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Faith journeys paint portraits for vocations

Features on Sr. Peggy Ann Clinton and Rev. Msgr. William Naedele help to illuminate vocation awareness. "I believe that we are in the places we are supposed to be in at the times we need to be there," Sr. Peggy said in her guest article. "Don't we all sometimes ponder the 'coincidences' that put us in certain locations at particular times with specific people? I like to believe that signs of God also present themselves in the people who come into our lives."

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Stained-glass windows to adorn mausoleums

Treasures of Vailsburg parish find new life

BY JAMES GOODNESS
Director of Communications

NEWARK—When the parish of Sacred Heart-Vailsburg closed this past summer, some current and former parishioners alike wondered what would become of the many beautiful statues, stained glass windows and liturgical items that had been as much a part of the life of the parish as the people themselves.

Archdiocesan staff involved in maintaining the patrimony of the parishes of the Archdiocese of Newark were equally concerned and began taking steps even before the Sacred Heart's final Mass on June 30 to catalogue, assess the condition of, and secure hundreds of windows, statues, altars, baptismal fonts, tabernacles and liturgical vessels, and thus ensure their preservation and possible use within the Church in the future.

This month, the Office of Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark will begin a project to remove the 36 stained glass windows of the former church building on South Orange Avenue and, after extensive refurbishing, give them new life as they adorn the archdiocese's new mausoleum structures being erected at Maryrest Cemetery in Mahwah, Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover, and Holy Cross Cemetery in North Arlington. In addition, the Cemeteries Office will be incorporating several shrine altars at the former church into the new mausoleum at Holy Cross. Plans for the new mausoleums also call for employing numerous liturgical vessels and other altar fixtures in the mausoleums' chapels.

"The patrimony program of the archdiocese seeks to preserve the important images of our faith heritage and to find opportunities to use the beautiful, artistic and inspirational elements of our churches so that they may continue to inspire future generations and other Catholic communities," Troy Simmons, archdiocesan patrimony project manager, said.

"Archdiocesan cemeteries are as much a part of the Church as church buildings themselves. We think of them as holy places where

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Advocate photo – Ward Miele

Thirty-six treasured stained-glass windows at the parish of Sacred Heart-Vailsburg will be refurbished for use at several mausoleums operated by the Archdiocese of Newark's Catholic Cemeteries Office. Other items, such as statues, altars, baptismal fonts and liturgical vessels also will be saved and restored. Sacred Heart, located on South Orange Avenue, celebrated its final Mass on June 30.

Deacon applies juggling skills as he navigates faith journey

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

ORANGE — "God's grace guided me."

Deacon Michael Leschinsky, S.D.B., followed the call to mission to young people all the way from Youngstown, OH, to the Archdiocese of Newark. "Deacon Mike," as he is affectionately known, was in his last year studying education at Bowling Green State University when he felt drawn to religious life. Now in his last semester at Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, he will be ordained a priest in July.

"I went to a Catholic school growing up but while working with Catholic groups on campus, I had a spiritual reawakening. The idea of religious life captured something that connected with me. However, I did not know

much about the religious orders," Deacon Leschinsky explained.

He sought the guidance of a parish priest and read the description of the Salesians of Don Bosco in "Vision" magazine. Something about the charism (gifts given by God to benefit others) of the order and its service to young people attracted him. The young student came to visit the Don Bosco Residence at Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Orange, in his last year of college.

"I came here during my Christmas break in 1998 and visited the schools and buildings. I liked the mission and everyone I met seemed down to earth. The Salesians were approachable and genuine. It felt like a family. I needed a group that I could grow with and I knew this is where I wanted to be," Deacon Leschinsky recalled.

After speaking with a confessor and a priest in Ohio, he came to

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Esteban to lead SHU

At presstime, Seton Hall University, South Orange, selected Dr. A. Gabriel Esteban as its new president. Esteban, who had served as the university's provost, was appointed interim president of Seton Hall last July. Archbishop John J. Myers applauded the selection of Esteban, saying "his dedication and commitment to Seton Hall's Catholic identity are important qualities that will surely benefit this great archdiocesan institution." See page 12 for details.

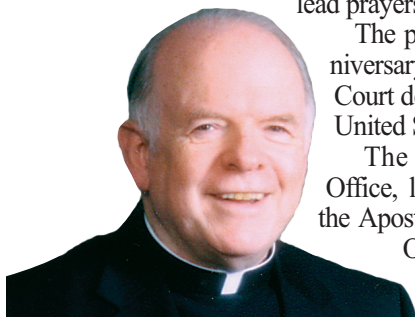
Pro-life Mass slated Jan. 16 at Cathedral

NEWARK—The annual archdiocesan Pro-Life Mass will be celebrated at noon, Sunday Jan. 16 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St. Most Rev. John W. Flesey, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, will serve as the celebrant and homilist.

Immediately following Mass there will be a procession to Saint Lucy Parish, located at 118 Seventh Ave., a few blocks from the Cathedral. The faithful will gather at Saint Lucy for a "Holy Hour for Life," which will include the praying of the rosary, singing, Divine Mercy Chaplet and silent adoration and benediction. Young adults of the archdiocese will lead prayers and music.

The pro-life Mass marks the 38th anniversary of the Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in the United States.

The archdiocesan Respect Life Office, located in Linden at Saint John the Apostle Parish, and the archdiocesan Office of Young Adult Ministries, Kearny, are the sponsors for the event. Call Debbie Adsit at (908) 451-1249 for details.



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RELIC OF POPE—On Oct. 30, 2010, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Bayonne, unveiled for veneration by the faithful a second-class relic of the late venerable Pope John Paul II. The relic is a personal amice of John Paul II, a linen cloth vestment. It is authenticated with a note from his former secretary Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz. Pictured at the parish are (left to right) Father Gregory Podsiadlo, S.D.S., parochial vicar; Rev. Msgr. Ronald J. Marczewski, pastor; Most Rev. Manuel A. Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark; Transitional Deacon Robert McLaughlin; and Father Robert A. Pachana, parochial vicar. The relic is on display for veneration in the church during special occasions. Call the parish at (201) 339-2070 for more information.

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CELEBRATING SAINT LUCY—Father Luigi Zantotto, M.C.C.J. (center, back row), the pastor of Saint Lucy Parish, 118 Seventh Ave., Newark, led a celebration of "Saint Lucy's Day" on Dec. 12, a tradition that includes girls from the parish community participating as "Lucy Brides." The brides dressed in red (for martyrdom), white (for virginity) and processed through the church with candles. Saint Lucy, born in Sicily in 283, assisted priests in the ancient Roman catacombs by wearing candles on her head. Booklets that provide a history of her life are available at the Newark parish.

