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Archbishop John J. Myers blesses the faithful with holy water during the noon-time Easter Sunday Mass he celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. In his homily, Archbishop Myers declared “the Resurrection is the foundation event, the bedrock of our lives....death is not the end, it is the way to the Father.” John J. Miller, archdiocesan director of music ministry, led the Cathedral Choir and Orchestra. Following Mass, Archbishop Myers greeted the faithful as they stepped out into a bright and warm early spring day, as cherry blossom buds were just starting to pop in nearby Branch Brook Park. Bishops celebrated Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday masses throughout the four counties of the archdiocese.

Two forums provide inspirational outreach

Women reflect on journey of Edith Stein

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer



SOUTH ORANGE — The life and legacy of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) was the focus of the annual Women’s Day of Reflection held at Seton Hall University (SHU) March 20.

Presented by the archdiocesan Women’s Commission, the conference began at Holy Family Parish, Nutley, where Archbishop John J.

Myers celebrated Mass. The theme of this year’s event, “Hail the Cross, Our Only Hope,” focused on Saint Teresa Benedicta’s devotion to Christ and her philosophy regarding the role of women in the Church.

Born in Breslau, Germany, in 1891, Edith Stein was raised in the Jewish faith. She was baptized Catholic in 1922 and was received into the Discalced Carmelite Order as a postulate in 1934. In 1942, she was arrested and sent to the Auschwitz concentration camp where she died on Aug. 9 at the age of 50. She was canonized in 1988 by Pope John Paul II.

Saint Teresa Benedicta “captured the essence of women as only a woman can” according to featured

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Speakers urge men to pray, embrace faith

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor



SOUTH ORANGE — In what Archbishop John J. Myers called “a spiritually uplifting day,” 2,340 men from throughout the Archdiocese of Newark and beyond flocked to Seton Hall University on March 13 for the second annual Catholic Men’s Conference.

Following a format established a year ago when attendance hit 2,142,

there were separate English and Spanish-language tracks for the “Champions of Faith” conference. Attendees were together, however, for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Myers to end the day-long spiritual experience.

Jorge Repollet, director of cemetery services for the Archdiocese of Newark’s Catholic Cemeteries group and the chairman of the archdiocesan Men’s Commission, proclaimed the gathering to be “a true testament of faith. The conference theme, ‘Champions of Faith,’ could not have been more appropriate for the day. Despite heavy rain and flooding in the area, over 2,300 men

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September 30 Tenth of Nations, Elizabeth “What Every Woman Needs to Know” by Mary Maclellan, St. Cass of Marquette, Roselle Park, 5:30-7:30 p.m., cost: \$10, 994-4815.	October 5 Immigrants’ Conference, Newark, Massachusetts, in honor of St. Edith Stein, through Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m., cost: \$15, (973) 265-5100.	October 10 Xavier Rector Center, Newark, 5:30 a.m.-3 p.m., cost: \$45, (973) 265-5100.	October 13 St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, “Jesus the Man Who Cares and Challenges of Living as Jesus Today” men’s conference, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., cost: \$15, call Bob Miller at (973) 338-1995 ext. 25.	October 24 St. Michael’s Basilica, Newark, Massachusetts, in honor of St. Edith Stein, through Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m., cost: \$40, call Rose at (973) 912-5646.	October 24-25 St. Michael’s Basilica, Newark, Massachusetts, in honor of St. Edith Stein, through Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m., cost: \$40, call Rose at (973) 912-5646.
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speaker Colleen Carroll Campbell. Campbell is an author, columnist, television and radio host, and a speechwriter for President George W. Bush. She is the host of "Faith and Culture," a television and radio show that airs internationally on EWTN.

Campbell's talk, entitled "The Feminine Genius: A Call to Love," focused on how feminine nature informs spirituality. She believes popular culture has misconstrued femininity as either aggressive female sexuality or being superficial and materialistic. Pope John Paul II, who she calls the "feminist pope," stressed the idea of feminine genius and believed in using inherent, female qualities in society and faith.

"Pope John Paul II believed that in the technological age, there is loss of the intrinsic dignity of the human person. He believed women have a natural inclination to focus on the concrete and the personal. We live in a society that values people for what they have, not who they are. Women are born to love and called to make society more gentle and humane," Campbell explained.

When speaking about feminine nature, there is the tendency to stereotype, Campbell noted. Pope John Paul II spoke in "inclinations not absolutes" and believed that radical openness to the human person is a distinctly feminine nature. "Pope John Paul II also spoke of 'spiritual maternity' and argued that mothers were crucial to the transformation of our culture," Campbell added.

Saint Teresa Benedicta foreshadowed Pope John Paul II's writings on women, Campbell noted. "Saint Edith Stein believed that biology of women reflected truths in spiritual makeup. Female biology is attuned to sensitivity and receptivity that we can apply to the world in a uniquely feminine way. Femininity is not greater than or less than masculinity, just different."

According to Saint Teresa Benedicta, the ultimate spiritual maternity is "nurturing the spark of divine life in a soul." Spiritual maternity is not just about nurturing, but about being strong as only a mother can be.



Advocate photos – Melissa McNally

Dianne Traflet (top right) and Colleen Carroll Campbell (left), served as the featured speakers at the annual Women's Day of Reflection. A group from Couples for Christ, Hillside (bottom right), and faithful from Blessed Sacrament/Saint Charles Borromeo Parish, Newark (top left), were among the hundreds who attended the forum. Pamela Muller Swartzberg is the chairwoman of the Women's Commission of the Archdiocese of Newark.

"It is not easy to practice spiritual maternity," Campbell said. "It is not our job to fix ourselves, but we must surrender to God for what we cannot do. Every woman is longing for a loving relationship with God. If we look to other people for the love we seek in God, we are bound to be disappointed."

Many women, especially mothers, may feel overwhelmed by the tasks ahead of them, according to Campbell. She encourages using Saint Teresa Benedicta as a model of feminine spirituality. "Saint Edith Stein is an example of intense spiritual stamina. If we take refuge in the Lord, our daily problems may still be there but we will remain at peace. Saint Edith

Stein believed women are natural contemplatives in the world."

Dianne M. Traflet, J.D., S.T.D., associate dean, assistant professor of pastoral theology and founder/co-director of the Institute for Spirituality Christianity at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, SHU, was another key speaker at the women's conference. She is the author of "Edith Stein: A Spiritual Portrait" (Pauline Media, 2008) and guided a reflection at the conference entitled "The Way of the Cross with Edith Stein" interweaving Jesus' Stations of the Cross with trials from Stein's life.

In 1933, when the Nazi regime rose to power in Europe, Edith Stein could no longer teach due to

her Jewish ancestry. Throughout her trials, the future saint relied on faith to guide her. "God leads each of us in a different way...Edith Stein journeyed with Christ. She knew God was guiding her and called Him the Good Shepherd. She would pray in front of the image of Mary, the Sorrowful Mother. She had a profound prayer life and pondered the Body of Christ," Traflet said.

Saint Teresa Benedicta knew she would suffer and often contemplated her death. "When Stein entered the cloistered convent, people thought she was hiding (from the Nazis) but she was aware of the pain in the world. She knew that they would find her. She knew of the importance

of self-denial and self-sacrifice," Traflet noted.

When Saint Teresa Benedicta entered Auschwitz, she would continue in prayer and shared her faith with others in the camp. "She embraced everyone as her own. She prayed the rosary and tried to create a spiritual family in a word that was terror-filled. One witness wrote that Edith Stein created an atmosphere of peace and grace around her," Traflet said.

The life of Edith Stein serves as an inspiration not only to women, but for all Christians, Traflet believes. "She died a martyr and laid down her life to build up God's kingdom. Saint Edith Stein died but her message survived and her mission still inspires."

