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During the recent visit to Haiti, Msgr. Beaubrun Ardouin, archdiocesan coordinator of the Haitian Apostolate, stopped at Saint Anne Parish in Port-au-Prince to hand out rosary beads. As people wept, they quickly gathered around him, began to sing and in a spontaneous gesture Msgr. Ardouin extended his arms to bless them. “The Haitian people have a deep love for the Blessed Mother,” he said. Faith is the backbone of Haitian culture, as 80 percent of the population is Catholic. Msgr. Ardouin grew up in Haiti—one of six children—and came to the United States 30 years ago. Despite the anguish, he declared his home country will bounce back, saying the Jan. 12 earthquake was Haiti’s “Good Friday.”

Newark team delivers chalices and vestments

Faith endures amid devastation in Haiti

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

Struggling to recover from the January earthquake that devastated their impoverished island nation, Haitian priests can once again celebrate Mass and administer the sacraments with proper dignity by using liturgical vessels and vestments from the Archdiocese of Newark.

An archdiocesan team traveled to Port-au-Prince April 12-14 to oversee delivery of 300 chalices and 700 vestments. Team members included Haitian-born Rev. Msgr. Beaubrun Ardouin, the coordinator of the Haitian Apostolate and pastor of Saint Leo Parish in Irvington; Father Benedict Worry, O.S.B., pastor of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish in Linden; Troy Joseph Simmons,

acting director of patrimony for the archdiocese; and Junno Arocho, public relations assistant with the archdiocesan Communications Department, who chronicled the three-day visit.

Although he did not go to Haiti, the fifth member of the team is Rev. Msgr. Robert Wister, chairman of the archdiocesan Commission for Ecclesiastical Patrimony. The effort to collect vestments and chalices for Haitian priests began in February with the full support of Archbishop John J. Myers.

Port-au-Prince was the epicenter of the massive Jan. 12 earthquake that killed more than 200,000, reduced most buildings to rubble and left countless Haitians homeless, forcing them to live in makeshift tent cities.

In the immediate aftermath of the earthquake, special collections in the Archdiocese of Newark

raised more than \$1 million, representing the largest collection in archdiocesan history in direct response to disaster relief (see *The Catholic Advocate*, March 10, Feb. 10 and Jan 27). Expressing his gratitude for the “extreme generosity,” Archbishop Myers made special mention of almost \$55,000 raised by archdiocesan elementary and high school students.

Msgr. Wister said the Archdiocese of Newark and Haiti are “spiritually intertwined,” citing the depth of the Church of Newark’s response during the crisis. Donations by the Newark faithful helped people in Haiti “who literally have nothing.”

Fr. Worry made arrangements with National Retail Transport of North Bergen to ship religious items to Haiti without cost. To ensure their safety, they were sent under diplomatic security directly

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Around the Archdiocese

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Archbishop honored as 'Humanitarian of the Year'



Advocate photos – M. Gabriele

CELEBRATING FAITH, HOPE AND COMPASSION—Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, hosting its fifth annual gala May 4, at Nanina's in the Park, Belleville, presented Archbishop John J. Myers with its "Humanitarian of the Year" award. Taking part in the festivities were Henry J. Amoroso, Catholic Charities chairman of the board, pictured with Archbishop Myers (top left photo); Phillip Frese, Ph.D. (top center), Catholic Charities chief executive officer; Atiya Gordon, a student at William Paterson University, and Jennifer Rose Filannino, an award-winning poet and recent graduate of Kean University (top right, left to right), "Spirit of the Heart" award winners; representatives of the Sadhu Vaswani Center, a community outreach organization in Closter (bottom left), also "Spirit of the Heart" recipients; and Gov. Chris Christie, (bottom right) who gave the keynote address. Proceeds from the gala will benefit the programs and services of Catholic Charities. A ministry of the Church, the agency provides shelters for the homeless, food for those in need, care for the elderly and mentally ill, and education to children with developmental disabilities.

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Young adults and teens gather in Kearny to 'rejoice'



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The fire of the Holy Spirit was palpable as the participants at the annual Rejoice retreat united as one family in Christ. The gathering was held last month at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center. Father John Gabriel asked those in attendance to consider whether God might be calling them to a vocation of service in the Church. Thomas Conboy, who was installed earlier this year as the director of the Kearny center, said the next Rejoice retreat will be held May 6-8, 2011.

BY JUDY FURKA

Special to The Catholic Advocate

KEARNY—"Praise be Jesus Christ, now and forever!"

That was the passionate call heard from the voices of over 300 teenagers and young adults who attended the 12th annual Rejoice retreat, which was held April 16-18 at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, 499 Belgrove Ave.

Over the years Rejoice has grown into one of the largest retreats held in the Archdiocese of Newark, attracting young people from Bergen, Hudson, Essex and Union counties and beyond. The retreat featured presentations by guest speakers and archdiocesan clergy members.

Father William J. Halbing, pastor of Saint Antoninus Parish, Newark, celebrated the opening Mass on Friday evening of the retreat, challenging those present—as "saints in the making"—to enliven their homes, their parishes and the archdiocese.

During his witness presentation on Friday night, Jeff Beer of Fiat Ministries, New Britain, CT, challenged the youth adults to "unbox themselves" from all the preconceived notions of who they

are and to be open to the limitless potential of who God wants them to be. Bishop Manuel A. Cruz visited the retreat Friday evening to welcome all the participants and bestow a special blessing for the weekend.

On Saturday, Father John D. Gabriel, archdiocesan director for vocations, celebrated Mass and planted the seed in many youth for his vocations call the following day. Throughout the day stirring witnesses were given by guest speakers. Holly Lawmaster, director of religious education at Saint Cecilia Parish, Englewood, discussed the importance of the sacrament of reconciliation.

Cheryl Riley of Queen of Peace High School, North Arlington, and the Rachel's Vineyard program run by the archdiocesan Respect Life office, Linden, gave a presentation on morality and sexuality. Riley, along with her daughter Erica, addressed more than 600 young

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CCC connects with new-media formats

WASHINGTON—"Help Us Connect the World with God's Word!" is the theme for the 2010 collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). A nationwide collection by parishes is slated for the weekend of May 15-16, although dioceses may choose to take up the collection on a different date. The annual CCC national collection funds a variety of communications projects and this year's campaign highlights efforts in digital and social media. "The Catholic Communication Campaign provides essential funding for the Church to engage in

using new communication technology in its evangelization efforts," said Archbishop Dennis Schnurr, chair of the subcommittee on CCC for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). "Many Catholics turn to their mobile devices to find the world. The Church needs to be in that world." The CCC supports the use of modern media, especially the Internet, but also radio, television and print, in proclaiming the Church's message.

CCC-funded projects connect parishioners and parish communities to the Word of God and the universal Church. Half of the funds collected each year by the national collection remain in the individual dioceses to support local Catholic communication projects. The remaining 50 percent

goes to the national office to fund Catholic media projects including Catholic newspapers, radio and television programming, and public service announcements, as well as Web resources such as the daily liturgical readings and Scripture, podcasts and videos on YouTube. Some recent grants distributed by the USCCB subcommittee on CCC to support Catholic media projects include the creation of an adult Catechism video/DVD; a network TV docu-

mentary, "Interrupted Lives," on the oppression of women religious under communism in central and eastern Europe; and the production and broadcast of Christmas Day Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception celebrated by Archbishop Donald Wuerl of Washington. For more information about the CCC and examples of recently funded projects, visit the Web site <http://www.usccb.org/cc>.



