



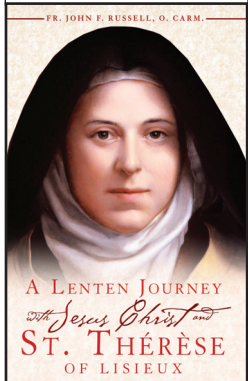
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Tom Conboy ready to lead young adults

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Close call—student departs from Haiti before deadly quake

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

AREA—It was only a matter of minutes.

At around 4:53 in the afternoon on Jan. 12, Barbara Pacuad, a student at the College of Saint Elizabeth (CSE) in Morristown, was 30,000 feet in the air over Haiti's Toussaint Louverture International Airport after visiting family members for winter break with her sister.

Meanwhile, on the ground, lasting just 35 seconds, a magnitude-7 earthquake struck the island nation, devastating Pacuad's home country, claiming hundreds of thousands of lives and creating billions of dollars in damage. It took about an hour for the CSE student—en route to the United States—to realize the chaos she narrowly escaped.

"The airplane had personal television and the man sitting next to my sister was watching CNN. Across the screen, there was the title 'Breaking News' and that is when I first learned about the earthquake," Pacuad explained.

The panic that shook Pacuad was overwhelming as she wondered if her friends and family members were alive. "My first reaction was to think of my grandparents. They live by themselves and I wondered who would come for them. I had friends that attended the University of Haiti in Port-au-Prince and they would be taking their placement exams. Would they be safe?"

Unfortunately, most of Pacuad's friends perished due to their close proximity to the epicenter of the earthquake. Immediately after her flight landed in the United States, she was able to contact her family. Luckily, although there was severe property damage, her family was safe outside of the capital in the town of Thomassin.

A native of West Orange, Pacuad is in her junior year studying biology at CSE. She immigrated to the United States seven years ago with her parents. The Pacuad's are parishioners at Our Lady Help of Christians, East Orange. Her uncle, a priest in Haiti, stays at the East Orange parish when he visits.

Pacuad is aware that she is fortunate to hear from family members. "Some of my friends at school still cannot contact their friends and family in Haiti. They are hoping their loved ones are still alive in the countryside," she said.

From Jan. 20 to Jan. 22, the campus community at CSE collected donations for relief efforts in Haiti that will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services and the Sisters of Charity.

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ASH WEDNESDAY—Rev. Mr. Leonides Aponte, a deacon at Saint Patrick Pro-Cathedral in Newark, distributed ashes to the faithful at the parish's annual Ash Wednesday Mass. Archbishop John J. Myers has celebrated the noontime Mass since his 2001 installation. In his homily, the archbishop urged the faithful to evaluate their "strengths and weakness" with penance during Lent. Becoming closer to God is what "the season of Lent is all about," he reminded them.

Archbishop picks Sister Joanne to serve Religious communities

BY JAMES GOODNESS

Director of Communications

NEWARK—Archbishop John J. Myers has appointed Sister Joanne Bednar, S.C.C., as the new archdiocesan Delegate for Religious, effective June 1.

Sister Joanne will serve as the liaison between Archbishop Myers and the communities of Religious men and women and those belonging to Secular Institutes within the Church of Newark. She succeeds Sister Margaret Thomas McGovern, O.P., of the Dominican Sisters of Caldwell who served some seven years prior to resigning for health reasons.

"Sister Joanne brings to the important work of being my delegate to the great Religious of this archdiocese both strong leadership and collaborative qualities and the unique charism of the Sisters of Christian Charity—a group of dedicated and faith-filled women who have embraced the mission of furthering the educational opportunities for women Religious so that they may serve the Lord in missions and schools throughout the world," Archbishop Myers stated, commenting on the appoint-

ment. "Her knowledge of the needs and challenges of Religious communities in the 21st century will be most helpful here in the archdiocese."

A member of the North American Eastern Province of the Sisters of Christian Charity, Mendham, Sister Joanne is development coordinator at Susquehanna Health, Williamsport, PA. At Susquehanna Health, she previously served as president of Providence Health System Foundation, vice president of Mission Effectiveness, and vice president of general services. She also has worked as patient accounts manager, business office manager, and accountant at Holy Spirit Hospital, Camp Hill, PA.

Sister Joanne previously was director of sponsorship for the Sisters of Christian Charity and served six years on her community's leadership team. She has taught high school mathematics at various Catholic high schools in Pennsylvania.

A Boonton native, Sister Joanne is a graduate of Morris Catholic High School, Denville; Assumption College for Sisters, Mendham; Marillac College, St.

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An outward sign reflects an inner essence of faith

In life we sometimes take things for granted. There are small things that we say and do just as a matter of course. Yet they make a statement to those around us. I have been thinking about the Sign of the Cross. For many Catholics it is a reflex action, yet it is a symbol so relevant to our profession of faith that in some countries that simple action can put a Roman Catholic in danger.

When we say "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," it is a sign of our consecration to the Trinity. In the East a name is not just an appellation, a tag put on someone. It is a

sign of that person's inner identity.

Jewish people do not say the word "God." Instead they say "shem," which denotes "name" and is used in place of "God." You may hear a devout Jewish person say "baruk ha shem"—"Blessed be the name"—in conversation when he or she wishes to praise the Lord. The angel said to Joseph, "You will call Him Jesus (Savior) for He will save His people from their sins." (Matt 2:21) Later Jesus said to Peter, "You are Rock (Cephas). On this rock I shall build my Church." The name signified his function and role.

Years ago, when we were brought to church to be baptized,

some of the first words that the priests uttered were: "Receive the mark of the cross on your forehead and within your heart" as he traced the sign of the cross on our forehead and on our baby breast. The image of the cross signals that we will be saved in the blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Trinity and sacrifice are an inherent part of our Catholic character even from our birth.