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June conference to discuss Anglican/Catholic union

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

NEWARK—The Archdiocese of Newark will host the 2010 Anglican Use Conference June 10-12 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St., and the adjacent Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave.

Pope Benedict XVI's special structure for Anglicans seeking full communion with the Catholic Church serves as the backdrop for the event. The forum will examine "the means available to Episcopal and Anglican individuals and congregations to fulfill our Lord's call 'that we all may be one' in the Catholic Church," according to wording on the event's promotional flyer.

Bishop Juan Ignacio Arrieta Ochoa de Chinchetru, secretary, Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts, will serve as the keynote speaker for the conference, which will be open to the public.

Joseph Blake, president of

the Anglican Use Society, Bethlehem, PA (Web site: www.anglicanuse.org), said the gathering is important because of the apostolic constitution issued last year by the pope, which provides guidance for those Anglican/Episcopal churches and faith communities that are considering applying for an ordinariate.

Last year Pope Benedict XVI established a special structure for Anglicans who want to establish full communion with the Catholic Church (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 28, 2009). The apostolic constitution, "*Anglicanorum Coetibus*" ("Groups of Anglicans") was published Nov. 9, 2009 at the Vatican along with specific norms governing the establishment and governance of "personal ordinariates," (groups similar to dioceses). The ordinariates will have a prelate to oversee the pastoral care of those who wish to practice their Christian faith using elements of their Anglican liturgical and spiritual identity. The litur-

gy used by Anglicans was developed within the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church and continues to closely resemble the text of the Mass celebrated by Catholics.

There are eight communities of Catholics practicing their faith with such liturgical expression in the United States—four in Texas, along with communities in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Arizona and Missouri.

Pope Benedict's apostolic constitution sets out the conditions whereby the Anglican/Episcopal groups can enter full communion with Rome, via the ordinariates. Blake said Bishop Arrieta, in his role as keynote speaker, will shed light on how the process works. Pope Benedict and Archbishop Rowan Williams of Canterbury, the Anglican spiritual leader, pledged to move forward on ecumenical relations between the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion during a Nov. 21, 2009 meeting at the Vatican.

Blake noted the Anglican Use Conference has met annually since 2005, with last year's gathering held in Houston. The Anglican Use Society exists to support the pastoral provision granted in 1980 by Pope John Paul II.

Most Rev. John J. Myers, in addition to his duties as the Archbishop of Newark, serves as the Ecclesiastical Delegate of the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith—the pastoral provision that serves to help admit Episcopal

ministers to the U.S. Catholic priesthood and supports communities of faithful who wish to maintain Anglican liturgical traditions. Archbishop Myers was appointed to the post five years ago.

Rev. Msgr. James M. Sheehan, judicial vicar for the archdiocese, assists the archbishop and Rev. Msgr. William Stetson, the secretary for the pastoral provision, who is based in Houston. Msgr. Sheehan, in June, will assume the duties of secretary for the pastoral provision.



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Kay Furlani

The standard base price for the tour is \$2,118 per person, plus \$595 for airport taxes and current fuel surcharges and \$120 for tips. Flights depart from and return to Newark International Airport. Catholic Travel Centre, Burbank, CA, is providing the travel arrangements. Contact Furlani by phone at (973) 497-4341 or via e-mail (furlanca@rcan.org) for details.

Furlani said the pilgrimage will visit the birthplace of Jesus and the home of the Holy Family, the Sea of Galilee, the Garden of Gethsemane and other sites. "It is our hope that this pilgrimage will bring us closer to Jesus, increase our understanding of the Scriptures and enable us to live as disciples of Christ in the world today," she said.

Pilgrimage sets sights on Washington DC basilica

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

NEWARK—The archdiocesan pilgrimage to Washington DC, an excursion that occurs every three years and features a visit to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, is slated for Saturday, Oct. 23.

Flyers trumpeting the pilgrimage were e-mailed last month

to pastors throughout the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark. Individual parishes typically arrange their own travel plans to participate in the pilgrimage. The driving distance between Newark and Washington is about 225 miles.

Rev. Msgr. Richard F. Groncki, (phone: 973-484-4600) the rector of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, serves as the

overall archdiocesan coordinator for the event.

More than 3,000 pilgrims from the archdiocese made the journey to Washington on Oct. 27, 2007. The Basilica of the National Shrine completed in 1959, is the largest Catholic church in North America. Designed in a Byzantine/Romanesque architectural style, it houses more than 60 chapels and the largest collection

of contemporary ecclesiastical artwork in the United States. (Web site: www.nationalshrine.com)

The basilica was built without the use of structural steel beams. It's made of stone, brick, tile and mortar—much like the

medieval churches of Europe were built. Pope John Paul II, in 1990, designated the national shrine as a minor basilica. Five years later he bestowed the same honor to Newark's Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.



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The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception shimmers in the gloaming of the nation's capital. Pope Benedict XVI met with U.S. bishops at the national shrine during his tour of the United States in April 2008.

Kearny center prepares to 'Rejoice'

KEARNY—The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries will host the 12th annual Rejoice retreat, Friday, April 16 to Sunday, April 18 at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center at 499 Belgrove Drive.

Judy Furka, rejoice coordinator, said that, over the years, youth and young adults from the four counties of the archdiocese and beyond, "have experienced the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist in a powerful way during the Rejoice weekend."

Inspirational national speakers, such as Allan Wright, author of "Jesus in the House," Michael Manhardt, founder of FAMILY (Forget About Me, I Love You) Ministries, and contemporary Christian musicians, such as Fiat Ministries, will guide young adults in understanding their relationship with Jesus. Wright teaches scripture at

Assumption College for Sisters, Mendham, and serves as a member of the Archdiocese of Newark's Commission for Interreligious Affairs.

The retreat will offer daily Mass, recitation of the rosary, reconciliation, Catholic fellowship and 24/7 exposition and adoration. The closing Mass for Rejoice will be celebrated April 18, 10:30 a.m. by Most Rev. Manuel A. Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark. Following Mass, Fr. John D. Gabriel, archdiocesan director of vocations, will lead a vocations call.

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USCCB's Home Missions group issues call to fortify Church

WASHINGTON—The 2010 Catholic Home Missions Appeal calls Catholics to “Strengthen the Church at Home.” The appeal will be made in most dioceses around the country the weekend of April 24-25. This year, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal turns its focus to youth ministry, an essential component of the life, vibrancy and future of the Church, explained Bishop Michael W.

Warfel, chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions. “In youth ministry programs, young Catholics grow in faith and gain valuable leadership skills. Without this appeal, some poorer dioceses might not be able to sustain vital youth programs,” Bishop Warfel said. From 2003-2007, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal

gave more than \$2.3 million to 130 diocesan youth ministry programs, sustaining faith formation for the next generation. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal funds a wide range of essential pastoral activities in mission dioceses across the United States, with special emphasis on evangelization; religious education; ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people;



youth ministry; and support for poor parishes. Home mission dioceses often exist in rural settings with struggling economies, long distances between parishes, and a

lack of priests and lay people to sustain parishes. As the U.S. continues to recover from the economic downturn, the poorest dioceses, financially fragile in the best of times, are the most vulnerable. For example, approximately 90 of the 195 Latin and Eastern Rite dioceses (eparchies) in the United States, about 45 percent, are unable to provide basic ministries. For more information about the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, visit the Web site: www.usccb.org/hm.



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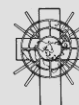


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Cathedral concert to sing out for students, schools

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

NEWARK—Noted conductor Father Alphonse Stephenson and his Orchestra of Saint Peter by the Sea will make their first appearance at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart to perform at the third annual “Concert for Catholic Education” on Sunday, April 25, at 4 p.m.

