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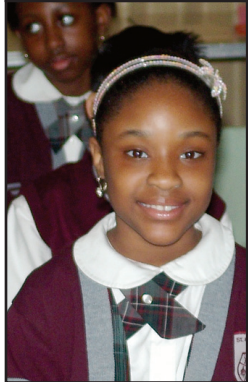
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Advocate photo – Ward Miele

THE ESSENCE OF LIFE— Some 650 young people from 24 high schools throughout the Archdiocese of Newark and beyond filled Walsh Gymnasium on the campus of Seton Hall University, South Orange, on April 23 for the seventh annual New Jersey Pro Life Youth Rally, sponsored by the Salesians of Don Bosco. The all-day program featured prayer, live music, skits and a witness talk from Cheryl Riley and her daughter Erica from Queen of Peace High School, North Arlington. Students from Gloucester Catholic High School (located near Camden) performed the opening skit with four cast members wearing placards that read: "Remember God Chose You," which drew a huge applause from the audience. The rally ended with Mass celebrated by Father Joseph Meagher, director of the archdiocesan Respect Life Office.

Gathering recalls dark days of Holocaust

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

NEWARK—With solemn dignity, the millions of men, women and children murdered by the Nazis during World War II were recalled during the city's 23rd annual Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony on April 12 in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Archbishop John J. Myers and Mayor Cory A. Booker cited the necessity of never forgetting what happened to the Nazis' innocent and helpless victims. Those who died and survivors of the Holocaust "bear witness to tyranny" declared Archbishop Myers. Mayor Booker cautioned the world to "never forget the lessons of the past."

Philip Kirschner, Esq., chairman of the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education, told those who filled the pews, which included

survivors of the Nazi atrocities, that New Jersey is one of the few states that holds a statewide observance in remembrance of Holocaust victims. Lessons taught by the Holocaust, he said, go beyond events themselves. That is because it is essential that children especially learn "lifelong lessons" from the Holocaust, Kirschner stressed. Expanding on

that point, the commission chairman underlined the importance of students having "one-on-one" experiences with Holocaust survivors.

Emery Jacoby, the keynote speaker for the ceremony, was one of those survivors. Emery told a hushed Cathedral Basilica audience of having to wear a yellow patch and armband denoting he

was Jewish. He spoke of a six month "death march" to the Auschwitz concentration camp. Those who died were buried along the way, he said.

Jacoby went on to detail the inhumane conditions of the railroad box cars that transported people to the camps calling the trip "a long journey to nothingness." At every

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Forum eyes autism isolation at Mass

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

MOUNTAINSIDE—The importance of welcoming persons and families living with autism and other developmental disorders were explored April 19 during the "Charism of Hospitality" seminar at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

Anne Masters, director of pastoral ministry with persons with disabilities for the archdiocese, led the discussion that was attended by priests, catechetical leaders and parents with autistic children.

There are 150,000 people with developmental disabilities in New Jersey, according to Masters. One in 94 children in the state is diagnosed

with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Thirty-six percent of families with typically developing children say they have "strong affiliations" with their faith community whereas only 19 percent of families of children with ASDs identify having a strong connection to their faith community.

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Lacordaire slates 'Museum Night,' celebrates 90 years



Drawing by Catherine Carlson, grade 12

UPPER MONTCLAIR—Lacordaire Academy, 155 Lorraine Ave., will host "Art Museum Night" Wednesday, May 5, 7 p.m., an exhibit featuring creative works by students utilizing science research and dissection, theater crafts and fine art techniques.

Guests will view the step-by-step processes in creating theater masks, costumes and pen-and-ink plant illustrations. Students will serve as docents for the exhibit and manage the café and museum store. Sculpture, photography, watercolors, note cards and other creative works will be available for sale. General admission is \$5. For more information, contact Debby Irwin, the academy's arts coordinator, by e-mail (debbyi99@aol.com) or phone at (973) 744-1156, ext 27.

Lacordaire celebrated its 90th anniversary with a gala benefit party April 24 at the Forest Hill Field Club, Bloomfield. Sister Rita Margaret Chambers, O.P., was honored at the event with the academy's Lumen Award for a lifetime of scholarship and leadership in the Dominican tradition.

Sr. Rita, who celebrated her 90th birthday along with the academy, taught religion, Latin and French at Lacordaire (1946-55) and served as elementary principal from (1951-52). In addition, she chaired the Caldwell College English Department, authored a history of the college, and served as the college's academic dean, archivist and alumni director there from 1955-2007.

Founded in 1920, Lacordaire is an independent Catholic school (Web site: www.lacordaire.net) sponsored by the Sisters of Saint Dominic, comprised of a coeducational elementary division and young women's college preparatory secondary division.



Immaculate Conception photos courtesy of Steven Lane



Advocate photo – Melissa McNally

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS—

Immaculate Conception Seminary, on the South Orange campus of Seton Hall University, kicked off its sesquicentennial anniversary April 25 with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers (top photo). Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli (middle right), Bishop of Paterson, served as the homilist. Festivities to mark the seminary's 150th anniversary will continue through December 2011. Rev. Msgr. Robert Coleman (middle left) is rector and dean of Immaculate Conception. On the same day, the eighth annual Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Mass (bottom photo) was celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, with Bishop Manuel A. Cruz presiding. In his homily, Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnholz, archdiocesan vicar for pastoral life, praised the dedication and selflessness of EMS workers. "You respond to a call for help, for healing, in peoples' times of greatest fear and need," he said. "Sometimes you personally know the injured, the wounded, the suffering in your midst, but more often you are challenged to bring the same compassion and comfort to people you have never met before and may never meet again. And you do so, time and time again, not simply acting as the professionals you have been trained to be, but living the image of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who was sent to serve rather than be served."

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Catholic Charities gala to honor Archbishop Myers

NEWARK — Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark will hold its fifth annual gala on Tuesday, May 4, 6 p.m. at Nanina's in the Park, 540 Mill St., Belleville.

Archbishop John J. Myers will

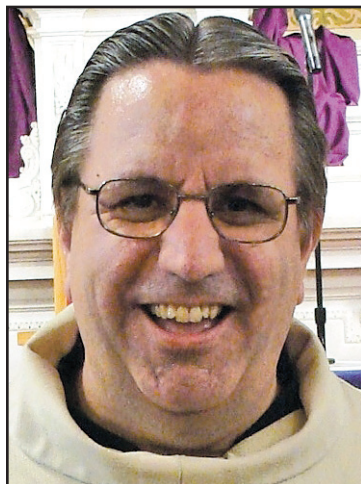
Don Bosco to install Fr. Heuser

RAMSEY — Very Rev. Thomas Dunne, S.D.B., provincial of the Salesians of Don Bosco, has appointed Father James Heuser, S.D.B., director/president of Don Bosco Prep.

Fr. Heuser, who assumes his new duties July 1, is the former provincial for the eastern U.S. province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, the order of priests and brothers that administers Don Bosco Prep.

He succeeds Father Louis J. Molinelli, S.D.B., a 1979 graduate of the school and Mahwah native, who has served as director president since 2004-2010 and is awaiting announcement of his next assignment.

A 1973 graduate of the Salesian Junior Seminary in Goshen,



Father James Heuser

NY, Fr. Heuser graduated from Don Bosco College in Newton. In 1984 he earned a masters degree of divinity in theology from Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington, OH. Father Heuser received a master's degree in pastoral ministry in 2001 from Boston College in Chestnut Hill, MA.

