augustine, who is touched by that call, knows instinctively what he must do. It is deep calling. The depth of God's love calls to the soul: "You are mine. Come follow me." A vocation is the work of the Holy Spirit.

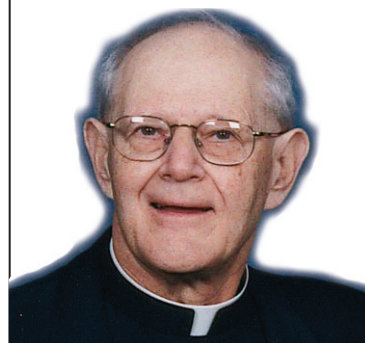
Like Thomas Merton, the desire is to be near to God and especially to experience Christ in the Eucharist. In whatever form that desire would be fulfilled as a monk, religious, or a diocesan priest would be a subsequent decision. Since I belong to that group of priests that were ordained before Vatican II, I would divide my personal experience into two distinct periods—before and after 1965 (Vatican II).

In Leviticus God speaks to Israel and says, "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am Holy." (Lev 19). The word holy (*qadosh* in Hebrew) has the elemental

meaning of "separated." For the priesthood, that meant separated from the secular. And it also implies a related word meaning "dedicated" or consecrated to God (Nazir in Hebrew). A Nazirite is one dedicated to God in the Old Testament. "All the days of his separation, he is holy to the Lord" (Numbers 6:8).

The letter to the Hebrews puts it this way: "Every high priest is chosen from among men and appointed to act for men in the things that pertain to God" (Hebrews 5:1). Therefore, in 1949 it was extremely clear to a candidate for the priesthood that his life was to be

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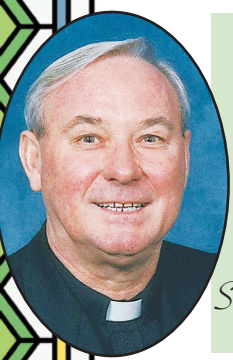
By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist

separate from the world and dedicated to God.

That concept of separation and dedication became clear to me on the first day I ever visited the seminary. I was amazed to see all these young seminarians wearing cassocks. I had never known that a black garment was the regular garb of seminary life. I was not fully aware that the training for the priesthood involved a semi-monastic lifestyle completely set apart from the secular world. That one visit made concrete for me what the life of a priest was to be.

All that followed reinforced that ideal of holiness and dedication. After six years of prayer and study we were ordained. And the lifestyle of the parish priest was in some way a continuation of the ideals given us during the formative years.

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Very Rev. Canon Joseph Urban

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Energetic campus minister sparks students, faculty

RAMSEY—Newly ordained Father Manuel “Manny” Gallo, S.D.B., began his first assignment in September as coordinator of youth ministry (campus minister) at Don Bosco Prep.

A member of the Salesians of Don Bosco, New Rochelle, NY, Fr. Gallo was ordained Aug. 21 by Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez, S.D.B., Archbishop of Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The ordination of Fr. Gallo was celebrated in the Salesian parish of Saint Philip Benizi in Belle Glade, FL, where he spent several summers working in the summer camp program.

Fr. Gallo studied theology at Tlaquepaque, Mexico (2006-07) and the Ratisbonne semi-

nary in Jerusalem (2007-10). His previous teaching experience was at Salesian High School in New Rochelle, during the 2004-06 school years as part of his practical training.

Father James Heuser, S.D.B., president of Don Bosco Prep and a former provincial at Salesians of Don Bosco, said that on any given day Fr. Manny can be found celebrating the 7 a.m. school mass, teaching theology to seniors, having lunch with students in the cafeteria, playing intramural basketball after school or taking a group of students to feed the hungry at a soup kitchen.

“Fr. Manny’s humility, sense of humor and simple trust in



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Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez (right) congratulates Father Manuel Gallo shortly after ordaining him last August. Fr. Gallo is working as a campus minister at Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey. He was a member of the Salesian formation program in Orange as a candidate and as a young professed Salesian.

God have drawn not only the young to him, but our faculty, staff and parents as well,” Fr. Heuser said. “Many find him to be a priest who is a good shepherd, in the manner of Saint John Bosco and in imitation of the Lord Jesus. Our mission here at Don Bosco Prep is greatly enriched by his charity and zeal.”

Cardinal Rodriguez, the president of the Episcopal

Conference of Honduras, became the 11th president of Caritas Internationalis in 2007 and has had a long relationship with the New Rochelle Province. Fr. Gallo and Cardinal Rodriguez share a hometown connection: Fr. Gallo was born in Tegucigalpa and later relocated to Miami with his family when he was a child.