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Presentation to mark its golden year

UPPER SADDLE RIVER—Church of the Presentation has a series of events planned this year to celebrate its golden anniversary. Activities will include a speaker series, special jubilee liturgy, a fall banquet and a three-day (two evenings and one morning) opportunity for reflection and introspection: "The Jubilee Experience—A Reflection Celebration."

Taking to the podium during the speaker series will be three diverse nationally known authors: John Allen, on Jan. 13; Father Richard Rohr on May 10-12 and Patricia Livingston Oct. 3-4. Each presentation begins at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public. There is no admission charge but free-will donations will be accepted. Those planning to attend should register in advance by calling (201) 327-1313, ext. 831 or visiting the parish Web site (www.churchofpresentation.org).

Father Robert B. Stagg is pastor of the 50-year-old parish, a Bergen County faith community that consists of over 3,000 families. Church of the Presentation offers faith-formation programs for every age group and has over 50 ministries in community service, spiritual renewal and pastoral care. The parish also features a variety of retreat experiences, including the popular Cornerstone series.

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CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON—Archbishop John J. Myers, left, welcomes Rev. Msgr. Vincent J. Doyle to the annual Retired Clergy Christmas luncheon held Dec. 9 at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark. Msgr. Doyle, who was pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Union at the time of his retirement, also served as judicial vicar of the metropolitan tribunal.

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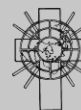
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Archdiocesan pilgrims bundle up to March for Life

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

AREA—The 38th annual “March for Life” rally will be held Monday, Jan. 24 in Washington, DC. Each year the March for Life Education and Defense Fund (Web site: www.marchforlife.org) coordinates the event.

The March for Life rally begins at noon on Jan. 24 at the National Mall (Fourth Street NW). The rally is slated to last 90 minutes, followed by the march. Prior to the rally, a national prayer vigil is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 23. Visit the Web site of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.usccb.org) for details.

As a preview to the main event, there will be a “mini rally” across the street from the White House in

Lafayette Park, located across the street from the White House, 3-5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 23.

Union resident Jim Sondey, the chairman of the archdiocesan Pro-Life Commission, has been attending the event for 20-plus years. He will travel to the rally with the Knights of Columbus at Saint Michael Parish, Cranford. “Even though it’s usually very cold during the march, it warms my heart to see the growing number of young people who participate,” Sondey said. “They are our future. They are making a statement by being there.”

The archdiocesan Respect Life office, located at Saint John the Apostle Parish, Linden, is serving as a hub to provide information to those looking to attend the event. Contact Michelle

Krystofik, associate director of the Respect Life Office, by phone at (732) 388-8211 or e-mail (arnewrespect@sjanj.net) for more information.

Sister Marilyn Minter, C.S.S.F., director of young adult ministry and parish outreach and training at the archdiocesan office of Youth and Young Adults Ministries and Youth Retreat Center, Kearny, will lead a group to Washington, departing Jan. 23 from Immaculate Conception High School and Felician College, Lodi. The cost is \$50 per person. The excursion will include Mass at Nativity Parish in Washington, part of the Salesians for Life Vigil. Contact Sr. Marilyn by phone at (201) 998-0088, ext. 4147; cell phone (551) 655-6027; or e-mail (minterma@rcan.org) for details.

It’s expected that more than 100,000 people throughout the United States will attend the march and rally. Various parishes throughout the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark



Advocate photo – Junno De Jesus Arocho

Last year musicians provided inspiration for the thousands of pilgrims taking part in the March for Life in Washington D.C. A national grass-roots effort that involves people of many faiths, the March for Life demonstration is held each year to protest the Jan. 22, 1973 Roe v Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion throughout the United States.

are planning bus rides to Washington. However, there is no central archdiocesan committee coordinating logistics or bus reservations. It’s strongly suggested that anyone interested

in attending the event should contact individual parishes for information.

At press time, archdiocesan parishes, schools and organizations slated to offer bus rides to the rally included:

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GRIDIRON REUNION—Father Robert E. Reiser, S.J. (center), president of Saint Peter's Prep in Jersey City, is pictured with alumni (front row, left to right), Joe Livi, Phil Reynolds (back row) Dan Livolsi (all from the Class of 2009) and Class of 2008 member Chris Hetherington. They attended the annual Army-Navy football game, held Dec. 11 at Lincoln Financial Field stadium in Philadelphia. Saint Peters, a Catholic Jesuit college preparatory school located in Jersey City, will host a day of retreat for prep alumni and parents on Sunday, Jan. 16, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in Madonna Chapel. The theme for the day will be "Still Walking the Road: Rekindling the Fire in Our Hearts." Lunch will be provided and the retreat will conclude with Mass. Contact Father Tony Azzarto, S.J., by e-mail (azzartoa@spprep.org) or phone (201-547-6412) for details.



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RISING SCHOLARS—Caresse Simmonds of Plainfield, Dominique Hayward of Newark, Alexandra Evans of Plainfield, Kristen Hamilton of Hillside, Yalie Pierre-Louis of Union and Amber St. John of Hillsborough (left to right), seniors at Union Catholic Regional High School, Scotch Plains, were selected as recipients of the 2010 New Jersey Rising Scholars Student Recognition Award. The New Jersey Rising Scholars Student Recognition Program was established by the NJ Department of Education, in collaboration with the NJ Amistad Commission and the Malcolm Bernard Historically Black Colleges and Universities committee, to honor the academic achievement of high school seniors from diverse backgrounds who are interested in attending a Historically Black College or University (HBCU). The criteria for Rising Scholar students is attendance at a New Jersey public, private or charter school, a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and a SAT score of 1350 or above. They are among 150 total New Jersey Rising Scholars selected this year. Each scholar had the opportunity to meet recruiters participating in the Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair from which they may be able to receive application fee waivers. They also may be eligible for one of several \$1,000 HBCU Rising Scholar Fund Scholarships to be announced in the spring of 2011.

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SHU to host 'Saints and Sleuths' programs

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Programs begin at 8 p.m. and are free and open to the public. Performances include dramatic readings from Myles Connolly's "*Mr. Blue*", Canon Sheehan's "*Trabolgan Abbey*", François

Mauriac's "*Viper's Tangle*" and G.K. Chesterton's "*Father Brown*" series. Commentators will include: Father Ian Boyd, Father Gabriel Costa, Dermot Quinn and Dr. Maura Harrington.

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Immaculate Conception High School students Natalie Quintanilla and Marissa Janots worked under the guidance of Felician College student Amanda Klein (left to right) to create a three-panel mural for the Missionaries of Charity's shelter for women in Newark.

ICHS, Felician create art to inspire Newark shelter

LODI—Two students from Immaculate Conception High School (ICHS), working under the direction of Felician College graduate student Amanda Klein of Woodcliff Lake, recently created a mural that was installed in the Missionaries of Charity's shelter for women in Newark.