As the director/president of Don Bosco Prep, Fr. Heuser will be responsible for the governance of the school. He also will serve as the spiritual director of the Salesian religious community residing and working there, as well as the entire school community.

be honored with the "Humanitarian of the Year" award. Ordained Dec. 17, 1966, Archbishop Myers served as the bishop of the diocese of Peoria, IL, in 1990 and was installed as archbishop of Newark on Oct. 9, 2001.

Contact Tim Maher by phone at (973) 639-6531 or e-mail (tmaher@ccannj.org) regarding reservations for the gala or sponsorship opportunities, or visit the Catholic Charities Web site (www.ccannj.org) for more details on the event. All the proceeds from the gala go to underwriting the programs and services of Catholic Charities, Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health System and Mount Carmel Guild Schools.

In addition to honoring Archbishop Myers, Catholic Charities will present its "Spirit of the Heart" awards, which recognizes clients who have demonstrated uncommon strength, perseverance and determination in overcoming barriers to success and individuals or businesses. Recipients also

have demonstrated dedication to Catholic Charities' programs with time, treasure, or talent. This year's honorees are Atiya Gordon, Jennifer Fulani, and the Sadhu Vaswani Center, Closter.

The archdiocese, through Catholic Charities' social services agencies, provides outreach to the residents of Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union counties. Under the leadership of Archbishop Myers, the archdiocese has embraced the work of Catholic Charities. For example, in early March, Domus Corp., the non-profit housing development affiliate of Catholic Charities, opened Saint Mary's Senior Residence, a 50-unit, low-income complex in Dumont (see *The Catholic Advocate*, March 24).

Dr. Philip Frese is the president of Domus and the chief executive officer of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark. The organization is a non-sectarian, not-for-profit social service agency of the Roman Catholic

Church within the Archdiocese of Newark. As one of New Jersey's oldest and largest agencies, Catholic Charities serves approximately 80,000 individuals and families in need and focuses on strengthening and preserving family life while restoring the dignity to each individual. A ministry of the Church, Catholic Charities' programs provide shelters for the homeless, food to the impoverished, care for the elderly and mentally ill and education to children with developmental disabilities.



Archbishop John J. Myers



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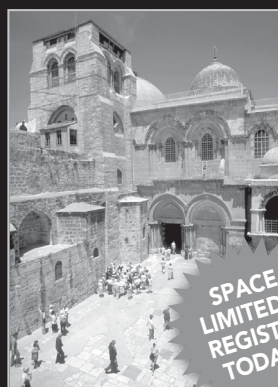
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Expert offers tips to prevent abuse

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Catholic bishops' expert on preventing clergy abuse of minors, Teresa Kettelkamp, has offered 10 tips for child safety to mark Child Abuse Prevention Month.

During April, child protection staff in dioceses nationwide will reexamine and publicize efforts for child protection. This has been a key effort of the Church since 2002, when the U.S. bishops adopted the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," in response to clergy sexual abuse of children.

Kettelkamp, executive director of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Secretariat for Children and Young People, developed the list after reviewing what the Catholic Church has learned in facing the clergy sexual abuse problem.

The 10 points follow: Sexual molestation is about the victim. Many people are affected when a priest abuses a minor, but the individual most impacted is the victim who has suffered a violation of trust that can affect his or her entire life. The abuser, the family of the abused, and the parish community are all affected by this sin and crime, but the primary person of concern must be the victim.

No one has the right to have access to children. If people wish to volunteer for the Church, for example, in a parish or school, they must follow diocesan guidelines on background checks, safe environment training, policies and procedures, and codes of conduct. No one, no matter who they are, has an automatic right to be around children or young people who are in the care of the Church without proper screening and without following the rules.

Common sense is not all that

common. It is naive to presume that people automatically know boundaries so organizations and families have to spell them out. For example, no youth minister, cleric or other adult leader should be in a child's bedroom, alone with the child.

Child sexual abuse can be prevented. Awareness that child sexual abuse exists and can exist anywhere is a start. It is then critical to build safety barriers around children and young people to keep them from harm. These barriers come in the form of protective guardians, codes of conduct, background evaluations, policies and procedures, and safety training programs.

The residual effects of having been abused can last a lifetime. Those who have been abused seldom "just get over it." The sense of violation goes deep into a person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place. Some have even described the feeling as if it has "scarred their soul."

Feeling heard leads toward healing. Relief from hurt and anger often comes when one feels heard, when one's pain and concerns are taken seriously, and a victim/survivor's appropriate sense of rage and indignation are acknowledged. Not being acknowledged contributes to a victim's sense of being invisible, unimportant and unworthy; they are in some way "revictimized."

You cannot always predict who will be an abuser. Experience shows that most abuse is at the hands of someone who has gained the trust of a victim/survivor and his/her family. Most abuse also occurs in the family setting.



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CELEBRATING 150 YEARS—The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth held their 150th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, April 17, 2010, at the Hanover Marriott in Whippany. Over 460 benefactors, sisters, employees, friends and those from other religious communities attended the event. Sister Elizabeth McLoughlin, S.C., was recognized with a special award for her contributions during the past 24 years as an archivist, preserving the history of the Sisters of Charity. Pictured at the gala are (left to right) Sr. Elizabeth with her nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Carroll and (standing) Sister Thomas Mary Salerno, S.C. During the festivities, Nancy Mehaffey, a resident of Randolph, was the first-prize winner (\$23,581) of the 50/50 fund-raising raffle. Mehaffey promptly donated \$10,000 of the purse back to the Sisters of Charity. The American Sisters of Charity was founded in 1809 in Emmitsburg, MD. Over the years the Sisters of Charity have extended their ministries to New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, Florida, China, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Sometimes the "nicest person in the world" is an abuser, and this "niceness" enables a false sense of trust to be created between abuser and abused.

There are behavioral warning signs of child abusers. Training and education help adults recognize grooming techniques that are precursors to abuse. Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving him or her undue attention or lavish gifts. Another common grooming technique is to allow young people to participate in activities their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography, drinking alcohol, using drugs and excessive touching, which includes wrestling and tickling. It is also critical to be wary of

age-inappropriate relationships, seen, for example, in the adult who is more comfortable with children than fellow adults.

Parishes can set up rules to guide interaction between adults and children. People can be taught to identify grooming behavior. These are actions abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. An abuser may develop a relationship with the family to increase his credibility. Abusers might show attention to the child by talking to him/her, being friendly, sharing alcohol with a minor and giving the child "status" by insinuating that the child is their fa-

vorite or "special person."

Offenders can be patient and may "groom" their victim, his or her family, or community for years. Background checks work. Background checks in churches, schools and other organizations keep predators away from children both because they scare off some predators and because they uncover past actions which should ban an adult from working or volunteering with children. If an adult has had difficulty with some boundaries that society sets, such as not driving while intoxicated or not disturbing the public peace, he or she may have difficulties with other boundaries, such as not hurting a child. Never forget that offenders lie.

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SFIC lauds family's support for education

NEWARK—The archdiocesan Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) will honor the McBride family of Franklin Lakes with its *Vitae Discimus* ("We teach by our lives") award at the 26th annual SFIC dinner May 18 at Mayfair Farms, 481 Eagle Rock Ave., West Orange.

