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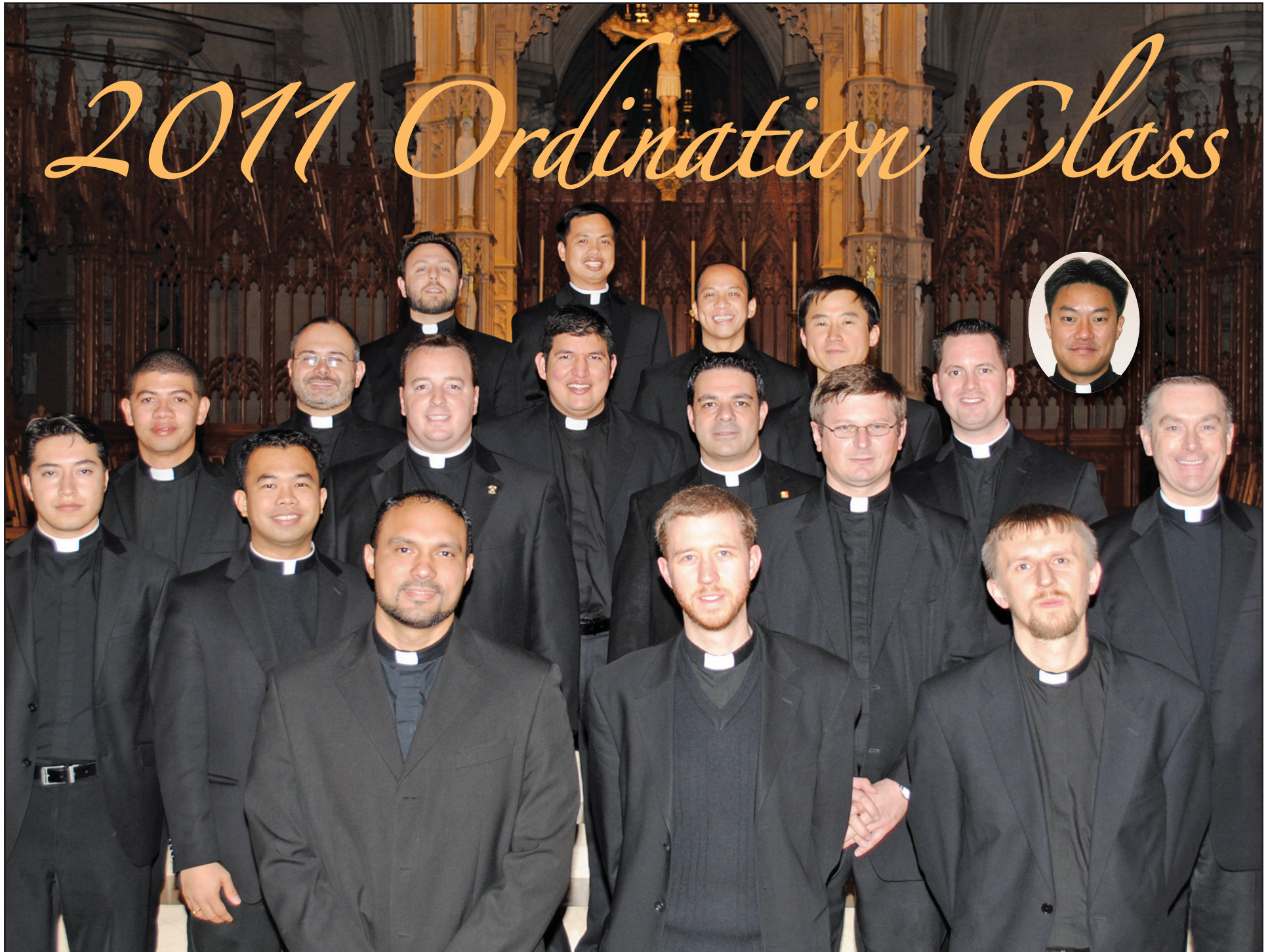
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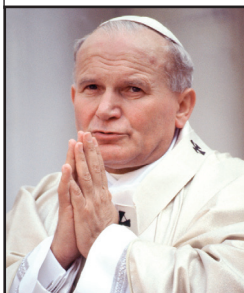
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Advocate photo-Ward Miele

THE CLASS OF 2011—With 18 new priests being ordained on Saturday, May 28, 10 a.m., at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, the Archdiocese of Newark is once again among the national leaders. The ordinandi include (front row, left to right) Father Eduardo Antonio Bustamante Bossio, Father Kevin Garvey Waymel and Father Zbigniew Kukielka; (second row) Father Juan Pablo Morales Jimenez, Father Alfie Alaguena Pangilinan, Father Janusz Pignan and Father John Robert Job; (third row) Father Mayhel A. Velasquez Bolano, Father Robert Patrick McLaughlin, Father John Carlos DeSousa and Father Paul Christopher Houlis; (fourth row) Father Marco Pacciana, Father Pedro E. Vilchez and Father Yeongmin Kim; (fifth row) Father Frank J. Fano and Father Rolando Rosendo DeGracia Yadao and (top row) Father Roy Buena Regaspi. Missing from the photo and in the inset is Father Hong-Ray Peter Cho. Biographies of those about to be ordained appear on pages 11 through 15.

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Chapel service honors Pope John Paul II

“John Paul II is blessed because of his faith—a strong, generous and apostolic faith,” Pope Benedict XVI said May 1, just minutes after formally beatifying his predecessor, during a celebration at the Vatican. “His profound humility, grounded in close union with Christ, enabled him to lead the Church and to give the world a message, which became all the more eloquent as his physical strength declined.” Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel at Gate of Heaven Cemetery and Mausoleum, East Hanover, held an evening prayer service on May 1 to mark the beatification of Blessed Pope John Paul II.

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MILESTONE MARKED—Faithful from throughout the Archdiocese of Newark and beyond filled the new Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel at Gate of Heaven Cemetery and Mausoleum in East Hanover for an evening prayer service on May 1 to mark the beatification of Blessed Pope John Paul II (bottom right photo), which occurred earlier that day in Rome (see *The Catholic Advocate*, May 4). Most Rev. Edgar da Cunha, S.D.V., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark (top right photo), presided at the chapel service. Noting the proximity of Easter and the late pope’s beatification, Bishop da Cunha said he saw it as a sign of hope, citing all that Pope John Paul II did “for the Church and the world.” Noting Jesus’ call in the Gospels of “Peace be with you,” Bishop da Cunha told those at the service “we all need to hear and experience that (message).” Stressing the late pontiff’s oft-repeated call “do not be afraid,” Bishop da Cunha said Blessed John Paul II taught that his whole life, calling it the “trademark of his papacy.” Noting what a special day it was, Bishop da Cunha petitioned those in attendance to “thank God for the gift of Pope John Paul II.” The chapel displays a dazzling mosaic image honoring Pope John Paul II. Andrew P. Schafer is the executive director of Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark.



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Student historians gather for forum on immigration

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

NEWARK—The nation's immigration experience, past and present, was featured at a special "Junior Historian Forum" for 240 students and their history teachers from 15 Catholic junior high and high schools who filled the Archdiocesan Center auditorium on April 15.

Addressing the young scholars was Dr. Clifton Hood, professor of history at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY. The forum was one of several programs funded by a donation from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History in New York City. The donor, according to Barbara Dolan, archdiocesan assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction and assessment, requested that the funds be used "to provide programs that would support and enhance the teaching of American history in the schools of the Archdiocese of Newark."

Two weeks prior to the forum each school was provided with copies of a booklet of primary source documents. Teachers reviewed the information with their students to prepare them to ask questions during the forum.

Discussing the plight of immigrants who came to the United States at the turn of the 20th century, Hood told the prolific note-taking students that most immigrants came from Europe, the Americas and Asia, terming it "a veritable United Nations." During that time men usually outnumbered women a situation that has now changed, he stressed.

Immigrants of today, Hood explained, are "far stronger educationally" than a century ago. Most are college graduates "because the economy demands it," he stressed. Another major difference is that immigrants now are "so much more diverse" a situation he said is known as "trans-nationalism."