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Bishops press for immigration reform

WASHINGTON—U.S. bishops called the introduction of a framework on immigration reform by Senate leadership, on April 29, an "important first step" in the process of achieving enactment of comprehensive reform legislation. The framework, developed by Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY) and endorsed by Senate leadership, attempts to lay a road map for launching negotiations toward a bipartisan immigration reform bill. Bishop John C. Wester of Salt Lake City, the chairman of the

Committee on Migration for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), outlined the bishops' position on April 29. He also pointed to flaws in the framework that require revision, including a controversial provision that would permit same-sex couples to receive immigration benefits equal to married couples. Bishop Wester urged Congress to begin discussions on the issue, with the goal of passing legislation in 2010. "Our immigration system is badly broken and is in need of immediate repair," Bishop Wester said. In addition, he noted enforcement measures in the framework should not violate basic rights and policies that address the root causes of migration should be addressed. The backdrop for this and other recent discussions on U.S. immigration reform have come in the wake of a controversial law for the state of Arizona—SB 1070—which was signed last month by Gov. Jan Brewer.

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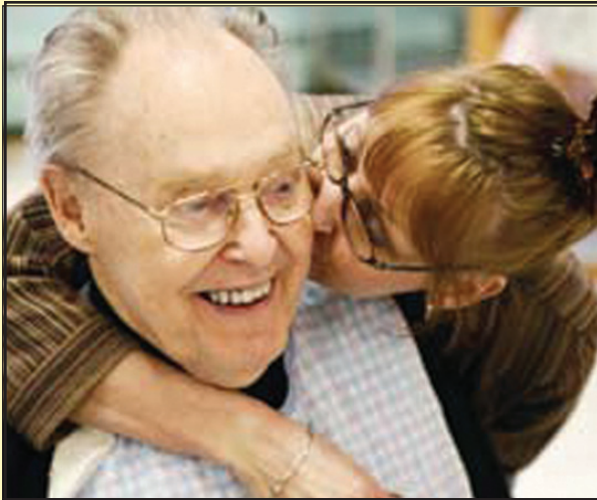
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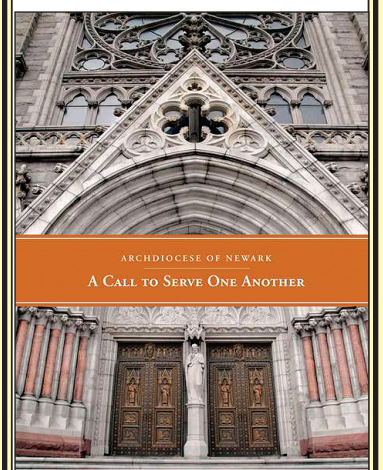
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RENEW to recognize service at June 3 gala

PLAINFIELD—RENEW International will host its 11th annual fund-raising gala, dinner and awards ceremony Thursday, June 3 at the Pleasantdale Chateau, 757 Eagle Rock Ave., West Orange.

The event begins with a cocktail reception at 6 p.m.

Sister Terry Rickard, O.P., RENEW's president and executive director, will present the organization's "President's Award" to

four Catholics who, through their faithful service, have played a significant role in "ARISE Together in Christ," the pastoral renewal program, developed in joint effort between RENEW and the Archdiocese of Boston's Office of Worship and Spiritual Life. The ARISE process helps build bridges between merged parishes, connecting diverse ethnic commu-

nities and forging deeper relationships among parish members.

"When we look at the new vitality that ARISE Together in Christ has brought to so many parishes and people in the Archdiocese of Boston, we are truly blessed to recognize these four exemplary individuals," Sr. Terry said.

For reservations or more in-

formation on the gala, contact Margarita Morales by phone at (908) 769-5400, ext. 140 or via e-mail (margaritam@renewintl.org), or visit the RENEW Web site (www.renewintl.org/gala).

RENEW's annual gala raises funds each year to support the organization's mission of building communities of faith.

Saint Joseph opens doors for festival

WEST NEW YORK—The international cultural heritage festival hosted by Saint Joseph of the Palisades Parish, 6401 Palisade Ave., an annual celebration that began May 1, has slated events throughout May and June.



On May 14-16 there will be a triduum in honor of Our Blessed Mother. The triduum will culminate with the crowning of Our Blessed Mother in the parish's Chapel of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which is located at the corner of 76th St. and Broadway in North Bergen.

The parish's music ministry will sponsor a concert on Pentecost night on May 23, 7 p.m., featuring the Boriqua College Choir and Saint Joseph's Children's Choir.

On June 5 there will be a Corpus Christi procession through the parish neighborhood starting at 2:30 p.m. Restaurants in North Bergen, Guttenberg and West New York, on June 6, will provide a variety of ethnic foods at an international banquet and ball sponsored by the parish youth group, Paz y Bien, beginning at 7 p.m.

The final event, an international foods and cultural festival, is scheduled for June 13, 1:30 to 6 p.m.

Rev. Msgr. Gregory J. Studerus is the pastor of Saint Joseph of the Palisades. Additional information on the festival's schedule of events is available by calling the parish office at (201) 854-7006.

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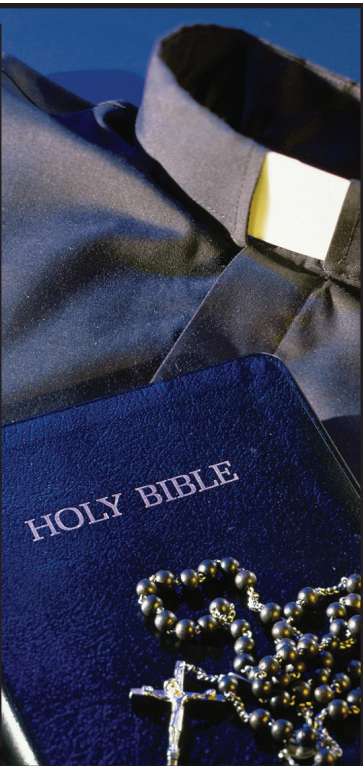
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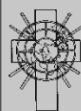
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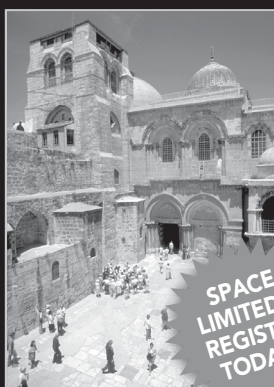
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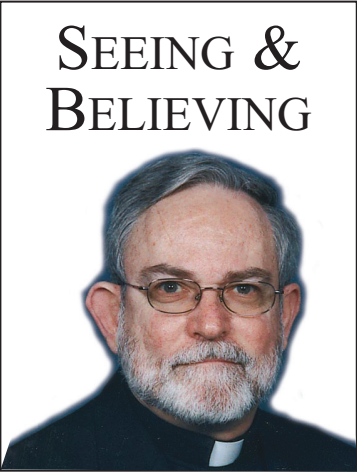
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Reflections on priesthood as ordinations draw near

I'm beginning to write this column on the Monday of the fourth week of Easter. In addition to my normal day of parish duty and evening Mass and confessions, I (and the two other pastors of the parishes which co-sponsor our Transfiguration Academy) celebrated "Pastor's Day" with our school community.