The awards dinner will begin at 6 p.m. with cocktail hour. For additional information and reservations, contact Gerry O'Connor, SFIC executive director, by phone at (973) 497-4279 or by e-mail at ooconnoge@rcan.org. Archbishop

John J. Myers will serve as the honorary dinner chairman, while Brian McAuley, chairman of Imagine Tile, is the SFIC dinner chairman.

Joseph J. Oakes, SFIC chairman, said the McBride family is a longtime supporter of educational, social and environmental causes. "The McBride family was one of the original families supporting the formation of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish and School in Franklin Lakes," Oakes said. "They have also been very generous to Seton

Hall University, The College of the Holy Cross, Georgetown University, Ramapo College, Eva's Kitchen and the Nature Conservancy." Accepting the award will be W. Peter McBride, president of McBride Enterprises; Libby Ciampo, controller at Quest Diagnostics and Michael X. McBride, partner of Connell Foley.

The SFIC provides partial-tuition scholarships to families financially challenged by desiring of a quality education for their children (Web site: www.sficnj.org). SFIC is providing \$2.6 million in scholarships to 2,200 students in grades K-12 attending private and parochial schools in the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark.



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The Hughes family (Terri, Troy and Tom, front row, left to right), members of Saint Joseph Parish, Oradell/New Milford, are pictured at the K of C state free-throw tournament in March, with Troy holding his first-place trophy. Pictured with the family are Knights Bob Hatler, Bob Dondero and Paul Johannemenn. This season Troy Hughes is playing AAU basketball with the Hoop Heaven Warriors.

Student overcomes surgery to capture free-throw title

ORADELL/NEW MILFORD—Troy Hughes captured the 14-year-old Knights of Columbus state free-throw championship on March 20 at Our Lady of Victories Parish in Sayreville. However, the true measure of his athletic accomplishment can be found in an inspirational two-year journey leading up to the state competition.

Hughes and his family are members of Saint Joseph Parish. In the summer of 2008 Hughes suffered a head injury while playing football. The injury eventually revealed that Hughes had a blockage in his brain, causing severe pressure inside his skull and affecting his spinal column. It was determined he needed major brain surgery.

In late December 2008 Father Raul Ivan Silva, a parochial vicar at Saint Joseph's visited the Hughes family at their home. Father Silva gave Troy the Anointment of The Sick and promised that members of the parish community would remember Hughes in their prayers. On Dec. 29, 2008, Hughes underwent successful brain surgery at the Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital, New York City.

One week after his surgery, with stitches still in his head, Hughes entered the 2009 Knights of Columbus state free throw tournament, capturing the Archdiocese of Newark's regional championship and eventually taking second place in the finals. He vowed to come back and win the 2010 state championship, which he did.

Last year Hughes played on the River Dell High School freshman basketball team. He was feeling better, thankful for the prayers and heartfelt support he had received during his surgery. As a result, he dedicated himself to support Joel's Kids, a charitable organization named after Joel Stephens, a three-sport athlete who played for Notre Dame High School, Elmira, NY. Stephens died at a young age of colon cancer. The Notre Dame students had kept Hughes in their prayers during his struggles.

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CELEBRATING VOCATIONS—Archbishop John J. Myers presided at a special Vocations Mass April 24 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, which also marked the Feast of the Good Shepherd and the 47th World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The theme chosen by Pope Benedict XVI for this year's World Day of Prayer for Vocations is "Witness Awakens Vocations." Last year the pope launched a global celebration of the "Year for Priests," which will end in June during a world meeting of priests at the Vatican. The Mass was designed to reach out to college and high school students and college campus ministers, making them aware of the need for vocations in the Church. Father John D. Gabriel, archdiocesan director of vocations, said the idea for the Mass was hatched through discussions with colleagues, while Archbishop Myers selected the day for the celebration. Fr. Gabriel said he hoped the Mass would serve as a catalyst for vocations in the archdiocese as well as inspire young adults to continue to pray for vocations. "We are known by Jesus Christ," Archbishop Myers said during his homily. "We are proud and grateful" for the faithful and Religious. After Mass, a fellowship gathering was held at the Archdiocesan Center, where Mass attendees met with seminarians and religious community members. The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, based in Newark, provided music for the spirited reception.



Advocate photos – Ward Miele

CARA survey tracks trends for 2010 ordinations

USCCB unveils Web site to help cultivate vocations

WASHINGTON—The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations introduced a new Web site on April 25 as an online resource for laity and clergy in the promotion of vocations. The site's launch date coincided with the World Day of Prayer for Vocations and Good Shepherd Sunday.

The site, according to the USCCB, has two primary goals: to help individuals hear and respond to the call by God to the priesthood or consecrated life; and to educate all Catholics on the importance of encouraging others through prayer and activities to promote vocations.

The vocations Web site can be found at www.ForYourVocation.org. In addition, a companion Spanish-language site will be available this fall at www.PorTuVocacion.org. Site elements include discernment resources for men and women, respectively, aids for promoting a vocation culture within the home, and a range of tools for educators, youth leaders and vocation directors including prayers, videos, best practices, lesson plans and vocation awareness programs.

The USCCB said ForYour

Vocation.org exemplifies the Vatican's embrace of new communications media. In his message for the 44th World Day of Communications, Pope Benedict XVI challenges clergy to employ the "latest generation of audiovisual resources (images, streaming videos, animated features, blogs, web sites)" to put the media "ever more effectively at the service of the Word." The site will be promoted through social media forums. Facebook users can become "eVangelizers" for the cause. By becoming an eVangelizer, one can connect others to the site's blog posts.

In a related development on vocations, the USCCB released initial findings from its annual national survey of men being ordained to the priesthood. "The Class of 2010: Survey of Ordinands to the Priesthood" is a survey conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), a Georgetown University-based research center.

According to survey results, the vast majority (92 percent) of men being ordained to the priesthood report some kind of full-time work experience prior to entering the seminary, most often in education. Three in five (60 percent) ordinands complet-

ed college before pursuing the priesthood, with one in five (20 percent) also receiving a graduate degree. One in three (34 percent) entered the seminary while in college.

The median age of ordinands is 33. The youngest member of the Class of 2010 is 25; 11 men are being ordained at the age of 65 or older. On average, men were 18 when they first considered their vocation.

The entire CARA report can be found online (www.usccb.org/vocations/classof2010).

"One important trend evident in this study is the importance of lifelong formation and engagement in the Catholic faith," said Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley of Boston, chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations. He noted that, along with their education and work experience, half to three-quarters of the Class of 2010 report they served as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister or other parish ministry.

"Most ordinands have been Catholic since birth," Cardinal O'Malley said. "Four in five report that both their parents are Catholic. Almost eight in 10 were encouraged to consider the priesthood by a priest. This speaks to the essen-

tial role the whole Church has to play in fostering vocations."

The survey had a response rate of approximately 77 percent of the 440 potential ordinands reported by houses of formation, dioceses, and religious institutes. They included 291 men being ordained for dioceses and 48 for religious orders, such as the Jesuits, Dominicans and Franciscans.

In other findings from the survey, nearly two in five new priests (37 percent) said they have a relative who is a priest or religious, while two-thirds reported regularly praying the rosary (67 percent) and participating in eucharistic adoration (65 percent) before entering seminary. More than half of ordinands (55 percent) have more than two siblings, while one-quarter (24 percent) report having five or more siblings. Two in five (38 percent) are the oldest child in their family.