Marissa Janots of Lodi and Natalie Quintanilla of Hasbrouck Heights, along with Klein painted a three-panel mural, which depicts a lush landscape with fruit-laden trees, a receding brook with a cardinal flying overhead, and a cluster of radiant sunflowers.

"The mural for the Missionaries of Charity women's shelter is the kind of project that is the hallmark of a Felician education," Ard Berge, associate professor of Art at Felician College, said. "Amanda is gained experience teaching art, the students learn to create murals, and everyone did something good for the community."

"I am very excited about our students having this opportunity to work with Amanda and help create something that is truly an outreach to those who need some joy added to their lives," said Sister Mary Alicia Adametz, C.S.S.F., president of ICHS.

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Catholic schools accentuate value-added education

ARLINGTON, VA — The National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) said the theme for Catholic Schools Week 2011 (“A plus”) celebrates the fact that Catholic schools are an added value for the nation.

Because of their traditionally high academic standards and high graduation rates, all supported by strong moral values, Catholic schools and their graduates make a definite contribution to American society, the NCEA said.

This year Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated nationally Jan. 30-Feb. 5. Schools typically celebrate Catholic Schools Week with masses, open houses and activities for students, administrators, faculty, school staff, the community and families.

“Historically, Catholic schools are known for their high level of academic achievement, moral values and high graduation rates,” Karen Ristau, president of the NCEA, said. “What may not be as widely recognized are the outstanding successes recorded by students of low-income families and students from the inner city. That’s certainly a plus for many portions of the American population.”



“This year nearly 30 percent of the nation’s 2.1 million Catholic school students come from minority populations,” Marie Powell, executive director of the Secretariat of Catholic Education at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, noted. “Enrollment of students who are not Catholic has increased to 14.5 percent, an indication that many diverse families seek the benefits of a quality education with moral underpinnings.”

The 7,094 Catholic elementary and secondary schools make up 44.4 percent of all private schools in the United States, according to figures provided by the NCEA. A Catholic school education is available in all regions of the nation. Urban schools represent 30.7 percent of the total, suburban 36.5 percent, rural 20.5 percent and inner-city schools 12.3 percent. The five states with the highest student enrolment are California,

New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Ohio.

In the Archdiocese of Newark, there are 32 high schools and 84 elementary schools. Rev. Msgr. Kevin M. Hanbury is the archdiocesan vicar for education and superintendent of schools. Brother Ralph Darmento, F.S.C., is the deputy superintendent of schools, while Laura Cristiano serves as the director of marketing and public relations.

Catholic Schools Week is a

joint project of NCEA and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The logo designed for the week displays the words “A+ For America, Catholic Schools” beneath a stylized banner of stars and stripes in red and light blue. The Catholic Schools Week celebration became an annual event in 1974. The purpose of Catholic Schools Week is to build community awareness of, and involvement in, Catholic schools

throughout the country, the NCEA explained. During the week, many dioceses and schools encourage parents to take full advantage of the benefits of local Catholic schools by enrolling their children in those schools. Catholic Schools Week also serves as an occasion for schools to interest citizens in volunteering their time and talents to the local Catholic schools.

Founded in 1904, the NCEA is a professional membership organization that provides leadership, direction and service to fulfill the evangelizing, catechizing and teaching mission of the Church. NCEA members include elementary schools, high schools, parish religious education programs and seminaries.

Georgian Court accord looks to expand healthcare studies

LAKEWOOD—Georgian Court University (GCU) and University of the Sciences in Philadelphia have signed formal agreements that will enable qualified GCU students to pursue their educational goals with a smooth transition to University of the Sciences’ doctor of pharmacy and doctor of physical therapy programs. The agreements will be in effect for GCU students starting with the 2011–2012 academic year.

Under the terms of the cooperative degree agreement, qualified GCU students can matriculate into University of Sciences’ doctor of pharmacy or doctor of physical therapy degree programs for their professional education and training. In order to utilize the cooperative agreements, GCU students must meet minimum grade point average and other specific criteria.

“Increasingly, students are searching for creative ways to realize their goals—in the classroom and in their future careers,” said Dr. Rosemary E. Jeffries, R.S.M., president of Georgian Court University.

For more information about

the new program, contact Michael Gross, Ph.D., GCU associate provost for academic affairs, at mgross@georgian.edu or John Connors, PharmD, USciences assistant provost, at j.connor@usp.edu.