After that, throughout the remainder of our lives, the Sign of the Cross and our consecration to God are parts of our religious world. Through the course of the years that sacred sign marks us for who we are and what we believe. Countless thousands of times we will make the Sign of the Cross at liturgies, before and after our prayers, and when we gather at wakes and funerals.

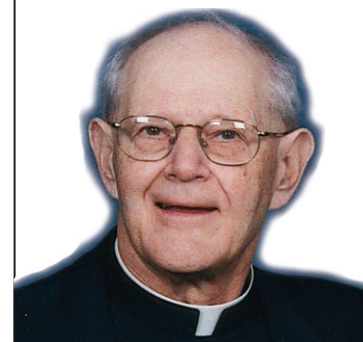
How many times, as I have

rolled down the avenue in a hearse toward a cemetery, have I seen men and women stop along the street and make the Sign of the Cross as we pass by. Before the building where I now live there is a very large crucifix. All day long, people stop, make the Sign of the Cross and say a prayer. Even some athletes on the field of play demonstrate their faith by blessing themselves.

A chaplain in a hospital can attest to the fact that whenever terrible things occur—fires, shootings, accidents—Catholics instinctively make the sign of the cross. It is a habit, a reflex action.

The Sign of the Cross is the trademark, the sign of a Catholic. It is a part of our very being. Often, what Catholic people do not realize is that their devotion is more than just a habit. It is a message to the world about Our Lord Jesus

VOICES



By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist

Christ. Most Catholics are unaware of their role, but almost unknowingly they are witnesses to those around them.

At the end of our lives, if we are so fortunate, a priest will be there to sign us as one did when we were baptized. We will receive the anointing of the sick that will consecrate us to our Creator and remove our sins.

My dear Catholics, you will never know what a blessing you are to me and to others by simply living a Christian life. At times faith can grow weak. The light can grow dim. Yet, hundreds of times in my own personal life, Catholics whom I do not even know have been an inspiration to me, just by using that sacred sign. Surely one day you will belong to the white-robed army of saints in heaven. You will have been signed, sealed and delivered.

(Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist is pastor emeritus of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison.)

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Archdiocese chooses Tom Conboy to direct Young Adult Ministries

NEWARK—Thomas Conboy, a member of Saint Leo Parish in his hometown of Elmwood Park, is the new director of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark.

In his new post, Conboy, who is an Elmwood Park councilman, will be responsible for promoting, in conjunction with the pastoral moderator and staff, the pastoral plan for youth ministry in the archdiocese in accordance with the guidelines of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He will also direct day-to-day activities and ministry programs at the Kearny center.

Conboy brings both extensive administrative and youth ministry experience to his new position. In previous assignments with both Gareb Shamus Enterprises, Wizard Entertainment and Marvel Entertainment Group, Conboy was responsible for planning and execution of sales programs of publications in the fan/toy and comic books fields and ancillary products, management of a major distribution facility for company products, and daily training and performance of staff. He also has served for many years as director of sports at Saint Leo Parish, director of Bergen County Sports with-

in the archdiocese's CYO program, and founder and director of the Group 4 Parochial School Basketball League in Bergen County.

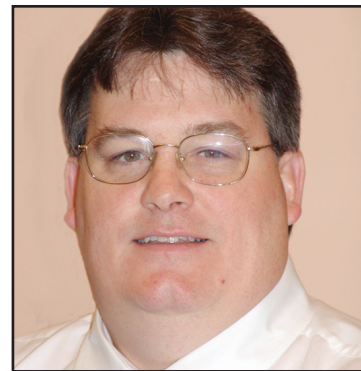
"Tom understands the needs of youth and young adult ministry, through both his own personal experience as a young man from our archdiocese participating in youth and CYO programs, and throughout his adult years serving the young people of his parish and county," Rev. Msgr. Richard Arnholz, archdiocesan Vicar for Pastoral Life, stated. "This combination of extensive background in business development, manage-

ment and staff training with personal knowledge of the needs of youth makes him particularly suited to the role of director.

"In recent years, the demands and scope of youth and young adult ministry of this archdiocese have grown considerably," Msgr. Arnholz continued. "Tom's ability to lead, to build teams and to bring Gospel values to the business place will assist us greatly as we develop our plans to meet the growing needs of our full range of worship, retreat and sports programs so that young people of today and tomorrow can continue

to experience a full and deeper relationship with Jesus Christ."

"I have always felt in my life that I have two full-time jobs," Conboy said of his new assignment. "The one that allowed me the opportunity to care for my family, and the other that allowed me the privilege to give back to the institution that provided me my foundation and tools to become the man I am today."



Thomas Conboy

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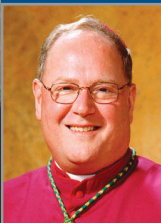
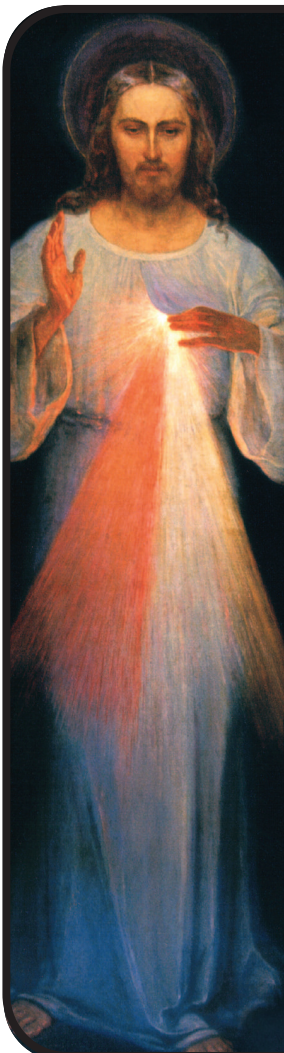
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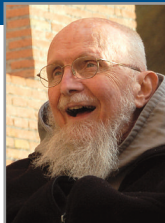
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Summit reviews Irish abuse scandal

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Pope Benedict XVI met with Irish bishops at the Vatican to assess responsibility in the Irish Church’s handling of priestly sex abuse cases. The pope has expressed his sense of outrage over the revelations and was writing a special pastoral letter to Irish Catholics on the subject, which is expected to be published during Lent.

