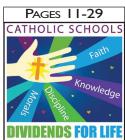






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Archbishop John J. Myers paused to congratulate Chris Christie during the opening procession at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, just hours before Christie was sworn in as the new governor of the Garden State. The 47-year-old Christie, a Catholic and a graduate of Seton Hall Law School, did not formally address the gathering at the Mass, but did acknowledge applause with a wave when he first entered the Cathedral. Christie's oldest son, Andrew, gave the second reading at Mass. Three of Christie's children attend Assumption School, a Catholic elementary school in Morristown.

Before oath, Gov. Christie attends Mass

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BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE

NEWARK—A special Mass was celebrated Jan. 19 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart to launch the inauguration of Chris Christie as the 55th governor of New Jersey. The 8 a.m. Mass began four hours before Christie took the oath of office in Trenton.

Archbishop John J. Myers served as the main celebrant and was joined by bishops from throughout the state as well as bishops from the archdiocese. Joining Christie at the Mass was Kim Guadagno, the state's first lieutenant governor.

"This cathedral is a fitting place for us to gather today to mark an historic moment in the life of New Jersey," Archbishop Myers said during his homily, which highlighted the themes of wisdom and peace. Continued on page 31

AAA funds focus on Corporal Works of Mercy

BY MELISSA MCNALLY Staff Writer

AREA—On Feb. 6 and 7, the 2010 Archbishop's Annual Appeal (AAA) will kick off "pledge weekend" as parishes throughout the archdiocese gear up for the major fundraising campaign.

Last year, despite the economic turmoil of a recession, the AAA managed to reach its goal of \$10.5 million dollars in donations. This year, the appeal hopes to raise the same amount to benefit parishes, schools and charitable organizations throughout the four counties in the archdiocese.

The theme of this year's appeal,

"Fulfilling the Corporal Works of Mercy," is especially poignant in continuingly difficult financial times. Jesus' plea to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and aid those in need is extremely relevant today.

"Everything Jesus told us to do 2,000 years ago, the Archbishop's Annual Appeal does," Carla Repollet, executive director of the archdiocesan Development Office, explained. "A lot of parishes are saying their food pantry supplies are down because there are so many people in need. My own parish, Our Lady of Good Counsel in Newark, needed more toys for their toy drive because parents could not afford to spend." Due to perpetual economic constrains, the appeal has placed a cap on each parish's goal. The amount of money each parish is expected to raise is based on offertory income. No parish will have a goal increase by more than 10 percent, Repollet stressed. "(The AAA) wants to find a reachable goal for the parishes. We want parishioners to feel good about giving," she stressed.

Even though the AAA met its goal in 2009, there was a 2-percent decrease in donations compared with the previous year. Because of the economy, major donors were forced to cut back on charitable giving, significantly impacting the appeal.

This year, the appeal has sent out

letters to donors and there has been a tremendous increase in giving to the campaign. Repollet feels that these major donations are a positive sign for the year ahead.

Money raised by the AAA is essential in these bleak times. Catholic Charities served 80,000 people in need throughout the archdiocese last year. The organization funds shelters, soup kitchens and counseling for people who recently became unemployed. Some Catholic schools and parishes, which receive 50 percent of AAA donations, were able to stay open due to donations. Programs, including a year-round school for autistic children and an adult day Continued on page 7



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The reality of Jesus' love provides only real peace

few weeks ago the television commentator Brit Hume caused a great stir among media people when he spoke about the great golf professional Tiger Woods.

Tiger Woods, as you may or may not know, has practically destroved his reputation and perhaps his career when it was discovered that he was not a faithful husband, but rather a profligate womanizer.

A great shock was caused because Mr. Woods, heretofore, had been held up as an icon-one of the greatest golfers who has ever competed—as well as a man of outstanding goodness and virtue. The disillusionment among his followers has been enormous especially among the young.

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Buddhist in faith, could find redemption, and restoration of his life and his career if he were to abandon Buddhism and convert to Christianity. It is in the Christian faith that one can find forgiveness and healing.

Brit Hume is a devout believer in Jesus. He turned to Our Lord when he himself suffered a huge tragedy. His son, whom he loved dearly, committed suicide. Brit found healing in the Christ of God.

The turmoil, of course, ensued because Mr. Hume was accused of proselytizing and, of course, denigrating the Buddhist faith. He is in good company. Some years earlier Pope John Paul II found himself in the same situation when he said that Buddhism left something to be desired as a religion. In Buddhism it is claimed that one can, by following the eightfold path of self denial, kill all desire, destroy all ego and finally come to "Nirvana" a transcendent state of emptiness-or nothingness if you wish to describe it in those terms.

Christianity on the other hand rejoices in being and in being alive. It draws people to perfection. But the entire core of

Christianity centers on love-the love of God who sent His only begotten Son to suffer and to die for the redemption of mankind. Like Buddhism it promises a transformation-but a transformation of life that leads to a union with God through grace. Paul could say, "I no longer live but Christ lives in me." You have been washed, you have been sanctified, you have been justified in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Brit Hume, like Pope John Paul II, was merely pointing to a reality. Buddhism offers marvelous ways of meditation and inner sanctification and peace. But when you are down and out, when you have ruined your life by bad conduct, when all people have turned against you, there is only one who can say, "Come to me all you who labor and heavily burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matt 11:30). And He can also speak to the soul as He spoke to the paralyzed man, "Son your sins are forgiven."

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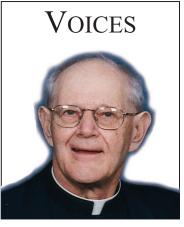
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BY WARD MIELE Managing Editor

NEWARK-Building on the success of last year's inaugural Catholic Men's Conference, organizers are busy with plans for an expanded program on Saturday, March 13. Father Benedict J. Groeschel, C.F.R., founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and co-founder of Good Counsel Homes, will serve as the keynote speaker.

Themed this year as "Champions of Faith," the conference will be held 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Seton Hall University (SHU), South Orange. Registration online, at www.rcan.org/menscommission, is recommended. The conference is open to those within the archdiocese and beyond.

Registration also is available by mail, by contacting a parish conference leader (PCL) or calling one's pastor or rectory. Those without PCLs can call archdiocesan organizers directly at (973) 497-4545. Any questions can be directed to that same number or via e-mail at Catholicmen@rcan.org.

Archbishop John J. Myers, a major proponent of reaching out to men of the archdiocese, will celebrate Mass. Providing the spiritual focal point for the day will be Fr. Groeschel, who celebrated

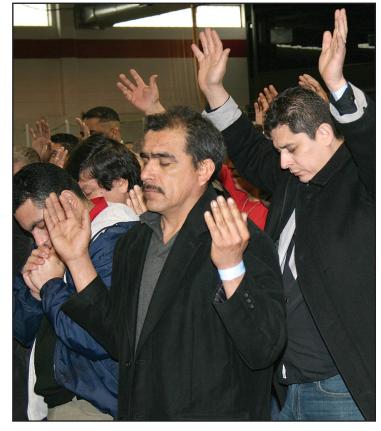
last fall a half century of service as a priest (see The Catholic Advocate, Oct. 28, 2009). Like last year's event, the 2010 Catholic Men's Conference will have separate English and Spanish tracks.

Jorge Repollet, conference chairman, said this year event organizers are looking to extend and enhance the spiritual experience of last year's gathering "so that we, as men, can be better leaders in the different roles we have in our lives such as fathers and husbands. That is why we have called this year's conference 'Champions of Faith,' so that we may continue to be disciples of Christ and be real champions in our journey to be better men of God."

Speakers in the English track include Curtis Martin, founding president of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), which has a chapter at SHU. Taking to the podium as well will be Edward Moccia, director of the SHU branch of Saint Paul's Outreach, an evangelistic Catholic campus ministry that serves students and young adults.

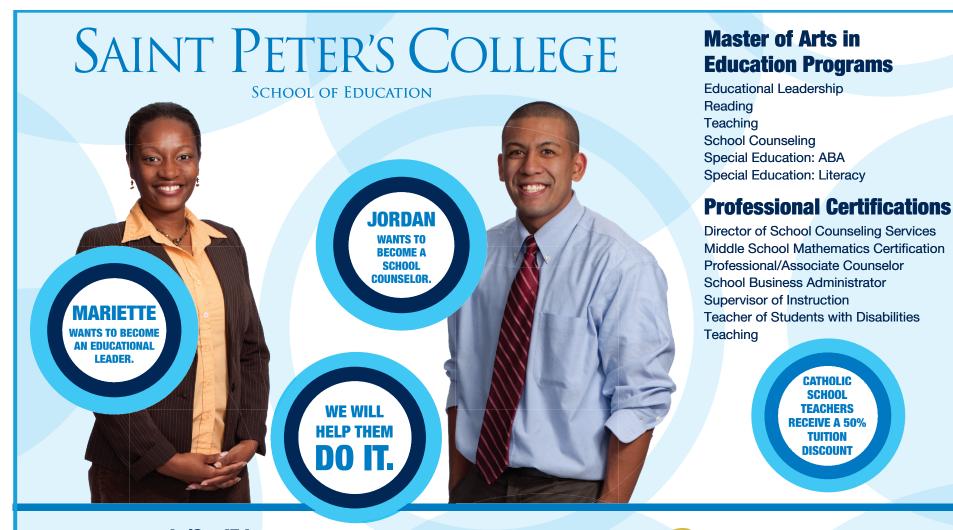
The speakers' roster includes a pair of men from the world of professional sports-former New York Jets player Joseph Klecko and Major League Baseball Coach Rich Donnelly.

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Last year's Catholic Men's Conference was "a great testimony to the power of the Holy Spirit," Jorge Repollet, conference chairman, said, recalling the many faithful fathers, brothers and sons who were inspired at the gathering. "We experienced over 2,500 men in great fellowship and worship." This year's conference will be held Saturday, March 13 at Seton Hall University.



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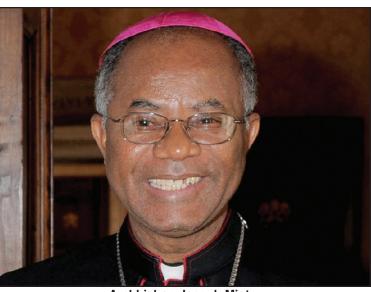
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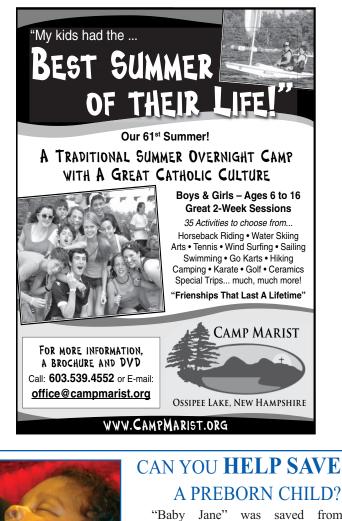
Haitian archbishop killed by the quake

WASHINGTON (CNS)— Haitian Archbishop Joseph Serge Miot, known as a humble man who was close to the poor in the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince, was among tens of thousands of Haitians who died in the Jan. 12 earthquake. He was 63 and for years served as president of the Haitian Bishops' Justice and Peace Commission. In a Jan. 14 e-mail to Catholic News Service, Archbishop Bernardito Auza, papal nuncio to Haiti, said Archbishop Miot was hurled from the balcony outside his room while he was waiting for another person on their way to a ceremony. "The force of the earthquake threw him headfirst off the balcony and he died, it seems, from the impact." Haitian Holy Cross Father Rodolphe Arty, associate pastor of Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish in Naperville, IL, described Archbishop Miot as "a man of prayer with a great devotion to the Blessed Mother." Father Arty, a former provincial of the Holy Cross Fathers in Haiti, said the archbishop was "very close to poor people in Port-au-Prince." Thomas Quigley, former adviser for Latin American affairs for the U.S. bishops'



Archbishop Joseph Miot

conference, said Archbishop Miot was a modest man and often visited the U.S. bishops' headquarters in his role as general secretary of the Haitian bishops' conference. Joseph Serge Miot was born in Jeremie, Haiti, Nov. 23, 1946. He was ordained July 4, 1975. As a priest, he taught and served as rector at the seminary in Port-au-Prince until he became rector of the newly established University of Notre Dame of Haiti in 1996. In July 1997, Pope John Paul II named him coadjutor archbishop of Port-au-Prince.