Building on the theme of the Good Shepherd, which is always proclaimed on the fourth Sunday of Easter and the day following, it gives the children an opportunity to express their appreciation for the pastors who, at least in our case, visit their classes regularly for religious instruction, as well as to acknowledge the logistical and financial investments we and our parishes make in our academy. At the same time, it gives us pastors the chance to acknowledge the sacrifices of parents, teachers and administrators, in the common work of leading these children closer to Christ.

Our Knights of Columbus councils throughout the archdiocese also host an annual "Pride in our Priests" dinner at the Fiesta in



By Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnholz

Moonachie. They use the occasion not only to present Archbishop John J. Myers with a check (this year for \$10,000, on April 27) to assist Catholic Charities in its work with the disabled, but also to express their appreciation to the priests who guide their local councils and priests in general in the variety of ministries expressed in our archdiocese, including parishes, schools, hospitals, institutions, monasteries, college campuses, seaport and airport and

Jesus Christ is the constant. It is He whom we strive to serve and make present to you.

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May is also traditionally the time when new priests and deacons are ordained in this archdiocese and the majority of priests and deacons celebrate their ordination anniversaries. It is a fitting time to think about what priests do and have done for you and for me through the years in our own faith journeys. Most priests would readily admit that we haven't done it all perfectly but, in light of the recent worldwide news reports, most of us would also affirm that we have fulfilled the aspects of our ministry as faithfully as we could. We do appreciate the many individuals and groups praying for us and all priests regularly, as we also try to pray for you that your faith may not be shaken when startling

revelations surface, for they are just as disconcerting to us as they are to you.

In reflecting on my own priesthood, and in conversation with priests and Religious even older than I, it is clear that much has changed since our days of ordination and profession. Nonetheless, Jesus Christ is the constant, "yesterday, today and forever." It is He whom we strive to serve and make present to you. As difficult as some of the current times may be, I often think back to the early Church and the horrific persecutions that Christians endured for their faith. It is akin to what Catholics and others go through in various parts of the world even today, where liv-

ing one's faith is still truly a life or death decision.

As this special "Year for Priests" draws to a close with a worldwide gathering of clergy in Rome next month with Pope Benedict XVI, much of the media may still focus on the exceptional circumstances of the few. Hopefully, however, it will be another case of how the exception proves the rule, namely, that God continues to provide His Church with many faithful spiritual leaders, who day in and day out act "in persona Christi" ("in the person of Christ") and whose sole desire is to help ourselves and all of you to grow more deeply in relationship with the God Who loves us so!

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The martyrdom of Saint Stephen, as recounted by Saint Luke (Acts 7:54-8:3) followed a religious debate in which the holy deacon expressed faith in Jesus along with a sharp criticism of those who exercised religious authority in Jerusalem. Were they merely trying to preserve their own positions or did they hold Israel's best interests at heart?

At the Last Supper, Saint John recorded that Jesus had warned His disciples that some who opposed them might be in good conscience. "Not only will they expel you from synagogues; a time will come when anyone who puts you to death will claim to be serving God!" (16:2; see 1 Tim 2:12-14).

As we know from current events in the Middle East and elsewhere in the recent years, tempers flare quickly in the Mediterranean area and tragedies engulf families and larger communities before reason can prevail. The witness of Stephen (the Crowned One) is described beau-

tifully. He prayed to Jesus as Lord and imitated his master by interceding for those stoning him. "Lord, do not hold this sin against them" (Acts 7:60; see Luke 23:34). By noting the presence and approval of the young Saul of Tarsus, Luke subtly points to the efficacy of such prayer. From a merely human viewpoint defeat deprives a person's existence of meaning, yet in faith even (or perhaps especially) the undeserved

Virtually every ancient religion or political system has had leaders who sought to control others by force.

death caused by persecutors will have a powerful impact.

The story of Stephen has inspired Christians throughout the centuries. We should reflect that even this week some are bearing witness to their faith in circumstances that threaten death. Do we

give them the basis of assurance that our prayers support them? Do we use our freedom to bear witness to the Gospel's challenge in the various situations of our personal lives? We cannot afford to allow mediocrity to govern our choices because one never knows what test may loom on the horizon.

Trying to identify with Christ and the saints in persecution is a salutary exercise, but we must also examine our use of authority and power. Virtually every ancient religion or political system has had leaders who sought to control others by force or threat of death. While Catholics often have been among persecuted minorities, some of our predecessors, clerical and lay, have attacked those whose conscience led them in a way that differed from our perception of divine truth. "Error has no rights" was the argument. But rights adhere to the human person, so are not to be considered merely in the abstract. Each one also has the concomitant responsibility "to seek the truth, especially in what concerns God and His Church, and to embrace it and

hold on to it as they come to know it" (Vatican II, Declaration on Religious Liberty No. 1).

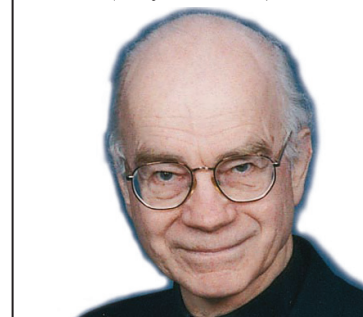
The Second Vatican Council clarified the seeming tension between the rights and needs of society and those of the individual. It is understood that no one should act contrary to truth and the common good. Societies must legislate to protect the rights of all and, because of the propensity to impose conformity upon minorities; governments should guard their religious and other rights carefully. Would that such a concern permeate all areas where atheistic oppression of religion has been replaced by other rulers.

A misplaced zeal was a factor in the 1492 decree of the Catholic monarchs Ferdinand and Isabella expelling all Jews from Spain unless they converted. To rescind the decree 500 years later, as King Carlos did in March 1992, cannot repair the past, but it does lay the foundation for the future.

The great commission to preach the Gospel to all creatures (see Mt 28:18-20; Mk 16:15) should be completed by a reading of the Gospel chosen for the sev-

SUNDAY READINGS

7th Sunday after Easter
(May 16, 2010)



By Rev. Lawrence Frizzell

enth Sunday of Easter. Presenting the Gospel and arguing for the truth of Jesus' message and work will be effective to the extent that the new commandment (Jn 13:34-35) is lived within the Christian community. The mutual love among the disciples of Jesus should reflect on earth the very mystery of the blessed Trinity. So Jesus prayed "that all may be one as you, Father, in me and I in you...that the world may believe that you have sent me" (Jn 17:21).

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Reverend Joseph A. Mancini, has been appointed Coordinator/Master of Ceremonies for Archdiocesan Liturgies in the Archdiocese of Newark in addition to his responsibilities as part-time Parochial Vicar of Saint Stephen Parish, Kearny, effective July 1.