The CARA survey results indicated that seven in 10 report their primary race or ethnicity as Caucasian/European American/white (70 percent). Compared to the adult Catholic population of the United States, ordinands were more likely to be Asian or Pacific Islander (10 percent of responding ordinands), but less likely to be Hispanic/Latino (13 percent).

Compared to diocesan ordinands, religious ordinands are less likely to report their race or ethnicity as Caucasian/European American/white. Nearly one-third (31 percent) of the ordination class of 2010 was born outside the United States, the largest numbers coming from Mexico, Colombia, the Philippines, Poland and Vietnam. Between 20 and 30 percent of ordinands to the diocesan priesthood for each of the last 10 years were born outside the United States.

The Archdiocese of Newark will ordain its new priests on Saturday, May 29 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. *The Catholic Advocate's* May 26 edition will feature a special report on priest ordinations.

Last year, the archdiocese again led the nation with the number of men (13) ordained to the priesthood (see *The Catholic Advocate*, May 20, 2009). In addition, the archdiocese had the most ordinandi in the United States in 2006 and 2007.

The diverse archdiocesan Class of 2009 included two "homegrown" priests as well as men who came from Ecuador, Nigeria, South Korean, Hungary, Colombia, Italy and the Dominican Republic.

Holocaust

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stop along the way, Jacoby recalled, those in the boxcars called out for water but they were simply ignored.

Arriving at Auschwitz, Jacoby went on, the Nazis asked how old someone was and wanted to know the status of their health. Then they were told to go either left or right. The old and the weak went to the gas chamber as did the very young. To appear older some young people stood on their tip toes. When the SS found out what was happening, the young people were shot—often in front of their parents.

“The crematoriums were working day and night,” Jacoby recalled.

Continuing what he called his “endless struggle to stay alive” Jacoby told of escaping by running into the forest and ultimately weeks later being arrested again.

As World War II was coming to an end and Germany was under constant bombardment by Allied carpet bombing, those in the camps were assigned to pull dead bodies out of the rubble. Jacoby was one of them. He managed to get hold of a uniform, change into it and simply walk away unnoticed.

However, Jacoby soon found himself in a Russian prison camp. He managed to escape with the help of Jewish freedom-fighters. Jacoby went home, but lamented, “there was no home.” He finally made it to the American Zone and three years after the end of the war “arrived in this blessed United States.” He also served in the U.S. Army.

Sponsoring agencies for the Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony were the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the Holocaust Council of MetroWest, Newark Now and Temple B’nai Abraham of Livingston.



Holocaust survivor Emery Jacoby, third from left next to Archbishop John J. Myers, was the keynote speaker at the city of Newark’s 23rd annual Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Pictured with Jacoby are, left to right, Mayor Cory A. Booker; Dr. Janet Rosenzweig, representing the governor’s office; Philip Kirschner, Esq., chairman of the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education and Rabbi Clifford M. Kulwin of Temple B’nai Abraham in Livingston.

Archdiocesan golf outing goes to the greens June 1



Steve Belloise

NEWARK—The sixth annual archdiocesan golf outing fundraiser, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark’s chancery offices, will be held Tuesday, June 1 at the Knoll Country Club, 990 Greenbank Rd., Parsippany.

The event raises money to support construction and maintenance projects directed by the archdiocesan Property Management Administration group, which is led by Steve Belloise, executive director.

The outing begins at 10:30 a.m. with registration and a brunch buffet. The shotgun tee-off starts at 12:30 p.m., followed by a cocktail hour at 5:30 p.m. and an awards dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Golf foursomes can choose to

participate in a “scramble” format or a standard round of golf. Prizes, such as golf equipment, will be given out for various categories.

There are a number of registration options available to participation in the outing, from the “Platinum Package” to reserva-

tions for the awards dinner.

Contact Pat Emory in the Property Management Administration office by phone at (973) 497-4105 or e-mail (emorypat@rcan.org) for more information or to obtain registration forms.

Along with the Property Man-

agement Administration, chancery offices sponsoring the event include Catholic Cemeteries, Advocate Publishing Corp., the Office of Development and Stewardship, Legacy Circle/Major Gifts and the Information Technology Group.

K of C Shield Awards to honor Ramsey’s brave safety squads

RAMSEY—The Rev. Patrick F. Pindar Council 3962, Ramsey Knights of Columbus, will hold their 33rd annual Shield Awards presentation ceremony May 14, 7 p.m. at the Council Hall, 48 Mechanic St.

This year’s recipients are EMT Annette Young, Ramsey Ambulance Corps; Captain Gregory Hewitt, Ramsey Fire Department; Senior Planner Ernie Larrat, Ramsey Office of Emergency Management; Sgt. Kevin Cherven, Ramsey Police Department; and Kelly Vriesema, Ramsey Rescue Squad.

In announcing the awards, Grand Knight Stephen Adams said it was “an honor to again be able to recognize our public safety personnel who do an excellent job safeguarding the residents of Ramsey 24 hours a day, seven days a week.”

“We invite all members of the community, not just the families and colleagues of the honored recipients, to join us for the ceremony,” Deputy Grand Knight Michael Adams, Shield Awards chairman, added.

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Fr. Bernauer; 30 years at Oratory Prep

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated April 21 at Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills, for Father Edmund G. Bernauer, 74, who died April 18.



Fr. Edmund Bernauer

Raised in Saint Leo Parish, Irvington, Fr. Bernauer attended the parish elementary school and earned his bachelor's degree from Seton Hall University (SHU), South Orange, in 1957. He attended Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, and was ordained to the priesthood May 27, 1961.

Fr. Bernauer's first assignment was to Saint Peter Parish, a German national parish in Newark that also operated an orphanage. He served at the parish for six years and in 1967, was appointed to the faculty at Oratory Preparatory School, Summit.

During his 30-year tenure at

Oratory Prep, he taught religion and Latin, and was the guidance director and librarian. In June 1975, he received his master's degree in secondary education from SHU. Fr. Bernauer was also a weekend assistant at Little Flower Parish, Berkeley Heights.

While at Oratory Prep, Fr. Bernauer celebrated the 6:45 a.m. weekday Mass at Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills, for over 20 years.

In 1998, Father Bernauer was assigned to the parish as parochial vicar. In addition to his sacramental work, he moderated the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and worked with the parish finance council. He retired from active ministry in September 2003.

Msgr. Raymond Pollard

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 25 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, for Rev. Msgr. Raymond J. Pollard, 84, who died March 21.

Pastor Emeritus of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Msgr. Pollard was ordained June 3, 1950 following studies at Seton Hall University,

South Orange, and Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington.

His first assignment was parochial vicar at Saint John the Baptist Parish, Jersey City, where he served from 1950 to 1958. He was parochial vicar at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Ridgefield Park, from 1958 to 1964 and served as administrator for Little Flower Parish, Berkeley Heights.

Msgr. Pollard was assistant director of Hospitals for the Archdiocese of Newark from 1964 until 1970, when he was named director of hospitals, a post he held until 1978. He was a member of many boards and committees in the healthcare field, including the Health Care Administration Board of the State of New Jersey (1971-1978); chairman of the N.J. Hospital Association Board of Trustees (1974 to 1975), and chairman of the Catholic Hospital Association, based in St. Louis (1976 to 1977). He was the first and only priest from the Archdiocese of Newark to hold these three positions.