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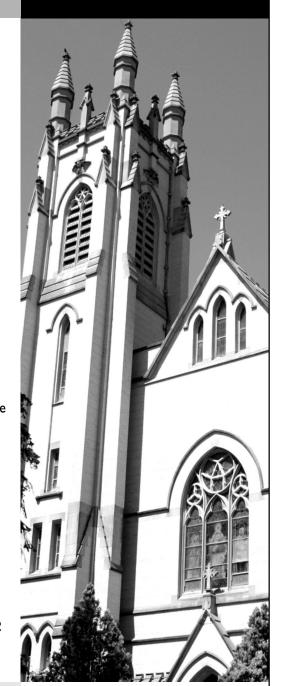
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Archdiocese answers call and prayers to help Haiti

BY WARD MIELE Managing Editor

NEWARK—The Archdiocese of Newark has joined religious and relief agencies worldwide in helping victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti Jan. 12 and, at last count, claimed over 200,000 lives.

The day after the worst earthquake to hit the impoverished nation in decades, Archbishop John J. Myers called for community aid and prayers. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western hemisphere. Three consecutive weekend collections were authorized with the final one taking place Jan. 30-31. He also asked that victims be remembered in the General Intercessions at Mass. The first weekend collection tallied \$28,436.

The archdiocese has many close ties to Haiti with some 31,000 Haitians living within its four counties. Several parishes have maintained regular medical aid and charitable mission efforts to Haiti over the years. The archdiocese also administers the Catholic mission presence on Turks and Caicos Islands, which are close to Haiti and home to a significant number of Haitian parishioners. According to Web sources, there are over 10 million Catholics in Haiti-about 80 percent of the total population.

The Haitian Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Newark and the archdiocese's mission in Turks and Caicos are coordinating distribution of all donations from the special collection weekends and cooperating with other Catholic efforts in the area, most notably Baltimore-based Catholic Relief Service (CRS).

At least three doctors from the Archdiocese of Newark have answered the call to assist Haitians. Dr. James Morgan, a resident of Cedar Grove and a member of Saint Cassian Parish, Upper Montclair, serves as medical director of "Lamp for Haiti" which immediately swung into action to help after the magnitude-7 earthquake. Morgan left for Haiti immediately after the deadly quake struck and at press time was still in the devastated Caribbean country, working near Cite Soleil. The Lamp for Haiti Foundation Continued on page 30



REUNION IN PHILADEL-

PHIA-Recent graduates of Saint Peter's Prep, Jersey City, met at the annual Army/Navy football game in Philadelphia, held Dec. 12. Pictured, left to right, are Bryan Robinson, Class of 2008 of South Orange, (NROTC); Alex Yu, 2009, of Dumont, (ROTC); Daniel LiVolsi, 2008, of Scotch Plains (U.S. Military Academy at West Point); Christopher Heatherington, 2008, of Millburn (U.S. Naval Academy), and Philip Reynolds, 2009, of Westfield (U.S. Naval Academy). Missing from the photo is Joseph Livi, 2009, of Fairlawn, (U.S. Naval Academy).



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Pastors and faithful lay leaders throughout the archdiocese attended a reception Jan. 5 at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, to honor their fund-raising efforts in the 2009 Archbishop's Annual Appeal (AAA). Carla Repollet (center), executive director of the archdiocesan Development Office, presented a plaque to Father Steven Conner (right), the pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Fort Lee, thanking the Bergen County faith community for its work. Also pictured is Most Rev. John W. Flesey, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark. The 2010 AAA kicks off Feb. 6 and 7.

2010 AAA

Continued from page 1 care center in Cranford, benefited from the money raised.

One million dollars in rebates were given to parishes that exceeded their AAA goals last year, Repollet said. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, was given an \$85,000 rebate and those funds help to continue its mission of aiding the community. An urban parish, Saint John in Newark, exceeded last year's AAA goal. Repollet believes donations to the parish soup kitchen and food pantry significantly impacted the amount of money raised. Holy Trinity Parish, Fort Lee, and Saint John the Evangelist Parish,

Bergenfield, also exceeded the last year's goal.

Some faith communities, including Ascension Parish, New Milford, raised more money last year than in 2007, the top year for philanthropy. Repollet believes being honest and forthwith about how donations are used to help parishes succeed.

"People have to understand that everything we have belongs to God, not us," Repollet declared. "We have to think that there are people in worse situations than we are. There are children that are homeless. For people who are doing well, their first instinct is to put all their money away and save. We still have to give. If you have a job and a place to live, you are blessed."



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Conference

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Addressing the Spanish track will be broadcaster Luis Alejandro Media of Telemundo 47, Paco Gavrilides of Franciscan University in Stubenville, OH, Father Gary Banks, S.T. from Misionero de la Santisma Trindad, seminarian Pedro Repollet and "Bella" actor Eduardo Verastegui.

At press time, the tentative conference schedule was registration and breakfast from 8 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. Music will begin at 9:15 a.m. The first speaker and testimonials begin 15 minutes later. At 10:15 a.m. confessions begin, fellowship, music and exhibitors will be available. The day's second speaker takes to the podium at 10:35 a.m. followed by lunch, fellowship and exhibitors at 1:30 a.m. Confessions will be heard throughout the day.

At 1:30 p.m., Fr. Groeschel will lead an adoration service. The keynote speaker is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Archbishop Myers will end the day with the celebration of Mass at 4 p.m.

Late last year planners and friends of the Men's Commission and the Women's Day of Reflection met at Nanina's in the Park, Belleville, to take part in a fundraiser to support both groups (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Nov. 25, 2009). The Women's Day of Reflection will be held Saturday, March 20, also on the SHU campus. Msgr. James McMenemie

who died Jan 19. A native of Harrison, Msgr. McMenemie was ordained on May 30, 1953 following studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, and the Catholic University of America, Washington,

Obituary

Msgr. James McMenemie, 81

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 25 at Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, Lyndhurst, for Rev. Msgr. James P. McMenemie, 81,

Sacred Theology. He was a parochial vicar of Our Lady of the Visitation Parish,

D.C., where he earned a Licentiate in

Paramus, from 1953-1968. In 1968, he was appointed university chaplain at Seton Hall University. He was selected as associate judicial vicar of the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Newark in 1976 where he served until his retirement in 2003.

Msgr. McMenemie served as weekend assistant at Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, from 1972-1976, and Holy Trinity Parish, Hackensack, 1976-1988. In 1986, Pope John Paul II named him a Prelate of Honor. Since 1989, Msgr. McMenemie has been in residence at Saint Michael.

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Health & Senior News

Holy Name unveils technology to reduce pain after surgery

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TEANECK—Ultrasoundguided peripheral nerve blocks (PNB) for post-operative pain control, now available at Holy Name Hospital, is an advanced pain-relief procedure that allows anesthesiologists to visualize the exact area to be blocked from pain.

Under the direction of Alan Gwertzman, M.D., chief of anesthesia services, the medical center is one of only a few facilities in northern New Jersey to perform this procedure. The safe and effective pain-management option replaces previous methods of using electrical stimulation and parasthesias to locate and block the nerve to lessen pain.

The goal in the procedure, according to Dr. Gwertzman, is to lessen the pain after surgery to enable patients to get home more quickly, allowing for an easier recovery. PNB is used most commonly for orthopedic procedures involving the upper and lower extremities and may be used in conjunction with all joint-replacement surgeries. "The beauty of this new technology is this is the first-time anesthesiologists can actually see the needle approaching the nerve and confirm the injection was accurate and effective," Dr. Gwertzman explained. "The ultrasound guidance offers a direct visualization of the nerves and surrounding area."

Dr. Gwertzman noted that in most cases ultrasound-guided peripheral nerve block is performed while the patient is awake or slightly sedated. However, in pediatric cases, the patient is commonly under general anesthesia. The type of surgery will determine if the block is performed before or after the operation.

"Since the block lasts 12 to 24 hours, we try to maximize the post-operatively pain relief," Dr. Gwertzman said. "If the block is performed before surgery patients usually require less overall anesthesia." For additional information on PNB, call Holy Name at (201) 833-7149.

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N. Arlington Knights get ready to 'shrove'

NORTH ARLINGTON—The North Arlington Knights of Columbus, Queen of Peace Council No. 3428, will host its fourth-annual "Shrove Tuesday" celebration on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 6:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 194 River Rd. (corner of Belmount Avenue).

Donations are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and \$4 for children under 12. Tickets can be purchased at the Queen of Peace rectory, 10 Franklin Pl., during regular business hours or at the Knights' council hall, Wednesday through Saturday after 4 p.m. No tickets will be sold at the door. Call Robert Tarantula at (201) 955-2244 or Nick Cerchio at (201) 230-342 to reserve tickets.



Robert Tarantula

The event will feature a traditional pancake meal along with foods representing different cultures from around the world. In addition, there will be a video of history and presentation on the background of this special day and its roots in the Christian calendar.

Shrove Tuesday, a traditional celebration also known around the world as "Fat Tuesday" or "Pancake Tuesday," marks the last day before the beginning of Lent.

According to information found on Web sites, the name Shrove Tuesday comes from the Old English term "shriving," a ritual that dates back more than 1,000 years, when members of a faith community confessed their sins to the local priest in order to receive forgiveness prior to the start of Lent.



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Cemetery dedicates special area to accommodate 'green' burials

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE Editor

MAHWAH-Maryrest Ceme-BUTTERFLY tery, one of the 10 Catholic ceme-AZERO teries owned and operated by the Archdiocese of Newark, recently had its first interment in a new section of the cemetery dedicated entirely to natural burials and "green" funerals.

It's believed Maryrest is LAWA one of the first Catholic cemeteries in the state, and perhaps in the country, to reserve grounds for families seeking eco-friendly burials-a leading-edge concept for families to consider in the bereavement process

Andrew P. Schafer, executive director, Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark, said the development of an eco-friendly burial site at Maryrest is in response to recent consumer requests and is part of a multiyear, multimillion-dollar renovation and expansion of the cemetery.

While initial plans called for a green area at the cemetery to be opened later this year, Schafer received a call Jan. 8 from Robert Prout, director of Prout Funeral Home Inc., Verona, (www.proutfuneralhome.com), regarding a family Prout was working with from Bergen County. Prout indicated the family he was assisting wanted to embrace a more natural funeral service for their father, who had died the previous evening.

"The gentleman who died had a number of phone conversations and a visit with me last year to discuss his own funeral options," Prout recalled. "We talked quite a lot about cremation and natural burial. He seemed most comfortable with the idea of a natural burial. He then discussed the idea with his family and when he died the family embraced the idea of a green funeral, as well."