Reverend Stanley Gomes, Spiritual Director of the College Seminary of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Andrew's Hall at Seton Hall University, South Orange, and part-time Director of Adjunct Clergy in the Archdiocese of Newark, has been appointed Director of Campus Ministry at Seton Hall University in addition to his responsibility as part-time Director of Adjunct Clergy. He will reside at Seton Hall University. The appointment is effective July 1.

Reverend Timothy G. Graff has been appointed Pastoral Moderator of the Youth Retreat Center, Kearny, and Archdiocesan Director of Human Concerns with residency at Holy Cross Rectory, Harrison, effective June 16.

Reverend Monsignor David C. Hubba, Pastor of Saint Mary Parish, Nutley, and Dean of Essex North Deanery, Deanery 16, has been appointed Spiritual Director of the College Seminary of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Andrew's Hall at Seton Hall University, South Orange, effective July 1.

ADMINISTRATOR

Reverend Jose Manuel Fernandes has been appointed Administrator of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Elizabeth, effective July 1.

PASTOR

Most Reverend Manuel A. Cruz, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, Regional Bishop of Union County and Vicar for the Hispanic Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Newark, has also been appointed Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, effective July 1.

Reverend Monsignor Frank G. Del Prete, Pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Hoboken, has been appointed Pastor of Saint Gabriel the Archangel Parish, Saddle River, effective July 1.

Reverend Thomas Iwanowski has been appointed Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, Oradell/New Milford, effective July 1.

Reverend Monsignor Robert S. Meyer has been appointed Pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Hoboken, effective July 1.

Reverend James F. Spera, Director of Campus Ministry of Seton Hall University, South Orange, and Vice Rector of the College Seminary of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Andrew's Hall at Seton Hall University, has been appointed Pastor of Assumption Parish, Roselle Park, effective July 1.

Reverend Minhyun Cho, Pastor of Saint Andrew Kim Parish, Maplewood, has been appointed to a second six-year term, ending Jan. 31, 2016.

Reverend Raul E. Comesanas, Pastor of Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish, Newark, has had his pastorate extended, ending Feb. 1, 2014.

Reverend Monsignor Lawrence J. Miller, Pastor of Saint Mary, Star of the Sea Parish, Bayonne, has had his pastorate extended, ending June 30, 2011.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Reverend Junior Almonte, Parochial Vicar of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Ridgefield Park, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, effective June 16.

Reverend Giuseppe Fedele, Parochial Vicar of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Holy Cross Parish, Grand Turks Island, British West Indies, effective June 16.

Reverend Marco Hurtado-Olazo, Parochial Vicar of Saint Joseph the Carpenter Parish, Roselle, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Holy Spirit Parish, Union, effective June 16.

Reverend Stephen A. Kopacz, Parochial Vicar of Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, Cedar Grove, effective June 16.

Reverend Jacek J. Napora, Parochial Vicar of Saint Aloysius Parish, Caldwell, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Vincent de Paul Parish, Bayonne, effective June 16.

Reverend Roberto Ortiz has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff, effective June 16.

Reverend Philip A. Sanders, Parochial Vicar of Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Peace Parish, New Providence, effective June 16.

Reverend Ernesto M. Tibay, Parochial Vicar of Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Ascension Parish, New Milford, effective June 16.

Reverend Maciej J. Zajac, Parochial Vicar of Saint Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Henry Parish, Bayonne, effective June 16.

Reverend Ricky C. Penalosa was appointed Summer Parochial Vicar of Saint Philip the Apostle Parish, Saddle Brook, effective April 22 through June 28.

CHAPLAIN

Reverend Charles Pinyan, Pastor of Guardian Angel Parish, Allendale, was also appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Bergen Chapter, North Arlington, effective April 28.

FACULTY

Reverend Thomas E. Pendrick, Chaplain of Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell, has been appointed to the faculty of Paramus Catholic Regional High School with continued residence at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Rectory, Ridgewood, effective June 16.

Reverend James R. White, Parochial Vicar at Saint Luke Parish, HoHoKus, has been appointed to the faculty of Seton Hall Preparatory School, West Orange, with residence at Saint Joseph Rectory, West Orange, effective June 16.

FORMATOR

Reverend Justino Cornejo, Parochial Vicar of Immaculate Heart of Mary/Saint Patrick Parish, Elizabeth, has been appointed Formator at Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Kearny, effective June 16.

RELEASE

Reverend Sebastian J. Garcia, Parochial Vicar of Saint Aedan Parish, Jersey City, has been released to Itinerancy in the Way, effective June 16.

RETIREMENT

Reverend Joseph A. Barrow has been granted retirement, effective July 1.

Reverend Monsignor Richard F. Groncki, Rector of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, has been granted retirement, effective July 1.

Reverend William C. Reed, Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Newark, has been granted retirement, effective July 1.

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Faith endures

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to the Apostolic Nuncio. According to Fr. Worry, over 30 parishes from the Archdiocese of Newark donated items along with 10 parishes from the Diocese of Trenton.

The project's overall goal, explained Simmons, was to collect enough items to "fortify" each parish in the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince with at least one chalice and several sets of vestments. Simmons got the idea for such an undertaking while talking with Fr. Worry, who was making plans to visit the devastated region shortly after the earthquake happened. Fr. Worry, who had also been thinking about how to coordinate some sort of outreach effort, was thinking along similar lines. The two, along with Msgr. Wister, went through archdiocesan channels to make it happen.

Simmons made particular mention of a chalice donated by Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Wallington. Of all the chalices donated, this one, due to its fine craftsmanship and beauty, stood

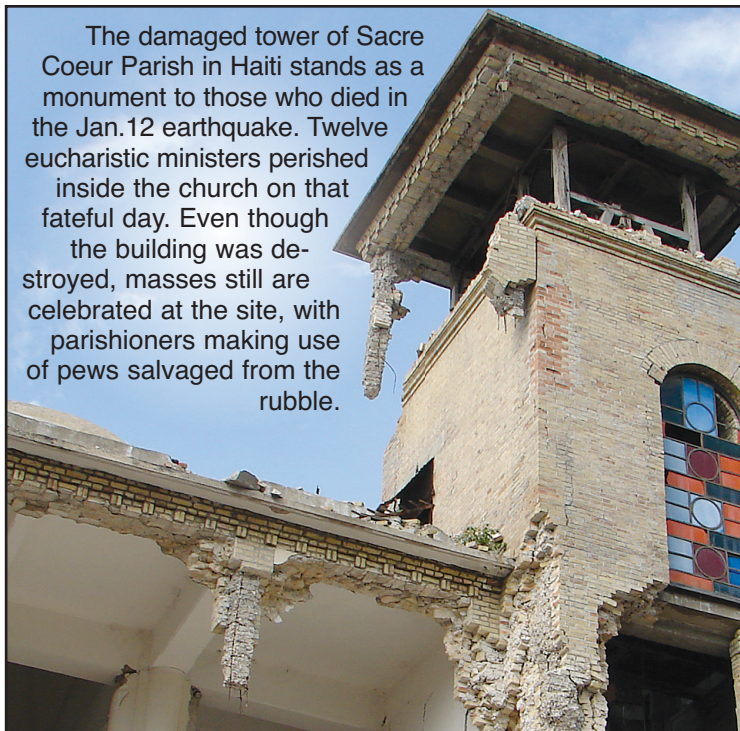
out. It was decided, he said, that the chalice should go to "someone special." With this in mind, Msgr. Ardouin's parish paid to have it refurbished. Once in Port-au-Prince, the Apostolic Nuncio agreed with the delegation's suggestion that the chalice be presented to the new archbishop of Port-au-Prince when he is named.