The concert, which will coincide with the final day of the Cherry Blossom Festival in Branch Brook Park (adjacent to the Cathedral), was begun by the archdiocesan Office of the Superintendent of Schools to augment fund-raising efforts at the parish and school levels.

Tickets are priced at \$30 per person or two tickets for \$50. Seating is limited to the first 2,000 respondents. For additional information call (973) 497-4270. Directions to the Cathedral are available online at www.cathedralbasilica.org.

Staging the concert, explained Superintendent of Schools and Vicar for Education, Rev. Msgr. Kevin M. Hanbury, Ed.D., is a case of the archdiocesan Schools Office “practicing what we preach” with regard to the funding Catholic schools. Last year’s concert, featuring the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, raised \$70,000.

A former musical director and conductor of the Broadway smash hit, “A Chorus Line,” Fr. Stephenson, is the founder and

conductor of the Festival of the Atlantic in Point Pleasant Beach. He said the April 25 musical program at the Cathedral would be a combination of arias by three operatic soloists and religious-themed Broadway selections. He also plans to perform Beethoven’s Fifth Symphony, which was chosen for a concert following the 9/11 terrorist attacks nine years ago. Fr. Stephenson called the famous piece “a statement of the dignity of humanity.”



Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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Seminary prepares for sesquicentennial celebration

SOUTH ORANGE — The major seminary of the Archdiocese of Newark will celebrate 150 years of forming priests for God's people. Immaculate Conception Seminary kicks off its sesquicentennial anniversary with a Mass on Sunday, April 25, 3 p.m. at the seminary's Chapel of the Good Shepherd in Lewis Hall.

The Mass, which also commemorates the 25th anniversary of the dedication of Lewis Hall, will be celebrated by the Most Rev. John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark, President of the Board of Regents and Chair of the Board of Trustees. Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson,

will be the homilist. The April 25 Mass will be "invitation only" and a reception for attendees will immediately follow.

"We are approaching a great time in the history of Immaculate Conception Seminary," Rev. Msgr. Robert Coleman, rector and dean, said. "As one of the very few seminaries founded before the Civil War, which continues to serve the Church's mission today, we rejoice in the great history of these 150 years and are filled with hope and confidence for a future of continued growth and service."

Though Immaculate Conception Seminary continues to evolve, Msgr. Coleman said its

focus remains unchanged: to provide the human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral formation needed for priests to serve the Catholic Church.

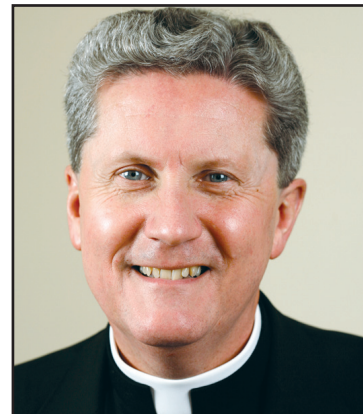
Sesquicentennial festivities at Immaculate Conception will continue through December 2011. For a complete list of dates and events, visit theology.shu.edu.

Founded in 1860 by Bishop James Roosevelt Bayley, Immaculate Conception Seminary was first known by many as the "Diocesan Seminary" and the "Ecclesiastical Seminary." A staple of Seton Hall College, its first class consisted of nine enrolled seminarians.

In 1927, the pursuit of larger accommodations led to the seminary's move from South Orange to the McMillin estate at Darlington, where it would remain for the next 57 years. During that time, its mission expanded to include the education of lay men and women looking to fulfill their Christian vocations.

In 1982, Archbishop Peter L. Gerety announced the re-affiliation of Immaculate Conception Seminary with Seton Hall University, and two years later, the seminary returned to the South Orange campus where it was originally founded.

As of last fall, Immaculate Conception Seminary's enrollment consisted of 209 graduate students, including 122 seminarians and 87 lay students. Its diverse student body represents such countries as Nigeria, Poland, Nicaragua as well as the United States. Its various academic offerings include a Master of Arts in Theology and a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry, in addition to its Master of Divinity. In 2007, the Seminary also added a Bachelor of Arts in Catholic Theology to its



Msgr. Robert Coleman

repertoire, which enrolled 95 students as of last fall.

Late last year Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology dedicated its Center for Family Spirituality (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Dec. 9, 2009), which was developed in response to a challenge issued by Pope John Paul II to create new institutes to cultivate theological and spiritual dimensions of family life. Dr. Dianne Traflet, associate dean of the School of Theology, and the late Deacon William J. Toth, Ph.D., were key players in launching the center.

'Roses' benefit to honor Joshua Bell

SOUTH ORANGE—Seton Hall University will honor renowned violinist Joshua Bell with its Humanitarian of the Year Award at the 17th annual "Evening of Roses" benefit for the Sister Rose Thering Endowment for Jewish-Christian Studies, which will be held Sunday, April 18, 7:30 p.m., at the South Orange Performing Arts Center (SOPAC), 1 Trenchard Pl.

This year's benefit will premier a short film, "Sister Rose Thering Remembered," which describes

the Dominican Nun's lifelong work to encourage dialogue and understanding among people of faith, especially Christians and Jews. She died May 6, 2006.

Admission is \$75 per person. Contact the endowment office at (973) 761-9006 or marilyn.zirl@shu.edu for more information. Special ticket packages that include a post-program reception are available. Reservations also can be made through the SOPAC box office at (973) 313-2787 or online at www.sopacnow.org.

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INVESTING IN STUDENTS— Mark Kahrer (second from left), PSE&G vice president/finance, a Hudson Catholic Alumnus and member of Hudson Catholic's Board of Consultors, presents Hudson Catholic Regional High School President Father Warren Hall (second from right), Philip Gazzale (center), dean of academics, sophomore Gabriella Macias (far left) and sophomore Sam Clark (far right) with a check for \$15,000. The funds will supplement Hudson Catholic's summer outreach programs like "Saturday Science," enabling the school to purchase equipment such as microscopes, digital cameras and robot-building kits.

'Ignatian Week' explored Jesuit identity and values

JERSEY CITY—Saint Peter's College last month held its first "Ignatian Heritage Week," a weeklong celebration honoring the college's Jesuit heritage and tradition, as well as the historic presence of Jesuits around the world.

Sponsored by the college's Jesuit honor society, Alpha Sigma Nu, the celebration, which ran March 23-30, featured musical performances, films, lectures and presentations that focused on Jesuit identity and principles.

Featured speakers included James T. Fisher, Ph.D., professor of theology from Fordham University, who discussed "Jesuit History in Jersey City." During the program, "Dr. Fisher will share how the classic 1954 film, "On the Waterfront," directed by Elia Kazan and starring

Marlon Brando, and the work of the late Rev. Peter Corridan, S.J., were major forces in reducing corruption on the docks of Hoboken.

Another speaker, Father Greg Boyle, S.J., the founder of Homeboy Industries—a Los Angeles-based gang-intervention program—who presented "Tattoos on the Heart: Strategies for Working with At-Risk Youth." He explained how his program provides support for individuals who joined gangs because their homes were emotionally destructive.

Father Michel Marcil, S.J., the executive director of the U.S. Catholic China Bureau, shared his thoughts on "China's Religion Policy Today." Fr. Marcil addressed the evolving attitude of the Chinese communist government toward religions.

Father Rolheiser to address CSE's April 17 convocation

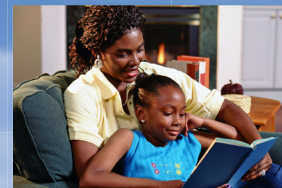
MORRISTOWN — The 18th annual spiritual convocation, "Speaking in the Name of Jesus," will be held Saturday, April 17, at the College of Saint Elizabeth (CSE), 2 Convent Rd.