After meeting with Prout and the family at Maryrest, Schafer agreed to accommodate the family's request and, despite the winter weather, had a section of the cemetery made ready for the natural burial service.

"From what we can determine, this may be the first diocesan cemetery in New Jersey, and Continued on page 30



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'Performance' results: students pursue dreams in the theater of life

BY MELISSA MCNALLY Staff Writer

> any young people have grand visions of stardom on Broadway spotlights, their names on marquees and performing for an adoring crowd. For some Catholic high school students in the Archdiocese of Newark, that dream of reaching the "Great White Way" is becoming closer to reality.

The Union Catholic Performing Arts Company (UCPAC) at Union Catholic Regional High School, Scotch Plains, recently performed the original production "Love (Awkwardly)" not only on the school stage, but off-Broadway at The Manhattan Theatre Source.

"Love (Awkwardly)" was co-written by UCPAC director and teacher of humanities Maryann Carroll Carolan (Class of 1986) and John Rotondo, a former member of the company and current student at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts (Class of 2007). The production centers on the relationships of eight high school juniors and seniors and includes multimedia references to online, social networking sites.

Written during the course of one weekend last June, the play was first performed at Union Catholic in the summer and then submitted to The Manhattan Theatre Source Playground Development Series last November. The production won the Series Audience Favorite Contest and returned to New York City for encore performances this month along with a reprise at Union Catholic.

The production was developed utilizing the results of a survey Carolan and Rotondo handed out to several of the UCPAC students. Their true-life experiences in dating and navigating the turbulent waters of adolescence were configured into a production that resonated with both students and their parents.

"It was important to address high school relationships because I feel they are often maligned by adults. We were concerned with appealing to both adults and students. Everyone has gone through (high school)," Carolan noted.

A teacher at Union Catholic for 20 years, Carolan believes that the theatre department is a large draw for students applying to the school. She believes the arts are transformative and is a valuable addition to high school education. "Performing arts help with critical thinking, public speaking and self-esteem," Carolan explained.

About 70 students are involved in the UCPAC and Carolan takes in every student who auditions. The high school has a full theater season that includes three productions each year. The musical "Les Miserables" is planned for the spring. There is also a summer theater workshop for grades 6-8 at Union Catholic.

"They say the neon lights are bright on Broadway; they say there's always magic in the air"

- Lyrics to song 'On Broadway,' written by Leiber, Stoller, Mann and Weil, performed by The Drifters

"We always drill into the students that they have to be professional," said Carolan, who also teaches English. "It is incredible to watch them go through the process of putting together a performance. There is a great level of trust between the students and myself. They are really inspiring. You have to feel like you are called to do this and I am."

Rotondo nurtured his love for theater at Union Catholic and is a junior in the dramatic writing program at NYU. After graduating from his alma mater, Rotondo returned to volunteer with the UCPAC and was hired by the school last fall to direct the musical "Noises Off."

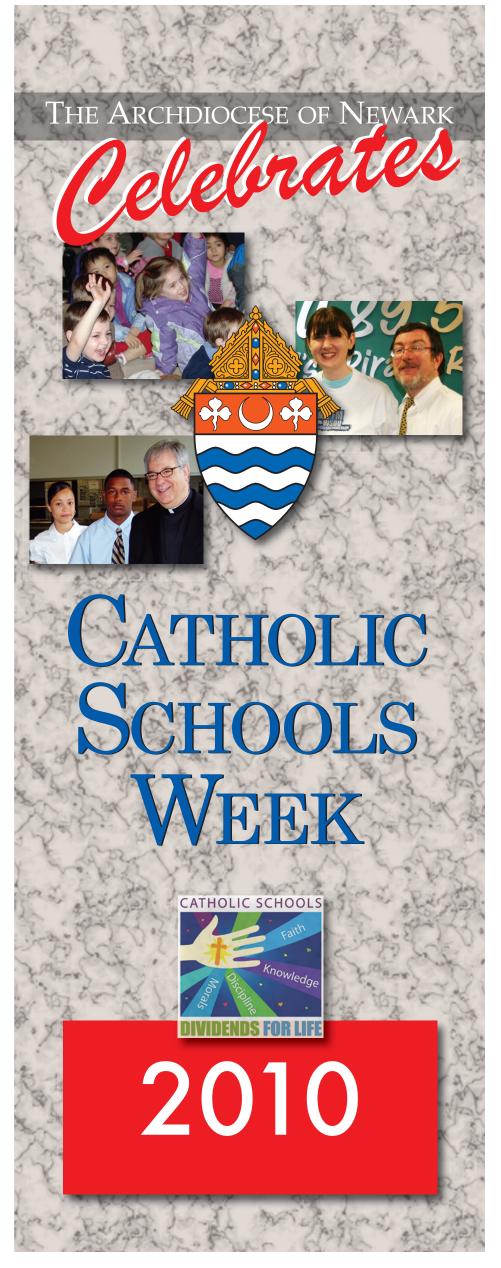
Seeing the positive reaction of the high school audience when "Love (Awkwardly)" was first performed was especially fulfilling for Rotondo. He believes it signals to young people that the theater is not just about classics meant for an older demographic.

"The students were excited when they saw the play and thought it was something different. They had a hand in creating it and felt they could relate to it," Rotondo explained. "We used a lot of technology in the play."

At Saint Joseph Regional High School, Montvale, the theater community and Broadway stars converge on the school stage. Acclaimed composer and lyricist Neil Berg is the director of the Saint Joseph Regional Theater workshop, a summer theater camp that instructs over 200 young performers. For over 10 years, his "Night of Broadway Stars," featuring original cast members from beloved Broadway productions including "Phantom of the Opera" and "Jesus Christ Superstar," was performed as a fund-raiser for the high school.

Last November, Saint Joseph Regional staged "The Secret Garden in Concert," featuring Broadway stars and a chorus comprised of 75 high school students, alumni, parents and local talent. Lucy Simon, composer of the 1991 musical "The Secret Garden," attended one of the sold-out performances and talked with the audience following the show.

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Leadership of school council prepares for decade's realities

BY WARD MIELE Managing Editor

NEWARK—In today's challenging times, the Archdiocesan School Council's mandate when it was established in 1968, "to help to provide the best possible education to the children of the Archdiocese of Newark while emphasizing their Catholic traditions" has taken on a unique urgency.

Known at its founding as the Archdiocesan School Advisory Board, the name was changed six years ago at the direction of the Task Force on School and Strategic Planning for Schools to signify the change in direction from an advisory board to a consultative council.

The council typically meets five times during the school year (October, December, February, April and June), while its lifeblood is the work done at the committee level. The committee structure deals with issues such as finance, policy, planning, development, marketing and nominating new committee members. In the forefront of the council's efforts are its president since 2004 and a member the past 13 years, Donna Baboulis, Esq. and Brother Ralph Darmento, F.S.C., archdiocesan deputy superintendent of schools

and liaison to the council.

The original Archdiocesan School Advisory Board came into existence primarily as a response to the call of Vatican II to inspire and advance the role of lay leadership in Catholic education. The Archdiocesan School Council recommends actions to Rev. Msgr. Kevin M. Hanbury, superintendent of schools and vicar for education, who in turn reports to Archbishop John J. Myers.

As Brother Ralph sees it, the major issues for 2010 are marketing, strategic planning and creation of a new finance model. Increasing the "pool" of students in the face primarily of a drop in enrollment resulting from increased tuition and competition from charter elementary schools "tops the list." The strategic planning approach, he explained, has to be "positioning Catholic schools to be move competitive."

He cited too the need for archdiocesan schools to adhere to socalled "best practices" policies as a means to "provide more opportunities to flourish and thrive rather than survive or retrench." The deputy superintendent focused as well on the need for "the creation of new finance models as opposed to being almost totally dependent on tuition."

Although the issues facing Catholic education were different when she first joined the council, Baboulis said an ongoing issue that has evolved over the years is the school voucher program, due to the dire economic conditions affecting many families. It is still a "struggle," she stressed, obtaining for Catholic school students what is provided to public schools.

Looking back on her tenure as council president, Baboulis said salaries for educators have moved front and center. Other continuing challenges are the ongoing consolidation of schools and financing in the face of "evolving" parishes, which will likely intensify this year.

As it is with her entire family, Baboulis is a proud product of Catholic education—a graduate of Academy of the Holy Angels, Demarest. She described a Catholic education as "unique"



Donna Baboulis

because young people are taught "values and standards that will apply for a lifetime all in a safe environment with committed teachers." Parish pastors and parochial vicars help to foster what Baboulis termed "Catholicity" or a Catholic identity for students. Brother Ralph's view is that a Catholic education provides formation for young people enabling them to contribute their entire lives "to both the civic and ecclesial communities."

Baboulis pointed out the council is comprised of members from a wide variety of professions, not just educators, "all of whom bring a variety of talents to the table and work well together."



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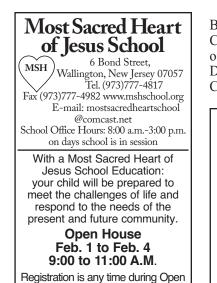
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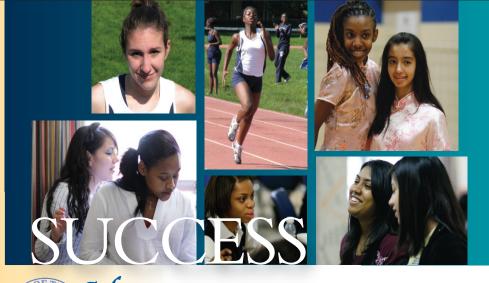
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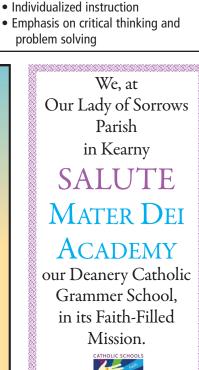
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The class will focus on the multicultural history of the Catholic

SUMMIT—When the Oratory Prep student council's Christmas

Theresa Macri, the quick-thinking mother of Oratory Prep senior Joe Macri of Westfield, had a connection with the Family Readiness

for the National Guard Family Programs of Union County and

phoned to see if there was a need

for any of the families of soldiers. She was met with a resounding yes. On Dec. 16, Major Sgt. Robert Cuff navigated a truck onto the Oratory Prep campus ready to

take the trees—some of them 10

feet tall and larger. The trees

were distributed to soldiers from

Afghanistan or Iraq, who returned

home to be with their families dur-

ing the Christmas season.

tree drive was finished on Dec. 12, Bill Martin, the school's director of activities, wondered how to creatively use more than 20 left-

over trees.

Church in America, address the challenges facing immigrant ethnic churches today and provide necessary tools for dealing effectively with the multicultural dimensions of ministry and mission.

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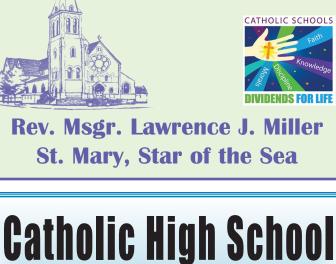
within the master's in Pastoral Ministry degree. It is open to anyone in ministry or interested in the subject matter. They do not have to part of the graduate program. The first session is planned for May and June, on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

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Eager pre-school kids discover joys of 'crisscross, applesauce'

BY LAURA CRISTIANO Special to The Catholic Advocate

AREA-How do you create a learning environment in a classroom filled with exuberant threeyear-olds? The answer is a mixture of fun, creativity and generating more energy than the three-yearolds themselves.