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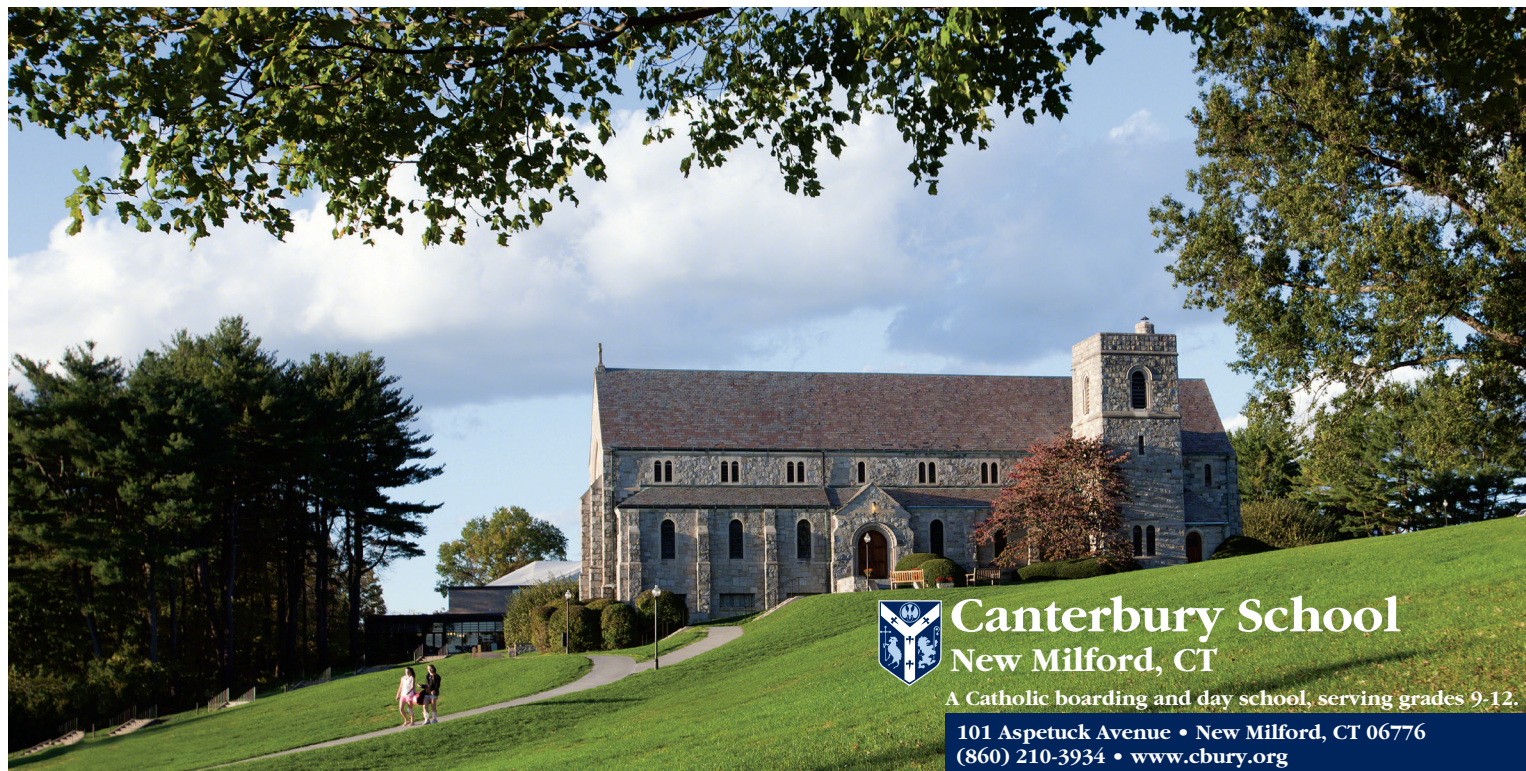
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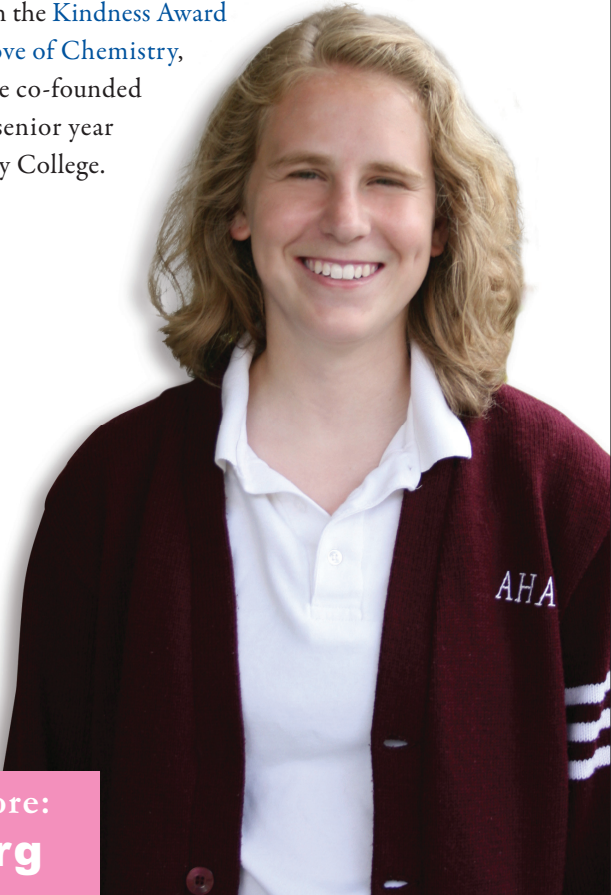
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If you had met Lauren as a 9th grader and then again at graduation you may have said, "That's not the same girl." Once described as "shockingly shy," Lauren grew in her talents and confidence at the Academy of the Holy Angels and became the type of student who was always a powerful presence. From being honored with the Kindness Award to expanding her previously undiscovered love of Chemistry, Lauren is as well-rounded as they come. She co-founded the Science National Honor Society in her senior year and now continues her studies at Middlebury College.

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NJCIM lauds 'inclusive' work of Caldwell's Reeve, Healey

CALDWELL—The New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Ministries (NJCIM) recently honored Professor Dr. Sharon Reeve from the Caldwell College Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Department and Casi Healey, an ABA graduate student, with its "Religious Lay Leader" award, citing their work on inclusion of people with developmental disabilities into faith communities.

The NJCIM is an interfaith organization committed to supporting faith communities and people with disabilities or special needs.

ABA is a science-based approach best known for its ability to help children with autism. Caldwell College has the only ABA Ph.D. program in New Jersey and soon will open a state-of-the-art research center for autism.



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Dr. Sharon Reeve (right) said she feels privileged to help children with autism share in faith-based activities with their families. She also applauded the efforts of Caldwell College ABA graduate students, like Casi Healey (left). The two women recently received the NJCIM's "Religious Lay Leader" award.



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STELLAR STUDENTS—Benedictine Academy, Elizabeth, tapped freshman Eunie Waktlati and sophomore Jessica Salerno (both of Elizabeth), junior Shahnushka Luxeus of Irvington, and senior Alyssa Collins of Newark as "students of the month" for November. The young women were honored at a breakfast held at the academy in December. Pictured are (left to right) Waktlati, Salerno and Luxeus; missing is Collins. Nominated by the Benedictine Academy faculty, the young women were selected for being positive role models, working to their fullest potential in academics and maintaining at least a B grade average. They were also cited for their involvement in service activities and their leadership in school, church and civic organizations.

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Sr. Peggy: in right place at the right time

BY SISTER PEGGY ANN CLINTON, O.P.

Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

Sept. 8, 1981...Sept. 8, 2010. Twenty-nine years have gone by. I came to see. I stayed. My first grade teacher at Saint John's told us fabulous stories of Dominic. I loved the one about Dominic and Francis switching their belts as a sign of friendship. Was it a legend? Who cares? It was a fabulous story of collaboration.

Farther down Kennedy Boulevard I went to Saint Dominic Academy in Jersey City. It was a place I did not want to go. I was going under protest. My horoscope on the day I listed my high school choices said: "You will make a decision today that will change your life and set the stage for your career." I cut that out and saved it. What did it mean?

At age 24 I decided I needed to get this question over with; to the Caldwell Dominicans I went. Where would the journey lead me? I spent eight years teaching elementary school. I thought I might do something in theology. Six summers at Providence College and a master's degree were preparing me for something. A phone call came one day. Could I come to Mount Saint

Dominic Academy to teach high school? Was the time right? Who knows? I went to do theology in the adolescent world. I thought I would try it for a year to see if I liked it.

That was in 1990. I stayed for 20 years. It was a ministry that challenged me and gave me great energy. I like to think I made a difference in the lives of the young women I journeyed with.