Hood said technology has played a role in current immigration trend, pointing out that "the Internet has changed people's identity." Unlike in the past, he noted, many immigrants make return visits to their native countries.

After the terrorist attacks of 9/11, Hood said fear of immigrants, particularly from the Middle East, escalated in the United States. The battered American economy is another factor affecting current immigration trends. It was Hood's position that the history of immigration is "more complicated" than a lot of people believe. He emphasized to

the students that where they fit into American history is vital.

Hood and Anthony Napoli, director of education for the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, were impressed with questions asked by the archdiocesan students. Citing the range of the queries, Hood said the questions were "thoughtful and wide-ranging. It's great to see such curiosity." Napoli said he was impressed with the attentiveness of the students, adding that they were obviously well prepared by their teachers. The Gilder Lehrman Institute, Napoli added, holds similar forums for students on civil rights, Vietnam and Jewish heritage.

"We are grateful to the donor who made this program possible and to the Gilder Lehrman Institute for the programs and resources it offers to teachers of American History," Dolan said, reflecting on the success of the forum. "The opportunity to hear a recognized historian speak about a topic they study in their history classes provides students and teachers with another perspective and, in this case, a better sense of the complexity of immigration."

Participating schools in the forum included Our Lady of Mercy Academy, Sacred Heart School, Saint Nicholas School, Saint Aloysius Elementary Academy, Saint Joseph School and Saint Patrick and Assumption/All Saints School all in Jersey City; Saint Joseph School, Bogota; Academy



Advocate photo — Ward Miele

College history professor Clifton Hood explains the many aspects of immigration dynamics in the United States to some 250 archdiocesan junior high and high schools students at a special forum held recently at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark. Immigration, he told the students, is "central" to the history of this country.

of Our Lady, Glen Rock; Aquinas Academy, Livingston; Saint Michael School, Union; Marylawn of the Oranges Academy, South Orange; Saint Michael School, Cranford; Hillside Catholic Academy; Saint Joseph School, Oradell and Don Bosco Prep, Ramsey.

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Pro-life bill by Rep. Smith wins plaudits

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Co-sponsored by Reps. Chris

Smith (R-NJ) and Dan Lipinski (D-IL), the pro-life bill passed with bipartisan support by a vote of 251-175 on May 4. The bill codifies a permanent, government-wide policy against taxpayer subsidies for abortion and abortion coverage, improves federal conscience protection for healthcare

providers and entities, and closes various loopholes that give taxpayer-preferred status to abortion.

“By passing the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, the House has taken a decisive step toward protecting human life, reflecting the will of the American people,” Deirdre McQuade, assis-

tant director for policy and communications of the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, said.

Patrick Brannigan, executive director of the Trenton-based New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC), called the legislation “a human rights bill that has the potential to save the lives of thousands of unborn babies.”

Brannigan praised NJ Congressman Smith for being a long-time champion for human rights and for his leadership as one of the prime co-sponsors.

“Today we seek to end taxpayer complicity in abortion violence. America has changed and today is more pro-life than ever,” Smith said, in a statement released by his office. “By ever-increasing majorities, especially among our young people, the megatrend is to protect the child in the womb from the insidious violence of abortion and to protect women from the trauma, often lifelong emotional harm, of procuring an abortion.”

According to Smith, the “paradigm shift” towards pro-life val-



Rep. Chris Smith

ues, reflected in major public opinion polls, is the direct result of pro-life education, pregnancy care centers, pro-life laws, including funding bans, informed consent and parental involvement statutes, the molding of consciences by the faith-based community. This sustained effort has “shattered the pernicious pro-abortion myth that the baby in the womb isn’t a human person or alive or of innate value.”

He said the bill ensures that all programs authorized and appropriated by the federal government do not subsidize abortion except in the rare cases of rape, incest and life of the mother.

CCC delivers Good News to faithful

WASHINGTON—The national date of the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) is Sunday, June 5. This year the campaign’s theme focuses on new ways to bring the Gospel to wherever people are.

Whether through Internet content to strengthen marriage, podcasts for daily readings, televising the Christmas Mass, or using Facebook for news, discussions and sharing the faith, the CCC collection helps the Good News reach the faithful.

“In today’s world, it is essential for the Catholic voice to be where the people are: whether that is sharing on social networking sites, listening to MP3 players, or reading a newspaper,” said Archbishop Dennis Schnurr of Cincinnati, chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Subcommittee on the Catholic Communications Campaign.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) established the Catholic Communication Campaign collection in 1979 to respond to the national and local communications needs of the Church. The collection’s proceeds are split equally between each participating diocese and the national office. Dioceses use their share of the CCC collection to support local communications efforts such as televised masses and diocesan newspapers.

On the national level, CCC funds support the development and production of a wide range of media initiatives carried out by USCCB staff and grantee organizations. A portion of the CCC’s national funds are also set aside for grants to aid Catholic communication efforts in developing nations.

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Priests, deacons celebrate our diversity

The period between the Monday of Holy Week and the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend is a time of special focus on the ministry of the ordained priesthood. It begins with the Chrism Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica. In addition to blessing the holy oils used in the celebration of baptism, confirmation, ordination, and anointing of the sick, the archbishop invites the significant number of priests present to renew their commitment to priestly service. The faithful who fill the Cathedral Basilica pledge their support in prayer for those who assume the role of "other Christ."

Most priests also gather on Holy Thursday for midday prayer and lunch with their regional bishops, at which the unity and

fraternity of the priesthood is celebrated. This is a perfect setting to begin the marvelous liturgical events of the Easter Triduum. Priests often wash the feet of parishioners on Holy Thursday evening, prostrate themselves for Good Friday's Veneration of the Cross, and baptize and confirm catechumens at the Easter Vigil, all reaffirming the love of Christ for His Church.

After the glory of Easter Sunday, the Easter season continues to rejoice in the Resurrection. The fourth Sunday of Easter celebrates World Day of Prayer for Vocations, using its Good Shepherd Gospel as the backdrop. Many Catholic Schools observe Pastor Appreciation Day during that week.

This year we are blessed in

our archdiocese to ordain 35 men to the permanent diaconate this Saturday (May 21) and 18 men to the priesthood the following Saturday (May 28). More than being outstandingly large numbers for any diocese in this country, they also reflect the diversity of age, nationality and talent with which this archdiocese is enriched.

These men, like all already in ministry, will go forth to bring the power of God's Word and the richness of Catholic sacramental tradition to our people. Deacons will preach, baptize, marry, conduct wake and cemetery services and get involved in works of charity and administration. Priests also will do these things, plus hear confessions, anoint the sick, celebrate the Eucharist and be in-

volved in the multiple ministries of parish groups, organizations and societies, religious education and school programs, individual spiritual direction and counseling, stewardship of material, spiritual and human resources. Some will also be engaged in seminary formation, chaplaincies in hospitals, prisons, high school and college campuses, archdiocesan agencies and apostolates of land, sea and air, as well as missions at home and abroad. Even many of our retired priests continue to assist in parishes and institutions throughout the Garden State.

Most priests observe their anniversaries of ordination in May. As I approach my 38th year, I look back at the thousands of people whose lives intersected with mine. Whether celebrating with them sacramentally or socially, on retreats or at meetings, in large groups or one-on-one, they were all privileged moments that had something to do with me but had much more to do with Christ, whom the people recognized in my priesthood. As all priests, I bring my talents and my faults, my hopes and my brokenness, my prayer and my struggles, always striving to see in them relation points with those I serve, and with the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Who binds us all together.

While we must acknowledge that some few priests have betrayed their vocations in matters of pedophilia and temporal misadministration, the vast majority faithfully and humbly serve with holiness, selflessness and integrity. Some people may identify an unfortunate encounter they once

SEEING & BELIEVING



By Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnolds

had with a priest who seemed angry, impatient, overzealous or close-minded, but much more frequently do Catholics, and others, recall treasured moments of the presence of a priest in their and their family's lives, celebrating their highs, lows and everyday moments with joy, reassurance and compassion.

I guess each priest has his own recollections of special moments amid the less noteworthy ebb and flow of daily life. For me, it includes the satisfaction of reconciling a sinner long away from the practice of the faith, enabling abortive women and couples to be restored through Project Rachel, helping teens and young adults celebrate their rightful place in the Church, and knowing that I had some small part to play, by what I've said or done, that brings people together in families and churches.