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Pontiff addresses Rome seminarians

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Official Appointments

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PASTOR

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Very Reverend Andres J. Reyes, V.F., Pastor of Saint Paul of the Cross Parish, Jersey City, has been appointed to a second six-year term ending June 30, 2016.

OTHER

Reverend Carlos Flor has been granted an extension of another three-year term for continued pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese of Boston, Massachusetts ending June 19, 2012.



Sister Joanne

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Louis; and University of Scranton, PA (Masters in Business Administration). She holds a certificate from the Hospital Executive Development Program at St. Louis University.

Her board memberships have included Lycoming County United Way, Catholic Social Services, Holy Spirit Hospital, Divine Providence Hospital, Providence Health System, Susquehanna Health System, Susquehanna Regional Home Health Services, Susquehanna Ventures, Assumption College for Sisters, and the Pennsylvania Catholic Health Association.

In a letter to Sister Margaret Thomas shortly after she advised him of her decision to resign, Archbishop Myers reflected on her contributions over her seven years as archdiocesan delegate. "I am deeply grateful for the service which you have offered to the arch-



Sister Joanne Bednar

diocese and especially to those in consecrated life here," he stated. "We will miss your very pleasant presence here in the Pastoral Center. I know that the Sisters, especially, will miss your kind and gentle service." The archbishop also conveyed to the Dominican Sisters of Caldwell his deep gratitude for permitting Sister Margaret Thomas to serve as delegate.



Submitted photo

Archbishop John J. Myers recently visited the community of the Sisters of Christian Charity and students of Assumption College for Sisters. Sister Joanne Bednar, S.C.C., selected as the new archdiocesan Delegate for Religious, is a member of the North American Eastern Province of the Sisters of Christian Charity.

Assumption College for Sisters offers a haven for discernment

MENDHAM—The motherhouse of The Sisters of Christian Charity of the North American Eastern Province, located at the Mallinckrodt Convent, is home to Assumption College for Sisters, an accredited two-year liberal arts college that awards associate degrees in Arts and Religious Arts.

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for women discerning life as a member of the Sisters of Christian Charity.

There currently are 216 members of the Sisters of Christian Charity North American Eastern Province. Members of the community currently serve in the Archdiocese of Newark in: Our Lady of Sorrows School and Parish, South Orange; Saint Nicholas School, Jersey City; Hudson County Community College, Jersey City; Hudson Catholic High School, Jersey City; Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston; Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills; Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Hoboken.

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While merchants have been promoting Valentine's Day since the day after Christmas, the Church has been more subtly preparing us through the readings of the Sundays in Ordinary Time for our annual observance of Lent. Through a period of more concentrated prayer, personal sacrifice, and considered almsgiving, we are called to reflect on our lives and to conform them more fully to the example and teachings of Jesus.

Most know Lent began on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17). Although not a holy day of obligation, this feast attracts thousands of Catholics to parish churches to receive the cross of ashes on their foreheads.

At Saint John's in Bergenfield, we added two masses to the three we usually have, and included an additional Service of the Word in church (and others at two seniors' facilities in our parish), which served standing-room-only crowds from morning 'til night.

Priests can recount stories of people who may approach with a tissue or an envelope to bring ashes to a homebound relative. We try to explain that ashes are not mandatory and should only be given in the

context of a liturgy. Others show up late, and end up on the Communion line, only to be disappointed when they reach the front. I remember once holding the consecrated host and saying "The Body of Christ" to someone on the end of the Communion line, only to hear the response: "Oh, I don't want that; I came for the ashes."

Happily most Catholics have their eucharistic priorities in order. Even their penitential awareness improves during Lent. People tend to maintain a greater sensitivity of the implications of their words and deeds during these 40 days, perhaps helped by the specially chosen Scripture readings at Mass, Lenten faith-sharing groups like "Why Catholic?" and "Disciples in Mission," (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Jan. 13), public Stations of the Cross, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), communal penance services and practical programs like Operation Rice Bowl.

This year we are working with the other parishes in our New Energies cluster to offer a few special presentations on some of the

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Divine Mercy forum set March 27 in The Bronx

NEWARK—The fifth annual Divine Mercy Conference will be held Saturday, March 27, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at Cardinal Spellman High School, 1 Cardinal Spellman Place, The Bronx, NY.

Rev. Msgr. Robert F. Coleman, rector and dean of Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, will serve as the celebrant for the Vigil Mass. Speakers for the event will include Fr. Benedict J. Groeschel, C.F.R., author, TV commentator and the founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, and Most Rev. Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York.

Registration will be in advance and at the door. Many New Jersey parishes have received registration forms. Individuals also can register online (www.thedivinemercy.org/Bronx). All tickets are priced at \$55. Buses are available from New Jersey locations for a charge of \$10.

Bus rides are being organized for the following parishes: Saint Philip, Clifton; Our Lady of the Visitation, Paramus; Leonia Saint John the Evangelist, Leonia; Our Lady Victories, Jersey City; Saint Philomena, Livingston; and Saint Mary/Saint Mark Rahway. Call the conference help line at (800) 462-7426 for more information.

The theme for the conference, which is sponsored by the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and the Brooklyn Divine Mercy Apostolate, is “The Future Is Now.” Pope John Paul II, on April 30, 2000, established Divine Mercy Sunday as a universal feast day when he canonized Saint Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938).