And another call came. My Dominican community asked me to assume responsibility for vocation ministry. My "yes" called me from a ministry I loved dearly into the unknown. As I was preparing to transition into this ministry, I had the opportunity to go to

Fanjeaux, France, the place where Dominic founded the order. I waited 29 years to stand on the Seignadou hilltop. Seignadou not only translates as the "Sign of God" but also the "Place of the Sign."

I believe that we are in the places we are supposed to be in at the times we need to be there. Don't we all sometimes ponder the "coincidences" that put us in certain locations at particular times with specific people? I like to believe that signs of God also present themselves in the people who come into our lives.

I have often heard Dominicans talk about how they came to be Dominican. More often than not,

"I believe that we are in the places we are supposed to be in at the times we need to be there."



Sr. Peggy Ann Clinton

might have made a pretty good soccer mom.

Is my life always perfect? Of course not. Do people ever tap dance on my nerves? Naturally. Does this life still continue to draw me after 29 years? Absolutely!

(Sister Peggy Ann is the vocation director for the Dominican Sisters of Caldwell.)

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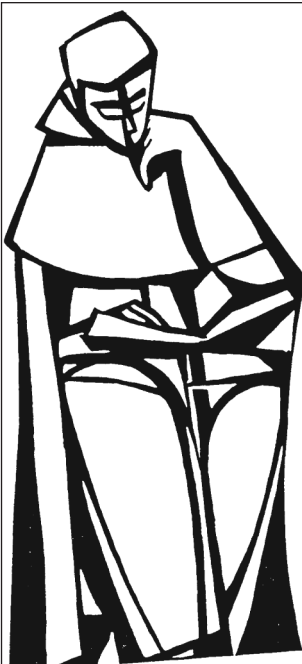


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Msgr. Naedele recalls ministry of comforting those who grieve

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

Rev. Msgr. William B. Naedele, who retired Nov. 1 as director of Catholic Cemeteries for the Archdiocese of Newark after 35 years, leaves behind a legacy of spiritual solace and compassion for families suffering the loss of a loved one. "His guidance and spiritual direction have been a blessing for me and Catholic Cemeteries," Andrew P. Schafer, executive director of Catholic Cemeteries, said, reflecting on the many years he has worked with Msgr. Naedele. Schafer said Msgr. Naedele was the moving force behind establishing monthly masses at the chapel mausoleums located at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover, Holy Cross Cemetery in North Arlington and Colonia's Saint Gertrude Cemetery. Then-Archbishop Peter L. Gerety and Msgr. Naedele worked together to establish the archdiocese's first mausoleum at Holy Cross Ceme-

tery. Schafer said he always was moved by Msgr. Naedele's homilies at the monthly mausoleum masses that comforted families who had experienced a loss.

A Newark native, Msgr. Naedele attended Immaculate Conception Seminary when it was in Darlington. He was ordained June 11, 1949 by the first Archbishop of Newark, Most Rev. Thomas J. Walsh.

His first assignment was as parochial vicar at Saint Henry Parish in Bayonne where he stayed six years. From 1954-65 then-Father Naedele served as parochial vicar at Saint Philomena Parish in Livingston. He was parochial vicar at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in North Bergen for a year. He served as parochial vicar at Saint Catharine Parish in Glen Rock from 1965-75.

His final assignment before becoming director of Catholic Cemeteries was pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Maplewood from 1975 to 1996. It was during that time that he was

named a Prelate of Honor and became a monsignor in 1979.

Msgr. Naedele was also assistant port chaplain at the Bayonne-based Apostolate of the Sea. His lengthy ministry has also included service on the archdiocesan Senate for Priests and, as director of Catholic Cemeteries, national delegate to the Catholic Cemeteries Conference.

Msgr. Naedele remembers vividly being asked by Archbishop Gerety in 1976 to become director of Catholic Cemeteries. He told the archbishop he "knew nothing" about cemeteries, but was assured by Archbishop Gerety that "you are the type who will learn." His first and most obvious challenge as the new director, Msgr. Naedele recalled, was to address the tattered physical condition of the cemeteries. As director, the monsignor noted, his primary responsibility was to follow archdiocesan policy and adhere to Canon Law and the Order of Christian Funerals.

His six decades of priestly min-



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On display at the main office of Catholic Cemeteries at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark are two special chairs Rev. Msgr. William B. Naedele was instrumental in getting for the 1995 visit to the Church of Newark by Pope John Paul II. The chairs were used by the pope and President Bill Clinton.

istry, years ago saw Msgr. Naedele travel to Washington, D.C. to champion legislation allowing priests who had opted out of Social Security to return to the program. The legislation that ultimately became law affected not only priests but ministers and rabbis.

"I thought I would die with my boots on," Msgr. Naedele declared

with a smile, explaining he never contemplated retirement as long as he maintained his health.

Asked what he saw as his accomplishments as director of Catholic Cemeteries, Msgr. Naedele modestly said "getting our house in order." He also cited the "choice" of interment in a mausoleum available to the faithful.

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A teachable moment on the sanctity of life

With the New Year comes the sense of fresh beginnings. It most surely is so for a group of post-abortive men and women who participated with me on a Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend in November. Just as Rachel mourned for her lost children as matriarch of the Jewish people (Jeremiah 31:15), so these remorseful parents mourned the death they inflicted on their children whom they aborted.

Through a combination of prayer, living Scripture readings and personal sharing, these women and men were led to a new appreciation—not only of the terrible thing they did, but also of the ever-abounding mercy of God. Even though no one can leave behind the memory of the decision and all the circumstances that surrounded it, they can leave behind the weight of their sin through the sacramental reconciliation which they celebrate. As their child becomes more real to them, they can also see that the Father loves them as His very own. He never abandons them or any of us.

Of course in our country, every January is weighed down by the anniversary of Roe v Wade, the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. Since 1973, more than 60 million babies have been killed in our country, virtually 20 percent of our total population (1.5 million annually in the United States; over 46 million worldwide each year).

The 38th annual "March for Life" rally will be held Monday, Jan. 24 in Washington, DC (Web site: www.marchforlife.org). (See related story on page 4.) Each year the march is a meaningful expression of concern for human life and for everyone who chooses to make such a life-or-death decision for their child.

Post-abortive parents often carry with them a tremendous sense of guilt, loneliness, worthlessness and pain. Rachel's Vineyard helps them begin to find their true selves as they also find their way again to God. How blessed our archdiocese is to have such a retreat five times a year, now counting 53 weekends' worth of restoration and healing, with the first one in Spanish this spring.

Contact Michele Kristofik at the archdiocesan Respect Life office, located in Linden, by phone at (732) 388-8211 or by e-mail (arnewrespect@sanj.net) for more information on Rachel's Vineyard.