May God continue to help me, and all in ordained ministry, from the youngest to the oldest, to more lovingly fulfill our call to represent Jesus the Eternal Priest, Jesus the Good Shepherd, Jesus our Savior and Redeemer, to all!

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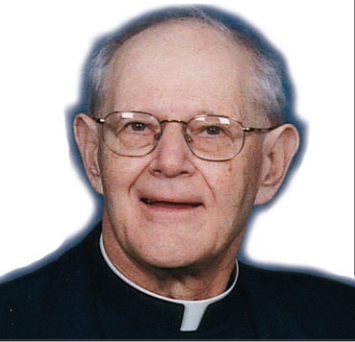


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VOICES



By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist

We have been asked to write about the priesthood. Where to begin? Thousands of books have been written by holy priests and great scholars. In recent times the priesthood has been the subject of criticism from writers both within and from without the Church. But let me begin with the most succinct picture of the priest's role. It is taken from Saint Paul. "A priest is a man taken from among men and appointed in the things that pertain to God, that he might offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with erring sinners for he himself is beset by weakness and so must

Totally and absolutely dedicated to God

make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. One does not take this honor to himself, but only when called by God as Aaron was." Heb. 5:1-4. You have before you in these few words the awesome position, the most vulnerable situation of every Catholic priest. He is called by God to the priesthood only through the voice of the bishop. He may offer himself, but God, through the Church, makes the choice. Having been called and incorporated into the ranks of the priesthood he finds himself somewhere, as Hebrews reminds us, between God and the world. He stands at the altar and in a mystical manner, never fully understood even by himself, the priest assumes the "persona Christi." In the person of Christ himself, he offers bread and wine, and it becomes the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. The words of Jesus at the Last Supper, "Do this in memory of me," could be understood as "make me present again." I knew two older priests who

were almost not ordained because they could not bring themselves to utter the words of consecration: "*Hoc est enim corpus meum*," "*Hic est enim calix sanguinis mei*" (For this is my body; For this is the chalice of my blood). For years they faltered at the Mass, they were so overcome by what was occurring invisibly by means of their words. What was so terrifying to them was their own frailty. We are truly men "beset by weakness" and needful to make offerings for our own sinfulness. And yet, at the liturgy we become part of an incomprehensible mystery, the representation of the event of Calvary. Lately, the weakness and sinfulness of some of the men who have stood at the altar has highlighted this painful position of being called to the sacred and yet bearing the burden of our own mortality. It is no wonder that the Church during our years of formation asked us again and again to "consider what you are doing." At ordination we were told to

"imitate that which you handle." In other words, "be holy." And that is also the reason why, I believe, the Western Church has asked for the priests of her rite to pursue a life of celibacy. It is not that marriage—a sacred state itself—is less holy. It is simply that as Pope John Paul II put it in his coat of arms, "*Totus Tous*" ("All Yours"); that the priest must be totally, completely and absolutely dedicated to the service of God. All, not half, not part, but completely, God must be first. All other people, things and pursuits can follow. For John Paul II that also meant his devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. And that is precisely why the priesthood is more difficult than it was before Vatican II. Society has changed. The priesthood itself is no longer isolated from the people. I was told once as a young priest by an older one, "See that altar rail? It stands between you and the people. Keep it that way." He meant that our lives were to serve the people but never to become involved with them. The

cassock, the Roman collar and the black suit were symbols of a dedicated life. You ministered to the people in a parish. You were to move on when transferred. The altar rail has now been removed. Our young priests are required to move in and among the faithful. Their lives of necessity are more collegial. Yes, they are as of old, "a part of every family and a member of none" where they serve. But there is a greater tension. Life is more free for the priest today than it was in the past but in many ways it is far more difficult. I myself have often come home at night with the thought in my head from the Imitation of Christ: "The more I go out among men, the less I come home a man." The priesthood is a gift that must be shared. The priest should stand at the center of that life. So pray for your priests, dear friends. Pray that the image of Christ will be formed more and more in them as they serve you. You can be an invaluable help to them on their road of becoming truly an "*Alter Christus*" (another Christ).



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In 1865 John Henry Newman was publicly accused by the writer Charles Kingsley of dishonesty in his account of his conversion to the Catholic faith in 1845. Newman brought his case, and the integrity of his personal decision, to the English public in a series of newspaper articles which eventually became his *Apologia pro vita sua*. In this lecture, Dr. Cyril O'Regan will examine Newman's rhetoric in the *Apologia*, highlighting why this work has become a classic of the English language for so many people.

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I am the Way, the Truth and the Life

Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12.

The spiritual gifts of God are varied and in the Church the sacraments enable the baptized to share in the extension of Christ's teaching, healing and redemptive work through the centuries. "In the mystical body all the faithful are made a holy and royal priesthood; they offer spiritual sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ. However, the Lord also appointed certain men as ministers... to hold in the community of the faithful the sacred power of Order, that of offering sacrifice and forgiving sins, and to exercise the priestly office publicly on behalf of all in the name of Christ" (Vatican Council II, Decree on the Ministry and Life of Priests No. 2).

Just as the high priest Aaron and his descendants served as mediators within the Twelve Tribes so that all could become

witnesses to the one God in the world, so Jesus chose apostles and their successors to assist the rest of the faithful in their role to extend God's kingship over the world. We need each other if the divine gifts provided by Jesus will reach our contemporaries.

Sometimes when priests face problems in a parish, they may daydream about the wonderful days of the infant Church. Those who heard the Apostles and other teachers in Jerusalem were so privileged! But did they cope with the challenges of daily life easily? A careful reading of the Acts of the Apostles shows that they too constantly needed divine help to live the Gospel message of justice, charity and peace. Even in Jerusalem, the City of Peace, the early Church faced issues of insensitivity or discrimination.

The Apostles selected seven men to supervise practical aspects of the community's life and the needs of its members.

Organized effort and delegation of authority to deacons and priests provided the key to solving difficulties, so that the Church could grow and spread.

The first prerequisite for those offering service in Christ's name is not merely sensitivity to others, but a prayerful response

People on a journey must know the way.

to the Holy Spirit. More than social involvement is demanded of the Christian. While helping others with their hunger, suffering and other problems, we quietly suggest to them that only God provides the fulfillment of the deepest human needs.

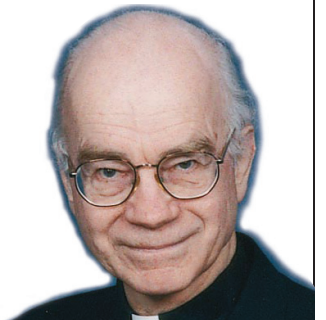
When Saint John's Gospel records the disciples' experience at their last meal with Jesus, its profound teachings are presented within the context of their limit-

ed perception of the event's meaning. They were confused about Jesus' departure and wanted to go with Him. Much is conveyed in a few words; they would require prayerful reflection to unpack the meaning of a statement like "I am the way, the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6).

People on a journey must know the way; Thomas learns, however, that intimate association with Jesus offers much more than knowledge. His words constitute a succinct statement about His role as their leader. He is the king (Jn 1:49; 19:19) who guides the people of God through the pilgrimage of life along the way, whose goal is union with the heavenly Father. He is the prophet (Jn 6:14), like Moses, who teaches the truth, which is essentially God's fidelity to his Word, a commitment that demands our careful listening so that we can obey His will. He is the Good Shepherd, the high priest who lays down his life for his flock (Jn 10:11, 18) so that all may have the gift of life in its fullness, communion with the living God. These are the deepest human needs: to know the purpose of life and the way to achieve it, to believe without doubt that the most profound truth is expressed in God's fidelity, being true to His Word, and to live on a level deeper than that of the senses so that one can triumph over the mystery of death.

SUNDAY READINGS

5th Sunday of Easter
(May 22, 2011)



By Rev. Lawrence Frizzell

When Saint John recorded Jesus' sign of multiplying loaves and fishes at Passover time, he noted that people thought of Moses and of God's gift of manna. They exclaimed: "This is truly the Prophet" (6:14) and they wanted to proclaim Him king. However, the Living Bread which brings eternal life can be given only if offered in sacrificial obedience. "I am the Bread of Life...the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" (6:35, 51).