SEEING & BELIEVING

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Saturday mornings of Lent, one in each of our parishes, to which members from all three parishes would be invited.

Sin, of course, is a reality in our lives year round, although many people relegate serious consideration of it only to the times before Christmas and Easter. We still have daily confessions at Saint John’s, and generally encounter penitents from the most frequent and most scrupulous to those who have long been away or have been carrying heavy burdens, which they are finally ready to lay at the mercy of God through the priest’s sacramental ministry.

As you further consider what you will do to make Lent 2010 a special time of grace, ask God to help you and others to see each day the many ways God’s love can be made real (or be frustrated) through the way we live and interact with one another.

Now that the cross of ashes has disappeared from our foreheads, hopefully we can continue to reflect on the Lenten season and live the life of love, which was proclaimed by that cross!

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

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Close call

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To date, the college has raised close to \$5,200. "Hope for Haiti" wristbands are also being sold to students, faculty and staff.

Pacaud plans to return to her native country in March, when commercial flights have resumed. She encourages everyone to continue to donate to Haiti. "Since Haiti has already suffered poverty and political corruption before the

earthquake, now more than ever we need the support."

The archdiocese joined the relief effort and has raised \$1.2 million to help aid the troubled nation (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Feb. 10). On March 6, at 11 a.m., Archbishop John J. Myers will celebrate a Mass for the people of Haiti at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Rev. Msgr. Beaubrun Ardouin, the pastor of Saint Leo Parish, Irvington, who also serves as head of

the archdiocesan Haitian Apostolate, will be the homilist.

"The generosity of the people is unheard of. Everyone is willing to give and their hearts are open," Msgr. Ardouin said. His own parish in Irvington has raised \$8,600 for Haitian relief. The parish of 650 families is comprised of Latino, Haitian and English-speaking parishioners.

"It is a beautiful thing to give," Msgr. Ardouin continued. "We are in a selfish world and through this disaster there is an opportunity to reach out to my neighbor. People opened their hearts and when generosity happens, there is a place for God."

Msgr. Ardouin, who came to the United States in the 1980's, has family members still living in Haiti. His brother-in-law went to visit the country just one day before the earthquake struck and luckily survived. An aunt, who had part of her home destroyed, is still alive. However, the priest knows loved ones and friends of his parishioners who perished. "Everyone knows somebody who died," he lamented.



Submitted photo

Barbara Pacuad, left, a junior at the College of Saint Elizabeth and a parishioner at Our Lady Help of Christians, East Orange, narrowly escaped the devastating earthquake that struck her native Haiti on Jan. 12. Yveberthe Georges, right, Pacuad's cousin, also attends CSE. At last count, the quake is estimated to have caused in excess of \$10 billion in damages and took the lives of more than 200,000 people.

Through all the suffering and destruction, Msgr. Ardouin believes there is hope. "Without Good Friday, there would be no Easter Sunday. God brings good out of evil and suffering. I believe there will be a deep spiritual renewal in Haiti," he explained.

At Christ the King Preparatory School in Newark, students are doing their part to raise money for relief efforts. A "poetry slam" fund-raiser is planned for March 26 and a talent show will be organized in May. At the school, there are 30 students with families in Haiti (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Jan. 27).

"Three of the families have relatives who died in the earthquake. Some students have injured family members, others are waiting to hear from back home, and there are those who have loved ones trying to immigrate to the United States," Father Robert Sandoz, O.F.M., school president, said.

There are group counseling services available at the school

and the student body came together in prayer two days after the earthquake. "The students have already raised \$450 for Catholic Relief Services. The relief response here has been amazing," Fr. Sandoz explained.

The school's president calls the people of the Archdiocese of Newark "exceedingly generous" and is not surprised by the flood of donations following the disaster. "Everyone viewed the devastation and heard the Gospel in their hearts. As generous as we are, God is more generous. It is the great irony- the more I give away, the more I have. The human tendency is to be covetous but generosity begets generosity," he declared.

Fr. Sandoz believes the tremendous suffering of the Haitian people should not be forgotten, as rebuilding and continuing aid is important. "Things will not be restored quickly. We must keep the devastation foremost in our minds and hearts. Sustained relief is our challenge."

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Guests of honor for the event include Verona resident Marie Ryan (pictured), a nursing assistant and manager of the

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am pleased to present to you summaries of the financial information of the Archdiocese of Newark for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2009 and June 30, 2008.

Every one of us has dealt with the significant challenges affecting the economies of our nation, region, state and local communities. Yet, I have been heartened this year by the caring that you continue to demonstrate for the Church and its work even as you face challenges in your own households. The results published today show very clearly that, despite the economic difficulties of the day, you, the people of this great Archdiocese, continue to provide critical financial support to both your local parish and the wider Church. Two key indicators of this support – assessments and the Archbishop's Annual Appeal – showed slight gains in 2009. Similarly, other areas such as interest and investment income and other revenues also increased, thus allowing us to provide key outreach and support to programs that serve our parishes and schools.

Ever mindful of the fact that the Archdiocese must meet an ever-growing and ever-changing set of needs of the Catholic community of Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union Counties, we carefully embraced a strategy of paring

expenses and operations so that our costs would be more in line with our available revenues. I think you will see from the pages that follow that we made great progress in this area. Still, our operating expenses for 2009 exceeded our available support and revenue for the year. Because the current economic climate remains uncertain, strategic analysis and paring of expenses in all of our vital and important ministries will remain part of our operation for the foreseeable future.

There still is much for us to face in the months ahead. However, I know full well the depth of your faith and the love that you express for this local Church. I also know that your generosity also will be there, thus enabling us to continue to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ both in Word and in deed in the year ahead.

With kindest personal regards,
I remain,

Sincerely in the Lord,

✠ Most Reverend John J. Myers
Archbishop of Newark



Archbishop John J. Myers



ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK CHANCERY OFFICE
CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION
Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008.