Man's inhumanity to man and the sacrifices needed to highlight and begin to change it are also commemorated this month with the observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Watching the newsreels of the March on Selma and the altercations between black and white police and citizens throughout the South seems horrific, although previously accepted as the status quo in the minds of so many. One wonders had we had television a hundred years earlier if slavery might not have been abolished sooner and without a

civil war. Old habits die hard, especially where someone's financial gain is involved.

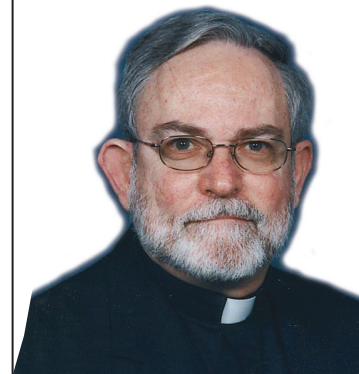
Human cost is readily overlooked, such as has the genocide in the Sudan. Most are aware of the devastation in Darfur, but central and southern Sudan were subject to even more widespread violence and man-made disaster, resulting in more than 2 million people dying and another 4 million driven from their homes.

The southern Sudanese look for new hope this month as they vote on whether to remain part of Sudan or to become an independ-

ent nation. If the south can get through the next year peacefully—whatever the outcome of the Jan. 9 referendum—it will help all of Sudan. If Sudan once again returns to violence, all Sudanese, including those in Darfur, will suffer. You can track the latest information about Sudan online (www.peaceinsudan.org). May their desire for a more humane way of living be realized.

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By Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnholz

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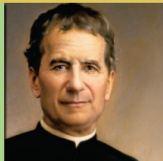
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Readings: Is 49:3-6; Ps 40; I Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

Aspects of the Gospel message have penetrated into the fabric of modern culture and exert an influence even on those who do not know their source. One of these contributions of the Bible to the social and political orders is the ideal of service. The leader of many nations is called the "prime minister" or first servant; this person should exemplify the principle "whoever would be great among you must be your servant" (Mt 20:26). Only in this way can authority be exercised without the position becoming, at least sometimes, the vehicle for foisting naked power or brute force upon others as a means of achieving goals.

The biblical heritage not only envisions leadership as service of the community, but above all teaches that all authentic use of authority must be related to service of God. This is the meaning of the Hebrew term behind the word "liturgy" (the Greek term means "work of the people"). Understanding and living this should eliminate the self-aggrandizement that leads to the worst form of idolatry.

When the chosen people were in Exile (586-538 BC) they again experienced the horrors of servitude. A prophet-disciple of Isaiah reminded them that they are servants only of God. He promised that a servant would be raised up to restore the tribes of Jacob. This person would also be a light to the nations so that God's salvation

would permeate all the earth (Is 49:1-6).

The teachers in the early Church recognized that Jesus of Nazareth was God's chosen instrument, the Servant who was also shepherd of Israel as Moses and David had been. His ministry was not only self-effacing but also sacrificial. "The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep" (Jn 10:11). Jesus was a king, giving a new definition to government; following the Jewish tradition, He stressed that authority in any society derives from God and places the leader under divine judgment (Jn 19:11).

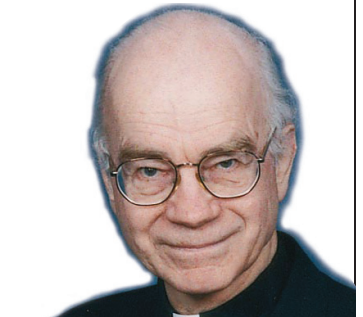
Can such principles flourish in a world where pride and greed often propel people to seek high offices? True service is incompatible with sin. So the Fourth Gospel presents Jesus first as victim and then as priest and king. "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29). God can deal with sin in judgment, but then the finality of the divine act might preclude

another chance for the sinner. So Jesus first came "not to judge the world but to save the world" (Jn 12:47). From ancient times two lambs were offered daily in the afternoon sacrifice of the Jerusalem Temple. This offering was expressly for the forgiveness of sin. At the beginning of Passover the numerous lambs needed for the feast were offered at this time. Thus does the Fourth Gospel portray the death of Jesus as a sacrifice for the world's deliverance from sin (Jn 19:28-37).

Today's Gospel does not focus on the very act of Jesus' baptism by John, but in Matthew (3:13-17) Jesus thus unites himself with the sinful human community as its servant (Mt 8:17). John points rather to the presence of the Spirit abiding with Jesus. Purification from sin is the first step of the process whereby individual people and eventually all society receive new life. The purpose of Jesus' work, consummated in His death and resurrection, is that people may believe that He is

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(Jan. 16, 2011)



By Rev. Lawrence Frizzell

God's Son and thus have life in His name (Jn 20:31). The risen Lord bestowed this Spirit upon the Church so that, after sins are forgiven, new life can be experienced as a service of God (Jn 20:22-23). Thus in worship we unite ourselves with Christ the high priest and receive Him as the Lamb who restores our innocence. This will enable us to do our part in guiding our society and world into a right relationship with God and all His creation.

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Seton Hall taps Esteban as president

SOUTH ORANGE—The board of regents has appointed Dr. A. Gabriel Esteban Seton Hall University's (SHU) next president, effective immediately. Dr. Esteban has served as interim president since Rev. Msgr. Robert Sheeran stepped down from the presidency on July 1, 2010.

"Dr. Esteban has distinguished himself as an academic leader and fiscal manager since joining Seton Hall in 2007 as its provost and then interim president," said Patrick Murray, chairman of the SHU board of regents. "For this past six months he has begun to implement his strategic vision for the university. His commitment to academic excellence and the university's Catholic mission along with his

strong Catholic faith make him the ideal choice to lead our great institution into the future."

"I welcome heartily the board of regents' selection of Dr. Esteban as the new President of Seton Hall University," Archbishop John J. Myers said. "At this time in her history, Seton Hall University deserves both a consistency in her leadership, and a consistent and dedicated leader who will serve Seton Hall with distinction. I also wish to congratulate and acknowledge the work of the board of regents during the selection process, especially noting their foresight in temporarily setting aside for Dr. Esteban's term of office the university's by-laws requiring that a priest

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Vailsburg

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our deceased await the moment of the return of Our Savior,” Andrew P. Schafer, executive director of Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark, explained. “It certainly is fitting that these items should grace the resting places of Catholics, and again serve to reemphasize the Church’s teaching on the Resurrection and the Communion of Saints.”

Initially, all of the windows will be removed from Sacred Heart-Vailsburg and placed in the care of Clagnan Stained Glass Studios Inc., Toms River, a nationally known glazier that works on intricate stained-glass designs. In the coming months, restoration experts will carefully clean, recolor and then resolder all of the windows and ready them for installation in their new locations. The actual installation of the glass is expected to take place sometime in the later half of 2011 at each of the locations. Meanwhile, the statues, altars and liturgical vessels, kneelers and other items to be incorpo-

rated into the mausoleum chapels will be cleaned and refurbished by several restoration specialists.