The archdiocesan delegation held meetings with the administrator of the archdiocese, the vicar general who had been secretary to Archbishop Joseph Serge Miot, who was killed in the earthquake, and 50 priests. All, Simmons said, were "very grateful" for what the Archdiocese of Newark had done.

Their mission of spiritual relief to the beleaguered nation left a profound impression on each member of the Newark delegation. Msgr. Ardouin called the trip to Haiti "emotionally draining," saying the church in which his parents were married and where he was baptized was destroyed along with his parents' home.

Walking along the rubble-strewn streets of Port-au-Prince, Simmons kept thinking to himself that such wide-scale destruction

The damaged tower of Sacre Coeur Parish in Haiti stands as a monument to those who died in the Jan. 12 earthquake. Twelve eucharistic ministers perished inside the church on that fateful day. Even though the building was destroyed, masses still are celebrated at the site, with parishioners making use of pews salvaged from the rubble.



Advocate photo — Junno Arocho

should not have happened. A graduate of Columbia's Graduate School of Architecture, Preservation and Planning, Simmons pointed out Haiti has not instituted building codes that have been common place throughout the rest of the Western Hemisphere. He

lamented the fact that interconnecting, skeletal steel I-beam construction is a rarity.

Noting that religious services are being held out-of-doors, Simmons expressed concern that the significant statues and stained glass windows of churches had not yet been retrieved, as many ruined churches date to the early 19th century. However, amid the devastation, he was struck by the "closeness" the Haitian people have to God. He recalled being told by a survivor of the earthquake that

once the ground had stopped convulsing there was silence; out of the silence, the word uttered most often in the streets was "Jesus."

As he encountered hundreds of homeless people, Fr. Worry gave out rosaries. As he did so, many people approached him with religious articles salvaged from the rubble, which he blessed. He told his fellow clergy in Haiti that the Archdiocese of Newark is "very much in solidarity" with them and that their cause has been "lifted up by prayer."

Making a stop at Sacre Coeur Parish, Arocho saw a man sitting outside the demolished church praying the rosary. The only things that had remained relatively intact were the main altar and a statue of Jesus rising out of the rubble, Arocho recalled. At the city's cathedral, which was just a shell, Arocho again was moved when he noticed some 150 people praying the rosary. After the rosary they sang the Magnificat and did so happily. He said such encounters in Haiti conveyed to him "what it means to be Catholic."

(Editor's note: Arocho's photos can be found on Facebook. Go to "search" and then "Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark." He has posted videos at www.Youtube.com/nwkarchdiocese. Photos also will be posted on The Catholic Advocate Web site: www.rcan.org/advocate.)

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Rejoice

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adults on April 23 at the seventh annual Pro Life Youth Rally, held on the campus of Seton Hall University, South Orange.

Sister Marilyn Minter, associate director, parish outreach and training for the archdiocese, explained how the Eucharist is our "GPS" (God's Presence Saves). Saturday culminated with the powerful eucharistic procession, led by Father Stephen Toth.

On Sunday morning Allan Wright, author of "Jesus in the House," said he hoped the young people at Rejoice would youth leave the retreat and return to their communities with a new fire for Christ in their hearts. Wright teaches Scripture at Assumption College for Sisters, Mendham and serves as a member of the archdiocesan Commission for Interreligious Affairs.

Rev. Msgr. Beaubrun Ardouin, the pastor of Saint Leo's Parish, Irvington, led a benediction as the Eucharist was reposed in preparation for Mass. Msgr. Ardouin also serves as the coordinator of the archdiocesan Haitian Apostolate.

Sunday Mass welcomed families of the retreat attendees, with over 400 people gathered in the center's gym. Bishop Cruz returned to celebrate Mass and, in his homily, spoke of God's greatness, drawing parallels to nature and the neurological workings of the human mind. Prior to becoming a bishop in 2008, Bishop Cruz served as the chaplain at Saint Michael's Medical Center, Newark, and was director of the archdiocesan Office of Pastoral Care.

Mike Manhardt, founder of F.A.M.I.L.Y. Ministry, connected with the young audience as the weekend's master of ceremonies and discussed meaning of family: "Forget About Me, I Love You." A graduate of the University of Steubenville, OH, Manhardt is a former youth ministry who worked in Denver and Bermuda. Tim Margiotta and Fiat Ministries led the participants in praise and worship with contemporary Christian music. The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and the Felician Sisters also took part in the retreat.

(Editor's note: Judy Furka, a staff member of the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, served as the coordinator for Rejoice.)



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'Exclusion is commonplace'

Faith-based outreach aids families bearing weight of developmental disabilities

BY MELISSA MCNALLY

Staff Writer

As the mother of an autistic teenager and a faithful Catholic, Claudette Bardwil is aware of the challenges people living with development disabilities face. However, she believes engaging and participating in the sacramental life of the Church should be open to all. "(Those living with autism) need faith; they need God."

As co-founder and president of the Fanwood-based Autism Family Tours with Brianna Inc. and parishioner at Saint Bartholomew Parish, Scotch Plains, Bardwil shared her testimony to a group learning how to build a more welcoming parish for persons and families living with developmental disabilities. The forum, "Charism of Hospitality," was held April 19 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Mountainside (see *The Catholic Advocate*, April 28).

Rethinking faith-based interaction and support for families dealing with developmental disabilities represents an extension of Catholic healthcare concerns for spiritual well being. Events such as the Inclusive Family Mass, organized by the Pastoral Ministry with Person's with Disabilities for the Archdiocese of Newark, encourages the participation of all God's children in the mission of the Church.

Autism is a spectrum developmental disorder and each person living with the disability is a unique case. "All of their journeys' are different," Bardwil explained. The three most common autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) are autism or Autism Disorder, Asperger's Disorder and Pervasive Developmental Disorder—Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS).

When Bardwil's daughter Brianna, now 14-years-old, was diagnosed at 18 months, the nervous mother said she was caught in a "never land" where she was consumed by what her daughter could "never" do. "At the diagnosis of autism, there is no plan of what to do," she said. "I was overwhelmed and caught in a whirlwind. It can be an overwhelming process to figure out. I meet with families in serious crisis and I don't have the answers but I can offer support."

Finding solace through faith can be a comforting experience for individuals and families living with autism. However, Bardwil states that there is an "exclusive world" people with autism live in that separates them from the community. For example, Brianna went to an out of district school and was not exposed to the typical world. Bardwil and her daughter did not know anyone in their town because Brianna's activities were not centered in their neighborhood.