The Salesians’ New Rochelle Province, which includes the

eastern United States and all of Canada, looks forward to the priestly ordinations next year of deacons Matthew DeGance and Michael Leschinsky, starting their fourth year of theological studies at Ratisbonne Seminary and Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, respectively. The province has two other confreres studying theology and two in practical training—one a coadjutor brother.

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Yearning

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We lived in a rectory with three or four men. We ate together every night. Our life was very different from that of the laity. The altar rail symbolized the divide between the laity and the priest. They were on one side and we were on the other. The altar was “sacred space.” The Eucharist itself was the “Holy of Holies.” The vessels at Mass were “sacred.” Only dedicated people touched a chalice. The cassock was worn at school and the black suit and the clerical collar was our defining dress, except on days off. Everything about our lives said “You are consecrated to God.”

Our prayer life was the Divine Office every day (in Latin). It took an hour. We also prayed the rosary and visited the Blessed Sacrament.

At the same time, in those days, we were overwhelmed by the needs of the people. We met them at church or school. Confessions, sick calls, instructions, moderating societies were the priestly obligation. Everywhere we went, everyone knew who we were and that we were consecrated. It was a very restricted, yet a satisfying world. We were truly a “part of every family but a member of none.” For many of us, a day off meant going home to the family and falling asleep, because we were that exhausted.

Vatican II, in the mid-1960s, came like a hurricane. That year I became ill. When I came back, the altar was turned around. The altar rail was open. The symbolism was obvious to me. The entire church was now sacred space and the community, as Saint Peter said, was “a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people set apart.”

A new condition prevailed. A new relationship existed between priest and people. Many things had changed. Soon there were a multitude of new ministries. Parish and finance councils were created. Lectors and eucharistic ministers shared in the liturgy.

When we were ordained we were told that we were priests “forever” as we operated in the person of Our Lord at the Holy Liturgy. Some of us were amazed then, when we heard that priests could actually leave the active ministry and marry. That was unheard of before.

Soon priests were leaving. Rectory life changed. We could stay away from the rectory overnight. The pastor’s monarchical role was diminished. The priest was far more liberated than he had been before. The understandings and guidelines that put many limits on the priestly life were gone.

We all breathed a new freedom.

A priest today is very much like the Apostles after Pentecost. He is anointed by the Holy Spirit and appointed to the things that pertain to God. Now he travels a much more difficult road than before. Often he is alone, like a missionary in the early Church. He will be busy with apostolates and responsibilities. Priests today are, for the most part, very much on their own. And like those first Apostles they must “preach Christ and him crucified” to a very secular world. The dangers are many. Because of the recent scandals, the

priest—now more among the people than ever before—must keep a certain distance and practice a certain circumspection. There are

those who would happily tear him from his vocation.

In the ordination ceremony we were told, “*Imitare quod tractaris*”—imitate those (the

Holy) things that you deal with. The struggle to be an “*alter Christus*” (another Christ) never changes. Saint Augustine tells us

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that a priest must be a Christian for himself, but a priest for others. To bring God to people living in a secular world is the challenge that every priest faces. Yet

he knows that without Jesus Christ he can accomplish nothing. He must be like Saint Paul who said “In him who strengthens me I can do all things.”

The conditions of the priestly life have changed, yet the essential call to holiness remains, as does the role of being an essential mediator between God and man. His heart must belong to Christ.

It is a task for God’s people to help each priest—first, by seeing Our Lord in them, and secondly, by supporting them on that lonely road that we call the priesthood.

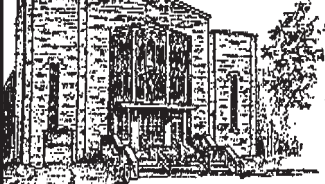
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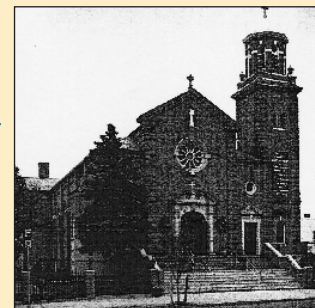
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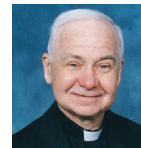
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Yearning

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At the preface of the Mass as you recite “Holy, Holy, Holy,” look around you at the congregation. Realize that these people are God’s Holy people. Then look up at the altar and see that robed figure who is standing in Christ’s place. Say a prayer for this one who, despite all human frailties, is giving his life in God’s service.