Assets

	2009	2008
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 15,165,190	\$ 16,733,090
Accounts and loans receivable, net (Notes 3 and 8)	17,690,533	13,863,656
Contributions receivable, net	1,197,681	1,566,194
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,366,480	1,167,454
Investments:	309,924,848	349,058,579
Property and equipment, net	<u>23,891,710</u>	<u>24,832,419</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 369,236,442</u>	<u>\$ 407,221,392</u>



Statement of Activity and Changes in Net Assets

	2009	2008
Change in unrestricted net assets:		
Operating support and revenue	\$ 36,365,480	\$ 34,089,274
Operating expenses	<u>36,851,729</u>	<u>56,635,096</u>
Increase (Decrease) in unrestricted net assets from operation	(486,249)	(22,545,822)
Non operating revenue	(31,593,034)	(12,348,259)
Reclassification of net assets under FSP 117-1	<u>(20,270,869)</u>	
Increase (Decrease) unrestricted net assets	(52,350,152)	(34,894,081)
Increase (Decrease) in temporary restricted net assets	7,098,881	115,482
Increase (Decrease) in permanently restricted net assets	<u>320,727</u>	<u>570,300</u>
Increase (Decrease) in net assets	(44,930,544)	(34,208,299)
Net assets, beginnng of the year	<u>156,915,781</u>	<u>191,124,080</u>
Net assets, end of the year	<u>\$ 111,985,237</u>	<u>\$ 156,915,781</u>

Liabilities and Net Assets

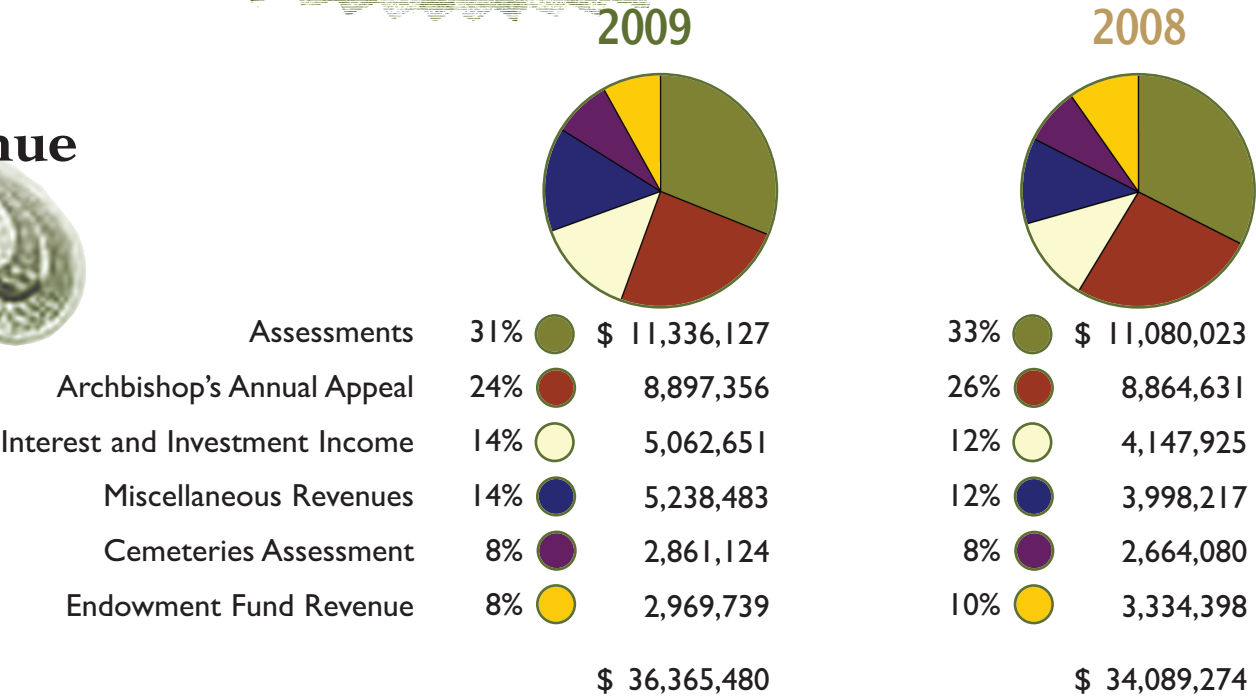
	2009	2008
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 7,075,591	\$ 8,126,485
Accrued subsidies to affiliates and other obligations	10,109,125	9,377,000
Conditional asset retirement obligations	1,416,336	1,337,159
Custodial funds	<u>238,650,153</u>	<u>231,464,967</u>
Total liabilities	<u>257,251,205</u>	<u>250,305,611</u>
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted net assets	(2,334,902)	50,015,250
Temporarily restricted net assets	19,648,865	12,549,984
Permanently restricted net assets	<u>94,671,274</u>	<u>94,350,547</u>
Total net assets	<u>111,985,237</u>	<u>156,915,781</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 369,236,442</u>	<u>\$ 407,221,392</u>