Msgr. Pollard was named a Papal Chamberlain (Very Rev. Monsignor) in October of 1965 by Pope Paul VI, and was elevated to Prelate of Honor

in 1994 by Pope John Paul II. He was installed as pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside, where he served from 1978 to 1995, when he retired from administrative ministry.

See page 16 for a special tribute to Msgr. Pollard.

Sr. Catherine John Breunig, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 6 at Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, for Sister Catherine John Breunig, S.C., 91, who died March 31.

Born in Newark, Sr. Catherine John entered the Sisters of Charity Sept. 8, 1937 and was a member for 72 years. She was a teacher at Saint Mary School, Nutley (1938-1953); Our Lady of the Visitation School, Paramus (1953-1961); Our Lady of Grace School, Hoboken (1961-1965) and Holy Name School, East Orange (1965-1971).

Sr. Catherine John served as principal of Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Maplewood, from 1971-1973. She returned to teaching at

Saint Mary School, Nutley (1973-1992) and Saint Stephen School, Kearny (1992-2000).

Sr. Margaret Mary Conklin, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 5 at Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, for Sister Margaret Mary Conklin, S.C., 84, who died March 31.

Sr. Margaret Mary entered the Sisters of Charity Sept. 8, 1947 and was a member for 62 years. She served as a teacher at Marylawn of the Oranges Academy, South Orange, from 1949-1957. She was an instructor, assistant professor and chairman of the chemistry department at the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, from 1957-1976.

Following an assignment in Connecticut, Sr. Margaret Mary became associate professor (1979-1986) and chemistry specialist (1986-2004) at the College of Saint Elizabeth. She continued to volunteer at the college from 2004-2009 and retired to Saint Anne Villa last year.

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LAW DAY—Students at Saint Francis Xavier School, 594 North Seventh St., Newark, participated in the annual celebration of “Law Day” on April 21, organized by the Superior Court of NJ Essex Vicinage. The American Bar Association selected “Law in the 21st century: Emerging Challenges and Enduring Traditions” as the theme for this year’s education event. Students took part in Law Day by participating in a mock-trial presentation, along with showing their creativity in poster and writing contests. Pictured are (top photo, seated, left to right) seventh grader Nicole Sinanan (co-counsel for the defendant in the mock trial); Sister Clare Ricciardelli, M.P.F., principal; (standing) Rev. Msgr. Kevin M. Hanbury, archdiocesan vicar for education and superintendent of schools; Patrick N. McMahon, attorney at law, assistant federal public defender, district of NJ, Newark; eighth grader Michael Fernandes (co-counsel for the plaintiff in the mock trial); Alfonse J. Cifelli, judge, Superior Court of NJ, Newark; and Michael Vincenti, law clerk, Superior Court of NJ. Pictured in the bottom photo are enthusiastic Saint Francis Xavier students attending the mock trial.

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ENTERPRISING ADVENTURE IN ECUADOR — Vin Caldas of Watchung (left) and Timothy Mernar of Bayonne, seniors at Saint Peter's Prep, Jersey City, traveled to Ecuador in early April—the culmination of a project that began as an academic exercise in their Christian social ethics class. Accompanied by Father Robert E. Reiser, S.J., president of Saint Peter's Prep, the two students interviewed prospective loan recipients in Ecuador to support the startup of small businesses in the city of Quito. Fr. Reiser said it was a mission to help transform the lives of people living in poverty through education. The Emily C. Specchio Foundation, Morristown, Saint Peter's Prep Mission Drive and the Watchung Youth Benevolent Association entrusted funds to the two students, who helped Ecuadorian entrepreneurs to develop business plans. The Specchio Foundation has recognized Caldas, Mernar and senior Kevin Tolentino for their student-driven, international micro-lending vision. Prep faculty member Dr. Dominic Scibilia served as a mentor to the students.

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Caldwell course to explore multicultural dynamics

CALDWELL—The Caldwell College Department of Theology and Philosophy has introduced a new elective course, “The Contemporary Multicultural Church,” as part of its offerings for the Master’s in Pastoral Ministry program.

The multicultural course is slated to run May 17 through June 23, Mondays and Wednesdays 6 to 9:30 p.m., Room 129, Werner Hall. For registration information call Caldwell’s Center for Graduate and Continuing Studies office at (973) 618 3544.

“New and differing waves of immigration to the United States today have changed the composition of Church communities,” Sister Barbara A. Moore, O.P., coordinator for the program and as-

sociate professor of theology, explained. “This cultural shift presents a challenge to both leadership and membership. There is a need for understanding the underlying tensions that come when cultures are rooted in continents beyond Europe and North American. Church communities need to study ways to integrate and cultivate environments of welcome and hospitality,” she said.

Sr. Barbara said the course is designed to assist adult students in dealing effectively with the multicultural dimensions of ministry and mission, by providing the theological basis and history of the multicultural church, and the cultures of its members.

Taught by Sr. Barbara and Rosann Bar, Ph.D., professor of

sociology, course classes will include experiential learning, expert guest lecturers, panel discussions, a visit to an historic site, cultural sensitivity training and practical

strategies for dealing with multicultural differences and conflict.

Guest lecturers for the course will include historian, Rev. Msgr. Raymond Kupke, Ph.D.; theolo-

gians, Mary Beth Walsh, Ph.D., and Robert Miller, Ph.D.; and Father Thomas A. Dente, director of the Archdiocese of Newark’s Office of Divine Worship.

King speaks out on abortion healing

CALDWELL—Dr. Alveda King, the niece of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., described the healing process from her own abortion experience during a April 13 lecture at Caldwell College.

A former college professor who served in the Georgia State House of Representatives, Dr. King serves as a pastoral associate and director of African-American Outreach for Priests for Life and Gospel of Life Ministries.

She is also an author and serves as a voice for the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, sharing her testimony of two abortions, God’s forgiveness and healing.

In addition to Dr. King’s presentation, the college held a prayer service and celebrated Mass for those touched by abortion in the Motherhouse Chapel on campus.



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LODI—The Felician College Choir, under the direction of Dr. Barbara Gordon, will perform a benefit concert Wednesday, May 5, 7 p.m. in Harmony Hall, Albin Obal Hall, to support Comedor Hermano Pablo Maria, an orphanage in Managua, Nicaragua.

At the conclusion of the performance, concert attendees will have the opportunity to offer donations for the benefit of the orphanage, which cares for 100 children and is located in one of the poorest areas of Managua, close to the main city dump. Call (201) 559-6150 for more information on the benefit concert.

Dr. George Abanza, a member of the Felician Philosophy Department, along with several students, went to Nicaragua last September on a humanitarian mission and learned about the orphanage. They returned to Felician with dramatic photos that documented the situation.

“I was so moved by the photographs of the children and thought having a benefit concert would be a wonderful way to raise money for these youngsters who so badly need it,” Gordon said.