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Rev. Msgr. John J. Gilchrist celebrated his 50th year in the priesthood during a special Mass on May 20, 2007, at Holy Cross Parish, Harrison. He described his calling to the priesthood as an inner movement of the soul, the work of the Holy Spirit, a deep yearning that was irresistible.

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Obituaries

Fr. Brice Riordan; 91, founded retreat

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 6 at Saint Cecilia Parish, Englewood, for Father Brice Riordan, O.Carm., 91, who died Oct. 3.

Fr. Malkiewicz; served in Navy

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 28 at Saint Aloysius Parish, Jersey City, for Father Edward S. Malkiewicz, 70, who died Aug. 22.

Born in Jersey City, Fr. Malkiewicz served in the U.S. Navy. After his discharge from the service, he attended Immaculate Conception Seminary and was ordained May 29, 1971.

His assignments in the archdiocese included: Saint Helen Parish, Westfield; Our Lady of Fatima Parish, North Bergen; Saint Nicholas and Saint John the Baptist Parishes, Jersey City; and Sacred Heart Parish, North Bergen, where he served as both pastor and administrator.

Fr. Malkiewicz was also chaplain to the North Bergen Fire Department and a member of the Hudson County CYO Advisory Board. He retired in 1992 and had been in residence at Saint Aloysius Parish. He was a lover of art and the opera and established the Our Lady of Fatima Players, a theatrical group, during his time at the parish.

Fr. Riordan professed solemn vows Aug. 16, 1941, and was ordained a priest in Chicago, May 24, 1944. He began his ministry serving at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Tenafly (1945-1948), and Saint Anastasia Parish, Teaneck (1948 -1955).

He served as architect, developer, contractor and founder for the Carmel Retreat at Mahwah, and as director of Carmel Retreat for 11 years.

In 1966, Fr. Riordan returned to parish ministry and served at Saint Therese Parish, Cresskill, and Saint Mary Parish, Closter.

From 1972 to 1983, he was chaplain at Englewood Hospital. He also served as director of Saint Therese Chapel at Bergen Mall.



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GIFT FOR A PASTOR— Parishioners of Guardian Angel Parish, Allendale, collaborated on heartfelt gift, a book of letters, for their pastor, Father Charles Pinyan (center). Parish trustees Marge Mannion (left) and Allendale Mayor Vince Barra presented the book. Over 100 families wrote letters on how Fr. Pinyan helped them with their faith. The book's spine was engraved with the Latin phrase *Esto quad est* (Be what you are).

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Father Thomas G. Arminio, 86; Navy veteran of WWII

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 20 at Holy Spirit Parish, Union, for Father Thomas G. Arminio, 86, with Archbishop John J. Myers serving as the main celebrant.

Fr. Arminio died Oct. 15 at Overlook Hospital in Summit, surrounded by the love of his six children and their spouses, his 18 grandchildren (and the spouses of the four who are married), and his four great-grandchildren.

Born in Newark, he was the oldest of four brothers—the sons of Alfonso and Rosaria, Italian immigrants who came to the United States in the early 1900’s. Fr. Arminio graduated from Seton Hall Preparatory School, West Orange, in 1942 and served in the U.S. Navy from 1943-1945, deployed to the South Pacific on board the U.S.S. Custer.

He graduated from Seton Hall University, South Orange, in 1948, with a degree in English and



Father Thomas Arminio

a secondary teaching certificate, and earned his master’s degree in counseling from New York University. That same year he married Gloria Ilvento. He was the proud father of six children, including two sets of twins. Following his wife’s death in 1961, he raised the children with the support of his extended family.

In 1976, Fr. Arminio was ordained a permanent deacon and began his ministry on the staff of Holy Spirit Parish, Union, where he and members of his family

have been parishioners since its founding in 1963.

He was ordained to the priesthood in 1981 and served as a parochial vicar at Saint Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, for seven years. He was on the advisory board of *The Catholic Advocate* and served on the archdiocesan parish assistance board for two years.

In 1988, Fr. Arminio was

named pastor of Our Lady Mother of the Church, Woodcliff Lake, until his retirement in 1999. Since then, he was active in the following parishes: Saint Ann, Garwood; Saint Mary, Elizabeth; and Saint Helen, Westfield.

His son, John Arminio, said that throughout his pastoral ministry, his father remained the foundation and patriarch of his family. “As he often said, ‘always remem-

ber me as loving you.’”