CSE's Center for Theological and Spiritual Development (CTSD) is the sponsor of the forum, which will feature keynote speakers Father Ronald Rolheiser, O.M.I., a national columnist and the president of the Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, TX, and Dr. Mary Catherine Hilkert, O.P., a professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame, IN.

The registration fee is \$35 per person. Call (973) 290-4302 for details or visit the Web site (www.cse.edu/center).

Several speakers at the conference are connected with the Archdiocese of Newark, including Father Larry Evans II, chaplain and teacher of Scripture and Christian morality at Paramus Catholic High School; Dr. Martha M. Geaney, a professor of business management sciences at Felician College, Lodi and Rutherford; and Sister Kathy Quigley, campus minister at Marylawn of the Oranges, South Orange.

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Felician's records show that last year, 831 students completed more than 15,814 hours of community service including



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working in homeless shelters and food pantries; tutoring at-risk students; and working with senior citizens and special needs disabled youth and adults.

In addition, Felician students worked with environmental agencies, community and economic development organizations, as well as served the poor in Nicaragua and continued its non-governmental organization (NGO) activities at the United Nations.

Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a school can achieve for its commitment to service learning and civic engagement. Honorees for the award were chosen based on a series of selection factors, including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student

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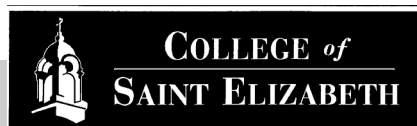
YOUTH GROUPS PERFORM—Youth group members of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes (top photo), directed by Lori Flynn, and the combined youth groups of Holy Family and Saint Mary parishes, Nutley, led by Amy Jackson and Tara Freschi, staged performances in Bergen County and Essex County of the Living Stations of the Cross on Palm Sunday and during Holy Week. Matt Parowski (left) and Stephen Rafferty (center), students at Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell, and David Bonagura, who attends DePaul Catholic High School, Wayne, were the lead players in the Most Blessed Sacrament production.

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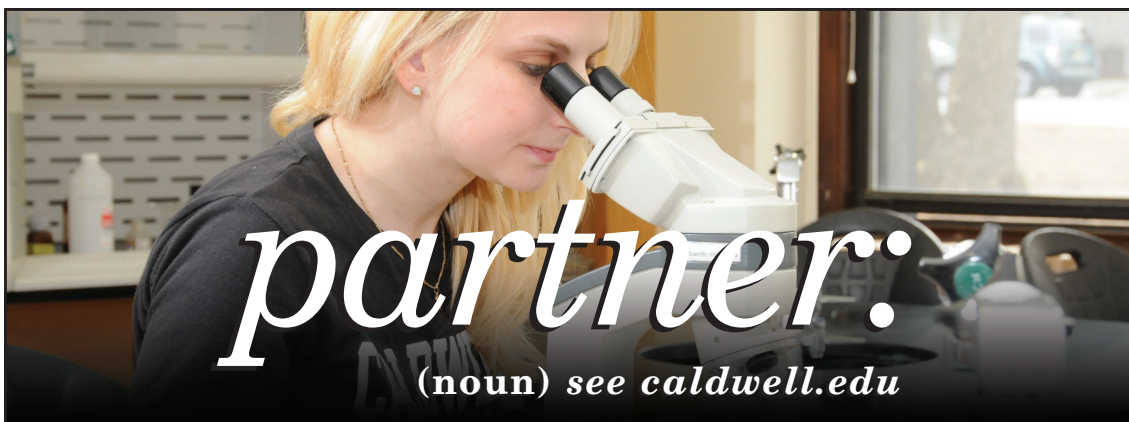


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CHANGE FOR MBAANI—Students at Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Tenafly, recently welcomed members of the SMA African Mission Museum, including museum director Bob Koenig (left), who offered information on life in Africa and shared museum artifacts with students. The presentation reinforced the student's community outreach efforts, which include the school's "Change for Mbaani" service project. To date, students at Our Lady of Mount Carmel have raised \$3,000 through weekly donations of spare change, which provides food, uniforms and school supplies for the children of the Mbaani School in Kenya.



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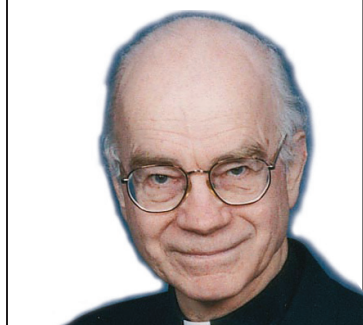
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3rd Sunday of Easter
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By Rev. Lawrence Frizzell

**Readings: Acts 5:27-41; Ps 30;
Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19.**

The rulers of many countries seek to secure a permanent place of power for themselves and their families. Even a “president for life” must acknowledge his mortality and plan for succession. In contrast, Jesus did

not lay claim to secular power for Himself; indeed, He told Pilate: “My kingdom does not belong to this world...” (Jn 18:36).

Jesus was the heavenly Father’s agent for the inauguration of the divine Kingship (God’s authority respected by the faithful) and Kingdom (the divine reign accepted by all creation at the consummation of history). As the Messiah (Anointed Son of David) and as Son of God, Jesus has an eternal reign; He promised to be with His Church always, even to the end of the world (Mt 28:20). Although Jesus had no need to plan for a successor, He did select a representative to be the visible sign of the unifying power of His presence.

The choice of Simon Peter and the other Apostles was based on the legal precedent of an agent who represents the ruling authority. “As the Father has sent me, so I send you” (Jn 20:21). In earlier times, the city of Jerusalem was governed by a deputy of the king

of Judah empowered to be a father to its inhabitants. “I will place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open” (Is 22:21-22). The king ratified the decisions of his mayor and held him responsible for welfare of the community. In like manner, Jesus offered Peter a unique role in collaborating with him. “I will entrust to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you declare bound on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatever you declare loosed on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (Mt 16:19).

Strikingly, the most explicit fulfillment of Jesus’ promise is recorded in the fourth Gospel. After the Master had manifested Himself to several disciples by the Sea of Galilee and prepared breakfast for them, He reminded Peter of his triple denial during His passion. The first question tested Peter’s humility. “Simon, son of John, do you love me more

than these do?” (Jn 21:15). Peter’s enthusiastic self-assurance had been tempered by experience of his own cowardice (Jn 13:37-38 and 18:15-18, 25-27). Now he came to realize that being a leader is not based on superior qualifications, but on divine goodness providing the strength required to fulfill the responsibilities given. So Peter answered simply: “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you” (Jn 21:15). Then Jesus commissioned him to feed His lambs and to tend His sheep. The Good Shepherd had laid down His life for His flock, including Peter (see Jn 10:11 and 18); He had invited others to become assistants in His work. After the resurrection He instituted offices to carry on His mission until the end of time.

Like the prophecy of Nathan (2 Sm 7:8-16), which proclaimed the establishment of the Davidic dynasty at the service of the divine King and his people, Jesus founded a function that would continue until the historical order

would give way to the eternal Kingdom. Although some early Christians hoped for Jesus to return quickly, John records a strange saying of Jesus that he interpreted to indicate that Peter would be a martyr. So, like David and Solomon, as well as their representatives, Peter would have successors to care for the Church.

In the Acts of the Apostles, Saint Luke presented several vignettes of Saint Peter’s role in the Jerusalem Church. He is portrayed as a prayerful and courageous leader who proclaimed the Gospel even in the face of threats and persecution. An abbreviated version of one such episode is read to complement this Sunday’s Gospel.