What Jesus does is so identified with His very person that He can say: "I am the way, the truth and the life." The multifaceted ministry of bishops, priests and deacons, united with the successor of Peter, is to bear witness to the invisible, guiding presence of the Good Shepherd toward the fullness of the Father's kingdom.

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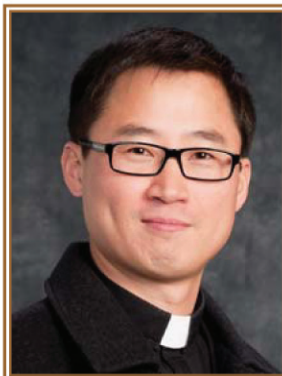
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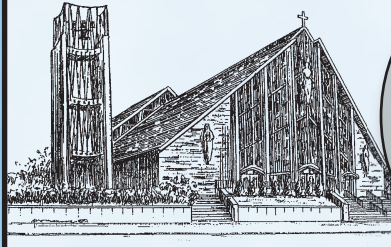
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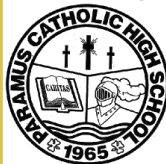
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‘Prayers of my parents were the seed of my vocation’

Ordinandi roll up sleeves to build bridges to God

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

The Archdiocese of Newark will joyfully welcome 18 new priests at the annual ordination Mass celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers on Saturday, May 28 at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. A close examination of this year’s ordinandi roster shows five homegrown members of the Class of 2011. There were 13 priests in the archdiocesan Class of 2010.

According to the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), a Georgetown University-based research center, there are 480 potential ordinandi nationwide. The national age range is between 25 and 63.

Locally, factors cited in the decision to devote their lives to God and His people include crucial support and encouragement from parents, priest mentors, fellow seminarians, World Youth Day, seminary staff, the Neocatechumenal Way and involvement at the parish level.

Father Mayhel A. Velásquez Bolaño

As he contemplates ordination to the priesthood in just a few short days, Fr. Mayhel A. Velásquez Bolaño is “unbelievably grateful for the life the Lord has given me.”

Born in Valledupar, Colombia, he is grateful that the Church “as a mother” welcomed him “without judging me and showing me the love God has for me.” He joined the Neocatechumenal Way and “went from being a listener to a doer in ways that I could never have imagined or expected.”

At the age of 18 he began to “contemplate the idea of God calling me to the priesthood.” Remembering that pivotal point



in his life Fr. Velásquez Bolaño said he “welcomed” God’s calling a year later during a youth gathering in his hometown in preparation for a papal visit to Jerusalem in 2000. “I realized I really wanted to be a disciple of Jesus and wanted to follow Him.” When he was 20 he entered Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Kearny.

On the brink of priesthood, Fr. Velásquez Bolaño comments “through difficulties, joys, sufferings and blessings, God’s love has always accompanied me. For that reason I trust that His infinite providence will guide my priestly life.”

Fr. Velásquez Bolaño, 31, has a bachelor of science degree in Education and a master’s degree in Theology from Seton Hall University (SHU), South Orange. His field work and summers were spent at Saint Aloysius Parish and Saint Columba Parish both in Newark, Saint Aedan Parish in Jersey City, Saint Mary Parish in Plainfield, San José Parish in Penuelas, Puerto Rico,

Some said they answered God’s call quickly and decisively, while for others the journey to the priesthood took a number of years of reflection. As they embark on the priesthood all 18 ask for prayer, realize they need God’s help and want to imitate Christ in all they say and do.

In the 15th annual survey of ordinandi commissioned by the Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), it was found most members of the Class of 2011 have been Catholic since infancy. A full 71 percent were altar servers. In addition, Catholic education had a significant impact on those about to become priests.

It was also determined by the survey that, before entering the seminary, three in five completed college and one in five also received a graduate degree. A third of the Class of 2011 entered a college seminary while 45 percent went into a pre-theology program. The response rate was 69 percent.

The following offers profiles of members of the archdiocesan Class of 2011.

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in East Boston, MA, and Union City’s Saint Anthony of Padua Parish.

He served his diaconate at Saint Columba Parish where he will celebrate his first Mass at 11 a.m. on May 29. Fr. Velásquez Bolaño will be the homilist.

Father Eduardo Antonio Bustamante Bossio

A deacon at Holy Trinity Parish in Hackensack, Father Eduardo Antonio Bustamante Bossio attended Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange.



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May God continue to bless all of you and your priestly ministry.

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Born in Cartagena, Colombia 29 years ago, he received his field education and did summer work at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in West Orange, Saint Aloysius Parish in the Ironbound Section of Newark and Saint Andrew Parish in Westwood. He attended SHU where he earned a bachelor's degree in Education and a master's degree in Arts.

Looking back on his calling Fr. Bustamante Bossio explains "before I entered the seminary I was a high school student. When I was 17 God planted in my heart the desire to serve Him as a priest."

By his own admission before hearing God's call he "showed up to church once in a blue moon." Befriending a neighborhood priest changed all that. The future priest joined the Neocatechumenal Way started by the priest. "I ended up falling in love with God and entered the seminary...my life changed from that moment on."

He is quick to give his parents credit for his vocation. "Thanks to my parents I am Catholic and my vocation flourishes. The prayers of my parents were the seed of my vocation."

Fr. Bustamante Bossio will celebrate his first Mass at Holy Trinity Parish on May 29 at 12:30 p.m. Father Paul L. Prevosto, the pastor, is the homilist.

Father Hong-Ray Peter Cho

"The mission of a priest is to bring God His children" declares Father Hong-Ray Peter Cho.

Born in Seoul, South Korea, Fr. Cho, 39, attended both Immaculate Conception Seminary and the Pontifical North American College in Rome. He has a master's degree in Computer Science from Columbia University, New York, a doctorate in mathematics from Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, and a Theology (STB) from Gregorian University where a degree in Dogmatic Theology is pending.

"I would like to live my priesthood always in humility, thanksgiving and joy," Fr. Cho declares.

His diaconate was served at the Rome campus of the University of Notre Dame's School of Architecture. Summer assignments were at Saint Mary Parish in Dumont and Saint Andrew Kim Parish in Maplewood. He notes "through various Church functions such as retreat leader and youth groups, I began to taste the joy of serving."

Reflecting on seminary life, Fr. Cho said "good men I have gotten to know during the past five years will be indispensable for the rest of my life."

On May 29, 10 a.m., Fr. Cho will celebrate his first Mass at Saint Andrew Kim Parish.



Father John Carlos DeSousa

The "community and fraternity" of life at Immaculate Conception Seminary made a lasting impression on Father John Carlos DeSousa for which he is immensely grateful.

Born in Portugal, Fr. DeSousa's family immigrated to the United States when he was three.

He explained one learns "the importance of community and sharing deeply our lives" while at seminary. One of his greatest memories at the seminary is the Mass of the newly ordained. "It was great to share that moment, to see our brothers, now ordained priests, celebrating and concelebrating Mass for us," he said. "There was such a joy on their faces that always served to edify those of us who were to follow in their footsteps."

He cites as a powerful influence and mentor the "great inspiration" of Father Antonio Inacio Bico—a "good and supportive friend." Fr. Bico died Sept. 22, 2010 (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 13, 2010).

One word he says summarizes what he wants his priesthood to be—"love." He has always had, Fr. DeSousa continues, "a great love for my Church and the Lord."



His road to the priesthood included being a pre-med student and then an EMS volunteer with the Linden Ambulance Corps. As medicine became less of a "focus," he became a funeral director which he considered a "ministry in itself." It took him time to realize that those aspects of his life "would find completion and flourish in the priesthood."

Fr. DeSousa, who has a master's degree in Divinity, will complete master's degrees in Theology and Biblical Studies in December.

He fondly recalls his diaconate at Saint Cecilia Parish in Kearny. It was during that time he conducted his first baptism of his niece in the Crypt Chapel of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark right after his ordination as a transitional deacon. The past year as a deacon, he noted, "has been the greatest year of my life."