“We’re particularly happy that many of the items, including the major rose windows of Sacred Heart-Vailsburg, will find new life at Gate of Heaven and Holy Cross mausoleums,” Schafer said regarding the project. “For generations, these two cemeteries have been the preferred resting places for many Sacred Heart-Vailsburg family members. In addition, a significant number of former parishioners of Sacred Heart-Vailsburg are now residents of Morris County, where the Gate of Heaven mausoleum is located.”

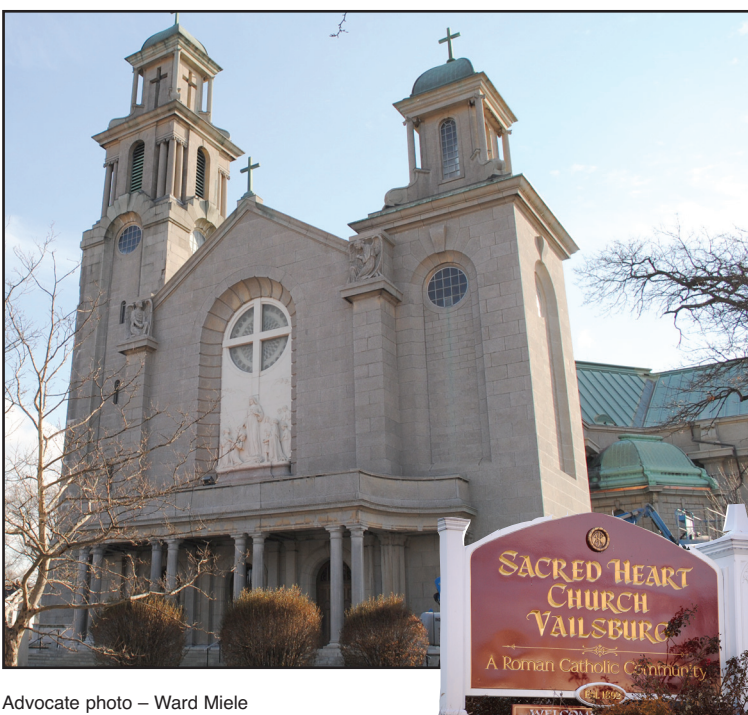
In recent years the Office of Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese has made extensive use of the patrimony of former churches of the Archdiocese in other mausoleum locations, including Saint Gertrude’s Cemetery in Colonia, Holy Name Cemetery in Jersey City, and Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover.

Joseph Verzi, assistant executive director of Catholic Cemeteries, is in charge of all facets of this project. “Whether it’s a regular

visit, a holiday, visit, or a special event such as the annual Memorial Day, All Souls’ Day or Veterans Day observations at our cemeteries,” Verzi said. “The Church tries to remind family and friends, through the use of liturgical and spiritual symbols, of the sure and certain hope that for Catholics, life has not ended, but merely changed. Through our regular program of reintroducing the wonderful treasures in new structures, we again teach this basic truth of our faith: that even for our former churches, life has not ended, but changed.”

“The Archdiocese of Newark has become the national leader in the sensitive and appropriate transitioning of ecclesiastical treasures,” said Msgr. Robert J. Wister, chairman of the Archdiocesan Commission for the Ecclesiastical Patrimony.

“The museum-quality installation of stained glass from Saint Boniface Church in the new mausoleum in Jersey City’s Holy Name Cemetery is an example of this thoughtful care. The windows and shrines from Sacred Heart-Vailsburg will be preserved in a similar professional manner,” he said.



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The Italian Renaissance church was dedicated on June 9, 1929. Sacred Heart Parish was the site of the Jan. 14, 1953 installation of Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland, the second Archbishop of Newark.

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Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY/MINISTRY

Reverend William J. Halbing, Pastor of Saint Antoninus Parish, Newark, has also been appointed Coordinator of the Charismatic Renewal Movement in the Archdiocese of Newark effective Feb. 1.

PASTOR

Reverend Monsignor Lawrence J. Miller, Pastor of Saint Mary, Star of the Sea Parish, Bayonne, has had his pastorate extended for one more final year ending June 30, 2012.

Reverend Richard E. Cabezas, Pastor of Saint Stephen Parish, Kearny, has been appointed Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Fort Lee, effective Feb. 1.

Very Reverend Steven Conner, V.F., Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Fort Lee, has been appointed Pastor of Saint Matthew Parish, Ridgefield, effective Feb. 1.

Reverend Eustace Edomobi, Parochial Vicar of Saint Theresa Parish, Kenilworth, has been appointed Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, Maplewood, effective Feb. 1.

Reverend Monsignor Donald E. Guenther has been appointed Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, West Orange, effective Feb. 1.

Reverend Joseph A. Mancini, Parochial Vicar of Saint Stephen Parish, Kearny, has been appointed Pastor effective Feb. 1.

Reverend Monsignor Timothy J. Shugrue, Parochial Vicar of Saint Michael Parish, Cranford, has been appointed Pastor effective Feb. 1.

Reverend Thomas Thottungal, Parochial Vicar of Saint Aloysius Parish, Jersey City, has been appointed Pastor of the Saint Paul the Apostle Parish (Greenville), Jersey City, effective Feb. 1.

ADMINISTRATOR

Reverend Monsignor Joseph F. Ambrosio, Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Newark, has also been appointed Administrator of Holy Trinity/Epiphany Parish, Newark, effective Jan. 25.

Very Reverend Carlo Fortunio, V.F., Pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish, West New York, has also been appointed Administrator of Our Lady of Libera Parish, West New York, effective Feb. 1.

Reverend Gerardo D. Gallo, Parochial Vicar of Saint John the Baptist Parish, Fairview, has been appointed Administrator of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Elizabeth, effective Feb. 1.

Reverend Michael A. Saporito, Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, Maplewood, has been appointed Administrator of Saint Helen Parish, Westfield, effective Feb. 1.

IN RESIDENCE

Reverend Robert J. Cio was appointed to residence at Holy Trinity Rectory, Hackensack, effective Jan. 2.

PASTOR EMERITUS

Reverend Philip J. Rotunno has been named Pastor Emeritus of Our Lady of Libera Parish, West New York.

RETIREMENT

Reverend Robert A. Antczak, Pastor of Saint Paul the Apostle Parish, Jersey City, has been granted retirement effective Feb. 1.

Reverend Monsignor John G. Judge, Pastor of Saint Cassian Parish, Upper Montclair, has been granted retirement effective Feb. 1.