In an e-mail note sent to *The Catholic Advocate*, John Arminio said his father will be remembered with great affection and appreciation by the thousands of parishioners and the wider community for his examples of faith, love and sacrifice and the unique perspective he brought to the priesthood by virtue of his children and large extended family.

Sister Rita Goodman, S.S.N.D., 77

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Oct. 16 in Wilton, CT, for Sister Rita Goodman, S.S.N.D., 77, who died Oct. 13. She was a professed member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame for 54 years.

Sr. Rita taught in New York, Massachusetts and New Hampshire before serving at Archbishop Walsh High School, Irvington, (1968-1969). In 1969, she was appointed principal of her alma mater, Academy of Holy Angels, where she remained until 1972.

She went on to teach at Saint Cecilia High School, Englewood, and served as an organizational consult-

ant at Saint Mary School, Closter. She became a psychologist for the Archdiocese of Newark in 1979.

In 1985, Sr. Rita was elected to the Provincial Council of the former Northeastern Province of the School Sisters of Notre Dame and served on that governing body for eight years.

In 2005, she was appointed local leader of the order in Connecticut and oversaw the day-to-day pastoral and administrative needs of Villa Notre Dame, which is home to 62 sisters and serves as one of three regional centers of the Atlantic-Midwest Province.

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D.M.

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.

D.G.

THANK YOU ST. JOSEPH
For all you have given, Thank You God. For all you have withheld, Thank You God. For all you have withdrawn, Thank You God. For all you have permitted, Thank You God. For all you have prevented, Thank You God. For all you have forgiven me, Thank You God. For all you have prepared for me, Thank You God. For the death you have chosen for me, Thank You God. For the place you are keeping for me in heaven, Thank You God. For having created me to love you for eternity, Thank You God. Amen.

J.P.T.

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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Feast days commemorate saints, martyrs, ancestors

Deciphering roots of faithful traditions in Church

BY FR. WILLIAM SAUNDERS
Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

The Feast of All Saints (Nov. 1) and the Feast of All Souls (Nov. 2) have evolved in the life of the Church independently of paganism and Halloween. However, elements of pagan practices were perhaps “baptized” by some cultures or attached themselves to the celebration of All Saints and All Souls.

The exact origins of the celebration of the Feast of All Saints are uncertain, although, after the legalization of Christianity in 313, a common commemoration of saints, especially the martyrs, appeared in various areas throughout the Church. In the East, the city of Edessa celebrated this feast on May 13; the Syrians, on the Friday after Easter; and the city of Antioch, on the first Sunday after Pentecost. Both Saint Ephrem (died 373) and Saint John Chrysostom (died 407) attest to

this feast day in their preaching. In the West, a commemoration for all the saints also was celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

The primary reason for establishing a common feast day was because of the desire to honor the great number of martyrs, especially during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian (284-305). There were not enough days of the year for a feast day for each martyr and many of them died in groups. A common feast day for all saints therefore seemed most appropriate.

In 609, the Emperor Phocas gave the Pantheon in Rome to Pope Boniface IV, who rededicated it on May 13 under the title *Sancta Maria et Martyres* (or Saint Mary and All Martyrs). Whether the Holy Father purposefully chose May 13 because of the date of the popular celebration already established in the East or whether this was just a happy coincidence is open to debate.

The designation of Nov. 1 as the Feast of All Saints occurred over time. Pope Gregory III (731-741) dedicated an oratory in the original Saint Peter’s Basilica in honor of all the saints on Nov. 1 (at least according to some accounts), and this date then became the official date for the celebration of the Feast of All Saints in Rome. Saint Bede (died 735) recorded the celebration of All Saints Day on Nov. 1 in England, and such a celebration also existed in Salzburg, Austria. Ado of Vienna (died 875) recounted how Pope Gregory IV asked King Louis the Pious (778-840) to proclaim Nov. 1 as All Saints Day throughout the Holy Roman Empire. Sacramentaries of the 9th and 10th centuries also placed the Feast of All Saints on the liturgical calendar on Nov. 1.

According to an early Church historian, John Beleth, Pope Gregory IV (827-844) officially declared Nov. 1 the Feast of All Saints, transferring it from May

13. However, Sicard of Cremona (died 1215) recorded that Pope Gregory VII (1073-85) finally suppressed May 13 and mandated Nov. 1 as the date to celebrate the Feast of All Saints. In all, we find the Church establishing a liturgical feast day in honor of the saints independent of any pagan influence.