During the trial of Peter and other apostles before the Sanhedrin, Luke told of a wise Pharisee named Gamaliel who cautioned his colleagues against any attempt to crush nascent Christianity. “If their purpose or

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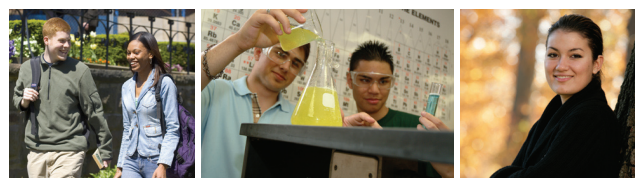
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Whether they try to do them on their own with calculators or computer programs or delegate the task to an accountant or tax preparing service, the seemingly countless regulations, exemptions, credits and exceptions they face can easily open the door to the temptations of omission or self-justification. Whether living with the hope of a rebate or fear of an audit, honesty is always the best policy.

Confronting how we use whatever resources we have is always a good exercise. Seeing where our money goes and how we spend it (or charge it!) not only tells us something about our priorities but also can reveal where we may be wasting money or efforts in fruitless endeavors.

Although we don’t pay taxes, archdiocesan offices, parishes and schools also use this season as the time to look back over the first

nine months of the fiscal year to evaluate how we are using the money which you, God’s people, have entrusted to us through collections, fund-raisers, tuition, bequests and donations. We then start to craft budgets for the year ahead, keeping in mind the expenses that will inevitably increase, such as utilities and insurances, and try to best estimate the revenues that will help us meet the challenges of delivering the services, which you should reasonably expect.

Without question, our present economy has put added pressure on individuals, families, parishes, schools, towns and the archdiocese to try to do more with less. While faith giving seems to have fallen only slightly in our area as compared to other parts of the country, rising expenses have aggressively overtaken income and limited reserves. Each of us, as individuals or particular entities, is called to make decisions, perhaps sometimes painful or at least uncomfortable, so that the best good for the greatest number can be achieved.

Archdiocesan offices review responsibility statements monthly. Parish finance councils and school

boards generally conduct at least quarterly budget-to-actual comparisons. Most homes have someone who tries to balance the checkbook. Yet ultimately it is good every so often not simply to acknowledge that we are spending responsibly or otherwise, but also to recognize new priorities or efficiencies.

Spring and the Easter season both flood our spirits with new possibilities, reawakened hopes

and the invitation to dream about what might be. As we recognize our ongoing responsibilities for the care of this wonderful world and all who live on it, may we never tire in our efforts to do the best with what we have while also aiding those who have not.

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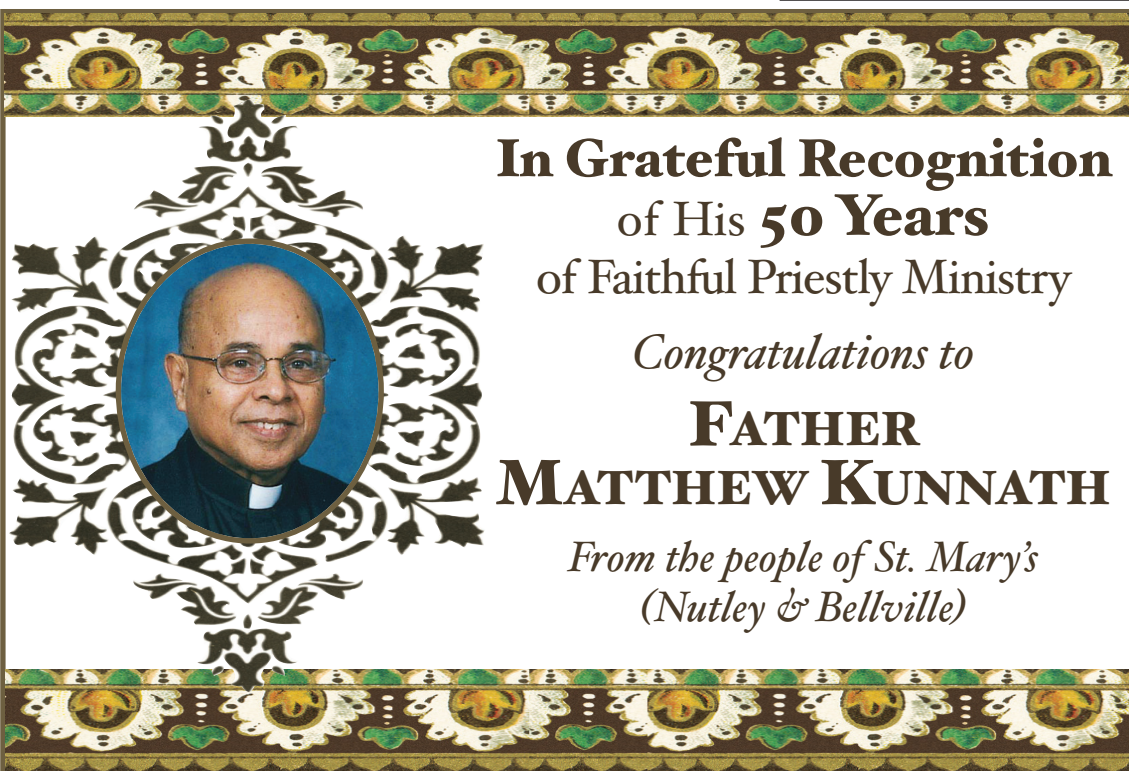
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activity is human in its origins, it will destroy itself. If, on the other hand, it comes from God, you will not be able to destroy them without fighting against God Himself” (Acts 5:38-39). This is sound advice for all political and religious leaders. Those Christians in authority have the responsibility to weigh the doctrines and opinions of all teachers to see if they resonate well with the Gospel. However, debates and discussions should take place so that the vigor of divine truth in-veighs against error rather than

brute force crushing its proponents. The teaching authority of the Church is at its best when the faithful are instructed adequately so that they can discern illusion and distortion. “Test everything and hold fast to what is good” (1 Thes 5:21). The task of feeding lambs and sheep with the nourishing sustenance of the Christian message is complemented by a continuing effort to defend them from noxious weeds. The awe-inspiring task of Peter and his collaborators is never easy, so we pray that they (and ourselves) be ever receptive to the guidance of Christ’s Spirit of truth!

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Sincerely in the Lord

Two columns support Pope Benedict XVI

BY ARCHBISHOP JOHN J. MYERS

I have been troubled lately by the recent attacks in the media aimed at our Holy Father and his purported disregard for victims of sexual abuse. I can tell you from personal experience that the claims of disregard for victims that these media stories relate are clearly false; Pope Benedict XVI has dealt quickly and decisively with allegations, and he has been compassionate and understanding of the pain of victims of abuse.

These stories tell only half-truths and draw conclusions that do not stand up to honest scrutiny. I have joined with my brother bishops in the United States in condemning these stories and in standing fully in support of our pope.

Rather than try to relate the errors and mistakes that these reports contain, I want to share with you two columns by people I have known for many years and whom I trust—Bishop William E. Lori of Bridgeport, CT, and William McGurn of *The Wall Street Journal*. They place into proper perspective the fallacies of the media's pursuit of our pope far more eloquently than I ever could.

I hope you enjoy them and I hope you continue to have a peaceful and blessed Easter season.



Thoughts from Bishop Lori

BY BISHOP WILLIAM E. LORI
Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

It is Holy Week, that time out of time, when we remember the most important events of all time: Jesus' suffering, His crucifixion, and His conquest of death. The world, of course, is filled with distractions. In this holy season some, especially the news media, want us to focus instead on the supposed failures of our Pope, Benedict XVI.

The New York Times is again leading the attack, now accusing the Holy Father himself of being complicit in "the widening sex abuse scandal in the Catholic Church." I want to share with you my reflections about this subject.