For Bardwil, faith is an important factor in her family's quality of life. However, she

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Caldwell program makes strides to expand education on autism

CALDWELL—Dr. Sharon Reeve is going the distance for children affected by autism spectrum disorder. As coordinator of Caldwell College's Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) program, that distance came a little bit closer for her on April 11 when 700 people came out for the college's first 5K "Run/Walk for Autism."

"It was an amazing moment when I saw that sea of people running over the start line. This race truly united everyone in support of autism," Reeve said.

Last year Caldwell College launched a Ph.D. in ABA, a science-based approach to learning that is highly effective for teaching children with autism—the first program of its kind in New Jersey. Plans are underway to open a state-of-the-art center for autism and applied behavior analysis on the Caldwell campus, a facility that will serve children and families and provide a venue for education programs.

In a state with the highest statistical prevalence of autism (an estimated 150,000 people in New Jersey have a developmental disability), Reeve says the Ph.D. program and the center will fill a need. "Caldwell's

doctoral program in ABA responds to a serious shortage of teachers qualified to instruct children with autism," Reeve said. "Caldwell College currently serves approximately 110 students in its master's and doctoral ABA programs."

Reeve explained each doctoral student can potentially service up to 50 students with autism and their families in a private school and up to 100 students with autism and their families in a public school. "We anticipate graduating approximately 30 from the doctoral program in five years helping up to 3,000 children with autism and their families. These same graduates will provide hands-on training and supervi-

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Catholic Charities' goal: 1,900 kids Federal funding spurs project to expand Family Care access

NEWARK—During the year-long debate on national health-care reform legislation, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark was working quietly to bring affordable healthcare to families in need, especially children in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union counties.

Late last year Catholic Charities was selected to join a nationwide coalition to increase the number of children enrolled in healthcare (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Nov. 25, 2009). As part of Catholic Charities' participation, the agency received \$148,000 in federal funding—the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act—to increase enrollment in New Jersey's Family Care, the state's health-care insurance program.

"Our region of New Jersey, especially within the counties we serve, has the highest percentage

of eligible children lacking health insurance," Dr. Phillip Frese, chief executive officer of Catholic Charities, explained. "Our area also has one of the highest costs of living in the country yet one of the lowest participation rates in NJ Family Care, particularly among our immigrant community. This all has a severe impact on those most in need."

Catholic Charities is aiming at a targeted enrollment of 240 children in each of the four counties it serves, ultimately connecting over 1,900 children to appropriate healthcare services over the next two years.

Frese pointed to a variety of reasons for the current low-enrollment rates in the NJ Family Care program. These include a misconception of the program's eligibility requirements, language barriers, a fear of legal ramifications among the immigrant community,

the complex application system, and even simply a lack of awareness. Responding to these misconceptions, the new federal funding initiative has enabled Catholic Charities to mount an aggressive two-year, grass-roots outreach campaign.

From the outset, it was clear the agency would undertake a community-based approach for the campaign, according to Frese. "Our plan is to provide easily understandable program information, eligibility education and application assistance to these families. By informing residents, conducting both on-site screening assessments, and assisting eligible families with the application process, we are confident we will be able to improve program participation rates."

The first step of the campaign was to have staff members of all existing outreach programs within



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Catholic Charities launched an outreach campaign in March to educate eligible families about how to enroll in the NJ Family Care program. The effort focuses on the healthcare needs of children. For more information, visit the agency's Web site (www.ccannj.com) or call (973) 639-6523.

Catholic Charities and its affiliates receive training on the NJ Family Care program. A targeted communications program also was put in place. Bilingual agency representatives, armed with laptop computers and portable printers, cur-

rently are making presentations and conducting on-site screenings. Frese said pre-screening will be critical to the success of the project. "Too often, people submit an application only to find they do not have the required paperwork."

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ELIZABETH—The Center for Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine at Trinitas Regional Medical Center, one of the top wound-healing centers in the United States, has been named a “center of distinction” by Diversified Clinical Services (DCS).

The recognition is for clinical results in 2009 as Trinitas was cited for exceeding benchmarks in healing outcomes, patient satisfaction, outlier management, and days to heal.

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Susan G. Harley, M.P.A., program director of Trinitas’ Center for Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine, and Bruce W. Haims, MD, medical director, attend to a patient about to undergo a hyperbaric oxygen treatment.

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Holy Name selects Dan Leber for ‘circle’

TEANECK—Holy Name Medical Center has named Dan Leber the committee chairman of the Founders Circle, the annual leadership giving society for the Holy Name Health Care Foundation.

A resident of Fort Lee, Leber has had a long-standing rela-

tionship with Holy Name having served as a trustee of the medical center and as a member of the development and facilities committees.

“I’m honored to have been appointed to this important post and excited to engage present and future supporters of Holy Name

Medical Center,” Leber said. “My commitment to Holy Name has been tremendously rewarding, stretching back to 1994 when I first became involved with the Holy Name Health Care Foundation. I believe in their healing mission and know first-hand of their award-winning patient care. I know others will join me.”

Kevin McCarthy, vice president of development and executive director of the Holy Name Health Care Foundation, said “with Dan Leber as chairman of our Founders Circle and with him reaching out to other leaders and executives in the community, I’m confident we will raise critical funds for Holy Name Medical Center.”

McCarthy explained the goal of the Founders Circle is to raise unrestricted gifts, which are by far the most important for the Medical Center as these funds are distributed to areas of greatest need throughout the year.

Funds generated through the Founders Circle’s annual leadership giving program helps Holy Name to remain at the forefront of medical service delivery by funding vital capital projects, he added. For example, Holy Name recently was recognized with the “Excellence Through Insight Award” for emergency department satisfaction in 2009 by HealthStream Research, Nashville, TN. To qualify for the award, a hospital must secure patient-satisfaction scores in the 75th percentile or higher.

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Sister Patricia prescribes advocacy, systemic change

NEWARK—Advocacy will be the priority for Sister Patricia Codey, S.C., Esq., the new president of the Catholic HealthCare Partnership of New Jersey, the Princeton-based statewide coalition of Catholic healthcare leaders in the Garden State.

Installed as president on March 1, Sr. Patricia praised the accomplishments of her predecessor, Father Joseph W. Kukura, who died Feb. 1 at the age of 69 (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Feb. 10). “He was loved by all. His presence and his contribution will be missed. I cannot take his place but I can pledge that I will do my best to work diligently to advance Catholic healthcare,” Sr. Patricia said.

As president of Catholic HealthCare Partnership of New Jersey, she represents 12 Catholic hospitals in New Jersey, a list that includes Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth; Saint Michael’s

Medical Center, Newark; and Holy Name Medical Center, Teaneck. Sr. Patricia said she would look to enrich the group’s efforts as a healing mission of Jesus Christ through the health ministry of the Catholic Church.

“My focus will be advocacy, education and information through the lens of a woman Religious, a civil lawyer, a Gospel woman who recalls the message of Jesus who healed the downhearted, who gathered all to sit at the table and share that which was most important to them in their lives,” she declared.