Regarding the pagan connection, Nov. 1 marked Samhain, the beginning of the Celtic winter. (The Celts lived as early as 2,000 years ago in England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and northern France.) Samhain, for whom the feast was named, was the Celtic lord of death and his name literally meant “summer’s end.” Since winter is the season of cold, darkness and death, the Celts soon made the connection with human death.

The eve of Samhain, Oct. 31, was a time of Celtic pagan sacrifice and Samhain allowed the souls of the dead to return to their earthly homes that evening. Ghosts, witches, goblins and elves

came to harm the people, particularly those who had inflicted harm on them in this life. Cats were considered sacred because they had once been human beings who had been changed as a punishment for their evil deeds on this earth.

To protect themselves from marauding evil spirits on the eve of Samhain, the people extinguished their hearth fires and the Druids (the priests and spiritual teachers of the Celts) built a huge new year’s bonfire of sacred oak branches. The Druids offered burnt sacrifices—crops, animals and even humans—and told fortunes of the coming year by examining the burned remains. People sometimes wore costumes of animal heads and skins. From this new fire, the home hearths were again ignited.

Particular ethnic groups have developed their own lore that was merged with the celebration. In Ireland, people held a parade in

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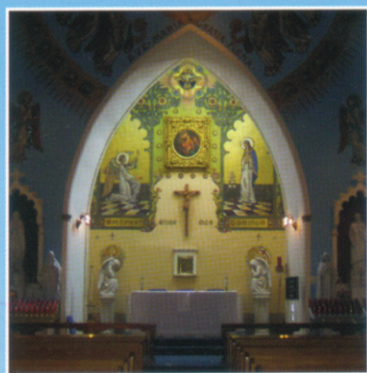
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Cemetery Sunday offers a time for remembrance

Cemetery Sunday will be observed on Nov. 7. The Catholic Church observes the first Sunday of the month of November as a special day to remind all of us of the importance of continued prayer for our beloved dead, and to also remember those faithful departed who may have no one to pray for them.

Catholic cemeteries encourage visitation and prayerful meditation throughout the year. November

provides Catholic cemeterians an opportunity to remind families of the importance of the sacred space created by Catholic cemeteries. Cemeteries are visible reminders of resurrection in the Catholic faith. They hold the mortal remains of the Communion of Saints who have lived among us.

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark is hosting the annual Mass for funeral direc-

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Remembrance

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tors, cemeterians and bereavement counselors on Wednesday, Oct. 27, 3 p.m., at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St., Archbishop John J. Myers will serve as the main celebrant. The Catholic Cemeteries department of the Archdiocese of Newark operates 10 cemeteries—some with mausoleums—throughout northern New Jersey. Andrew P. Schafer is the executive director of Catholic Cemeteries.

“Mausoleums and cemeteries serve as sacred places to console and inspire families. Our cemeteries are fields of hope,” Schafer

declared. “This is a statement of our faith.”

“As Catholics, we believe that those who have died remain part of the community, part of the body of Christ,” Archbishop Myers wrote in a column for *The Catholic Advocate*. “Our liturgy, our funeral practices, and our commitment as Church to maintaining places of final rest for all who have died in Christ are a sincere and solid expression of the respect and reverence. We hope that all of our family members who have gone before us are, indeed, now part of the Communion of Saints, and that we too will one day join them.”

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Dennis Fairbank, executive director of the Catholic Cemetery Conference, Hillside, IL, said the living are invited to come and pray for those who have gone before, just as those yet to come will be invited to pray for us in the future. “We fulfill both the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy,” Fairbank said.

The celebration of Cemetery Sunday provides a tangible reminder on the importance of Catholic cemeteries and the value of prayer, according to Fairbank.

(Editor’s note: Catholic Cemetery Magazine, which is published by the Catholic Cemetery Conference, Hillside, IL, provided much of the content for this article.)



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Traditions

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honor of Muck Olla, a god. They followed a leader dressed in a white robe with a mask from the head of an animal, and begged for food. Ireland is also the source of the jack-o'-lantern fable: A man named Jack was not able to enter heaven because of his miserliness and he could not enter hell because he played practical jokes on the devil; so he was condemned to walk the earth with his lantern until Judgment Day.

The Scots walked through fields and villages carrying torches and lit bonfires to ward off witches and other evil spirits. In Wales, every person placed a marked stone in the huge bonfire. If a person's stone could not be found the next morning, he would die within a year.

Besides the Celtic traditions, the Roman conquest of Britain in the year 43 brought two other pagan feasts. Feralia was held in late October to honor the dead. Another Autumn festival honored Pomona, the goddess of fruits and trees. Elements of these Roman celebrations were combined with

the Celtic Samhain.