After visiting various earlychildhood education programs in the Archdiocese of Newark, one thing is readily apparent: Though no two programs are exactly alike, they all share teachers who revel in the opportunity to draw out a love of knowledge in the lives of the earliest learners. Jesus, in saying

"Let the children come to me," stressed how important it was to find time to engage the young. Dedicated early-childhood teachers embrace their vocation and strive to teach as Jesus taught.

Upon observing a room where children had just finished snack time, their teacher called out a singsong rhyme: "Crisscross applesauce, quiet hands and feet." The children who were scattered at their cubbies throughout the room immediately came over to their circle rug and sat down with crossed legs and arms. The children knew what was coming next. It would be time for their teacher to call them two-by-two to select

the educational center they wanted to start with that afternoon. Some chose books to read while others selected art projects. As a result, the important skills of decision making, independent work and sharing were accomplished on top of the obvious academics.

Early-childhood programs reflect the diversity found in the archdiocese. "Many of our earlychildhood centers are filled with young children from different cultures, religions and ethnic backgrounds," said Gloria Castucci, the director of early childhood education for the Archdiocese of Newark and the director of the Early Childhood Program at Aquinas Academy, Livingston. "This richness of identity enhances our schools as well as our communities.'

Castucci's sentiment is echoed by Lauren Murduca, director of Our Lady of Czestochowa's Little Harbor Academy, Jersey City. "The diversity of our students is such an advantage to the program," Murduca said. "We have the opportunity to be authentically educated by our global families about culture and customs. During the six and a half years I have worked at Little Harbor Academy. our pre-school has grown into an early-childhood program that al-Continued on page 18



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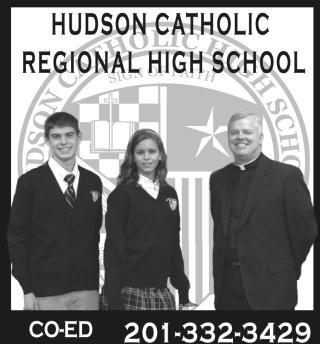
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'Radical trust' can transform colleges over next 25 years

BY SR. THERESA MARY MARTIN Special to The Catholic Advocate

s I mark the 25th anniversary of my presidency, I marvel at the swift passage of time and the remarkable evolution of Felician College. Twenty-five years ago, Felician was home for 450 commuting women; 350 of these students were pursuing associate degrees in nursing majors. Despite ominous threats about a nationwide demise of small private colleges, the Felician Sisters were not going to give up. They truly believed that the Felician/Franciscan mission was destined to transform lives and that God was in charge of the game plan. The Sisters had to place their "radical trust" in Him... and, so they did.

In 1984 Felician College was relatively young. Its transformation from Immaculate Conception Junior College to Felician College occurred in 1967 with state authorization to offer a baccalaureate program in teacher education. Shortly thereafter, state authorization was given to offer baccalaureate degrees in Special Education, liberal arts and upper-division Nursing.

Twenty-five years ago I felt I was not ready to be president of Felician College. However, I have since learned that God does not call the qualified; He qualifies the called. He called me, I answered and He went to work. The rest is history.

The small, all-female population of commuting women under my charge in 1984 was an absolute delight. They were serious, studious, hard-working, caring students committed to the values inherent in our mission. Nevertheless, the very existence of Felician College was at stake. We had to move and grow. Thus, the metamorphosis of Felician College began.

Felician College became coeducational in 1986 and in rapid succession constructed a Center for Child Care and a Simulated Nursing Skills Laboratory; converted 45,000 square feet of convent space into Kirby Hall where new classrooms, laboratories and offices could be housed; introduced graduate programs; purchased the Fairleigh Dickinson University Rutherford Campus;



Sr. Theresa Mary Martin

opened student residence halls; established an NCAA Division II Athletic Program; and introduced highly successful on and off campus accelerated degree programs.

Today, Felician enrolls 2,400 students, offers more than 55 undergraduate programs, 10 accelerated degree completion programs, online and hybrid courses, five traditional graduate programs including a Master of Business Administration, online graduate programs for nurse practitioners and an online graduate program in Religious Education.

Student empowerment at Felician College is crystal clear, very real and vibrantly strong. Time keeps defining our reason to be. Felician College is busier and more positive than ever. Preserving, integrating and celebrating the Felician/Franciscan tradition, values and academic integrity in a rapidly changing society is no easy task. However, Felician College does so with bold enthusiasm and radical trust. I could not be more proud. Such outstanding progress is largely due to the expertise, integrity and compassion of a great college community totally committed to our motto: "Students First."

Colleges and universities shoulder the tremendous responsibility of preparing students to be problem solvers in a fast-paced, intergenerational, multicultural, global society where science, medicine and technology make advances almost on a daily basis. They must also continue to deal with the current economic crisis, changing demographics, increased diversity, workforce development, K through 12 support, massive accountability and instant transparency. Developing concerns include the acceleration of virtual learning communities, online textbooks, teaching and learning via the Internet, sustainability initiatives and the advancement of healthcare education.

Given the current economic landscape, Felician College increased student scholarship dollars and financial aid beyond that of all previous years. It also chose to enroll in the Yellow Ribbon Program and is one of only a handful of colleges across the country committed to funding an unlimited number of veterans.

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Dramatic readers will take to the stage at Seton Hall University in a four-part production of "Saints and Sleuths," depicting Catholic life in literature. Now in its fourth year of performances, the series again will feature SHU's Celtic Theatre Company. The SHU troupe, along with the G.K. Chesterton Institute for Faith and Culture, the Center for Catholic Studies and the Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership serve as sponsors for the series.

Readings to reveal insights of Catholic novels, authors

SOUTH ORANGE—Seton Hall University's "Saints and Sleuths IV," a celebration of Catholic life in literature, a four-part production of dramatic readings from Edwin O'Connor's Pulitzer prize winning novel *"The Edge of Sadness,"* and G.K. Chesterton's *"Father Brown"* series of mystery books, will be performed on two consecutive weekends: Jan. 29-30 and Feb. 5-6.

The four readings, which begin at 8 p.m., will be staged in Theatre-In-The-Round, Bishop Dougherty Student Center, located on the SHU campus. The series, which is free and open to the public, will include scholarly commentary and refreshments. Call (973) 275-2431 for details.

In honor of the international "Year for Priests" celebration, the series features three fictional priests and three real priests among the commentators. The series also includes the *"Tidings Brought to Mary"* by Paul Claudel and the romance of *"The Cardinal's Snuff Box"* by Henry Harland.

The program schedule includes:

• Friday, Jan. 29, "The Hoodwinking of Father Brown," adapted by John Dandola, with commentary by Father Ian Boyd and Dr. Dermot Quinn

• Saturday, Jan. 30, "The Edge of Sadness," adapted by Dr. James McGlone, with commentary by Msgr. Joseph Reilly and Dr. James McCartin

• Friday, Feb. 5, "The Tidings Brought to Mary," adapted by McGlone, with commentary by Quinn and Fr. Boyd

• Saturday, Feb. 6, "The Cardinal's Snuff Box, adapted by Dandola, with commentary by Peggy McGlone and Father Douglas Milewski.



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reach their highest potential and prepare them to meet the challenges of this century with informed minds and understanding hearts. To that end Felician College established a Center for Global Education and International Studies, a Franciscan Center for Mission Integration, a Center for Assessment, Instructional Technology, and Faculty Excellence, an International Business Program, and joint baccalaureate and graduate programs between Business and Nursing in Health Care Management.

Felician also offers its students the unique opportunity to become interns at the United Nations with unprecedented access to attend U.N. conferences and meet politicians, diplomats and ambassadors from around the world. As one of only 21 colleges worldwide to be granted Non-Governmental (NGO) status by the United Nations, Felician interns can attend weekly briefings and are privy to discussions and debates on important world issues.

While the future presents us with a myriad of challenges, time has a way of teaching us what is really important. Helping students transform their lives and become capable, ethical leaders is really important. Empowering students to integrate knowledge and values is really important. Inspiring students to seek the Highest Good within our Felician/Franciscan tradition is really important.

God does not call the qualified; He qualifies the called.

Time has a way of teaching us that character cannot be separated from knowledge. Time also has a way of revealing the splendor of "Amazing Grace." I know. Twenty-five years tell me so.

(Editor's note: Sister Theresa Mary Martin celebrated her silver anniversary as president of Felician College last November with a series of special events and ceremonies; see The Catholic Advocate, Dec. 9, 2009.)



CUTTING EDGE-Pre-K, kindergarten and first grade classes at Assumption Academy. Emerson, have been differentiating instruction through "Common Learning Time," a weekly program that allows students to work at their respective, individual levels in a grade-free environment. A recent lesson involved the concept of sequencing. Displaying their "how-to" story sequences are (back row, left to right), Nicole McHugh, Julianna Camporeale, Geri Tabbachino (front row) Michael Salmon and Edward Weglarz. The artwork outlines the tasty tasks of how to make an ice cream cone and bake a cake. Maria Cleary, Ed. D., principal, said the program is an innovation in early-childhood learning. "Young children come to us at various developmental levels and ready to learn different types of skills at any point in time," she said. "We try to accommodate them by allowing them to cross grades and work with other students."

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Registration date draws near for students in Class of 2014

NEWARK—Families are advised that high school registration for students in the Class of 2014 will take place throughout the Archdiocese of Newark on Saturday, Feb. 6. Individual details on the registration process are provided by each Catholic secondary school. Letters of acceptance from the 32 Catholic secondary schools throughout the four counties of the archdiocese were sent to eighth graders on Jan. 21.

Laura Cristiano, archdiocesan marketing director for the Schools Office, said individual schools will have representatives available to assist parents and students with the registration process, to act as guides for tours and to answer any questions. She said information concerning orientation and summer programs, financial assistance, scholarship opportunities and possible placement examinations also will be available during registration.

Last September 3,500 ninth graders entered archdiocesan secondary schools. Brother Ralph Darmento, F.S.C., deputy superintendent, said this annual ritual of passage marks an important event in the lives of students and their families. He pointed out that over 97 percent of archdiocesan graduates proceed to college and university level.

Brother Ralph said the Class of 2009 graduated 207 Edward J. Bloustein Scholars. In addition, there were four finalists, six semi-finalists and 135 commended students in the various programs of the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, earning \$225 million in college scholarships.

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lows children to excel in a nurturing and developmentally appropriate environment."

Anna Mae Stefanelli, Little Harbor Academy principal, has embraced the Catholic Montessori approach, saying how she enjoys watching the children work and grow together spiritually and academically. After previously working many years in public schools, Stefanelli now revels in an education environment where "we can sing about more than just snow at Christmas time."

What is it that makes for a successful Catholic early-childhood education program? Is it strong spiritual foundation, a positive social environment, or the solid academic curriculum? The answer is yes to all three. Catholic preschools represent an outreach of parish ministry; a place where young parents can entrust their children to skilled experienced educators. Catholic pre-schools provide a safe faith-based environment with God at the core of curriculum.

LeAnn Durner, principal of Saint Teresa's Early Childhood Center, Summit, stated that supporting the needs of the parish community represented the heart of her school's mission. Founded in 2001, the initial plan was for her school was to be a traditional K-8 facility. However, by the second year of operation, more than 100 parents wanted to enroll their children in a Pre-K program. After assessing the needs of parents, it was decided the facility would focus solely on earlychildhood instruction.

Catholic pre-schools are a front-end extension of elementary schools that foster faith-based values and strong community involvement. Pre-schoolers also have opportunities to interact and learn from older elementary school students. For example, Sister Lena Petrillo, O.P., the principal at Aquinas Academy, spoke about how older students gently mentor the younger ones, serving as prayer partners when attending Mass, enhancing each child's development and school readiness.