Reverend Matthew Kunnath, Parochial Vicar of Saint Mary Parish, Nutley, has been granted retirement effective July 1.

Reverend John P. McGovern, Pastor of Saint Michael Parish, Cranford, has been granted retirement effective Feb. 1.

Reverend Monsignor William B. Naedele, Director of the Office of Catholic Cemeteries, was granted retirement effective Nov. 1, 2010.

Reverend Philip J. Rotunno, Pastor of Our Lady of Libera Parish, West New York, has been granted retirement effective Feb. 1.

Reverend George F. Sharp, Parochial Vicar of Saint Mary Parish, Nutley, has been granted retirement effective July 1.

Reverend Donald P. Sheehan, Pastor of Saint Matthew Parish, Ridgefield, has been granted retirement effective Feb. 1.

SABBATICAL

Reverend Monsignor William C. Harms, Pastor of Saint Helen Parish, Westfield, has been granted a sabbatical, effective Feb. 1.



Obituaries

Maryknoll Sister succumbs Dec. 10

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 17 at Maryknoll Sisters Center, Ossining, NY, for Sister Virginia Ann Stivers, M.M., 76, who died Dec. 10.

A native of Orange, she was a Maryknoll Sister for almost 51 years. Sr. Virginia attended Saint Michael's High School in Newark, graduating in 1951. She studied nursing at Saint Michael's Hospital in Newark receiving an R.N. in 1954. She continued working at the hospital as an operating room nurse for five years.

Sr. Virginia entered the Maryknoll Sisters in 1959 at the novitiate in Valley Park, Missouri from Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Newark. She made her final vows on June 5, 1970 in Riberalta, Bolivia.

She was assigned to Bolivia in 1966. Sr. Virginia worked at the government hospital in Riberalta until 1981. She returned to Maryknoll where she served in the development department for four years.

Upon her return to Bolivia in 1985, she became a member of the pastoral team involved in community-based healthcare in a small outlying town of Capinota in the Andes Mountains until 1999. Sister Virginia returned to the Maryknoll Center in 2009.



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G.K.

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

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

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Juggling

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Archdiocese of Newark following graduation and entered the novitiate in August 2001. He made his first profession of religious vows on Aug. 16, 2002. While studying with the Salesians, Brother Leschinsky decided he wanted to join the priesthood.

"I wasn't sure I wanted to become a priest and I just wanted to

live in a religious community. I had a desire for growth in closeness with God. The Salesian charism is about the call to be saints and achieving a high standard of Christian perfection and life."

Deacon Leschinsky began his theological studies for the priesthood in a Salesian seminary outside Guadalajara, Mexico. He made connections with Salesians outside the province and learned Spanish while studying in the language. "I learned that wherever

you go, the Salesian spirit is the same. Visiting Mexico gave me a broader view of what Salesians do and what they are capable of doing. It was eye-opening for me," Deacon Leschinsky explained.

When ordained later this year, the seminarian hopes to bring people closer to God through his words and actions. "By what I say and who I am, I can help people experience Jesus. My goal is to be a witness that helps open a door or draw people closer to God. I hope to have people see the message of Christ in a different way that will resonate with them."

Deacon Leschinsky relies on prayer and the support of his community to keep him level-headed. "I have found ways to balance my time. Any priest's life is a busy life; everyone is busy. You have to learn to take time and rest in prayer. You have to focus on the most important things or you can just fry out. I don't feel overwhelmed because I have people around that I can be honest and open with. It's good to have that decompression valve and just sit and talk with someone," Deacon Leschinsky explained.

One thing that can also combat stress is the seminarian's festive hobby: juggling. His love of the trick started in high school where he learned from the book "Juggling for the Complete Klutz." In college, he was a member of a summer stock theater company and he learned another dangerous trick. "During our production of 'Carousel,' there was

someone who volunteered to teach some of the members how to eat fire. I still juggle, but I haven't eaten fire in a while."

He uses his juggling skills while ministering at youth centers as a means to educate and entertain. Along with his varied talents, Deacon Leschinsky majored in journalism, English and philosophy before finally setting on secondary education. His experience in theater provided skills that are valuable in his current life and future ministry.

"My theater experience left a lasting impression on me. It taught me how to be comfortable in a group of people. I appreciated the sense of community in a group when working toward a common goal. I had the desire for a similar group and thought it would be even better if the goal was much more valuable. I found that sense of purpose and passion in religious life."

Following ordination, most new Salesian priests are assigned to teach at a school in the eastern United States. Before his four years of theology, Deacon Leschinsky had two years of practical training teaching at a high school. Having no experience, he leaned how to lead a classroom.

"During those two years I learned how to be an adult and to be more of a leader. I was always a good student, but I struggled to be in a classroom teaching and being a responsible leader. I had a tough first year, but the second year was much better and I grew in confidence."



Deacon Michael Leschinsky

Those vital years spent teaching showed him the importance of knowing students outside of school, an important aspect of his religious order. "The Salesians have the phrase 'presence among the young.' Our method involves being with them and showing that we have a general interest in their lives. We are not supervisors and we do not stand apart."

Deacon Leschinsky's advice to anyone hearing the call to religious life is to talk with a priest or spiritual director to discuss ideas. Spending time with various orders and using prayer and confession to weed out intentions is also a key. "I had real passion when I made the decision (to join a religious order) and I was sort of impatient. It takes time to know a group and taking time is important. God knew who I was and it just worked out that way."

Esteban

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serve as university president," he said.

"Dr. Esteban's strong familiarity with Seton Hall, her faculty and students are well-known and need no clarification. His successful track record as both provost and interim president, and his dedication and commitment to Seton Hall's Catholic identity, are important qualities that will surely benefit this great archdiocesan institution as she undertakes a range of new challenges and initiatives in the coming years.

"I am especially thankful for the zeal with which Dr. Esteban has already worked with the boards of regents and trustees, and with me personally, over the past six months to ensure that Seton Hall University, the oldest diocesan university in the nation, maintain and strengthen the university's ties to both the archdiocese and the magisterium of the Church. I know that his enthusiasm for this natural and essential connection—



Dr. A. Gabriel Esteban

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Throughout Dr. Esteban's career he has been involved in leading institutional change and transformation. He has extensive senior level experience having served at a number of institutions with distinction. During his years at SHU he has provided essential leadership and has been instrumental in the formulation and development of a strategic plan for implementation.

Dr. Esteban attended Harvard University's Graduate School of Education and completed the Japan Management Program at the Japan-America Institute for Management Science. Dr. Esteban holds a Ph.D. from the Graduate School of Management at the University of California at Irvine, an M.S. in Japanese Business Studies from Chaminade University in Honolulu, and an M.B.A. and B.S. in mathematics from the University of the Philippines.

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