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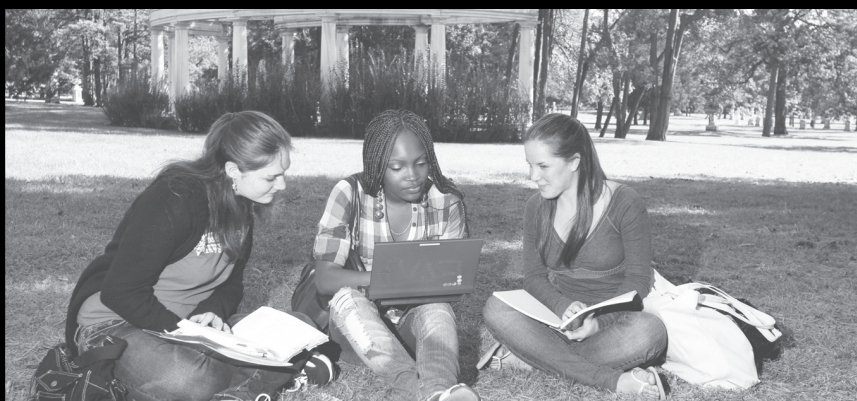


RACQUET SQUAD—More than 45 aspiring stars from Saint Benedict's Prep School, Technology High School, East Side High School (all based in Newark), Millburn High School and Queen of Peace High School, North Arlington, gathered at the Althea Gibson Tennis Courts in Branch Brook Park, Newark, on March 19 for a fund-raising event and tennis clinic. Coaches from the schools worked alongside Larry Dillon, a representative of the United States Tennis Association, to encourage students to learn the game of tennis. Pamela Swords, Queen of Peace High School varsity tennis coach, and Jose Lopez, tennis coach at Saint Benedict, organized the event, with assistance from Queen of Peace coaches Vincent McMahon and Lori Flynn. The gathering raised money to benefit earthquake-relief efforts in Haiti. In addition, generous equipment donations from Tennis Warehouse went to support the new youth tennis program at the Newark Boys and Girls Club. Event organizers said they hope to establish an ongoing youth tennis program at the Branch Brook Park courts. Althea Gibson, who died in East Orange in 2003, was a pioneering athlete—the first African-American to win championships at Grand Slam tennis tournaments such as Wimbledon, the French Open and the United States Open in the 1950s.



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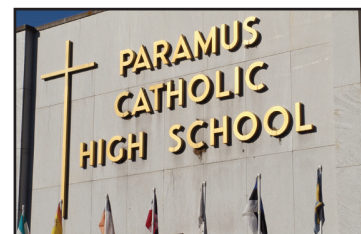
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Honored will be two alumna: Anne Donovan Class of 1979, head coach of the WNBA's New York Liberty; and Dr. Jorge Verea, medical director of the North Hudson Community Action Corp., health and human services group based in West New York, which serves more than 84,000 low-income residents.



The cocktail reception begins at 7 p.m. followed by dinner and the awards presentation an hour later. Proceeds will benefit the Paramus Catholic High School Alumni Foundation.

Open to the community, tickets are \$125 per person. Sponsorship packages are also available. To purchase tickets or place an ad in the gala journal contact Eric Crespo, director of alumni relations, by phone at (201) 445-4466 or via e-mail (ecrespo@paramus-catholic.org).

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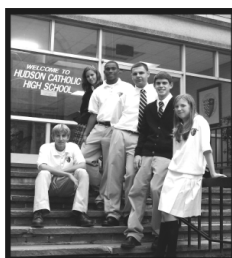
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Anne Masters, the archdiocesan director of pastoral ministry with persons with disabilities for the archdiocese, said faith communities should be dedicated to the goal of inclusion for individuals or families with developmental disabilities.



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Autism

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Masters believes that, many times, these families do not feel welcome at church and through clergy and lay leadership, persons with developmental disabilities should be embraced by their faith community.

“I have seen wonderful things going on in the archdiocese by people using their gifts and talents. Parents of children living with autism and other disabilities said they are not coming to Mass because they don’t feel welcomed. The people in the pews should have an understanding of developmental disorders,” Masters noted.

Developmental disabilities, explained Masters, can affect both intellectual and physical abilities. Persons with developmental disabilities have the same basic needs as their peers. Autism is a spectrum disorder that appears during the first three years of life. It is described and diagnosed behaviorally and is more common in males.

Social skills, language (expression and understanding) and repetitive and restricted behaviors are areas of development that can impacted by ASDs. Some living with autism may have a delay in spoken language and may need to be taught to engage and share with peers.

“Everything needs to be taught intentionally. The repetition and routine of a Catholic Mass may be good for people with autism,” Masters explained.

Most families with persons with autism are fearful of negative reactions by fellow parishioners. These families often say they are weary of the disapproving looks and stares of the congregation if a developmentally disabled child has an outburst or disrupts the service. Education is

the key to breaking barriers and welcoming people with disabilities so that all members of a parish family can worship together, according to Masters.

She encourages a self-assessment by each parish examining the presence and participation of people with disabilities in their community. Understanding the needs and attitudes of parishioners is important to becoming a more inclusive parish. Having shared programs, proactive planning and a willingness to learn are signs of hospitality.

People living with autism can learn, Masters stressed, and their gifts and interests can be used in the full sacramental life of the parish. Educating existing parish ministries, including ushers, youth ministers and greeters, can foster awareness and respect of those living with developmental disabilities. Creating a committee or team in each faith community is an option that parish leaders can considered.

Assessing the needs of the community and forming programs to meet those needs is important to creating a fuller, richer parish, she pointed out. “In New Jersey, 16.7 percent of students get special education. These families are not coming to Mass. Where are they?” Masters asked.

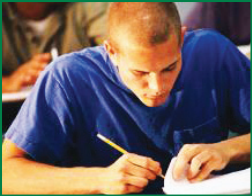
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Msgr. Pollard drew men to the priestly way of life

BY MSGR. JOSEPH R. REILLY
Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

Witness awakens vocations. This is the theme for the 47th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, offered by Pope Benedict XVI and celebrated April 25. One man, like Rev. Msgr. Raymond J. Pollard, who died March 21, can make a difference (see obituary on page 8). In Jesus Christ we know this to be true. In and through Christ this continues to be true for His priests.

How does this happen and what brings it about? It boils down to three things: a personal relationship (friendship) with Christ through prayer; the increased ability to give one's self to God and others without compromise; and living a life of communion with others, by being open to them and their needs. There is a beauty and attraction, born of God, that continues to draw men to this priestly way of life.

Witness awakens vocations. I have seen it and experienced it

personally. I know it to be true. The faithful, selfless, generous and prayerful example of one priest can and does make a difference. Like Saint John Vianney, whom we honor in a particular way during this "Year for Priests," my home pastor, Msgr. Pollard, came to Our Lady of Lourdes, Mountainside, when no one else

God's divine assistance. As it is with God's grace in most of our lives, the change was small at first and to some seemingly insignificant, but not for Msgr. Pollard. He was confident God was "stirring into flame that gift of faith" that Saint Paul had recounted in his Letter to Timothy (chapter one, verse six).

Msgr. Pollard knew himself to be a priest—one sent by God to bring healing and communion.

would. In the late 1970s there were divisions and bitterness in the parish community. It was a trying time for all, including our new pastor. However, Msgr. Pollard's response was not to shy away out of fear or uncertainty. He knew himself to be a priest—one sent by God to bring healing and communion. This he did with no small measure of patience and perseverance.

Much of the time in the early part of his pastorate was spent listening to others and praying for

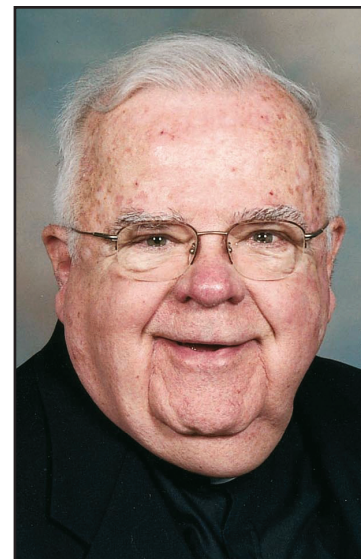
His persistence paid off. Within several years the parish was thriving. It was a genuine lived experience of community centered in Jesus Christ, a vibrant youth group, many ministries and societies had been established or restored and were all flourishing. Three of us who were young men in the parish at the time heard the call to priesthood and are now serving happily and joyfully as priests of Jesus Christ.