It appears that the timing of these articles is calculated. The March 25 *New York Times* story suggesting that then-Cardinal Ratzinger permitted a known offender to continue in ministry for almost thirty years was based upon documents provided to it by Jeffrey Anderson, an attorney who has received over \$100 million suing Catholic institutions and who is now suing the Vatican itself. Mr. Anderson received these documents in discovery in December 2008. Why did he wait until now to hand them over to the *Times*? Was it to help his suit against the Vatican? Was it to coordinate with claimant groups protesting in the Vatican on the very day of the *Times* report? Was it to promote legislation friendly to plaintiffs?

lawyers such as we are fighting here in Connecticut and elsewhere? Was it to sully the holiness of this week? We don't know. We do know that Mr. Anderson controlled the timing and the *Times* helped.

The truth is that there is no widening problem of child sexual abuse in the Catholic Church, at least not in our country. A comprehensive "Causes and Contents" study conducted by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice showed that, by the early 1990s, this problem was largely corrected because many bishops already had in place safe environment programs and zero-tolerance policies. In 2002 the U.S. bishops took additional steps to reach out to victims and to ensure the safety of children and young people by issuing their landmark "Charter and Norms."

For our Church serving almost 70 million American Catholics, there were six allegations of childhood sexual abuse by priests occurring in 2009. No other institution working with children gets close to this level of safe environment.

Let us now focus on the stories in *The New York Times* regarding Father Lawrence C. Murphy, the deceased Milwaukee priest who was accused of molesting young people during the 1960s and 70s when he headed a school for the hearing and sight impaired. To be sure, his heinous behavior was utterly reprehensible and destructive. At the same time, however, the *Times*' story incorrectly reports that

Cardinal Ratzinger was complicit when, "instead of discipline," Father Lawrence Murphy was "quietly moved" to the Diocese of Superior where he continued "working freely with children in parishes" for 24 years until he died in 1998. The police looked into the allegations regarding Murphy in 1974 and apparently found insufficient evidence to take any action. Nevertheless, Murphy lost his job as head of the school for the hearing and sight impaired in 1974. The documents the *Times* itself posts show that his removal was not "quiet" but that the police were informed, that there were protests and that there was "disclosure and public humiliation in 1974."

Finally, the *Times* states that Murphy was "never disciplined." This simply is not so. The *Times* does not tell its readers that, shortly after new allegations came his way in 1993, Archbishop Weakland promptly suspended Murphy's faculties and ordered him to cease all public ministry, all unsupervised contact with children, and all contact with persons, places and situations giving rise to temptations. The *Times* either hid the fact that Murphy was disciplined by suspension of his faculties because it did not comport with the story it wanted to tell, or because Mr. Anderson withheld the documents from the *Times* that detailed this discipline.

In fact, if *The New York Times* had bothered to check with Father Thomas Brundage, J.C.L., the judicial vicar for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee from 1995-2003, they would have been found that at the time of his death, Murphy was still a defendant in a Canonical trial (an internal trial conducted by the Church) in Milwaukee for the crimes of sexual abuse and solicitation within the confessional. Thus, *The New York Times* either was less than forthcoming in stating that Murphy suffered no discipline, or Mr. Anderson, through selective document disclosures, played *The New York Times* like a fiddle.

The shameless and reckless assertions by the *Times* and other media outlets that then Cardinal Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI, somehow interfered with the trial by the Church are categorically false. Fr. Brundage, who was the presiding judge of the Canonical trial, says unequivocally "with regard to the role of then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (now Pope Benedict XVI) in this matter, I have no reason to believe that he was involved at all. Placing this matter at his doorstep is a huge leap of logic and information."

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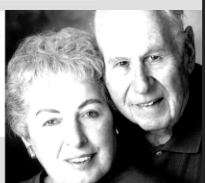
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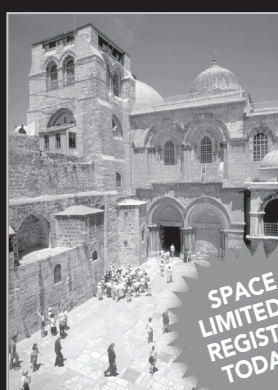
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Here's what I know about Pope Benedict XVI and sexual abuse. As detailed by John Allen of *The National Catholic Reporter*, when Cardinal Ratzinger became the Vatican's "point man" on the problem in 2001, he personally reviewed hundreds of files. He then wrote the bishops of the world that the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith would henceforth handle all sexual abuses cases involving priests. Under his leadership the congregation provided bishops with crucial direction and support in canonically removing offending priests from ministry. In most circumstances, the congregation approved direct administrative actions so that bishops could discipline and remove priests without the delays of full canonical trials.

In 2002, I assisted in writing the "Charter and

Norms for the Protection of Children and Young People." I was also one of the four U.S. diocesan bishops who went to Rome to secure approval of the Charter and Norms. I personally witnessed the pivotal and positive role that Cardinal Ratzinger played in helping the American bishops to respond to the sexual abuse crisis. Thanks to Cardinal Ratzinger, the United States' Norms won approval from the Holy See. Together with the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," the Norms have helped the U.S. Bishops to bring about a true culture change in the Church. State-of-



the-art safe-environment programs have been developed. Countless victims have been assisted. Priests who posed a danger to young people are out of ministry. Dioceses cooperate closely with law enforcement officials (contrary to yet another faulty op-ed piece in *The New York Times*).

The congregation also helped bishops of other countries deal with the sexual abuse crisis. When he became Pope, Benedict XVI made resolution of the abuse problem a priority. Instead of attacking this Pope, we should be thanking him for helping the Church confront this crisis in a way that benefits victims, the Church, and society.

There is an additional problem with *The New York Times* report worth mentioning. It states that Murphy "also got a pass from the police and prosecutors who ignored reports from his victims." This clause is the entire comment that the Times gives to the failure of the one government entity that had the greatest power to conduct an investigation and remove an alleged sexual perpetrator from being around children. The Church has no search warrants or prisons. The police do. When government fails to manage the risk of sexual abuse, *The New York Times* and other media too

often give government a pass.

If we really care about protecting children, then the fourth estate needs to focus its spotlight on those institutions with the greatest problems. In January of this year, the U.S. Department of Justice reported that one out of 10 young people incarcerated in government-run detention facilities were sexually victimized by their guards during the single year of 2008. This represents 2,370 victims. Where was the Times report? And the number of sexual abuse victims in public schools dwarfs the problem in juvenile detention facilities.

The Times sued the Diocese of Bridgeport, CT, to acquire privileged documents from court files so that it could re-publish stories of long settled sexual abuse cases that occurred during the 1960s and 1970s. Yet it ignores that since 1992 in Connecticut alone, 112 Connecticut public school teachers and coaches have lost their license to teach because of sexual contact with students; and since 2006, 19 foster parents paid by the State of Connecticut have been disciplined for sexually abusing the children in their care. Where's the outrage and the calls for resignations?

Having the pope and the Catholic Church bear the entire



Bishop William E. Lori

blame of childhood sexual abuse may benefit the trial lawyers and serve the agenda of their media partners, but it does nothing to protect children today. Transferring billions from Catholic dioceses, religious orders and their charitable and educational ministries in a time of economic crisis only creates new victims. It is time that Church-bashing give way to responsible reporting and even-handed public policy.

(Editor's note: Most Rev. William E. Lori, S.T.D., the Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport, CT, originally published this commentary on March 31.)

The Pope and The New York Times

BY WILLIAM MCGURN

Unlike the Roman papacy, in certain circles *The New York Times* still enjoys the presumption of authority. So when the front page carries a story headlined "Vatican Declined to Defrock U.S. Priest Who Abused Deaf Boys," people notice.

Written by Laurie Goodstein and published March 25, the thrust is twofold. First, that the Rev. Lawrence Murphy, a priest who abused children at St. John's School for the Deaf in Milwaukee from the 1950s to the 1970s, went unpunished. Father Murphy, she wrote categorically, "was never tried or disciplined by the church's own justice system."