Statement of Cash Flows

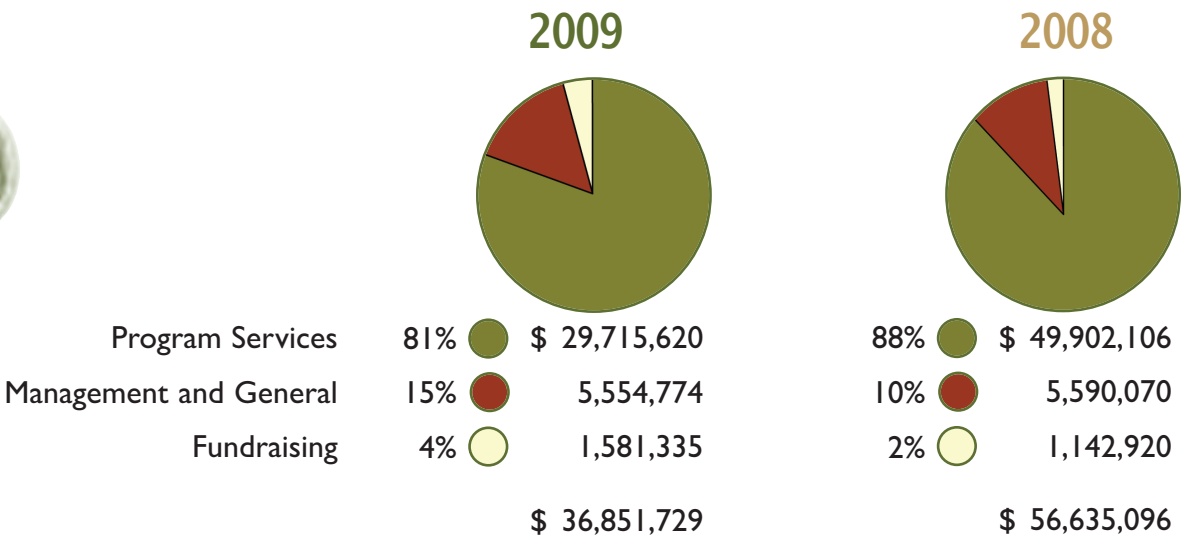
	2009	2008
Net cash provided (used) in operating activities	\$ (2,949,045)	\$ (977,998)
Net cash provided (used) in investing activities	1,032,527	732,649
Cash flow provided by financing activities	<u>348,618</u>	<u>939,909</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(1,567,900)	694,560
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year	<u>16,733,090</u>	<u>16,038,530</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year	<u>\$ 15,165,190</u>	<u>\$ 16,733,090</u>

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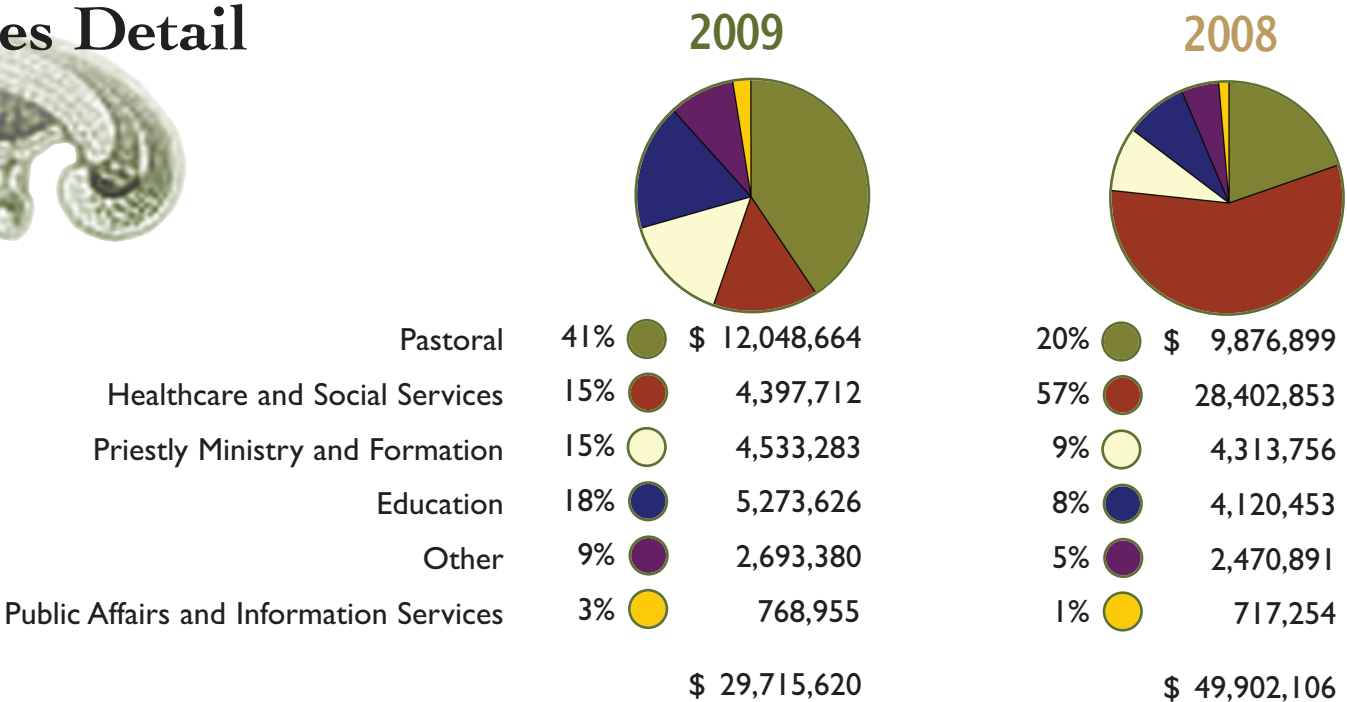
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BY MSGR. JAMES CAFONE
Special to The Catholic Advocate

Father John "Jack" F. Russell is a Carmelite priest who was ordained in 1960 and has served on the faculty of Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, for more than 25 years. He is a familiar figure to many of the younger priests of the archdiocese and is well loved as a gifted preacher, inspiring teacher and insightful spiritual director.

"A Lenten Journey with Jesus Christ and St. Therese of Lisieux" (Christus Publishing), written by Fr. Russell, is a book distinguished by an exceptionally attractive cover portrait of this beloved saint, which captures both her inner beauty and the childlike quality of her soul. This is one of those rare instances when the wisdom of the old adage is disproved, because despite the beauty of its cover, the reader will not be disappointed by the content of this book. Instead, the text will serve as a marvelous companion for the Lenten season.