Healthcare advocacy that brings about systemic change for those in need will be her top priority. Looking to be part of a collaborative network, she is reaching out to hospital and healthcare executives throughout the state as well as to Archbishop John J. Myers and other NJ bishops. In addition, she is grateful the recent



Sister Patricia Codey

state budget proposed by Gov. Christie preserves critical funding for healthcare programs, noting that the connection between Catholic healthcare and its commitment to the Gospel is demonstrated through the advocacy of

Charity Care, New Jersey Family Care, behavioral health and other programs.

Deeply rooted to the Archdiocese of Newark, her paternal grandparents were members of Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Orange, and her maternal grandparents belonged to the faith community at Immaculate Conception Parish, Montclair. Sr. Patricia, along with her three older brothers and younger sister, graduated from Saint John School in Orange. She was raised living above the family-owned business, Codey Funeral Home in Orange. Her grandfather, Frank J. Codey, Sr., started the business nearly 100 years ago. Her brother, Richard J. Codey, the former governor of New Jersey from 2004–2006, is now the licensed funeral director.

Sr. Patricia worked as a senior associate attorney at the law firm of Seeger Weiss LLP. She served as an assistant federal defender in

Newark for nine years where she represented indigent individuals who were accused of federal crimes ranging from narcotic cases to insurance fraud.

After graduating from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, she earned her law degree with distinction from City University of New York Law School, Queens, New York. She entered the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth in 1978.

She serves on numerous boards including the Saint Joseph’s Healthcare System Board of Trustees, Seton Hall University Advisory Council, Archdiocese of Newark Response Team, New Jersey Hospital Association Council on Hospital Governance, and the Seton Hall Law School Red Mass Committee. She has received the Richard J. Hughes Public Service Award, Brian Boru Clergy Award and the Seton Hall Law School Irish Medal of Honor.

Volunteer sees face of Christ at hospice

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

BERGEN COUNTY—It was the answer to his prayers.

Three years ago postal worker Ed Heaney noticed a church bulletin announcement placed by Stephanie J. Kip of Life Source Hospice, 230 Ridgewood Ave., Paramus, looking for volunteers. “It was an answer to my prayers to be able, to bring Jesus Christ to others,” he said.

Volunteering was nothing new to Heaney who, as a member of the Legion of Mary, had been visiting patients in hospitals. “There are a lot of lonely people. I consider it a privilege to visit them. It is a corporal work of mercy.”

A graduate of Bergen Catholic High School and Dominican College, Heaney explored a religious calling with the Trappist monks after college. Today Heaney, 50, is married and the father of a 14-year-old daughter.

The Heaneys are members of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Harrington Park. At his parish Heaney assists at the weekly Evening of Reflection and teaches CCD classes to sixth graders. Sunday afternoons he travels to Sunrise Assisted Living in Cresskill to distribute Communion. Being a Eucharistic Minister, Heaney declared, is an “extreme privilege.” He also attends daily Mass at Church of the Assumption in Emerson where he is a bi-month-

ly altar server and brings Communion to the Armenian Senior Care Home in Emerson.

Kip, coordinator of volunteers at Life Source Hospice, calls him a “godsend.” Heaney, she explained, visits patients throughout Bergen County “at all times of the day.” He typically sees a dozen patients on a weekly basis. “He provides Communion and prayers,” said Kip who noted Heaney also offers “spiritual comfort” to Jewish patients to whom he often reads the Psalms. On visits to non-English-speaking or non-verbal patients, Kip continued, Heaney simply “holds hands with them.” Family members, the volunteer coordinator

added, “have requested that he visit in the final hours of a patient’s life.”

Hospice provides special care to people with six months or less to live. The focus is on comfort rather than cure. While the majority of Life Source Hospice patients live in senior care facilities, some still reside in their homes.

Volunteers, explained Kip, serve primarily as “friendly visitors” who may pray with patients, bring Holy Communion, listen to and speak with patients, write letters or watch TV with them. “The supportive needs of the family do not end with the death of their loved one,” she said. “Bereavement



Ed Heaney

support continues for a year or more as needed.”

Hospice patients, Heaney emphasized, really need companionship, saying that he sees the face of Christ in everyone he visits. Mother Teresa, he said enthusiastically, is “my favorite.”

Heaney remembers a patient named Alexander who did not know how to pray the rosary. Heaney helped him by starting out reciting the rosary two words at a time. When Alexander was “actively dying,” Heaney continued, he brought him Communion regularly and prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet with Alexander. When Alexander died, his niece told Heaney he had a “most peaceful” look on his face. That, Heaney declared, “is the miracle of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.”

A DAY OF WELLNESS—Christ the King Prep hosted its first Spring Wellness Celebration for students and their families May 1. “Our parents work hard,” Father Robert Sandoz, O.F.M., president of Newark’s Cristo Rey School, said. “They deal with a lot of stress, particularly in today’s difficult economy. This was our way of saying ‘thank you’ to them for the sacrifices they make.” Fr. Sandoz is pictured anointing a parent during the closing prayer service. The event, billed as a “day of relaxation” organized by integrative health consultant Linda Rapuano and Pam Rauscher, Ph.D., the school’s director of admissions, featured a healthy lunch, massages, progressive relaxation exercises and adventure games and arts and crafts for children.



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Autism

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had trepidations about having Brianna attend weekly Mass. "Many families have that 'fear factor' and are concerned about the stares they will get from fellow parishioners."

Bardwil believes overcoming barriers through education is key. When Brianna was in second grade, Bardwil spoke to her class about autism and answered the students' questions. "Ignorance is what is holding us back, especially with young people. I believe an inclusive committee is needed at parishes to have more families with children with disabilities come and feel more welcome. Outreach can be very uncomfortable. It is important to keep sharing our experiences."

Bardwil established Autism Family Tours with Brianna, Inc. to provide customized, therapeutic, educational and recreational programs for autistic children and their immediate family members.

The not-for-profit organization shares latest interventions concerning therapies, and programs that can aid autistic children and their families. Bardwil's faith has guided her through trying times and has strengthened her family's bond. "I used to pray for God to change my child but really, she has changed me."

Adrienne P. Robertiello, autism educator from the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountain-side, shared her experiences during the seminar as the mother of an autistic child. "Exclusion is commonplace to me. Sometimes church is not always the most welcoming place. Not only does a parish need to be accessible physically, but everyone must be inclusive in their hearts and in their minds," she explained.

Robertiello is also a parishioner at Saint Bartholomew Parish and praises the work of the priests and parishioners to create a more welcoming environment. "As an autism educator, I encourage breaking barriers and building fa-



Claudette Bardwil

miliarity. The challenge is for every aspect of the parish to be welcoming."

(Editor's note: Anne Masters is the director of the archdiocesan Pastoral Ministry with Person's with Disabilities. She can be reached by e-mail at masteran@rcan.org or by phone at 973-497-4309.)

Caldwell

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sion for over 2,000 teachers."

Though the overall numbers are important, the program looks to focus on the special needs each child. "It's something the faculty tries to instill in the graduate students," Reeve pointed out. "We are very passionate about what we do. People with autism are a vulnerable population and they deserve our commitment. It's that same passion and commitment that we try to share with our grad-

uate students, but it doesn't take much from us because when you teach a child with autism you fall in love with the career."