His field education and summer work was done at Saint Vincent de Paul Parish in Bayonne, Saint Genevieve Parish in Elizabeth, Alternatives Hospice and Saint Joseph Medical Center in Paterson.

"Once I imagined being a father of five, happily married and trying to raise a good Catholic family. Today I'm looking forward to serving God and His people as a priest."

Fr. DeSousa will celebrate his first Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Newark on May 29 at 5:30 p.m. Homilist will be the pastor, Father Antonio F. DaSilva.

Father Frank J. Fano

A homegrown member of the Class of 2011, Father Frank J. Fano was born in Jersey City. He went to Holy Rosary School and on to Hudson Catholic Regional High School in his hometown.

In preparation for the priesthood, Fr. Fano went to Immaculate Conception Seminary. Two aspects of seminary life made an impression on him. "First the community life provided opportunities to forge lasting friendships that have helped me grow closer to Christ and the Church during both joyful and difficult times." Secondly he mentions that, as an organist, he was "put to work very quickly" primarily for Vespers and other services as well as being an accompanist for the *Schola Cantorum*. He also gave a recital at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

Fr. Fano attended the Manhattan School of Music in New York City and Montclair State University. "I feel that my career as an organist and choirmaster, with its close connection with the Liturgy, has kept me very close to the Church even when I struggled with the idea of becoming a priest. Funny how at the same time I discovered my musical talent as a child, I began to think of the priesthood."

At the seminary, he stresses, "the formation staff always encouraged me to bring my talents to the table," Fr. Fano notes. His hope for his priesthood remains "in the development of who I am, the person God has called me to be—my true identity."

Fr. Fano received his field education and summer assignments at Saint Agnes Parish in Clark and Saint Pius X Parish in Old Tappan as well as The Institute for Priestly Formation in Omaha, NE, The Center for Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains and Saint Michael Medical Center in Newark.

As a deacon he served at Saint Theresa Parish in Kenilworth. His diaconate has allowed him to start "to begin to see how God has been using me to bring His Good News to people's lives. I know that as a priest this dream will only become more and more fulfilled in my life."

His aspiration for the priesthood is summarized in one word: service. Fr. Fano will celebrate his first Mass at Holy Rosary Parish, Jersey City, on May 29 at 5:30 p.m. Rev. Msgr. Paul L. Bochicchio, Pastor of Holy Family Parish in Nutley, will be the homilist.

Father Paul C. Houlis

Another son of the Archdiocese of Newark, Father Paul Christopher Houlis, born in Garfield, graduated from Paramus Catholic High School. He attended Saint Andrew's College Seminary and Immaculate Conception



Seminary both at Seton Hall University. He was a deacon at Queen of Peace Parish in North Arlington.

"Going into the seminary was the best thing that could have happened to me." Although it might sound "crazy," the best aspect of life in the seminary, he is convinced, "has been the struggle." The seminary experience, he explains, "has brought me closer to God than I could ever have imagined. It has truly formed me and has helped me grow tremendously in my humanity, intellect, spirituality and pastorally. No pain, no gain, no cross, no resurrection."

In the years before the seminary, among other things, he was a part time assistant to the campus minister at Paramus Catholic High School and was the skit coordinator for the "Hard as Nails Ministry." Both ventures, he says, "helped foster my vocation."

Field education and summer work took place at Saint James Parish in Springfield; Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Roseland; Saint Andrew Parish in Bayonne; Saint Pius X Parish in Old Tappan; New Jersey Care Alternatives Hospice and Saint Joseph's Medical Center in Paterson. He also spent a summer at the Institute for Priestly Formation in Omaha, NE. "It was the best summer of my life," Fr. Houlis remembers.

As he embarks on a lifetime of service to God and His people, Fr. Houlis is determined to "get out of the way and allow Christ to do the work in me. I want to be a bridge to God for people." He also wants to study more Moral Theology and "to help people know they are truly made in the image and likeness of God."

At 3 p.m. on May 29, Fr. Houlis will celebrate his first Mass at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish in Garfield. Rev. Msgr. Paul L. Bochicchio will be the homilist.

Father John R. Job

Father John Robert Job is, no doubt, known to many archdiocesan high school students from his days as teacher and assistant principal at his alma mater Marist High School in Bayonne and as the first lay principal for a decade at Saint Joseph Regional High School in Montvale.

Born in Jersey City 46 years ago, Fr. Job was raised in Bayonne. He is a graduate of Saint Henry School and Marist High School there. He holds a bachelor's degree in Theology and Classical Languages and Literature with a minor in Philosophy from Saint Peter's College and a master's degree in Educational Administration and Supervision from SHU. Fr. Job also attended Immaculate Conception Seminary where he earned a M.Div degree in Pastoral Ministry and a master's degree in Systematic Theology.

As he sees it, one of the key elements of seminary formation is the "life of community that exists among the seminarians. It's through this community experience of living that we can appreciate the need for understanding, compassion and patience in dealing with one another." He placed special emphasis on the time spent praying together. "I am grateful for all of the benefits received during these 'years of grace'."

After graduating from Saint Peter's College, Fr. Job taught theology and was campus minister at Benedictine Academy in Elizabeth for a year. He moved on to Marist High School and spent a decade in a variety of capacities including teaching math, Spanish and theology. He was also chair of the Theology Department, campus minister and assistant principal for academics. He was principal of Saint Joseph Regional High school for 10 years prior to entering Immaculate Conception Seminary four years ago.

His field education and summer assignments were at Saint Cecilia Parish in Kearny, the Bethany Lutheran Home in Council Bluffs, IA, The Center for Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains and Saint Michael's Medical Center and the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart both in Newark.

With the priesthood approaching, Fr. Job explains "with joy and humility, I eagerly await the day when I can help the flock entrusted to my care encounter the crucified and risen Jesus through word and sacrament."

Looking back on his life, Fr. Job said "God implanted within me the seeds of a priestly vocation both in the strong Catholic upbringing I received through my family as well as my years of ministry in Catholic education. My years as principal of Saint Joseph Regional High School were truly grace filled ones." He



expressed gratitude to Rev. Msgr. John G. Judge, Pastor Emeritus of Saint Cassian Parish in Upper Montclair, for his “continuous support and priestly example” that were “tremendous influences” on his decision to enter the seminary.

Fr. Job will celebrate his first Mass at Saint Cassian Parish, where he served as a deacon, at noon on May 29. Msgr. Judge will be the homilist.

Father Yeongmin Kim

A deacon at Nativity Parish in Midland Park, Father Yeongmin Kim wants to be “a humble and faithful servant of God in the Archdiocese of Newark.”

Born in South Korea, Fr. Kim, 34, attended Immaculate Conception Seminary. His most vivid memory of the seminary years was the formation process itself which Fr. Kim says was about learning “the priestly identity in the modern world.”

His field education and summer assignments were at Saint Aloysius Parish in Jersey City and Saint James Parish in Springfield.

Lynchpins of his priesthood, Fr. Kim continues, include increasing priestly vocations and “listening to the people of my parish.” He “wants to be a priest who prays with parishioners to accompany holiness as God’s call among them.” He also intends to take care of parish teenagers and young adults by dealing with their issues in both the family Church.

In the years before entering the seminary, Fr. Kim worked with the homeless, orphans and lepers. That experience, he notes, “helped me recognize that God is calling us to serve His children in the Church in both physical and spiritual ways.” During the discernment process, he adds, those years affected him by providing recognition of “how to build up the Church of God as a priest imitating the life of Christ.”

From 1995 to 2003, Fr. Kim lived in a Franciscan Friary in his native country. That time, he remembers, matured him at both the human and spiritual levels. In 2002 as a way of “intensifying” his spiritual life, Fr. Kim worked among the Missionary Sisters of Charity in Calcutta. Returning to South Korea he decided to become a diocesan priest. Four years ago a Korean priest who was taking a Sabbatical year at Madonna Parish in Fort Lee introduced him to the pastor. It was then that he moved to the Archdiocese of Newark.

Fr. Kim will celebrate his first Mass at Madonna Parish at 3 p.m. on May 29. Homilist will be Father Stephen Carey.

Father Zbigniew Kukietka

Born in Poland, Father Zbigniew Kukietka, 36, attended Redemptoris Mater Seminary and was a deacon at Saint Peter Parish in Belleville.