Early-childhood programs throughout the archdiocese work in conjunction with the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, the Association of Middle States of Colleges and Schools, the Core Content standards of the State of New Jersey as well as local level guidelines.

Barbara Dolan, assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction and assessment, said the NJ Department of Education recent updated the pre-school learning and teaching standards to put them in line with the NJ Jersey Core Content standards.

"The content standards give a clear understanding of what children should be able to accomplish at different stages of development" Dolan said, stressing that "workshop experience as given to make sure that our teachers and principals keep pace with these standards."

(Editor's note: Laura Cristiano is the director of marketing for the Archdiocese of Newark's Schools Office and a frequent contributor to The Catholic Advocate.)

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JERSEY CITY—Bill Parcells, vice president of football operations for the NFL's Miami Dolphins and a former New York Giants head coach who led the team to two Super Bowl victories, has donated \$100,000 to Saint Anthony High School.

"God has been good to me," Parcells told Sister Mary Felicia, president of Saint Anthony, when she thanked him enthusiastically for the gift to the school.

A New Jersey native, Parcells is well aware of the financial struggles of inner-city Catholic schools like Saint Anthony, according to Kathleen Staudt, the school's director of development. Parcells recently spoke with his friend Bob Hurley, the legendary basketball coach at Saint Anthony, and asked Hurley about challenges facing the school.

Staudt emphasized the key in the networking process to connect with a generous patron like Parcells was a series of face-toface communications—a lesson she frequently shares with other Catholic schools that faces economic challenges.

She said the gift from Parcells would help to fill a gap in the Saint Anthony's ongoing fund-raising efforts, which support annual operations. The school typically needs to raise at least \$1.2 million each year, she said, which is difficult even for a school with an ac-



Bill Parcells

claimed, high-profile basketball program, she confessed.

"I've coached enough and seen enough to know how important a good, solid education is," Parcells said in a prepared statement, which was provided by the school. "I have a lot of respect for what the faculty and staff are doing at Saint Anthony. I'm glad to help in whatever way I can."

Saint Anthony recently has embarked on a partnership with Talent Plus Inc., Lincoln, NE, a global consulting firm that specializes in talent identification and development. The partnership at the school will focus on a mentoring program for female students.

Born in Englewood Aug. 22, 1941, Parcells served as head coach of the New York Giants from 1983 to 1990, leading the team to Super Bowl championships in 1986 and 1990. During his years with the Giants he became a popular, outspoken personality in the metropolitan-area professional sports scene. Following

his stint with the Giants, he went on to head coaching positions with the New England Patriots, the New York Jets and the Dallas Cowboys. Call Staudt at (201) 653-5739 or visit the school's Web site (www.stanthonyhighschool.org) for more information on programs at Saint Anthony's.



Campus ministry retreats inspire Paramus students

PARAMUS—This spring Paramus Catholic Regional High School will hold its first series of freshmen retreat experiences, entitled "Building Lifelong Friendships with God, Others, and Yourself."

Ninth grade religion classes will participate in an evening of reflection lead by upperclassmen members of the Peer Ministry Leadership course and those who are already part of the retreat team will lead the retreats. The retreats will include prayer, "icebreakers" social activities, witness talks and small-group discussions.

Joseph Wilson, dean of campus ministry, has high hopes for the retreat experience. "By creating a retreat experience just for freshmen, we will be able to bring the freshmen class closer together and closer to God," Wilson explained. "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. Students who are involved in campus ministry make giving back to their communities a way of life, and they make lifelong friends in the process."

The school's campus ministry program holds numerous retreats throughout the year that including a search retreat, where students reflect on God's presence in their lives. In addition, there's a service retreat, enabling students participate in various community service projects, and "tent city," providing the opportunity to experience what it's like to be homeless.

The campus ministry team also participates in Bridges Outreach Runs every other week distributing food, blankets, coats, toiletries and other necessities to the homeless in New York City. Students also participate in Toys For Tots and Christmas Family Adoptions.



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Saint Peter's Prep receives largest gift in school history

JERSEY CITY—Saint Peter's Preparatory School has received the largest gift in its 137-year history from Donald P. Moriarty from the Class of 1948, who died last spring.

According to Father Robert Reiser, S.J., prep president, the \$4 million gift will be used to support two important initiatives.

The bulk of the historic gift, \$3 million, is being directed to "Imagine: The Fund for Saint Peter's Prep," which is supporting, among other things, the completion of the school's facilities' master plan. The centerpiece of phase one of the master plan is the conversion of the Burke Hall, a general academic building, into a stateof-the-art facility devoted to the study of science. The remaining \$1 million will support the school's Annual Fund as a restricted gift with emphasis on providing tuition assistance to families with quantifiable financial need.

"This is a truly transformational moment in the history of Saint Peter's Prep. During his lifetime, Don Moriarty annually made the prep one of his philanthropic priorities, and this legacy gift further underscores his devotion to the school and its Jesuit values," declared Fr. Reiser.

The prep president added "in addition to the direct effect that this

gift will have on so many young men who qualify for financial assistance, it also helps ensure that we will have the funding necessary to complete phase one of our master plan. Thus, Mr. Moriarty's legacy, while never in doubt, is further underscored."

For more than three decades, Moriarty consistently had made the single largest gift each year to the school's annual fund, which supports the operating budget. He and his wife Eileen were lead members of the school's Donne Society, which recognizes families or individuals whose cumulative lifetime giving to Saint Peter's Prep had reached significant levels.



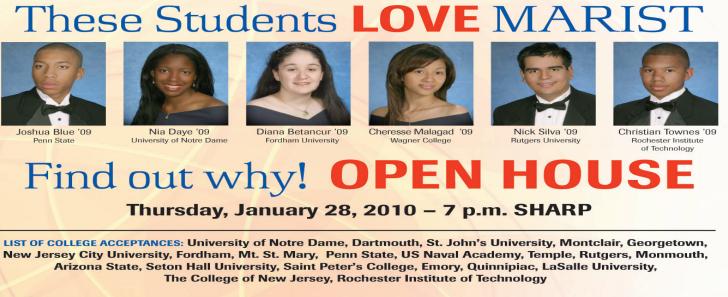
An outstanding student and a three-sport letter-winner at Saint Peter's, Prep, Moriarty continued his Jesuit education on a football scholarship at The College of the Holy Cross, followed by studies at the New York University Graduate School of Business. He began his

A \$4-million gift from the late Donald P. Moriarty to his alma mater. Saint Peter's Prep in Jersey City, is the largest gift received in the school's 138year history. A member of the Prep Class of 1948. Moriarty (right) is pictured with Saint Peter's Prep president Fr. Robert E. Reiser, S.J., at a reception in 2008.

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professional career at Bankers Trust, followed by 26 years at William A.M. Burden & Co., including ten years as managing partner. In 1991 he established Twin Oaks Partners, an investment firm in Chatham and served as managing partner until his death.

An advisor to the presidents of Saint Peter's Prep for more than four decades, Moriarty was named the first chairman of Prep's new board of trustees in 1985 and served two six-year terms. Moriarty laid the groundwork for initiatives ranging from capital improvements to competitive salaries, and his counsel continued in the years following his retirement from the board. His devotion to Jesuit education also extended to his college alma mater. He served as board chairman at The College of the Holy Cross. His leadership service to other boards and institutions in both the public and private sectors are numerous.





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St. Peter's designs a new major as green opportunities emerge

JERSEY CITY—Saint Peter's College will launch a bachelor of science degree in environmental studies in the fall 2010 semester. The new major was announced as the federal government plans a tax-credit program to allocate \$2.3 billion for the clean-energy manufacturing sector.

With private firms investing \$5.4 billion in this emerging business sector, it's estimated the overall funding from government and business could spur the creation of more than 40,000 jobs.

"We're proud to be able to provide our students with the expertise to effectively fill career roles in the sustainable-energy industry," Saint Peter's College President Eugene J. Cornacchia, Ph.D., stated on Jan. 8, when the new major was unveiled. "As a Jesuit, Catholic institute of higher education, we have a moral obligation to protect our environment."

The environmental studies program at Saint Peter's is aimed at providing students with the educa-



Eugene J. Cornacchia

tional background and leadership skills necessary to effectively address the issues involved in the social, economic, political, cultural and technological context of ecological sustainability.

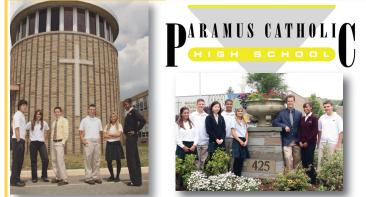
In 2008, President Cornacchia signed the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment. Since then, he has taken significant steps to reduce the college's carbon footprint, such as contracting wind energy to power the entire Jersey City campus (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Jan. 13).

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The interdisciplinary approach of the environmental studies major will allow students to learn to apply knowledge from the natural and social sciences, business and humanities to the study of environmental issues. Students will develop capabilities in problem solving, creativity and the scientific method, as well as learn ethical and legal concepts in order to generate solutions to environmental problems and maximize sustainability. A required internship experience will provide them with the opportunity to integrate theory and practice, and prepare them for future graduate or professional work.

Saint Peter's College began developing the environmental studies program after recognizing the potential for employment growth in the environmental sustainability industry.





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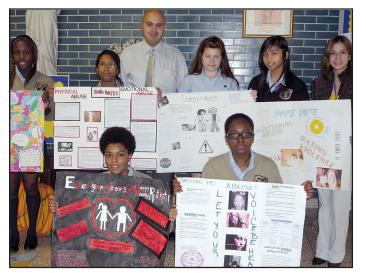
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SAFE DATES-Students at Marist High School, Bayonne, display their award-winning posters from the "Safe Dates" program, sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark. The posters will be exhibited at the Newport Center Mall of Jersey City and Bayonne Library. The program, which also included students at Hudson Catholic Regional High School, Jersey City, is based on a grant from the Princeton-based Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and seeks to prevent abusive relationships. As part of the curriculum, students take part in a poster art contest to illustrate what they've learned. The program also is offered at high schools in Elizabeth. Call Shelley Steinberg, Catholic Charities, School Social Services, at (973) 266-7983 for more information.

Performers

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John Asselta, director of the school's performing arts program, worked for many years in the corporate world. He observed that businesses often seek individuals who are versatile and have the ability to communicate well. "Saint Joseph's promotes the 'well-rounded man.' Our boys do it all. (Teachers) have an obligation to not only appreciate the arts, but teach life skills. The performing arts help students learn these skills."

Over the past 17 years, Asselta has seen performing arts take off at Saint Joseph Regional High School. At the all-boys school, theater was once viewed as unpopular, but there has been a shift in the students' attitude.

"Boys used to be so embarrassed to admit they were even involved in theater. I tried to identify with the kids- sit with them at the lunch tables, talk to them about auditions. The athletes became involved and I worked with the coaches to help coordinate their schedules. Now, out of the 450 boys at the school, 20 percent of them audition for the school musical," Asselta explained.

The high school reaches out to local Catholic high schools including Immaculate Heart Academy, Washington Township, Academy of the Holy Angels, Demarest, and public schools to cast female roles. Along with the social aspect of "getting to work with girls" the

young men at Saint Joseph's have a true appreciation for the arts and the high school's productions have received numerous awards.

Last year, Saint Joseph Regional High School's production of "The Crucible" won the 2009 Montclair State University's Best Drama Award. The school received the Paper Mill Playhouse's Educational Impact Award for the last three years. FOX TV has also profiled the musical theater program and its production of "Tommy" and this year's perform-ance of "Curtains."