Some of the Caldwell ABA students work with the archdiocesan Pastoral Ministry with Persons with Disabilities to establish a ground-breaking program of teaching children with autism to successfully attend Mass with their families. The program curriculum exemplifies an innovative collaboration of religion and science.

Dr. Mary Beth Walsh teaches in the graduate pastoral ministry program at Caldwell College and

contributes to the "Attends Mass" curriculum. The mother of a child with autism, Walsh believes there is a need for faith communities to be more welcoming to children with autism.

"Faith tells us children with autism are worthy of the work it takes to teach them to attend Mass, and science and the data tell us that they are capable of learning this important life skill," she said. "Being able to attend Mass as a family without worrying about disrupting other parishioners is the greatest wish of many families of children with autism."

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Cemeteries to host masses on May 31

NEWARK—Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark will host a dedication Mass for the Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel, Gate of Heaven Mausoleum, 225 Ridgedale Ave., East Hanover, on Saturday, May 22, at 3 p.m. Archbishop John J. Myers will be the celebrant and the public is invited to attend.

In addition, the annual Memorial Day outdoor masses, sponsored by Catholic Cemeteries, will be held at seven sites throughout northern New Jersey. Masses will be celebrated (rain or shine) on Monday, May 31 at 11 a.m. Canopy seating will be available for those who attend.

Outdoor masses will be held at the following cemeteries: Holy Cross, 340 Ridge Rd., North Arlington (Archbishop Myers will preside and Father Donald Hummel will serve as the homilist); Gate of Heaven, 225 Ridgedale Ave., East Hanover (Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha); Saint Gertrude, 53 Inman Ave., Colonia (Bishop Manuel A. Cruz); Holy Sepulchre, 125 Central Ave., East Orange (Very Rev. Philip J. Waters); Christ the King, 980 Huron Rd., Franklin Lakes (Bishop John W. Flesey); Maryrest, 25 Seminary Rd. (Bishop Charles J. McDonnell); and Holy Name, 823 West Side Ave., Jersey City (Bishop Thomas A. Donato).

Visit the Catholic Cemeteries Web site (www.rcancem.org) or call (973) 497-7988 for further details.



Advocate photo – Ward Miele

BANG THE DRUM SLOWLY—The Archdiocese of Newark saluted the state’s firefighters at the annual Saint Florian Mass celebrated by Most Rev. Dominic A. Marconi, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus, May 2 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Father Michael M. Walters, J.C.L., director of the Office of Ministerial Development, delivered the homily, telling firefighters and their families in the pews that one of the “most enduring” images of the 9/11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center was that of New York City police and firefighters “running into” the doomed twin towers. “That’s what firefighters do,” Fr. Walters declared. He cited their “devotion to duty that goes beyond having a job.” As part of the annual celebration, the combined firefighters’ services pipe and drum corps performed and featured a colorful display of flags inside the Cathedral during the Mass.

Saint Mary School plans colorful gala

RUTHERFORD—The board of directors of Saint Mary High School will sponsor the school’s fourth annual scholarship gala Saturday, May 15, 6 p.m., at the Hasbrouck Heights Hilton, 650 Terrace Ave.

The event will honor alumni, faculty and parish members for their contributions and will help fund the school’s merit scholarship program. Honorees include teacher Rev. Gloria Cephas Killings; alumnus and business executive Robert E. Campbell; alumnus, teacher and coach Jack Jones; and Rutherford residents Judith and Vincent Calviello, active members of the parish.

The gala includes a cocktail reception followed by dinner, an awards ceremony, music and dancing and a silent auction. Tickets are \$150 per person. Call Michael Sheridan, the school’s alumni and development director, at (201) 933-5220, ext. 270, for reservations. Information on the event is available on the school Web site (www.stmaryhs.org).

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Msgr. Frederick Eid

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 28 at Our Lady of Grace/Saint Joseph Parish, Hoboken, for Rev. Msgr. Frederick M. Eid, 92, who died April 23.

A native of Union City and a priest for nearly 63 years, Msgr. Eid resided and ministered for over 40 years in Hoboken. He was a parochial vicar at Our Lady of Grace/Saint Joseph Parish since 1968. He officially retired in 1995 but remained in residence at the parish's rectory.



Msgr. Frederick M. Eid

Ordained by Archbishop Thomas Walsh on May 31, 1947, Msgr. Eid's first assignment was at Saint Michael Parish, Union, where he stayed until 1962. That year, he traveled to Mexico to learn Spanish and spent two years ministering to the people of Honduras. When he returned to the archdiocese in 1966, he ministered at a mission for Black Catholics in Orange and Saint Mary Parish, Jersey City, before relocating to Hoboken.

During his long tenure at Our Lady of Grace/Saint Joseph Parish, Msgr. Eid started the first Spanish Mass and continued to preside over the community until 2008. He was involved in the catechetical program and started CCD classes for Spanish-speaking children.

Msgr. Eid served as chaplain to both the Hoboken police and fire departments, who served as honor guards at his funeral Mass.

Sr. Anne Veronica Tonne, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 8 at Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, for Sister Anne Veronica Tonne, S.C., 90, who died April 2.

Born in Secaucus, Sr. Anne Veronica entered the Sisters of Charity Sept. 8, 1937 and was a member for 72 years. She served as an educator and worked in health ministry in New Jersey, New York, Washington

D.C. and Michigan. She was a teacher at Marylawn of the Oranges Academy, South Orange (1939-1941); Saint Joseph School, Oradell (1941-1943) and Saint Cecilia School, Kearny (1943-1953).

She served as a pharmacist at Saint Joseph Hospital and Medical Center, Paterson, from 1953-1975. Following assignments in New York and Michigan, she retired to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Convent, Ridgewood in 2003.

Sr. Rita Shea, O.P.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 16 at Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel, Sparkill, NY, for Sister Rita Shea, O.P., 89, who died March 12.

Born in the Bronx, Sr. Rita en-

tered the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill in 1939. She professed final vows in 1946. In the course of 25 years Sr. Rita taught at schools in the Archdiocese of New York, and the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Syracuse.

In 1981 Sr. Rita came to the Archdiocese of Newark as the

director of religious education at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Washington Township, a post she held until 1989. Upon leaving Washington Township Sr. Rita resided at the motherhouse of her community in Sparkill, and served as a spiritual director.

Sr. Beatrice, F.S.P.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 9 at Saints Simon and Jude Parish, Bethlehem, PA, for Sister Beatrice Kerezsi, F.S.P., 82, who died April 4.

A native of Elmwood Park, Sr. Beatrice was a member of the

daughters of Divine Charity for 33 years and transferred to a Franciscan Congregation in 1984. As a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Peace, she was assigned to several schools in Connecticut, New York and New Jersey.

Sr. Beatrice was director of religious education and coordinator of

ministry to the sick at Saint Anthony Parish, Butler (1982-1990), and was director of residence at Kennedy Residence, Pompton Lakes (1990-1997). She was a teacher at Wayne Area Child Care Center, Wayne (1997-1999), and participated in ministry to the sick and homebound at Saint Leo Parish, Elmwood Park.

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