With the spread of Christianity and the establishment of All Saints Day, some of these pagan customs remained in the English-speaking world for All Hallows Eve (or Halloween, All Saints Eve), perhaps at first more out of superstition and later, more out of fun. Nevertheless, All Saints Day clearly arose from genuine a Christian devotion.

Along with the Feast of All Saints developed the Feast of All Souls. The Church has consistently encouraged the offering of prayers and Mass for the souls of the faithful departed. In the early days of the Church, the names of the deceased were posted so that the community would remember them in prayer. In the 6th century, Benedictine monasteries held a solemn commemoration of deceased members at Whitsuntide, the days following Pentecost.

In Spain, Saint Isidore (died 636) attested to a celebration on the Saturday before Sexagesima Sunday (the second Sunday before Lent, the eighth before Easter in the old calendar). In Germany, Widukind, Abbot of Corvey (died 980) recorded a special ceremony for the faithful departed on Oct. 1.



Father William Saunders

In the early days of the Church, the names of the deceased were posted so that the community would remember them in prayer.

Saint Odilo, the Abbot of Cluny (died 1048), decreed for all of the Cluniac monasteries that special prayers be offered and the Office of the Dead sung for all of the souls on Nov. 2, the day after All Saints. The Benedictines and Carthusians adopted that same de-

votion, and soon Nov. 2 was adopted as the Feast of All Souls for the entire Church.

In Mexico, families make garlands, wreaths and crosses of real and paper flowers of every color to place on the graves of deceased relatives the morning of All Souls. The family will spend the entire day at the cemetery. The pastor will visit the cemetery, preach and offer prayers for the dead and then bless the individual graves. "Skeleton" candy is given to the children.

Other customs have arisen over time in the celebration of All Souls Day. The Dominicans in the 15th century instituted a custom of each priest offering three masses on the Feast of All Souls. Pope Benedict XIV in 1748 approved this practice, and it rapidly spread throughout Spain, Portugal and Latin America. During World War I, Pope Benedict XV, recognizing the number of war dead and the numerous masses that could not be fulfilled because of destroyed churches, granted all priests the privilege of offering three Masses on All Souls Day: one for the particular intention, one for all of the faithful departed, and one for the intentions of the Holy Father.

In the Middle Ages, superstitious belief, probably influenced from Celtic paganism, held that the souls in purgatory appeared on All Souls Day as witches, toads and goblins to persons who committed wrongs against them during their lives on earth. For this reason, some ethnic groups also prepared food offerings to feed and to appease the spirits on this day. These practices are probably remnants of the Celtic Samhain festivities.

All Souls Day as well as All Saints Day are rooted in Christian belief and arose in this life of the Church through a healthy spirituality, despite some pagan trappings that may have survived and have remained attached to their celebration.

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'The gravitational pull of our redeemed humanity'

BY JOSEPH P. RICE

Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

Our hearts are restless until they rest in you." Thus Saint Augustine captured the essence of being human: we are made for God; among all visible creatures, we alone are capable of returning love for love, and entrusting our lives to the author of life.

As we near the end of the liturgical year, the twin feasts of All Saints Day and All Souls Day clarify the gravitational pull of our redeemed humanity: to live out each moment as pilgrims in the trace of a supernatural destiny.

Reflecting on this destiny, the Church came gradually to codify the common Christian practice of commemorating those departed

relatives, friends and companions who, while not yet formally venerated as saints, had evidently lived in the hope of eternal life. The early practice of remembering martyrs annually at their date and place of martyrdom led to celebrations of various martyrs in common as more and more Christians were martyred together. Under Diocletian's persecution (302-305 A.D.), so many were martyred that it became impossible to venerate each on his or her own day, leading the Church to assign one day for the veneration of all.

In time, the Church developed a formal process for canonization and gradually instituted a calendar to include all manner of saints and not only martyrs. Eventually, Pope Gregory III (731-741) would ded-

icate a chapel in Saint Peter's Basilica to all the saints, with an annual celebration on Nov. 1 and Gregory IV (827-844) would then extend this practice to the universal Church.

The early commemorations of the martyrs were accompanied by an awareness of the value of remembering all the dead in prayer. The inscriptions on early Christian tombs and other early accounts display such Christian hope in the efficacy of prayer for the salvation and eventual resurrection of one's beloved dead. Saint Augustine records that his mother, Saint Monica, expressed no concern for what would happen to her body after death, but asked only "that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be."