Educating young people through the arts is an important component to Asselta's group. Following each production, students at local grammar schools view the productions and receive study guides and lesson plans regarding an issue raised in the play. Not only does Saint Joseph Regional High School use performing arts to educate, but Asselta believes that being involved in theater provides valuable tools for life after high school. "Theater skills are skills for life. They teach students how to be articulate and how to relate with people. I have seen so many kids blossom and become more fulfilled because of the arts. Theater can be a life-changing experience," he said.

Like Saint Joseph Regional High School, Hudson Catholic Regional High School, Jersev City, has a large population of young men with an interest in theater. Last year, the school went coed after years as an all-boys

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Jordan Morrisey, one of the young performers at Union Catholic Regional High School, Scotch Plains, performs the original play "Love (Awkwardly)." A collaborative process by playwrights and Union Catholic graduates Maryann Carroll Carolan and John Rotondo, the play was selected to be performed off-Broadway at The Manhattan Theatre Source.

school. One of the goals for this school year was streamlining the performing arts department.

Last year, Aileen Quinn, who played the title role in the 1982 movie "Annie," was hired as the high school's music and drama teacher. Quinn, who had several roles on the Broadway stage, also joined the staff as a Spanish teacher. With two after-school groups, one for performing arts beginners and another for more advanced technique, she is impressed by the talent Hudson Catholic has to offer.

"So far, the drama courses are

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going well. The kids have a lot to contribute. There are quite a few talented young men in drama. Just as many boys as girls attend and they are all eager to learn. The students are releasing their ideas and everyone gets a chance to be creative," Quinn said.

With a professional actress as their teacher, students were eager to ask Quinn questions about her career. "The kids had all these questions about acting in the beginning of the year. I'm just a regular member of the faculty now. I once sang a song in Spanish for the 'Twelve Days of

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Christmas' and one of the students put it together that 'Annie' was his Spanish teacher," Quinn said with a laugh.

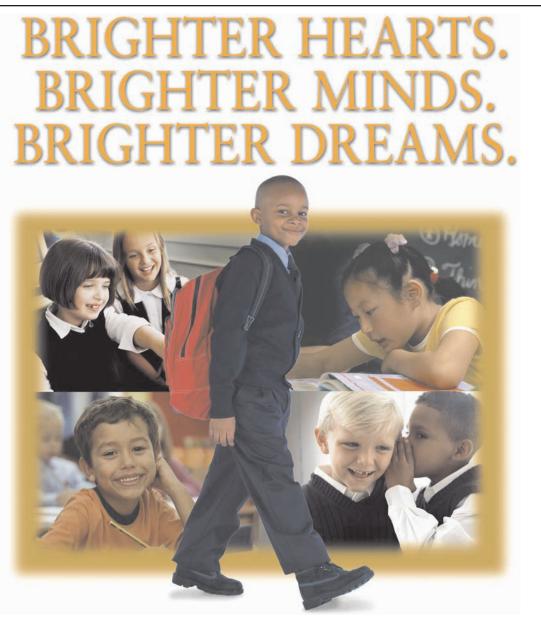
Students in drama classes learn about character study, soliloquies and basic technique. Quinn hopes that her lessons provide a good foundation if students would like to pursue acting as a career. "The beginners are gaining confidence, learning about teamwork and will hopefully grow," she added.

A "triple threat' who can sing,

dance and act, Quinn is passionate about the arts and believes they provide a good balance for academics. She recently taught at another Catholic school and believes theater is especially needed at Hudson Catholic.

"From what I have seen, the students have a lot they need to express- performing is a good release for them. The students look forward to drama class. The kids know that Hudson Catholic is a good, safe place to go. I am very encouraged by the dedicated and talented students," she said.

Quinn plans on putting together a production with the students at Hudson Catholic in the spring. For her, sharing her knowledge of the stage is a great opportunity to spread the importance of the arts. "I'm always going to be an artist first. I love bringing things that I have learned to students. To see a student light up at being on stage for the first time brings me great joy."



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MIAMI SHORES, FL—Sister Linda Bevilacqua, O.P., Ph.D., the president of Barry University, said the school community is deeply saddened by the earthquake that struck Haiti on Jan. 12 and reviewed plans to help disaster victims on the island nation, which is located about 100 miles south of Miami

"Please know that we are rallying members of the Barry community to decide how we may best be

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of service to Haiti and the Haitian people," Sr. Linda said. The university's Campus Ministry celebrated a Mass Jan. 15, offering prayers for the people of Haiti. The university has about 150 students with Haitian citizenship.

Sr. Linda noted that representatives from the university's Division of Student Affairs, School of Social Work, International and Multicultural Programs, Student Activities, Campus Ministry,

Counseling and Psychological Services, and Department of Housing and Residence Life met recently to initiate a coordinated support and relief effort.

In addition, Damaris Vasquez, the director of Barry's International and Multicultural Programs Office, has met with members of the Haitian Consulate to direct assistance efforts by the university. Barry University is Florida's

second-largest, private Catholic

university, offering more than 60 undergraduate and 50 graduate programs. Barry University's Andreas School of Business recently was listed as one of the top ranking business schools in the nation, according to The Princeton Review's "The Best 301 Business Schools: 2010 Edition."

Founded in 1940, Barry University is affiliated with the Dominican Sisters of Adrian, MI. There are more than 4,000 fulltime undergraduate and 3,600 graduate students. Barry students participate in more than 60 campus organizations and recreational activities.

More than 90 percent of undergraduates receive some form of financial aid from the university, including scholarships and grants. Graduate students are eligible for

Sr. Linda Bevilacqua professional scholarships includ-

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ing those for full-time social workers, educators, nurses and clergy members. For additional on Barry University, visit the Web site (www.barry.edu) or call (800) 695-2279.

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SMILING SCHOLARS-Saint Joseph School, Bogota, held its first induction ceremony for its National Junior Honor Society Students on Dec. 18. Pictured at the event are (top photo) eighth graders (seated, left to right) Amanda Bellagamba; Dominique Otiepka; Carla Arazaga; Julia Contino; Julianne Becerra; (standing) Father Richard Supple, the pastor of Saint Joseph Parish; Joseph Caraccio; Sean Houlihan, a sixth grade teacher and the school's National Junior Honor Society coordinator; Stephanie Perpepaj; Brittany Perpepaj; Margaret Roche, James Newman, principal; and Rev. Msgr. Kevin M. Hanbury, archdiocesan vicar for education and superintendent of schools. Seventh graders (bottom photo) include (seated left to right) Rosemary Menyhart; Amber Grimes; Catherine Llaneza; Emily Alvarez; Nicoletta Fischetti; (standing) Fr. Supple; Connor Sellers; Gregory Kaulfers; Douglas Jacobson; Toni Feghali; Houlihan; Michael Clarkson; John Luke Bellagamba; Richard Barclay; Newman; and Msgr. Hanbury. The school qualified for honor society membership in the spring of 2009 and this is the first group of students to be inducted into the prestigious organization.



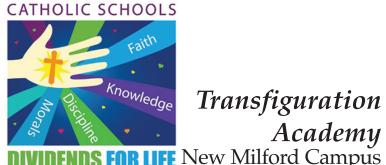


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Manhattan College taps new administrators



Dr. William Clyde



Dr. Richard Satterlee

RIVERDALE, NY — Dr. William Clyde has been named the executive vice president and provost of Manhattan College, while Dr. Richard Satterlee has been tapped as the next vice president for student life. Both appointments are effective July 1.

"Dr. Clyde brings to Manhattan an impressive depth and breadth of experience, a strong record of accomplishment as an educator and administrator, and a reputation for creative thinking in response to complex challenges," Dr. Brennan O'Donnell, Manhattan College president, said.

"The noble calling of the Lasallian heritage, the endless potential of the surrounding city, the tranquil setting of the campus and the palpable devotion of the community combine to promise transformative experiences to all Manhattan College students," Clyde said.

Since 2007, Clyde has served as vice president for academic affairs at Queens University, a private Presbyterian-affiliated institution located in Charlotte, NC.

Satterlee will replace Brother Robert Berger, who will step down from his position in June after nine years. Satterlee has served in the position of assistant vice president for student development at Loyola University of Maryland (formerly Loyola College of Maryland) since July 2001.

"I was impressed with the

powerful sense of community at Manhattan that I experienced when I visited with students, faculty and administration during the search process," Satterlee said.

In his current role, Satterlee serves on the vice president's senior student-affairs team, and has direct supervisory responsibility for a wide range of departments, including leadership and new student programs, student activities, recreational sports and academic advising for varsity athletes.

"Dr. Satterlee is a strong and eloquent advocate of Catholic higher education," Brennan said.

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Guadalupe Academy plans special week

Guadalupe Academy has listed its slate of activities for Catholic Schools Week, which features a Mass on Feb. 1, with Most Rev. Dominic A. Marconi, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Newark, serving as the celebrant.

"Every child brings us God's smile-that is our saying for Catholic Schools Week," said Deacon Joe Caporaso, principal of the academy, which opened

The list of activities includes:

- Saturday, Jan. 30; Family pasta and meatball dinner to kickoff Catholic Schools Week
- Monday, Feb. 1; Mass 10:30 a.m., Most Rev. Dominic A. Marconi, D.D., celebrant
- Tuesday, Feb. 2; "School Color Day" and gym extravaganza
- Wednesday, Feb. 3; National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools, student musical celebration, 1:45 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 4; Student Appreciation Day, Crazy Hat Day, ice cream treats, no homework and prizes for students
- Friday, Feb. 5; Teacher Appreciation Day, closing prayer service 10:30 a.m., staff luncheon.

The academy, a consolidation of Saint Mary of the Assumption School, Saint Anthony School and Blessed Sacrament School, serves students in grades K-8. For more information, call Sister Ursula Butler, O.S.B., at (908) 352-7419.

St. Dominic cuts ribbon on media center

JERSEY CITY - Saint Dominic Academy (SDA), 2572 Kennedy Blvd., held a dedication ceremony for the "Ellyn A. McColgan '71 Media Resource Center" on Dec. 7, 2009, unveiling a state-of-the-art technology facility that houses 24 computer stations wired for online e-book referencing as well as a study lounge for collaborative learning groups.

The center is named in honor of benefactor McColgan, a 1971 graduate of the academy.

McColgan has spent much of her career in the financial services industry. After completing her undergraduate studies at Montclair State University, she went on to earn her MBA at the Harvard Business School. She has held executive management positions and most recently served as president and chief operating officer of Morgan Stanley Global Wealth Management Group.

We are thrilled to have our first dedicated room named after one of our most successful alumnae," Margaret Fox-Tully, head of school, said. "Ellyn has been extremely supportive of the academy since her graduation and she counts her SDA education as one of the contributing factors in her success. When asked why she continues to support her alma mater, Ellyn has often stated, 'because SDA makes a difference. We are enormously grateful to her."

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The Honorable Madeline Cox-Arleo (far left), chairwoman of the SDA board of trustees, cuts the ribbon on the academy's new resource media center, while benefactor Ellyn A. McColgan (far right) looks on.