This all feeds the kicker: "the effort to dismiss Father Murphy came to a sudden halt after the priest appealed to Cardinal Ratzinger for leniency." In other words, Murphy got off scot-free, and the cardinal looked the other way.

Ms. Goodstein cites internal church documents, which the Times posted online. The documents were provided by Jeff Anderson and Mike Finnegan. They are described as "lawyers for five men who have brought four lawsuits against the Archdiocese of Milwaukee."

What she did not tell readers is that Mr. Anderson isn't just any old lawyer. When it comes to suing the church, he is America's leading plaintiffs attorney. Back in 2002, he told the Associated Press that he'd won more than \$60 million in settlements from the church, and he once boasted to a Twin Cities

weekly that he's "suing the s--t out of them everywhere." Nor did the Times report another salient fact about Mr. Anderson: He's now trying to sue the Vatican in U.S. federal court.

None of this makes Mr. Anderson wrong or unworthy of quoting. It does make him a much bigger player than the story disclosed. In fact, it's hard to think of anyone with a greater financial interest in promoting the public narrative of a church that takes zero action against abuser priests, with Pope Benedict XVI personally culpable.

Asked about the omissions in an email, Ms. Goodstein replied as follows: "Given the complexity of the Murphy case, and the relative brevity of my story, I don't think it is realistic for you to expect this story to get into treating other cases that these attorneys have handled."

Martin Nussbaum, a lawyer who is not involved in the Murphy case but who has defended other dioceses and churches in sexual abuse suits, emailed me four interesting letters sent to Murphy from three Wisconsin bishops. These documents are not among those posted online by the Times. They are relevant, however, because they refute the idea that Murphy went unpunished.

In fact, the letters from these bishops—three in 1993 and one in 1995, after fresh allegations of Murphy's misconduct—variously informed the priest that he was not to celebrate the sacraments in public, not to have any unsupervised contact with minors, and not to work in any

parish religious education program.

It's accurate to say Murphy was never convicted by a church tribunal. It's also reasonable to argue (as I would) that Murphy should have been disciplined more. It is untrue, however, to suggest he was "never" disciplined. When asked if she knew of these letters, Ms. Goodstein did not directly answer, saying her focus was on what was "new," i.e., "the attempts by those same bishops to have Father Murphy laicized."

As for Rome, it did not get the case until 1996, when the archdiocese of Milwaukee informed the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, then headed by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger. Back then, the CDF handled abuse cases when they involved a breach of confession (Murphy was accused of using the confessional to solicit boys). At that time, too, the only real option for reducing Murphy to the lay state was a church trial. And the bishops in Wisconsin did begin a trial.

Ms. Goodstein's original article said simply that Cardinal Ratzinger's deputy halted Murphy's trial after the priest sent the cardinal a letter saying he was dying and asking for clemency. A follow-up Times article last Thursday clarified that Rome came down the way it did because Murphy had shown "apparent good conduct" for the last 24 years, and "it would be difficult to try him" because "so much time [had] passed between the crimes and the trial."

Plus, his bishops had already stripped Murphy of his priestly faculties, the equivalent of taking a doctor's medical license.

Does all this really suggest people callously looking the other way?

A few years later, when the CDF assumed authority over all abuse cases, Cardinal Ratzinger implemented changes that allowed for direct administrative action instead of trials that often took years. Roughly 60% of priests accused of sexual abuse were handled this way. The man who is now pope reopened cases that had been closed; did more than anyone to process cases and hold abusers accountable; and became the first pope to meet with victims. Isn't the more reasonable interpretation of all these events that Cardinal Ratzinger's experience with cases like Murphy's helped lead him to promote reforms that gave the church more effective tools for handling priestly abuse?

That's not to say that the press should be shy, even about Pope Benedict XVI's decisions as archbishop and cardinal. The Murphy case raises hard questions: why it took the archbishops of Milwaukee nearly two decades to suspend Murphy from his ministry; why innocent people whose lives had been shattered by men they are supposed to view as icons of Christ found so little justice; how bishops should deal with an accused clergyman when criminal investigations are inconclusive; how to balance the demands of justice with the Catholic imperative that sins can be forgiven. Oh, yes, maybe some context, and a bit of journalistic skepticism about the narrative of a plaintiffs attorney making millions off these cases.

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R.C.

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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.

M.R.

PRAYER TO THE
BLESSED VIRGIN

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

J.D.

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C.M.R.

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Amen. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. Published in gratitude. Thank you, St. Jude.

D.M.M.

SHOULDER WOUND OF
JESUS CHRIST PRAYER

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

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M.F.F.

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(to be said at the same time every hour for nine consecutive hours)

O Jesus, Who hast said, ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be open to you, through the intercession of **Mary, Thy Most Holy Mother**, I knock, I seek, I ask that my prayer be granted. *(Make your request)*

O Jesus, Who hast said, all that you ask of the **Father in My Name**, He will grant you through the intercession of **Mary, Thy Most Holy Mother**, I humbly and urgently ask **Thy Father in Thy Name** that my prayer be granted. *(Make your request)*

O Jesus, Who hast said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away but **My word** shall not pass," through the intercession of **Mary, Thy Most Holy Mother**, I feel confident that my prayer will be granted. *(Make your request)*

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C.S.

PRAYER TO
ST. CHRISTOPHER

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

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Forum to probe autism awareness

MOUNTAINSIDE—As part of its recognition of April as “Autism Awareness Month,” the Archdiocese of Newark will present “The Charism of Hospitality: Welcoming Persons and Families Living with Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities.”

The forum, which is free and open to the public, will be held

Monday April 19, 7 to 9 p.m., at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 300 Central Ave. Contact Anne Masters, the archdiocesan director of the pastoral ministry with persons with disabilities, by phone at (973) 497-4309 or e-mail (masteran@rcan.org) for details.

The program is designed to educate all those involved in

parish ministry to be more familiar with the needs of people living with developmental disabilities, especially as it relates to welcoming families into the spiritual life of a parish. Topics to be discussed will include “The Human Experience of Living with Autism; a Parent’s Perspective.”

Legacy Circle plans tea

NEWARK—The annual Legacy Circle Planned Giving Society tea and prayer service will be held Tuesday, April 27, 2 p.m., at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St.

Archbishop John J. Myers will serve as the host for the gathering, which is organized by the archdiocesan Planned Giving Office to honor Legacy Society members. Call Anne DeVivo DeMesa, director of planned giving, at (973) 497-4048 for more information.

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Mass to support those called to vocations

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

NEWARK—As part of the worldwide observance of “Year for Priests,” Archbishop John J. Myers will celebrate a special Vocations Mass Saturday, April 24 in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The 6 p.m. Mass will mark both the Feast of the Good Shepherd and the 47th World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

The Mass is especially designed to reach out to college stu-

dents, high school seniors and juniors, parish youth groups, Catholic high school volunteer groups and college campus ministry members and Newman center members.

Last year Pope Benedict XVI opened a global celebration of a “Year for Priests” (see *The Catholic Advocate*, April 22, 2009). The celebration will draw to a close in June during a world meeting of priests at the Vatican.

Following the April 24 Mass, light refreshments will be served during a fellowship gathering at

the Archdiocesan Center, located at 171 Clifton Ave., across the street from the Cathedral Basilica. Attendees will be able to informally meet seminarians and religious community members from throughout the Archdiocese of Newark. The various communities will have tables set up with information about their orders. Music will be provided by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal headquartered in Newark. For additional information on the Mass, contact Father John D. Gabriel, director of vocations for the Archdiocese of Newark, or Sister Theresia Maria Holschlag, the associate director. Their telephone numbers are (973) 497-4365 and (973) 497-4368, respectively.