At the seminary, he recalls, he initially did “not know a word of English” which presented communications issues. “At the same time,” he adds, “it was a moment in which I could experience the closeness of God in a very strong way.”

The seminary gave me a structure of how to harmonize prayer time with many other responsibilities and it taught me how to pray.”

During his seminary life he “experienced the Church” in Israel, Minnesota and Michigan doing missionary work. He studied history at the University of Maria Curie-Skłodowski in Lublin, Poland. It was during that time that he experienced God’s love “through the catechesis of the Neocatechumenal Way” at his parish. “It helped me deepen my knowledge of myself and God, it was a time I experienced the Church as concrete brothers and sisters. It was also a time in which I struggled with God about my vocation. In the end, God won.” In discerning his vocation Fr. Kukietka explains, he was helped by the liturgies with in his community and World Youth Day in Rome 11 years ago.

His field education and summer assignments were at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Boston; Holy Family Parish in Nutley; Saint Aedan Parish in Jersey City and Sacred Heart Parish in Lyndhurst.



Reflecting on his priesthood, Fr. Kukietka is confident “the Lord will help me serve His people faithfully. I hope that God will help me to learn priestly ministry in cooperation with other priests. Eventually I hope to serve as a missionary sent by the Church to any part of the world.”

Fr. Kukietka will celebrate his first Mass on May 29, 11:30 a.m., at Saint Peter Parish. Father Ivan Siberras, the pastor, will deliver the homily.

Father Robert P. McLaughlin

Bergenfield-born Father Robert Patrick McLaughlin is a graduate of Bergen Catholic High School in Oradell. Before entering Immaculate Conception Seminary, Fr. McLaughlin earned a bachelor’s degree in Religious Studies from Felician College. As a result of his Immaculate Conception Seminary studies, he earned masters degrees in Divinity and Theology.

His field education and summer assignments were at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish in Garfield, Saint Agnes Parish in Clark, The Center of Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains; Saint Joseph Medical Center in Paterson, Guardian Angel Parish in Allendale and Saint Henry Parish in Bayonne where he served his diaconate.

Before entering the seminary, Fr. McLaughlin worked at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish in Franklin Lakes and for the Archdiocese of Newark in its Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, located in Kearny. He is a recipient of the Parish Adult Recognition Award from Saint Elizabeth Parish in Wyckoff and the For God and Youth Award from the Archdiocese.

“Growing up with four sisters I had always thought it would be nice to have a brother,” Fr. McLaughlin said. “After spending five years in the seminary I can tell you there is a real sense of brotherhood.”

What he will miss most about the seminary is the annual Christmas celebrations. He cites the “true sense of fraternity” that exists in the seminary which he fully expects to continue into the priesthood. “God does not want us to be alone and I have never felt alone in the seminary.” He is appreciative of the many priests who have over the years been “so generous with me to help me get through the seminary.”

Looking ahead to a lifetime in service to God and His people, Fr. McLaughlin explains that every priest he has known told him of how happy they are as a priest. “What I desire most is to walk with people in their lives and share their greatest joys, but also their deepest sorrows.” He also wants to assist the faithful in recognizing God’s presence in their lives. “May God use me as His instrument, bringing Christ to the people in the sacraments is what I look forward to the most.”

Before entering the seminary he worked fulltime but found that life unfulfilling. Volunteering at his home parish of Saint Elizabeth in Wyckoff “brought me infinitely more fulfillment than I ever felt at work.” So, as he puts it “to test the waters” he went to work in a parish as a youth minister while returning to college. After graduating from Felician College he began working at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish and later for the archdiocese. “I came to realize that I was called to go deeper into the work of the Church. I felt called to minister in a sacramental way. This helped solidify my decision to enter the seminary. God has transformed what I thought I wanted and shown me a different perspective through which I have received everything I ever hoped for in ways I could have never imagined.”

Fr. McLaughlin will celebrate his first Mass at noon on May 29 at Saint Henry Parish in Bayonne. At his home parish of Saint Elizabeth in Wyckoff he will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on June 5 at noon. He is the homilist for both masses.



Father Juan P. Morales

Entering Immaculate Conception Seminary at an early age says Father Juan Pablo Morales, 28, enabled him “to give the Lord the best of my life and my youth, which requires great sacrifice.” That sacrifice is only possible, he goes on, “if you have a great love, a love that goes beyond limits and goes beyond even our imagina-



tion. Something good is sacrificed only if you are in search of a good much better than the one sacrificed.”

Born in Colombia, he did “nothing you would consider interesting or different” before entering the seminary which he did right after high school.

Answering God’s call, he admits, is no easy task. “It requires time, patience and boundless love, love for God and love for our neighbor.” That may be the reason, he explains, why he wanted to become a priest “not only because I wanted to but most of all because God has called me and wants me to be a priest for His people.” God, Fr. Morales feels, “wanted me and has chosen me to be a dispenser of His mysteries. I just desire to be a faithful servant who serves not only the will of the Father but also the needs of my brothers and sisters.”

Fr. Morales’ field education and summer assignments were at Guardian Angel Parish in Allendale and Saint Joseph Medical Center in Paterson. He was a deacon at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish in Garfield.

His first Mass will be celebrated May 29, 11:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish. The pastor, Father Peter J. Palmisano, will be the homilist.

Father Marco Pacciana

“I hope to be a faithful and humble servant of Christ and His Church and for this I need all the help I can get. I hope to become truly a ‘shepherd after Christ’s heart’” declared Father Marco Pacciana on the eve of his ordination.

Born and raised in Italy, Fr. Pacciana attended Redemptoris Mater Seminary and SHU. He has a Licence Degree in Foreign Languages and Literature (Spanish and English) along with a master’s degree in Divinity.

He was a deacon at Holy Family Parish in Nutley and did his field education there as well as at Saint Anthony of Padua Parish in Union City and Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish in Garfield.

“Like many teenagers of my generation, I left the Church. Nevertheless, a few years later, in the midst of a profound personal and familiar crisis, I met the Neocatechumenal Way in my home parish. Through this instrument, the Lord has rebuilt my life and has made me experience the Church as my Mother. I am very grateful for my years at Redemptoris Mater.”

Two missionary assignments are the highlights of his formation. One was in the Holy Land. “To be able to visit the holy places and to walk on the path of the Lord Jesus was the opportunity of a lifetime. During those months I felt so grateful to the Lord I realized that not even giving Him my whole life would have been enough to repay Him.” His second assignment was the islands of the Pacific as part of an itinerant team responsible for the Neocatechumenal Way. There he had the opportunity to be “deeply involved in the pastoral field and to be in touch with the people from very varied backgrounds.”

That experience “expanded my horizons and gave me a greater pastoral sensibility but also allowed me to see that announcing the Gospel, making Christ present here and now, is truly the only answer to the deep yearning of every man and woman no matter what their social or cultural background.”

As he looks ahead to his priesthood, Fr. Pacciana, 35, “hopes that one day Christ will consider me worthy to be a missionary perhaps in places still waiting for announcement of the Gospel.” He is candid too. “I have no idea what the Lord has in store for me but, judging from what He has already given me and the mercy He has provided me, I can only say that it must be something so great that I cannot even imagine it at the moment.”

On May 29 at noon, Fr. Pacciana will celebrate his first Mass at Holy Family Parish. The pastor, Rev. Msgr. Paul L. Bochicchio, will be the homilist.

Father Alfie A. Pangilinan

His summer assignment at Saint Michael Medical Center in Newark is the highlight of his seminary life says Father Alfie Alagueña Pangilinan.

It was at the medical center, he recalls, that he “learned so much about



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pastoral care.” Among those lessons were “listening skills,” building “rapport,” experience with the dying process and stages of grief and “how to be a living sign of God’s love to others.”

That ministry, he adds, one he says was of obtaining “self-knowledge,” is “very important because it will lead you to spiritual wholeness.”

Fr. Pangilinan attended Immaculate Conception Seminary. He has a bachelor’s degree in Philosophy from Maria Assumpta Seminary, located in his native Philippines.