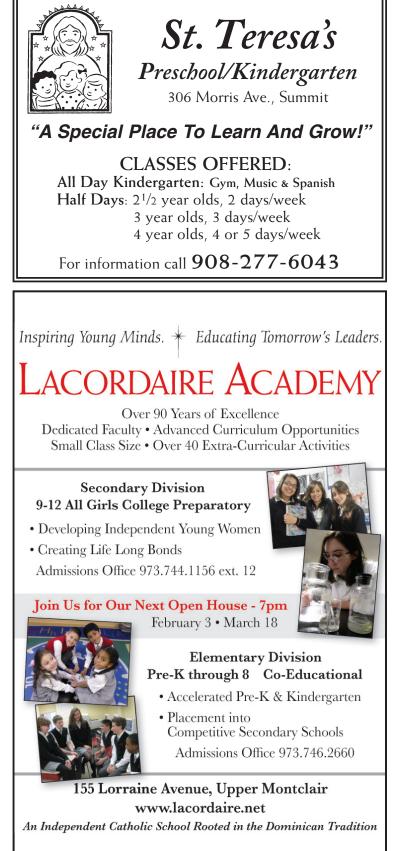
Sacred Heart to download 'Information Night' Feb. 2

LYNDHURST-Sacred Heart School, 620 Valley Brook Ave., will host "Information Night" Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. to introduce families to its academic programs in grades Pre-K3 through eight.

The session will begin with an overview of the school by Principal Margaret Smiriga. Attendees will meet with teachers, parents, alumni and students to discover the education offerings at Sacred Heart, including the full-day kindergarten program. The school's curriculum includes computer science, advanced mathematics and world language instruction beginning in kindergarten.

Sacred Heart has installed interactive "Smartboards" in every homeroom and launched "Powerschool," which allows parents to track their children's grades online.

For more information about Sacred Heart, visit the school's Web site at (www.sacredheartlynd.org) or call (201) 939-4277.



Schools Office proudly unveils Bloustein scholars

AREA—The Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Newark has released the names of this year's Edward. J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars.

To qualify, New Jersey students must demonstrate the highest level of academic achievement placing in the top 10 percent of their class while earning a minimum combined Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) score of 1260 (critical reasoning and math) and be ranked first, second or third in their class at the end of their junior year.

The Bloustein Distinguished Scholars program is available to students who have been permanent residents of the Garden State for the prior year. The 204 distinguished scholars for the 2009-10 academic year received award offers of up to \$1,000 annually to attend New Jersey institutions or higher learning.

Bloustein scholars of Catholic secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Newark follow.

BERGEN COUNTY Academy of the Holy Angels, Demarest

Victoria Bittner, Heather Fuhrman, Allison Hosjak, Kaleigh Kenny, Abigail Luhn, Kerrin Meseck, Nicole Onderdonck, Sherin Pathickal, Katherine Prendergast, Katherine Russo, Caitlin Wood, Christina Yasay.

Immaculate Conception High School, Lodi

Janine Grillo, Jacqueline Joewono, Katelynn Kurgan.

Saint Joseph Regional High School, Montvale Robert Gray, Kevin Walters.

Queen of Peace High School,

North Arlington Rachel Krontak, Samantha Pettigrew, Emily Reese.

Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell

Peter Angelica, Michael Bruno, Christopher Bush, Thomas Certo, Suk Kyu Cho, Anthony DeFilippis, Joseph Fiorica, Daniel Gonzalez, William Hamilton, William Leonard, Sacheev Mandhle, Timothy McAndrew, James Monaco, Michael Pannell, Daniel Perez-Sullivan, Kyle Riker, Steven Silvestro, Erick Valencia.

Paramus Catholic Regional High School, Paramus

Joshua Borja, James Carluccio, Andrew Faiz, Hye Sung Khil, Christopher Milliman, Jung Hyun Nam, Pooja Patel, Yohan Perera, Jeremy Sperber, Kazuki Takayama, Filip Zalewski.

Don Bosco Preparatory School, Ramsey

Ryan Barlotta, Nicholas Boylan, John Clifford, Josef Durand, Dylan Henne, Jihun Lee, Sean Mack, Matthew Miceli, Christopher Minor, Nicholas Powers, Wyatt Smith, Peter Weber. Bridget Rasmusson, Madelyn Renzetti, Aubrey Skolnick, Emilie Stewart, Julie Takagi, Allison Zabady.

Immaculate Conception High

School, Montclair Aaron Bullock, DaShawn Harvey-Nash, Jasmine White.

Saint Vincent Academy,

Newark Phoebe DeLos Reyes, Cristina Filipe, Christine McIntyre.

Marylawn Academy of the

Oranges, South Orange Cindy Leonardo, Nicole McCormick, Samantha Victor.

Seton Hall Preparatory

School, West Orange Babajide Akinronbi, Andrew Armanious,



Saint Mary High School, Rutherford, Elizabeth Earle, Jillian Mulrain, Anthony Veltri.

Immaculate Heart Academy, Washington Township

Ashley Adams, Jaime Brogan, Annette Califano, Allyn Calvis, Michelle Chin, Kelsey Coburn, Meghan Donohue, Caitlin Kulig, Julianne Marzulla, Katherine Meloro, Danielle Nogoy, Anna Lee Rice, Elaine Rose, Colleen Stalter, Olivia Wessol.

ESSEX COUNTY Mount Saint Dominic

Academy, Caldwell Colleen Carroll, Jennifer Fuksman, Elisabeth Lembo, Courtney O'Reilly, Thomas Bechtold, Nicholas Benevenia, Thomas Boyle, Colin Clapham, Thomas Dougher, Matthew Elam, Sheldon Eng, Kieron Farrelly, Raymond Jablonski, Charles Kohaut, Dylan Lam, Benedict Osorio, Kevin Owens, Daniel Piserchia, Ryan Plessner, Kevin Reilly, Peter Trinh, Tad Umali, Kevin Vincenti, Paul Wojtal.

Lacordaire Academy, Upper Montclair Mary Kate Coleman, Dominga

Lapurkaite.

HUDSON COUNTY

Holy Family Academy, Bayonne Carolyn Cannella, Raquel Doeing, Gabrielle Dundas, Jillian Wilkowski.

> Marist High School, Bayonne Amro El-Halim, Madeleine Ramos, Henry Sze.

Hudson Catholic Regional High School, Jersey City Franz Escano.

Franz Escano, Daniel Ferrer, Erdwin Monge.

Saint Anthony High School,

Jersey City Elecilio Bias, Jesika Bethea, Timothy Encarnacion, Matthew Rista.

Saint Dominic Academy,

Jersey City Earlene Cruz, Kathryn Hussey, Leona Ramos, Francine Samson.

Saint Mary High School,

Jersey City Jade Carcamo, Jemeliz Perez, Chayanne Rivera.

Saint Peter's Preparatory

School, Jersey City Thomas Brodowski, Kevin Cevasco, Justin D'Agostino, Alexander Diaz, Christopher Dietz, Adam Governale, James Kuklinski, Nicholas Mangone, Matthew Mazzari, David Park, Daniel Seara, Michael Sisk, Ryan Smith, Kenneth Walter, Alexander Yang.

UNION COUNTY Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark

Georgia Barbayannis, Jessica Castro, Bintu Conteh, Jatinder Dhami, Kaitlin Laico, Amanda Skuriat.

Benedictine Academy,

Elizabeth Barbara Diogo, Priscille Dossokou, Thanita Kennedy.

Saint Mary of the Assumption High School, Elizabeth

Reynaldo Ortega, Xavier Rivera, Andrew Zagorski.

Saint Patrick High School,

Elizabeth Manuel Carpio, De'Ann Harte, Jenifer Landin.

Roselle Catholic High School, Roselle

Brandon Bernier, Catherine Cohen, Nadia Elbaar, Patrick Gora, Nicole Karas, Kathleen O'Brien.

Union Catholic Regional High

School, Scotch Plains Alex Bricki, Daniel Chapman, John Cierpial, Jamie Ciocon, Jaclyn Ferrie, Megan Furlong, Gregory Gedman, David Herren, Thomas Kaluzny, Stephanie Leso, Robert Magella, Samantha Marques, Alexander Tran.

Oratory Preparatory School, Summit

Timothy Dore, Brandon King, Joseph Macri, Rampreet Singh, Edwin Suarez.

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, Summit

Mary Borowiec, Andrea Chu, Bridget End, Lizann-Asi Robinson, Victoria Roeck, Elise Rubino.



Weighing the cost and value of Catholic education

BY MSGR. KEVIN M. HANBURY Special to The Catholic Advocate

he January 2010 edition of *New Jersey Monthly Magazine* carried an article entitled "Where have all the Catholic School Gone?" It was terrific to see this. I may not have agreed with all of its content, but to see our concerns finally being shared as a concern for others was refreshing.

The article focused on the Church seeking answers as rising costs and declining enrollment force mergers and closings. No one wants to hear that, although Catholic education is a ministry, it is also a business—a very expensive business just like that of the public education system.

Jen Miller, the author, makes a strong point in stating that even though this is of great concern to all the Catholic dioceses in New Jersey, it is also a concern for the state and local municipalities as well. Without the existence of nonpublic schools, the states and local municipalities will need to bear the burden of education for many additional students.

According to the article, it's estimated that since 2001, some 40,000 students entered New Jersey's public school system. As we all know, New Jersey has one of the nation's highest property taxes resulting in, according to this author, an average cost of \$16,000 per year for each public school child. This is the second-highest amount in the country.

Most people I know who do not have their children in Catholic schools, but who themselves are graduates of Catholic education, would quickly enroll their children in Catholic schools. Household economics are the primary reasons for not doing so. This unfortunately does mean a great sacrifice in today's economy. Many of our Catholic families say that with the high property taxes in the Garden State and with the high cost of living in so many parts of the United States, the sacrifice is just too great. It seems too many other things would need to be done without.

Some, however, are listening and working hard to make changes in school choice. Senator Raymond Lesniak, Senator Thomas Kean, Assemblyman Joseph Cryan and others, including our new governor, Chris Christie, are attempting to open the eyes and the ears of others in New Jersey to understand the many reasons why non-public schools, including Catholic schools, should and must be a choice for parents.

Shortly before leaving office, former Gov. Jon Corzine started a conversation with a new commission to look at this same concern. This commission will continue under the leadership of Gov. Christie. I am happy to say that I was selected to serve as a member of this new commission.

It's always hurtful when a Catholic school can no longer exist at a particular location. The families that have stayed enrolled and sacrificed so much must feel like victims. Catholic schools have worked hard to increase rapidly the amount of teachers who are certified by New Jersey, have been collaborative, following state standards in our curriculum, have written numerous times and been successful at being awarded grants so that we can advance our teaching techniques with technology while at the same time advancing the spirituality of each child in our care.

A recent article in a periodical, Catholic Update, asserts that Catholic schools must engage their students with the world in which they live, while at the same time helping students interpret and influence it. Catholic schools, the article continues, achieves these two goals. It's well known that Catholic schools plant a seed into all of its students that continues to grow from early childhood, into adolescence, and through adulthood. Sociological studies have indicated that anyone who has had any Catholic education in his or her lifetime appears to be more caring, more sharing, more compassionate and more passionate for social concern issues. Studies also indicate Catholic schools have a message-not just for one class period or one day, but for a lifetime. What a wonderful achievement.

During this celebration of Catholic Schools Week, I encour-

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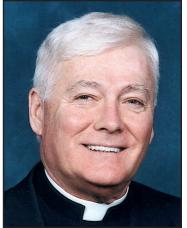
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age all parents and grandparents to visit our Catholic schools. I urge priests and parish catechetical leaders to speak about the value of Catholic schools. If elected officials and outstanding public educators are recognizing and applauding our work, then let us all band together to make sure that non-public, Catholic education continues in New Jersey.