Too often, the prayers and penances that we promise for the duration of Lent fare no better than our New Years' resolutions and disappear under the daily pressure of our obligations and responsibilities. Fr. Russell's work

is an antidote to spiritual indifference and a tonic for the soul who desires to develop or restore an intimacy with the Lord. It is arranged in a format that uses the Gospel reading from the Mass for each day of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday and continuing through Easter Sunday.

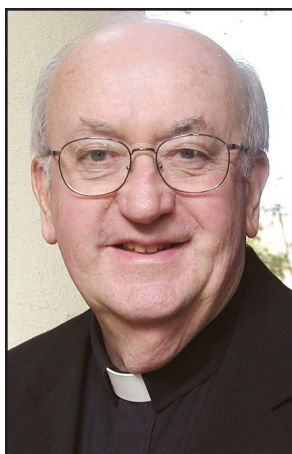
The author offers the reader a very appealing but simple structure for prayer and reflection on each day of the penitential season. The Gospel passage is followed by a paragraph or two taken from the writings of Therese, many of which are excerpts from her "Story of a Soul," her letters and poems. After the words of Saint Therese, Fr. Russell provides the reader a brief but pointed reflection and a simple prayer.

Fr. Russell has a profound appreciation for this saint and her "little way" of sanctity.

He is himself a world-renowned authority on the life and teachings of this Carmelite saint. He has been a member of the Carmelite order for more than 50 years and his words convey the deep connection between the beloved

saint's personal innocence and the depth of her spirit.

One of the reasons for her never-fading popularity among Catholics is the warm humanity that comes across in her work, making her an attractive model to one generation after another of the faithful. Nevertheless, despite the childlike qualities that her

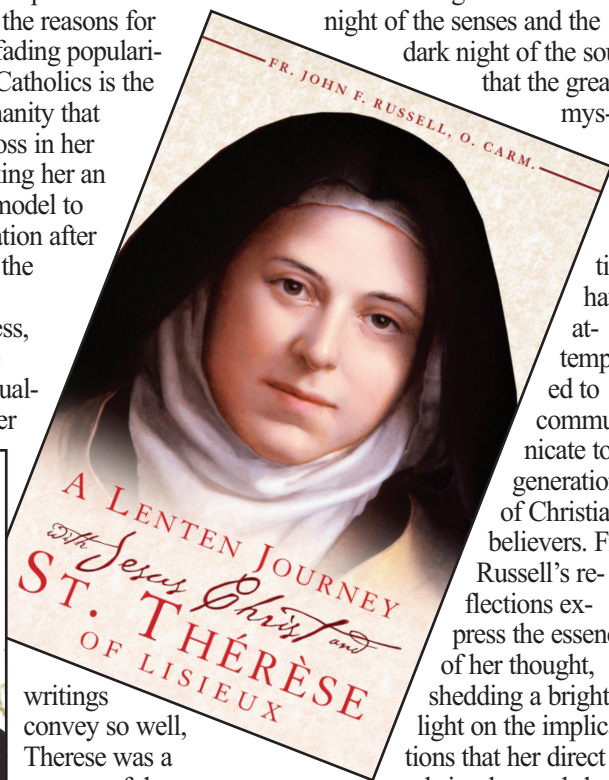


Fr. John Russell

writings convey so well, Therese was a woman of deep conviction whose faith and hope and love were tested in a crucible of anguish that often hovered very close to the abyss of despair.

The genius of this doctor of the Church was intuitive rather than intellectual. Therese did not attempt to analyze her experience but went straight to the heart of it, reaching to the depths of our

human condition and clarifying our understanding of the dark night of the senses and the dark night of the soul that the great mys-



for those who want to follow Jesus in their daily lives.

There is a tradition in the Church that traces its origin to the Gospel of John and the Pauline Epistles. Rather than placing the hope for salvation on the strict observance of the law, this ancient tradition emphasizes the unconditional love that the Father has for us. The early Fathers of the Church often have this same

focus so clearly expressed in Saint Augustine's famous reminder that God has made us for Himself and our hearts will be restless until we rest in Him.

Such has been the primary theme in the lives of so many holy souls in Christian history—Blessed Julian of Norwich, Saint Aelred, Saint Francis and Saint Dominic to name but a few—flowing down the centuries through the work of Saint Therese of Lisieux, right up to Saint Kowalska in our own day with her emphasis on Divine Mercy. My Jesus, I trust in you. Thank you for loving me. Help me to share your loving goodness with all those I meet in this world.

In the spring of 2009, Fr. Russell received papal recognition for his many years of exceptional service to the Church and her people when Pope Benedict XVI awarded him the Benemerenti Medal. This newly published text continues this Carmelite priest's history of generous and loving work for the people of God.

(Rev. Msgr. James M. Cafone, S.T.D., is a member of the Religious Studies Department of Seton Hall University, South Orange. Fr. Russell's book is available through Christus Publishing, Wellesley, MA; Web site: www.christuspublishing.com.)

Archbishop planning pilgrimage to explore sacred sites in Italy

NEWARK—This June Archbishop John J. Myers will lead a pilgrimage to some of Italy's most holy and popular destinations, including an exclusive tour of the spiritual capital for Catholics around the world, Rome and Vatican City, as well as the cities of Florence, Sienna and Assisi.

Mass will be celebrated daily during the pilgrimage, which features stops at some of the country's sacred cathedrals and churches including the largest in Christendom—Saint Peter's Basilica. A special reception will be held at the Pontifical North American College (America's Seminary), which is celebrating its 150th anniversary and where



Archbishop Myers serves as chairman of the board of trustees.

The tour will include an optional pre-tour extension to Florence, Cinque Terra, Pisa and Montecatini, one of Tuscany's most charming villages and retreats. The pilgrimage, including pre-tour extension, begins

June 22 and runs through July 2 with the main program beginning on June 24 and going to July 2.