Before entering the seminary he taught in the high school department of Saint Columba College in the Philippines. That experience, he recalls, helped him realize his vocation was not to only teach young people to know God better, but to be a “spiritual father” to them.

Fr. Pangilinan, 28, was a deacon at Saint Anthony of Padua Parish in Belleville. In addition to Saint Michael Medical Center, his field education and summer assignments included Saint Theresa Parish in Kenilworth and Saint Philomena Parish in Livingston.

Fr. Pangilinan believes it’s his responsibility “to proclaim hope that heaven is real, that Jesus came into this world not to remove suffering but to show how we must carry our cross and follow Him.” Spiritual healing, through the sacraments, Fr. Pangilinan is convinced, is the most important thing a priest can give to the faithful.

As a priest, he says, “it is very important that people recognize Christ in me. That can only happen if I don’t separate myself from Christ, the High Priest. I hope that God will help me to become more like His Son.”

Fr. Pangilinan will celebrate his first Mass at Saint Anthony of Padua Parish at 5:30 p.m. the day of his ordination on May 28. Rev. Msgr. James M. Cafone, S.T.D. will deliver the homily.

Father Janusz Pigan

Born in Poland, Father Janusz Pigan attended SHU and Immaculate Conception Seminary. He has a master’s degree in Divinity and Systematic Theology and was a deacon at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

Fr. Pigan looks back on his semi-



nary days as a time when he was able to improve his spiritual and intellectual formation. The seminary, he believes, is a place where seminarians are given the opportunity to get to know themselves better while learning how to work with the faithful in a professional manner.

As he prepares for ordination, Fr. Pigan, 31, wants to be the vehicle for those in his spiritual charge to “experience a conversion” along with Jesus’ “forgiveness and mercy” through the sacraments. “I firmly believe that openness and cooperation with others is important because people struggle in their lives. They need priests and expect from priests a man of integrity who can help them change their hearts and bring them back to the right path, bring them hope where there seems to be no hope. I will always try to be a bridge between people while growing in humility.” Fr. Pigan asks the faithful to “pray for all priests that they may grow in holiness and better serve God and them.”

Fr. Pigan will celebrate his first Mass on May 29 at noon at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Father Jacek Marchewka will be the homilist.

Father Roy B. Regaspi

A deacon at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in West Orange, Father Roy Buena Regaspi prays that “the Lord may always grant me the necessary grace I need in the ministry.”

Born in the Philippines 34 years ago, Fr. Regaspi attended Immaculate Conception Seminary. He has a bachelor’s degree with a major in Philosophy and minor in religious education. He has a master’s degrees in Divinity and Theology.

Following high school, Fr. Regaspi joined the Congregatio Immaculati Cordis Mariae and entered Maryhurst Seminary, located in the Philippines. After a year he was transferred to a diocesan seminary. He graduated from Holy Rosary Minor (College) Seminary in 1999. Financial constraints forced him to leave the seminary, but the rector allowed him to stay there to serve as music and philosophy professor. He later joined the faculty as prefect of discipline of pre-college seminarians. A year later he was made a member of the Commission on Social Communications for the Archdiocese of Caceres.

His passion is music, which led him to establish and man-



age a recording business serving Church and local artists. “The recording industry augmented my desire to praise and glorify God through sacred music” When he found the time he worked with the Compassionate Franciscan Sisters of the Poor. In the intervening years before deciding on his calling, Fr. Regaspi is extremely grateful for the “constant and utmost love, care, prayers and support of my mother, family, clergy and friends that never failed.”

“I am deeply grateful to the Archdiocese of Newark, Immaculate Conception Seminary and the clergy for their formation,” he said. “Leaving the comforts of the Philippines to serve the Archdiocese of Newark was not that easy. It meant a new environment, language, climate and culture including food. Immaculate Conception Seminary, the benefactors and the people of my parish assignments were always there for us in our journey supporting, encouraging and bringing us to Jesus and Our Blessed Mother Mary.”

Fr. Regaspi’s field education and summer assignments were at Saint Andrew Parish, Bayonne; Saint Michael Parish, Union; Saint Genevieve Parish, Elizabeth; Saint Mary Parish, Closter and Saint Aloysius Parish, Jersey City.

Aware of his “unworthiness” he says “I humbly ask the Lord to make me His holy and faithful priest forever.”

Rev. Msgr. Zosimo M. Sanado, H.P., will be the homilist at Fr. Regaspi’s first Mass at Saint Michael Parish in Union at noon on May 29.

Father Pedro E. Vilchez

The Neocatechumenal Way, World Youth Day, missionary work and the prayers of his Neocatechumenal communities are cited by Father Pedro E. Vilchez as fundamental reasons for his answering God’s call to the priesthood.

Fr. Vilchez, 32, was born in Nicaragua but immigrated to California when he was 10 years old. Two years later he joined the Neocatechumenal Way at Saint Mary Parish in Fullerton, CA. It was during his first World Youth Day in Denver in 1993 that he began “to listen” to God’s call to the priesthood “through the words of the Holy Father John Paul II who said to us ‘do not be afraid to give your life to Christ’.”



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He enjoyed the life of a high school student, but toward the end of his senior year, Fr. Vilchez explains, he felt a “deep emptiness that helped me to search for the real mission of my life.”

He began praying to God for help in finding his vocation in life. At the end of his senior year he began two years of missionary work in northern California. That time “helped me to find my vocation.” He later attended World Youth Day in Rome in the Jubilee year of 2000.

Fr. Vilchez, who attended Redemptoris Mater Seminary, is sincere in saying “at first I was afraid to leave my family and friends.” But in short order the seminary began to provide him with “joyful moments.” He is especially appreciative of the Redemptoris Mater faculty “for teaching and guiding me towards the priesthood.”

Fr. Vilchez attended SHU. He has a bachelor’s degree in Education Science and a master’s degree in Theology.

His field education and summer assignments were at Our Lady of Good Counsel and Saint Columba parishes both in Newark; Saint Aedan Parish in Jersey City; Saint Michael Medical Center in Newark; the missions of Turks and Caicos and Estonia and Immaculate Heart of Mary and Saint Patrick Parish in Elizabeth. He was a deacon at Immaculate Heart of Mary and Saint Patrick Parish.

“I’m a little bit afraid, but the Lord is guiding me and teaching me that the greatest mission He has called me to be one of His disciples and a fisher of men,” Fr. Vilchez candidly confessed on the cusp of his priesthood. As he starts his new life as a priest, Fr. Vilchez prays to God to give him the “zeal” to proclaim the Gospel and “for the salvation of His Church. I entrust my priesthood to my Mother Mary ever Virgin who was obedient to the call of the Lord.”

Fr. Vilchez will celebrate his first Mass May 29 at 12:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary and Saint Patrick Parish.

He will be the homilist.

Father Kevin G. Waymel

“Sunday Mass and Catholic school was not enough,” declares Father Kevin Garvey Waymel. The new priest grew up in Denver, CO and remembers that his entire family would kneel around his parents’ bed and pray the rosary



“many nights” when he was young.

Attending Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Fr. Waymel was previously a student at the University of Colorado and SHU. He has a bachelor’s degree in Education and a master’s degree in Theology.

As did his seven siblings, Fr. Waymel became involved with the Neocatechumenal Way at an early age. High school was a time when he entered a rebellious phase of his life, which led him “down a path of emptiness.” That was the beginning of his vocation. It was in the midst of that emptiness that a priest he met in the Neocatechumenal Way offered him the possibility of going to Israel to work at the Domus Galilaeae, a Catholic center that was being built on the Mount of the Beatitudes. He accepted the offer.

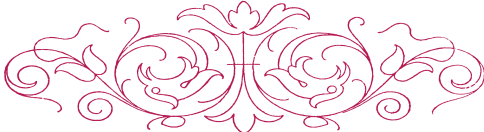
It was during his time in Israel, “one of the most beautiful times in my life, God began to speak to me clearly. I met people with a living faith and found myself desiring to have it too.” He said he was left “speechless” at the faith of the priest in charge of the center. “His faith gave birth to my vocation.”

Fr. Waymel’s decision to enter the seminary was prompted by what happened when he returned to the United States. He got “much more serious” about the Neocatechumenal Way. Citing too the “persistence and patience” of his parents, Fr. Waymel says “it became clear to me as the year passed that God was calling me.”