Later commemorations of the faithful departed appear among the liturgical practices of the Benedictines and other monastic orders, as well as among the faithful in general. Around the turn of the first millennium, Saint Odilo, the fifth Abbot of Cluny, established Nov. 2 as a feast to commemorate the faithful departed. The devotion gradually spread from Cluny to other Benedictine and Carthusian monasteries, and eventually, to the entire Church.

Saint Odilo's charge to his monks to pray for the dead, so that they might sooner enter into heaven, falls within a tradition that predates Christianity itself. While a number of Old Testament texts have been adduced in support of prayers for the dead, perhaps the most explicit is 2 Macc 12:43-45, which supports prayer for the resurrection of apparent sinners. In several places, moreover, the New Testament also speaks of the purification of the faithful departed from past sins; 1 Cor 3:15 indicates that some will be saved through fire. The traditional Catholic understanding of purgatory is that of a state of intense suffering tempered by sure hope.

All Saints and All Souls are feasts of triumph. To be in purgatory is already to be assured of heaven. As purgatory will one day thus pass away, so the reason for All Souls will one day no longer exist. All Souls, then, is destined to be resolved in the reality commemorated on All Saints. Nevertheless, the souls in purgatory experience real suffering, and so we pray with real urgency for their proximate entry to Heaven.

All Saints and All Souls are feasts that call upon us to live more intensely our own participation in the Communion of Saints,



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which is comprised of all Christian souls in heaven (the Church Triumphant), in purgatory (the Church Suffering), and on earth (the Church Militant). Although the Church celebrates the Communion of Saints most specifically on All Saints Day, this joyful celebration stands as a condition for the hope with which the Church prays for all the faithful departed on All Souls Day. This communion includes all the members of "the Mystical Body of Christ...waiting to be reunited at the end of history."

One who was very much aware of the meaning of this dual feast was the late Karol Wojtyła (Pope John Paul II). Wojtyła lost his mother at an early age; an older sister died in infancy; and his physician older brother died when he contracted scarlet fever from a patient during an epidemic when Karol was just 12. Karol's brother was remembered locally as a hero who had died fulfilling the commandment to love. Lastly, his father died while he was a clandestine seminarian during World War II. With these memories as a backdrop, the orphan Wojtyła was ordained on All Saints Day, 1946, and celebrated his first masses on All Souls Day.

Addressing a conference of physicians in 1958, then, Wojtyła must have conscious of his brother's memory when posed the question: "When do I love God above all?" He responded, "There is a surprising answer to this question: when you avoid mortal sin...though indeed minimalist, still this is true love." And yet, he observed, the Gospel commandment to love is also a call to greatness that should lead us far beyond

the minimum. This commandment indicates the profound potential of man, whom Augustine calls *capax Dei*, for it is a great honor for any creature to be called to love God.

This paradox, of a love that is already true in its most minimal form, but which calls us always to a greater commitment, is, in one sense, the story behind the dual celebration of All Saints and All Souls. None but a true lover of God can enter purgatory; only a perfect lover of God can transcend it to heaven. In speaking of itself as a Communion of Saints, moreover, the Church also recalls that this Body is animated by love, the Holy Spirit, who is, as it were, its very soul. In the Spirit, the life of heaven—eternal life—begins already on earth. It begins now, in our knowing Jesus (Jn 17:3), and those in purgatory are already assured of possessing it fully in heaven.

In these feasts, then, we live out the eschatological tension (the branch of theology that deals with the final events of mankind), the experience of the kingdom as "already, but not yet" fulfilled here on earth, beginning with our hearing of the Word.

Like Saint Monica, we value purgatory, for our goal is heaven; like Saint Augustine, we remember our beloved dead at the altar of the Lord, for we cannot rest until we rest in Him. All Souls draws us to All Saints, that we may "have life and have it to the full" (Jn 10:10).

(Editor's note: This is an abridged version of a scholarly essay by Joseph P. Rice, Ph.D., who is an assistant professor of Philosophical Theology at Seton Hall University, South Orange.)

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QUEEN OF PEACE HIGH SCHOOL, North Arlington, alumni basketball game, to benefit the Timothy Nolan CYO Scholarship Fund, 7 p.m., cost: \$30, call Father Scott at (201) 997-0700 or Ed Foster at (201) 991-3280.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5437, Garwood, collecting canned and dried goods, turkeys and hams for holiday food drives, drop off donations after 4 p.m. on weekdays at council hall, (908) 789-9809.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF WOMEN RELIGIOUS (LCWR), Women and Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America traveling exhibit; at the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, Statue of Liberty National Monument; through Jan. 22, visit www.womenandspirit.org.