Witness awakens vocations. It did so for me. I can still remember,

as a seventh grader, walking home from school, seeing Msgr. Pollard pulling into the parish driveway for the first time. I can see him bringing Holy Communion to my mother the day she died. I can feel being taken into his arms and comforted just after she died. I can still hear his words of consolation to me, my brothers and my father. His priestly witness made an impact on us and on countless other families over the course of years.

Witness awakens vocations. I have been blessed the past nine years to be working with men discerning a call to priesthood. It gives me great hope to see that God is still calling faithful and courageous young men to follow in the footsteps of His Son, in the path that Msgr. Pollard walked so faithfully for nearly 60 years as a priest of Jesus Christ.

Look around. The witness of faithful priests is all around you. This is the "precious legacy" that is handed down from one generation of priests to the next—genuine holiness, selfless service and abiding fidelity. Rest in



Msgr. Raymond Pollard

peace, Msgr. Pollard. Witness awakens vocations.

(Editor's note: Rev. Msgr. Joseph Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D., is the rector of the college seminary, Saint Andrew's Hall, at Seton Hall University, South Orange. He originally wrote this article for Catholic Review of Baltimore to honor Msgr. Pollard as part of the international "Year for Priests" celebration.)

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NEWARK—"Priests are wonderful people. They devote their life and love to God."

That statement was provided by Alexis, a Catholic school student who participated in this year's "Seminarian Letter Project," which is sponsored by the New Jersey State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

The letters and cards penned by Catholic school students across the Garden State are forwarded to men studying for the priesthood at area seminaries, offering heartfelt inspiration.

Seminaries that have received the letters include Immaculate Conception Seminary on the campus of Seton Hall University, South Orange, and Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Kearny.

Immaculate Conception kicked off the celebration of its 150th anniversary with a Mass on April 25 (see page 2). Anniversary events at Immaculate Conception will continue through December 2011. The seminary has an enrollment of over 200 graduate students.

Knights of Columbus councils in the Archdiocese of Newark

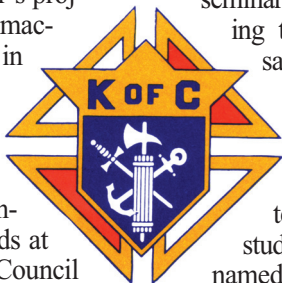
taking part in this year's project included Mary Immaculate Council 12769 in Secaucus and the Bergen Chapter of the Knights of Columbus in North Arlington. Both councils will receive awards at the New Jersey State Council of Knights of Columbus Annual Convention on May 14 in Wildwood. Neal McGarrity and Paul Pinkman are the chairmen of the Mary Immaculate Council letter project, while Robert R. Tarantula leads the effort at the Bergen chapter.

John Tirado, chairman of the Seminarian Letter Project, expressed the hope that such an effort "may increase awareness of

seminarians who are considering the rich rewards and sacrifice of the priesthood."

The Knights provided examples of the many letters they received from students. A seventh grader named Alyssa declared to seminarians that "the world needs you to become a priest. Do not stop! Believe in yourself that you can do what you put your mind to. Never let God leave your life or my encouragement leave your heart."

As part of the program, seminarians often provide "thank-you" notes in reply to the letters from students. "It is nice to know that people are praying for us and for



vocations in general," one seminarian wrote in response to the project. "It is also nice to know that the children are being taught about priests and seminarians. Please keep up the good work. The Knights of Columbus have always done such a wonderful job living out the Catholic faith and support-

ing vocations. Many of us would be lost without you."

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MINISTRY OF LECTOR—Joseph R. Laracy, who hails from the Archdiocese of Newark, was among the 51 seminarians of the Pontifical North American College, Rome, instituted last January to the Ministry of Lector during a celebration of the Eucharist. Laracy is in his first year of theological studies. The institution as lector is one of the ministries seminarians receive as they proceed towards diaconal and priestly ordination. A lector is charged with proclaiming the Word of God in the liturgical assembly, instructing children and adults in the faith, and preparing them to receive the sacraments worthily. The Pontifical North American College serves as the American house of studies in Rome.



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Parental influence identified as key factor

Updated survey revisits young 'souls in transition'

Vocation directors, Catholic campus ministers, clergy and parents please take note—there are complex, challenging days ahead for all those who serve the spiritual needs of Catholic young adults and teenagers.

A few years ago I wrote a review of a book. I felt that it was one of the most important books on youth written in our time. It was titled "Soul Searching: The

Religious and Spiritual lives of American Teenagers." The authors were Christian Smith of Notre Dame and Melinda Denton of the University of North Carolina.

Financed by the Lilly Foundation and published in 2005, the book presented an in-depth study of the lives and attitudes of 3,290 teenagers from a mixture of religions across America. The study was called, "The National Study of Youth and Religion."

It was a sociological analysis done by professionals. And the revelations were devastatingly honest for the Catholic population. On the positive side, it demonstrated that Catholic teens have good will toward their faith. They will claim that the faith is important in their lives and they are generally happy to be Catholic (96 percent).

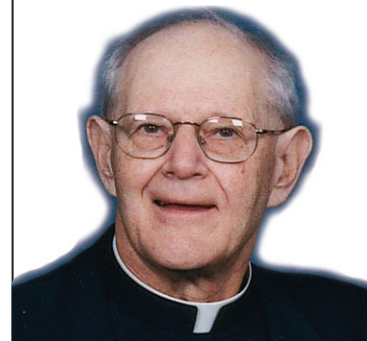
However, for most teenagers religion is on the periphery of their lives. One-third (34 percent) go to Mass every Sunday (from my observation, that number is far too high). In regard to knowledge of their faith, they have only general ideas. Amazingly, only 63 percent believe that Jesus Christ is truly God. There is, however, practical-

ly no religious prejudice among them. They are most tolerant toward other religions. "Whatever floats your boat" is their standard of acceptance.

On moral grounds, they, without realizing the fact, have adopted a code that reflects liberal Protestantism. The author of this book created the term "Moralistic Therapeutic Deism" for it. It has five major points: there is a God out there somewhere; He wants people to be good and fair; the main purpose in life is to be happy and feel good about oneself; God does not need to be involved unless I am in trouble; and good people go to heaven when they die.

Now, five years later, the same

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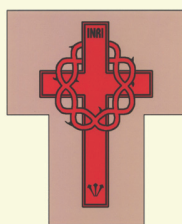
By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist

author and his group have tracked these children into the years from 18 to 23. They have named these people "emerging adults." The new book is entitled "Souls in Transition" (2010) by Christopher Smith and Patricia Snell. The book is the result of follow-up interviews of the religious practices and beliefs of 2,458 emerging adults who are in transition from youth to young adulthood.

In both surveys one huge fact emerges: when all is said and done, parental engagement is the prime influence that shapes the religious life of teenagers and emerging adults. It is evident in every single statistical poll. Another significant insight is that young people who give their lives to Christ, or feel a call to religion, experience that call before they are 14 years of age.