“It is our hope that this evening will celebrate priesthood and consecrated life and help our young people remain open as they discern the Lord’s call in their own lives in a spirit of joy and friendship,” Fr. Gabriel explained.

The idea for the special Mass, Fr. Gabriel noted, was the result of discussions with colleagues. Archbishop Myers, a former vo-

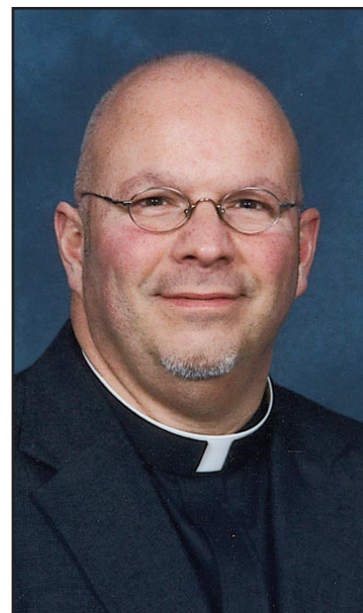
cations director in the Diocese of Peoria, IL, selected the day.

Sister Mariette Therese Bernier, local vocations director for the Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth, stressed that the Mass is “an opportunity to promote and witness vocations as well as to pray for vocations.” Brother Patrick Winbush, director of vocations at the Newark Abbey of the Benedictine Monks, added succinctly, “we need to foster vocations.”

The Mass is not only for those thinking God may be calling them to His service, but also for everyone throughout the Church of Newark wanting to pray for vocations, Fr. Gabriel emphasized.

To those contemplating attending the Mass, Sister Mariette called it “an opportunity to witness Religious and see them as people.” This is especially so, she went on, for someone who doesn’t have the opportunity that often to meet priests or Religious. “Spend some time with us, see that we are real people,” she declared.

Brother Winbush advised those attending the Mass “to be open to



Father John D. Gabriel

God’s call.” The Church, he continued, “needs young people to consider a vocation.”

Reflecting those sentiments, Fr. Gabriel saw the Mass as an experience that would “hopefully be a catalyst to a vocation, but it is also a wonderful opportunity for youths of the archdiocese to pray for vocations.”

Fr. Gabriel made particular mention of the theme chosen by Pope Benedict for this year’s World Day of Prayer for Vocations “Witness Awakens Vocations.” The Holy Father, he said, wrote that “the fruitfulness of our efforts to promote vocations depends primarily on God’s free action, yet, as pastoral experience confirms, it is also helped by the quality and the depth or the personal and communal witness of those who have already answered the Lord’s call to the ministerial priesthood and to the consecrated life.”

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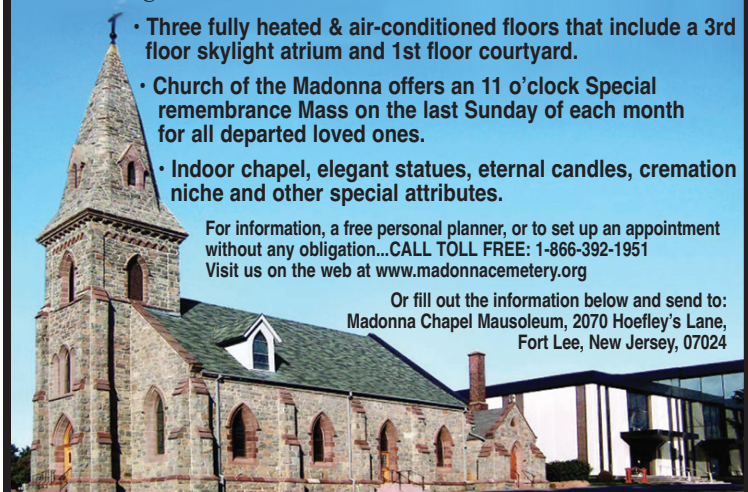
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Conference

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said ‘yes’ and came to hear the Word of the Lord spending the day in fellowship and prayer.”

Former New York Jets defensive lineman Joe Klecko in the English track and local broadcaster Luis Alejandro Medina in the Spanish track served as respective keynote speakers.

A point made by Klecko several times during his presentation was “they are the Ten Commandments, not suggestions.” Detailing a “downward spiral” in his life, especially going bankrupt in the mid 1990s, the member of the Jets’ famed “New York Sack Exchange” held back tears when he credited his wife as “the only thing I had to hold on to” during that difficult period. Saying he turned to the Lord, Klecko declared that “where I stand now in my life is more peaceful than it has ever been.”

Klecko told a hushed audience he attends daily Mass and prays between 12 and 15 rosaries each day. “The devil is out there every day beating on us,” he declared. “We need to stand up and be Catholic men.”

Curtis Martin, president and founder of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), Northglenn, CO—a national college cam-

pus outreach program—was the opening speaker of the conference. Heaven, Martin said, is total success and all that matters. “God wants us to use time well. Life is all about finishing well.” Edward Moccia, director of Saint Paul’s Outreach within the Archdiocese of Newark, an organization that helps build Catholic faith on college campuses, urged the audience to “say yes everyday to Jesus Christ. We are all made for heaven.”

Another speaker from the world of professional sports, veteran Major League Baseball coach Rich Donnelly, told the emotional story of his 17-year-old daughter who died of a brain tumor. Baseball and life, he said, are somewhat similar in that “rounding the bases” is the key to success. However, when he was rounding third base, Donnelly somehow “wound up in left field” for a period of time. “Without the Lord in my life I was miserable.” Donnelly noted too that he had been “afraid to be a Catholic” and used to sneak off to Mass. “Don’t be afraid to be a Catholic,” he said.

In the Spanish Track from Misionero de la Santisima Trinidad, Father Gary Banks, S.T., explained “spirituality is a relationship with God made possible by the Holy Spirit.” He described the “sacramental expression of spirituality” in terms of the Eucharist, marriage and Holy

Orders. All three, he explained, involve a body given in love and surrender to another for growth and service.

Pedro Repollet, who is attending Saint Andrew Seminary in South Orange, spoke about how the power of the Eucharist changed his life. He cited Saint Paul’s words in Galatians 2:20: “It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me.” Repollet confessed that “for many years I was living in a dark world.”

Eventually, he experienced a “true encounter with our Savior, Jesus Christ at Mass.” Through the power of the Eucharist, the seminarian stressed, “my life began to be transformed. Jesus arrived and healed my life.”

Also addressing the Spanish track was Father John J. Galeano, pastor of Saint Francis de Sales Parish in Lodi, a member of the Archdiocesan Interfaith Development Committee and spiritual director of the Spanish Cursillo Movement. The faith of the Church, he stressed as he walked up and down the center aisle of his audience, is among the world’s “great pillars.” He lamented the fact that there are “bad, broken” pillars such as Hitler, the ancient Roman emperors and today’s terrorists. In that context, Fr. Galeano asked his audience: “what type of pillar do you want to be? Follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. Be a man of faith.”



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PALM SUNDAY—At the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, Archbishop John J. Myers presided at the Palm Sunday Mass March 28 and celebrated the annual Chrism Mass March 29. During the Chrism Mass he blessed oils used in the sacraments of Anointing the Sick, Confirmation and Holy Orders.

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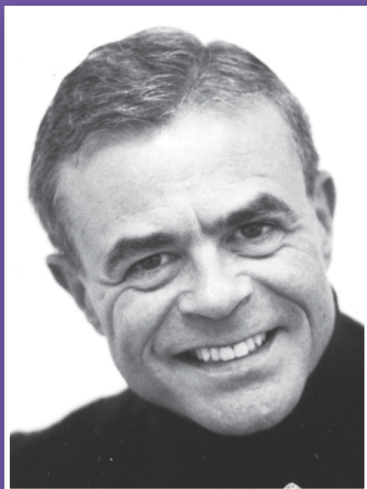


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