(Editor's note: Rev. Msgr. Kevin M. Hanbury is the vicar for education and superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Newark.)



Msgr. Kevin Hanbury

Holy Family Catholic Academy Open House, Sunday, Jan 31st, 9am-2pm Catholic Schools Week, February 1-4

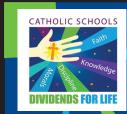


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January 29

COLLEGE OF SAINT ELIZABETH, MOrristown, "Agape" performance work celebrating Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton, 7:30 p.m., freewill offering for earthquake victims in Haiti, call Carol Pisani at (973) 290-4491.

January 30

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH, Bloomfield, "Finding Work and Managing your Career in Tough Economic Times," 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m., call Elaine Tanimura at (973) 667-0335.

February 1

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK, Office of Black Catholic Ministry pres-

ents "African Saints, African Stories," at St. Malachy's Chapel, NY, 7 p.m., (212) 489-1340.

February 2

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY, South Orange, The Joseph A. Unanue Latino Institute presents "Ballet Hispanico," at the South Orange Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m., tickets range from \$35-\$8, (973) 313-2787.

February 3

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

ELKS LODGE 2181, Wayne, seminar on Elder Law with Benjamin D. Eckman, Esq., 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., (973) 709-0909.

February 4

LACORDAIRE ACADEMY, Upper Montclair, Claude Monet traveling exhibit, 9 a.m. - noon, call Lisa Molle Padilla at (973) 744-1156.

February 5

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH, Hillsdale, Women's Cornerstone Retreat Weekend, through Feb. 6, 7 p.m., suggested donation: \$60, (201) 666-2707 ext. 228.

SODALITY OF THE CHILDREN OF MARY OF ST. TERESA, Jersey City, recitation of the "Little Office," 3:15 p.m., call Katherine T. Crossan at . (201) 689-1471.

SAINT MICHAEL'S COLLEGE LITURGICAL CHOIR, VT, performance during Mass at Hudson Catholic High School, Jersey City, 9 a.m., also performances at Marist High School, Bayonne, and St. Michael Parish, Cranford, call Buff Lindau at (802) 654-2536.

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DON BOSCO PREPARATORY SCHOOL, Ramsey, performance by the Yale Whiffenpoofs, 8 p.m., cost: \$25, (201) 327-8003 ext. 188.

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CENTER, Convent Station, "Conversion: The Art of Forgiveness," 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., cost: \$45, call (973) 290-5100.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 2346, Nutley, "German Night," 7-11 p.m., cost: \$30, call Allen Beyer at (973) 235-1924.

February 7

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

February 10

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES, Newark, annulment information evening, at the Archdiocesan Center, 7:30 p.m., (973) 497-4327.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, Nutley, meeting of the St. Lucy Filippini Sodality, 7:30 p.m., call Jo-Ann Brown at (973) 667-0875.

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE PARISH, Linden, Healing Mass, 7:45 p.m. (908) 486-6363.



ST. TERESA OF AVILA PARISH, Summit, Anointing of the Sick, 5:30 p.m., call Liz Candela at (908) 277-3700.

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February 2 Gate of Heaven Chapel, East Hanover

February 3 Holy Cross Chapel, North Arlington

February 5 St. Gertrude Chapel, Colonia

Helping Haiti

Continued from page 5 (Web site: www.lampforhaiti.org), based in Philadelphia, advocates for the respect for human rights and provides basic healthcare services in Haiti.

Additionally, two doctors from Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck-Dr. Alan Gwertzman, chairman of the Department of Anesthesiology, and Dr. Timothy Finley, an anesthesiologist-arrived in Haiti last week. Both brought with them medical supplies for both pediatric and adult patients. (Editor's note: Coincidentally, an article on Dr. Gwertzman's work at Holy Name Hospital appears on page 8 of this edition.)

Several archdiocesan parishes and schools are connected to the people of Haiti. Rev. Msgr. Beaubrun Ardouin, pastor of Saint Leo Parish, Irvington, and head of the archdiocesan Haitian Apostolate, said news of the quake

one of the first in the country, to set

aside an entire area devoted to nat-

movement is young, the Green

Burial Council, Santa Fe, NM

was formed to help establish

"best-practice" standards and

provide leadership. (Web site:

The option to consider a natu-

www.greenburialcouncil.org)

Because the green funeral

Maryrest

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ural burials," Prout said.

hit him especially hard because he was born in Por-Au-Prince. However, he was inspired by how the world is opening its heart to the Haitian people.

"As Christians we know that Christ suffered and there is always hope," he said, noting that his brother-in-law recently visited Por-Au-Prince but left the day before the earthquake struck. Saint Leo Parish last week celebrated masses for the Haitian earthquake victims and is gearing up fundraising efforts.

Father Louis Molinelli, S.D.B., director and president of Don Bosco Prep, Ramsey, which is administered by the Salesians of Saint John Bosco, said the Salesian community has nine missions in Haiti, with the majority, six, in the devastated capital of Por-Au-Prince. The missions operate schools and shelters for homeless children and initial reports indicated more than 200 students perished in the disaster.

ral burial and green funeral is a consumer-driven choice, Prout explained. "Many baby boomers have lived their lives in an environmentally friendly manner and

in their burial practices as well." A nationally recognized speaker on natural burials and practices, Prout credits Schafer and the archdiocese for the vision to allocate green-burial space as a component of the Maryrest renovation plans in order to accommodate the needs of families.

would like to continue that idea

masses for Don Bosco students on Jan. 21. In his homily he said he could not conceive of such substantial loss of young lives in a school setting. The Haitian students killed in the earthquake, he said, are "at home with God." He added that Don Bosco Prep launched an online fund-raising appeal to alumni that yielded over \$6,000 in just 12 hours.

Church of the Presentation Parish, Upper Saddle River, has had a bond with Haiti that goes back five years. Twice a year a team of parishioners, many of whom work in the medical profession, volunteer to travel to the town of Lestdyes, located 85 miles from Por-Au-Prince.

Right after the earthquake, a parish team that included physicians, nurses and search and rescue experts traveled to Por-Au-Prince where they set up a makeshift medical clinic. Father Robert B. Stagg, Presentation pastor, said parish team members were working and living at Haiti's damaged airport and sleeping on the ground.

Archdiocesan residents interested in making a donation may do so at any parish or can send donation checks to: Archdiocese of Newark-Haitian Earthquake Relief, c/o Office of Finance, P.O. Box 9500, Newark, NJ 07104.

Separately, CRS is accepting donations by phone at (800) 736-3467; online at www.crs.org or by mail to CRS. P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090. In

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ANXIOUS MOMENTS—With over 30 of its students of Haitian descent, the impact of the devastating earthquake that struck the beleaguered nation Jan. 12 is being felt throughout Christ the King Preparatory School, Newark. Students-pictured here at a prayer service-anxiously waited for word on the fate of family members who live in Haiti; some already have received tragic news. Students will sponsor a "poetry slam" fund-raiser and posters bearing words "hope and support" hang in the halls. "We will stand with our students and their families throughout this ordeal," Father Robert J. Sandoz, O.F.M., school president, declared.

the days immediately following the magnitude earthquake, CRS readied food and other aid and made an initial commitment of \$25 million to help the survivors.

On another front, the Pontifical Missions Societies of the United States has established a special fund for long-term assistance for the Catholic Church in Haiti. In the Archdiocese of Newark. units of the Pontifical Missions Societies include the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and the Holy Childhood Association. Contributions can be sent to

Pontifical Mission Societies, Haitian Solidarity Fund, 70 West 36th Street, New York, NY 10018.

Donations also can be sent to Holy Childhood Association, Archdiocese of Newark, PO Box 9500, Newark, NJ 07104. All monies collected from the schools and CCD programs will be sent to the special earthquake relief fund of the Pontifical Mission Societies and will be designated for efforts to help the children of Haiti. "Haitian Solidarity Fund" should be marked in the memo portion of the check.

Fr. Molinelli celebrated two

Local News



Advocate photo – Ward Miele Gov. Chris Christie, pictured during the Jan. 19 Mass at the

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Gov. Christie

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"Today we pray for Gov. Chris Christie, Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno, and the members of the new administration. We pray that you will be blessed with the wisdom of Solomon. You will need it."

Acknowledging that governing will be an "arduous undertaking," given the many financial problems facing the Garden State, Archbishop Myers made reference to a passage in the Bible's First Book of Kings, when God engaged the young King Solomon, offering to give Solomon anything he wanted. "Solomon responded to God: give your servant an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong," Archbishop Myers said.

Pleased with Solomon's request, Archbishop Myers said God's gift to the king was wisdom. "Wisdom is the gift to see things as God sees them. Wisdom penetrates through events and perceives God's presence at work even in the most tragic situations," Archbishop Myers explained, making reference to the unfolding plight of the people of Haiti.

Archbishop Myers, in his homily, also focused on the need for peace as a noble cause and divine work for citizens and elected officials. "As we began this Eucharist, I uttered the words 'peace be with you,' the words of Jesus' greeting to his followers. In both the Jewish and Islamic traditions, people daily greet one another with the words 'shalom' and 'salaam' or 'peace be with you. Peace means reconciliation and God is the author of peace and reconciliation. Peace is the work of justice. We pray that peace, shalom and salaam will reign in your hearts and shine forth in your endeavors."

Pre-K through Grade 8 Thursday, February 4th 10:00 am - 12:00 pm and Saturday, February 6th 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

These Open Houses are part of Catholic Schools Week. Visitors will be able to tour the school and learn more about HCA. Come and see our three new classrooms, newly installed interactive boards and talk to the teachers (on Saturday, 2/6 only) about HCA. Application Forms will be available at our Open Houses. You'll be glad you visited us!

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HATS FOR HAITI—Visitation Academy, Paramus, held a "Hats for Haiti" fund-raiser event as part of its "Our Monthly Mission" collection. The children of Visitation Academy reached out to the children in Haiti by wearing hats and donating their mission money. Pictured with fifth grader students are (back row, center), teacher Ricky Voltzow and the principal, Sister Philomena McCartney. Haiti, with a population that is 80-percent Catholic, was devastated by a magnitude-7 earthquake Jan. 12. Separately, in a statement issued Jan. 15, Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Fuhrman, archdiocesan director of the New York-based Pontifical Mission Societies and Sister Arline Zurich, O.S.B., archdiocesan coordinator of the Holy Childhood Association, urged all archdiocesan grammar schools and CCD programs to contribute to the Haitian Solidarity Fund. "The Haitian Children who have so little must now deal with the worst natural disaster in that nation's history with all of its horrible consequences," the statement said. For more information, visit the Pontifical Mission Societies Web site (www.givetothemissions.org).

Saint Anne schedules registration dates

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FAIR LAWN—Saint Anne School, 1-30 Summit Ave., will accept registration for new students in early February for the 2010-11 school year for kindergarten through eighth grade.

Registration will take place from 9-11 a.m. and again 1-2 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9. Pre-K registration for three and four year olds is scheduled for the same time frames on Thursday, Feb. 11.

Open house programs at the school are slat- States acted to take place during Catholic Schools Week. computer lab.

They are scheduled for 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Jan. 31; 9-11:30 a.m. on Feb. 4; and from 7-8:30 p.m. on Feb. 4.

Loretta Stachiotti, MA, is the principal of Saint Anne. Additional information on Saint Anne can be obtained by visiting the school's Web site (www.stannenj.com) or calling the main office at (201) 796-3353. The Bergen County school has over 300 students, is Middle

County school has over 300 students, is Middle States accredited and features a state-of-the-art eek. computer lab.



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