Space is limited and reservations must be made soon. Call Anne Breslin at (201) 825-3725 to review pricing and to obtain additional information.



Submitted photo

Archbishop John J. Myers, pictured with Pope Benedict XVI during a visit to Rome last year to discuss the work of the Papal Foundation, will return to the Eternal City and will visit Assisi, Florence and other locations this June as he leads a pilgrimage of Catholics from the archdiocese to Italy.

SCOUTS SALUTED—The Catholic Committee on Scouting of the Archdiocese of Newark held its annual award liturgy Feb. 7 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, presided at the service. Awards were presented by Bishop da Cunha to Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and their adult supervisors from throughout the four counties of the Church of Newark. Gabriel D. Feltz is the archdiocesan director of Catholic Scouting, while Chuck Mason serves as committee chairperson. For more information on the Catholic Committee on Scouting, call Feltz at (201) 998-0088, ext. 4143 or visit the Web site (www.ccos-Newark.org).



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Help Wanted

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Immaculate Conception Church, in Montclair, seeks to hire a full-time Director of Religious Education (Grades Pre-K – 9). Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, planning, coordinating and implementing established religious education programs, as well as, assisting in the Sacramental preparation programs (First Reconciliation, First Eucharist), and coordinating the Confirmation Sacramental program. Ideal candidate must hold an MA in Religious Education, Pastoral Ministry, or related field.

Candidate must be a practicing Catholic. Salary is negotiable, depending upon applicant's education and experience. References and work experience required. Qualified candidates should send materials to: DRE Search Committee, c/o Mrs. Grace Kern, Immaculate Conception Parish, 1 Munn Street, Montclair, NJ 07042.

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First-rate, collegial Catholic parish choir in northwest Bergen County has immediate need of a paid bass or tenor section leader for its 30-voice adult choir. Choir rehearses Thursday evening and sings two masses per Sunday, twice a month, plus holidays. Must have reasonable sight singing abilities. Please contact Joseph Scorese, Director of Music, St. Gabriel's Church, Saddle River, 201-577-6318, or jscorese@optonline.net

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To place a Novena call Mona at (973) 497-4203

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Roman Catholic Church of the Little Flower in Berkeley Heights, NJ, a 1500 family member faith community, seeks a full-time Director of Youth Ministry to build a comprehensive youth ministry program for middle and high school students and young adults. Includes goal implementation for those components outlined in "Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry" and Confirmation preparation. Candidate must be a practicing Roman Catholic with a passion for God and the Church, possess strong interpersonal and organizational skills, and be able to collaborate with the parish staff, parents and youth to build our Youth Ministry Programs. Position requires a Bachelor's degree in Theology, Youth Ministry, or other relevant field of study. Preference will be given to those with Masters degree, youth ministry experience, and/or a certification in Youth Ministry. Salary commensurate with education and experience. Send resumes with references by March 15 to: Church of the Little Flower, ATTN: Jeanne Kingsley, 110 Roosevelt Avenue, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922. Resumes may also be sent to jmk103063@aol.com

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SHOULDER WOUND OF JESUS CHRIST PRAYER

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

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PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

Oh, Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near Kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition (make request). In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and Glorias. St. Jude, pray for us all who invoke your aid. Amen. This Novena must be said for 9 consecutive days. Thank you for answering my prayer.

M.R.

PRAYER TO ST. CLAIRE

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

C.M.



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IMPORTANT MESSAGE—Sister Philomena McCartney (far right), principal of Visitation Academy, Paramus, joined staff and faculty wearing red to raise awareness of heart disease in women. Marylou Baldonado, school nurse, provided informational materials. Pictured with Sister Philomena are, left to right, Maria Fontana, Mary Pagliaro, Barbara Harm, Deanna DeVencentis, Madelyn McHale, Barbara Longo, Sophia Grammatas, Sherre Breen, Roseann Stanton and Linda Martino. February is American Heart Month and wearing red is the national symbol for women and heart disease awareness—the leading cause of death in the United States.

Commission taps Seton Hall dean

SOUTH ORANGE — The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) has appointed Brian B. Shulman, Ph.D., dean of the School of Health and Medical Sciences at Seton Hall University (SHU), to the newly created position of dean commissioner of the ARC-PA.

“The commissioners look forward to Dr. Shulman’s contributions to the education and accreditation of physician assistant (PA) programs, plus his perspective on health professions within higher education as a college dean,” John McCarty, executive director of the ARC-PA, said.

Shulman’s term as dean commissioner of the ARC-PA runs through Dec. 31, 2012. He has been dean of SHU’s School of Health and Medical Sciences since May 2007. He joined the university in 1998 as the founding chair of the Department of Speech-Language Pathology and served as associate dean of the school from 2001-05, and was acting dean from 2005-07.

He recently completed a three-year term as vice president for the speech-language pathology practice for the American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA), Rockville, MD. Shulman received his Ph.D. in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Bowling Green State University, OH.

The ARC-PA is the accrediting agency that protects the interests of the public and the PA profession by defining the standards for education and evaluating educational

programs within the territorial United States to ensure compliance with those standards. The ARC-PA is an independent accrediting body authorized to accredit qualified PA educational programs leading to the professional credential of “physician assistant.”

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Scouts laud Trinitas exec as winner of TWIN award

ELIZABETH—Nadine Brechner, chief development officer and executive director of the Trinitas Health Foundation of Trinitas Regional Medical Center, is a recipient of the annual of Patriot’s Path Council of the Boy Scouts of America “Tribute to Women in Industry” (TWIN) award.

Brechner has been at the helm of the Trinitas Health Foundation since 2004. She has been instrumental in raising \$22 million for pressing capital, equipment and program needs at Trinitas.

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