According to the updated survey, emerging adults, as a group, are the least religious group in the

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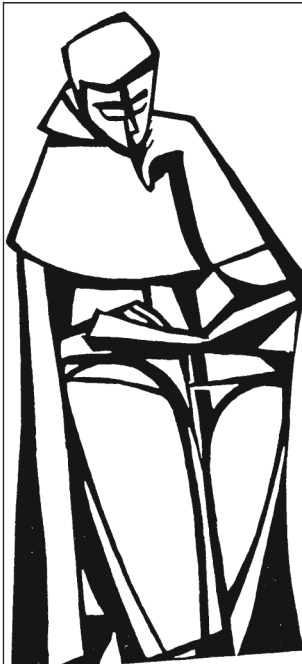
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CARING BASKET GALA—Archbishop John J. Myers (center) along with Most Rev. Manuel Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, and Rev. Msgr. John Doran, Vicar General, Moderator of the Curia and Acting Chancellor, attended the ninth annual “Caring Basket Gala” sponsored by Assumption College for Sisters in Mendham. The April 25 gala at the Hanover Marriot in Whippany is a benefit for the educational expenses of the Sisters. Archbishop Myers was welcomed by Sister Joseph Spring, S.C.C., college president, left, and Sister Mary Edward Spohrer, S.C.C., chancellor of the Diocese of Paterson. Damon and Melanie Owens, natural family planning coordinators for the Archdiocese of Newark, also attended the gala and were recipients of the Family Life Award.

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United States; while some (5 percent) have become more religious. Most have become less religious. They are what Smith calls “soft-ontological realists.” They live in their own world entirely wrapped in the transition that comes from emancipation into adulthood. Their lives are “too busy” for religion.

Strangely enough, they have better relationship with their parents and still adhere to their parental religious way of life. They do not reject their parents’ beliefs, yet they feel little need for God, faith, or worship. Religion is a lifestyle accessory. It is optional.

Though many have had bad experiences through their own

fault, they are still optimists about themselves. “I am still a good person,” they say. They expect to be more religious later when they have more time.

They are moral intuitionists. They find it easy to judge right from wrong. They merely follow their instincts. If it feels right, it is right.

In spite of everything there is a Catholic residue that underlies their lives. So, there is “hope for the flowers.” And in spite of common opinion, college people are much more religious than is generally thought. Campus ministers can take great pride in their work. They are often acting in *loco parentis* (“in the place of a parent”) and doing it far better than some actual parents. There is a resurgence of religiosity in campus life.

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Rosary Shrine set to host May 2 gathering

SUMMIT—Rosary pilgrimage devotions will be held at Rosary Shrine, Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary, 543 Springfield Ave., Sunday, May 2 at 3 p.m. Ceremonies will open with an outdoor procession in honor of

Our Lady of Fatima, led by the Knights of Columbus. The crowning of a statue of Our Lady will follow the recitation of the rosary. Father Augustine Judd, O.P., will be the featured speaker for the event. Fr. Judd currently serves as

the parochial vicar at the Church of Saint Joseph in Greenwich Village, New York, and Assistant Campus Minister at the Catholic Center at New York University. Fr. Judd graduated from George Washington University and was

ordained to the priesthood in 1996. He taught theology at both Providence College, RI, and at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. He also served as a parochial vicar in Zanesville, OH.

For more information, contact the Dominican Nuns by phone at (908) 273-1228 or e-mail (nunsopsummit@op.org). The rosary pilgrimage is hosted by the Dominican Nuns, a cloistered community of prayer founded on Oct. 2, 1919 from the Monastery of the Perpetual Rosary, Union City.

Career ministry planning final workshop


RIDGEWOOD—The Career Resources Ministry of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 1 Passaic St., will present the last installment in its four-part winter/spring workshop series on

Sunday, May 16, noon, in the parish meeting room, located in the lower church. The workshops, run by business professionals, are designed to assist people seeking employment

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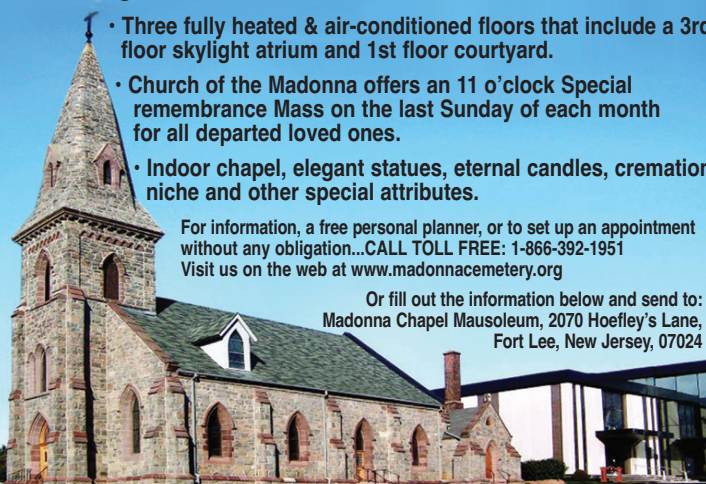


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Trinitas gala plans a high-tech display

ELIZABETH—The Trinitas Health Foundation gala slated for Thursday, May 6 at the Birchwood Manor, 111 North Jefferson Rd., Whippany, will honor PSE&G with the “Philanthropy Award,” offer a tribute to the more than 60 people who serve on various boards with the “Humanitarian Award” and celebrate the 10th anniversary of Trinitas Medical Center.

Nadine Brechner, executive director, Trinitas Health Foundation, said a high-tech highlight of the event will be a large electronic screen display of congratulatory greetings to salute board members. A \$100 donation per greeting will allow individual special messages to appear during the festivities. Contact Laura Ciraco, director of fund-raising, by phone (908) 994-8249 or e-mail (lciraco@trinitas.org) for more information. Members of various Trinitas boards who reside in Elizabeth include Elinor K. Blore; Newton J. Burkett, Jr.; Sol Kramer; Sister Clare Maureen Tracy, Sisters of Charity; Dr. Karim Khimani; Martin Knecht, Esq.; and Roderick Spearman.

NJ Burkett, New York WABC-News national and international broadcast journalist, a long-time Trinitas friend and supporter, returns as emcee of the gala. Tim McLoone and the Shirleys, a 10-piece musical ensemble, will provide entertainment. Raffles and a silent auction will be part of the evening’s agenda.

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ALL SMILES—Dr. Gerald Rizzo, D.M.D., (standing, left) spoke recently to kindergarten students at Visitation Academy, Paramus. The students, taking part in a classroom program and discussion, learned the importance of taking care of their teeth and gums. Dr. Rizzo, addressing the children, said the best way to promote oral hygiene is a program that includes careful brushing of teeth, daily flossing, limiting sugary snacks and regular visits to the dentist. Sister Philomena McCartney, O.P., is the principal of Visitation Academy. Located at 222 Fairview Ave., the academy is a “Blue Ribbon School” and Middle States accredited, serving students in grades Pre-K through eight.



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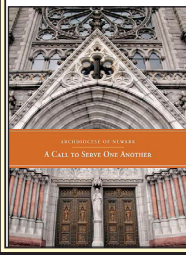
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Sheryl Slonim, R.N.C., M.Ed., C.N.A.A., Holy Name’s executive vice president of patient care services and chief nursing officer, said nurses in these units “are like beacons of light that guide patients and families with professionalism and compassion.”

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