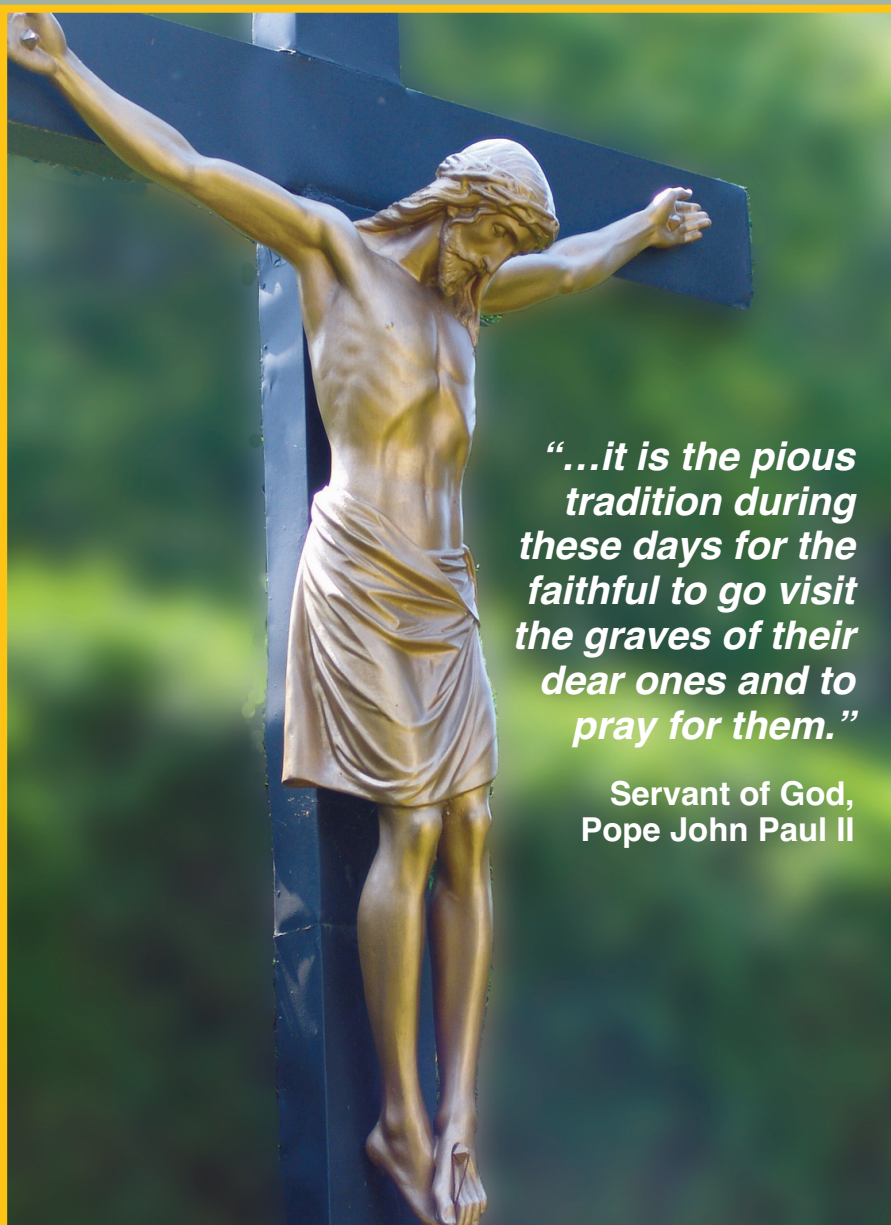
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STEWARDSHIP DAY—The Archdiocese of Newark held its annual Stewardship Day event at two locations: Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark; and Immaculate Heart Academy in Washington Township, on Saturday, Oct. 16. Presentations by clergy and lay persons explored all aspects of stewardship at the parish level. Welcoming participants at the forum at Mother Seton Regional High School were, left to right, Sandra Vazquez, Gesenhia Lopez, Carmen Olivo, Bruny Fontanez and Meg Dean. Carla Repollet, executive director of the archdiocesan Office of Stewardship and Development, said the stewardship concept helps parishes to build strong faith communities, more meaningful parish ministries and strengthens financial resources.

Remember All Souls Day November 2nd



Cemetery Sunday November 7th



"...it is the pious tradition during these days for the faithful to go visit the graves of their dear ones and to pray for them."

Servant of God,
Pope John Paul II

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