The 10 years Fr. Waymel spent in the seminary were a “gift from God. The good and difficult times were a blessing and a help for me to be formed into a priest for the third millennium.”

Fr. Waymel did his field education and summer assignments at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Ridgewood; Saint Aedan Parish in Jersey City; Holy Family Parish in Nutley; Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in East Boston, MA; Saint Peter and Paul Cathedral in Tallin, Estonia; San Jose Parish in Peñuelas, Puerto Rico and Saint Rose of Lima Parish in Toulon, France. He was a deacon at Saint Aedan Parish.

Looking toward his ordination, Fr. Waymel cites the words in Psalm 69: “Let those who hope in you not be put to shame through me, Lord of hosts. Let not those who seek you be dismayed through me, God of Israel.” He asks for prayers “that the Lord may grant me to be a holy priest.”



He will celebrate his first Mass at Saint Aedan Parish at 12:30 p.m. on May 29. He will deliver the homily.

Father Rolando Rosendo DeGracia Yadao

A single question played a deciding role in Father Rolando Rosendo DeGracia Yadao’s decision to devote his life to God’s call. “What is it that will make me happy and fulfilled in life?” With the help of a spiritual director, he got the answer.



Growing up in the Philippines, Fr. Dong Yadao, 35, has a master’s degree in Pastoral Ministry. He was a deacon at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Jersey City.

“The community life I learned to love” is the most memorable aspect of his seminary years. “God showed me how unique each individual is and how each one is gifted with skills and talents essential in building God’s kingdom on earth.”

Before entering the seminary, Fr. DeGracia Yadao worked in the tourism and telecommunications fields in the Philippines. Working and having “given up my activities in the Church,” he recalls, he realized “a part of me was missing.”

Fr. DeGracia Yadao did his field education and summer assignments at Saint Theresa Parish in Kenilworth and Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Jersey City.

On the eve of becoming a priest, his hope is that “my brother priests will always be available to me in my struggles. It is my desire to journey with them and be their companion in every way. Only a brother priest can understand another priest. As a newly ordained, I pray that I can also be an inspiration to others just as holy priests have been an inspiration to me. My only prayer is that God’s mercy and love will continue to purify me and make me a worthy minister of His Word and sacraments as I offer my life for His glory.”

The afternoon of his ordination, Fr. DeGracia Yadao will celebrate his first Mass at 5:30 p.m., at Our Lady of Mercy Parish.



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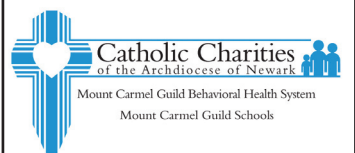
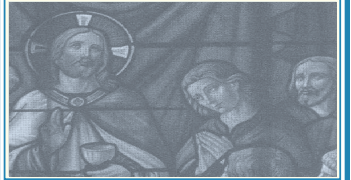

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Woodland Park Sisters to cheer for Brazil's 'blessed' Sr. Dulce

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

NEWARK—"If the poor represents the image of God, then what we do for the poor is never too much. What is important is to do charity, not talk of charity."

These words characterized the life commitment of Sister Dulce Pontes, a member of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, who died in 1992 at the age of 78. Sr. Dulce will be beatified in Brazil on May 22. Recently retired Cardinal Geraldo Majella Agnelo, papal delegate of Pope Benedict XVI, and Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for the Cause of Saints, will preside at the beatification celebration.

The Missionary Sisters, who maintained a presence in the Archdiocese of Newark for over 75 years until 2006, have a generalate in Woodland Park, which is located in the Diocese of Paterson. Sister Janice Jolin, S.M.I.C., said Sr. Dulce will receive official public recognition from the Church as "blessed"—with the title "good angel of the poor" of Brazil.

Sr. Jolin said that, much like Mother Teresa did in the slums of Calcutta, Sr. Dulce provide desperately needed care for the outcasts, beggars and sick of the poor of Bahia State, Brazil. Sr. Jolin



Sister Dulce Pontes

said the Woodland Park generalate has an international membership, including two Brazilian provinces, and will honor Sr. Dulce as "one of the mighty little ones who embraced the congregation's charism of contemplative, compassionate presence to the most needy. Such prophetic witness continues to inspire and challenge all of us to respond to contemporary needs in the diverse cultural settings in which we find ourselves."

Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, who hails from Bahia State, recalled a brief encounter with Sr. Dulce when he was in the seminary in the mid-1970s. "One of the priests in my community was her spiritual director," Bishop da

Cunha said. "She was very popular in Brazil. She was very frail and had a soft, gentle spirit, but she did incredible work for the poor. Anyone who met her—you couldn't help but be inspired and fall in love with her."

Saint James Parish, 143 Madison St., which serves a major Brazilian-American population in the Archdiocese of Newark, will celebrate a special 9 a.m. Mass on May 22 in honor of Sr. Dulce's beatification. Sister Nila Soires, who recently arrived at the Missionary Sisters' Woodland Park generalate from Brazil, will address parishioners during the Mass. Father Clement M. Krug, C.Ss. R., is the pastor of Saint James.

The second daughter of dentist Augusto Lopes Pontes and of Dulce Maria de Souza Brito Lopes Pontes, Maria Rita de Souza Brito Lopes Pontes was born in Salvador, Bahia, on May 26, 1914. Seven years later Maria Rita lost her mother.

At age 18, Maria Rita received a diploma as teacher and entered into the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of God at the Convent of São Cristóvão, in Sergipe, Brazil. Upon professing her religious vows, she received the name of Sister Dulce in honor of her mother. She returned to Salvador and began to help the people in the favelas (poor neighborhoods).



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MOTHER'S DAY—Maria Cristina Lupianez (center, with glasses) of Bayonne was able to count her blessings on Mother's Day—eight of them: her children Lilia, Jose, Seth, Henry, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Nathaniel and Alexander (ages 15 to two). The family is pictured at Saint Henry Parish on the occasion of Isaiah's First Holy Communion. Maria Cristina Lupianez is the daughter of Jose and Cristina Pardo, who work at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark.

Archbishop Szczepan Wesoly to celebrate Mass in Newark

NEWARK—Archbishop Szczepan Wesoly of Rome, president of the John Paul II Foundation, will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the May 1 beatification of Blessed Pope John Paul II on Sunday, May 22, 11 a.m. at Saint Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Parish, 146 Irvine Turner Blvd. Call the parish at (973) 642-7961 for more information. Fr. Bogumil J. Chrusciel ("Father Chris") is the pastor of Saint Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Parish.



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Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

ADMINISTRATOR

Reverend Luis O. Gonzalez, Pastor of Saint Columba Parish, Newark, has also been appointed Administrator of Saint Augustine Parish, Newark, effective immediately.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Reverend Jinwook Han has been appointed Parochial Vicar of the Parish of the Korean Martyrs, Saddle Brook, effective immediately.



Reverend Antonio L.

Ricarte, Parochial Vicar of Saint Joseph Parish, New Milford, has been appointed part-time Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Haworth, as well as part-time Chaplain at Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell, effective June 15.

CHAPLAIN

Reverend Thomas M. Cembor, Chaplain at Mountainside Hospital, Montclair, has also been appointed Chaplain of the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Knights of Columbus Council No. 6195, Nutley, effective immediately.



May 19

LACORDAIRE ACADEMY, Upper Montclair, used book sale, 4-8 p.m., on May 20 at 9 a.m.-8 p.m., and May 21-22 at 9 a.m.-5 p.m., (973) 744-1156 ext. 27.

BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, Oradell, jazz ensemble's spring concert, 7:30 p.m., (201) 634-2218.

May 22

ST. JOSEPH OF THE PALISADES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, West New York, Alumni All Class Reunion, 3-6 p.m., (201) 861-3227.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH, Maywood, "Extreme Makeover: Catholic Edition," parish mission, through May 24, 7 p.m., (201) 845-9566.

May 23

NJ BLOOD SERVICES, blood drive, at Holy Name Medical Center, Teaneck, 1-7 p.m., call Marie Forrester at (732) 616-0798.

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May 25

QUEEN OF PEACE HIGH SCHOOL, North Arlington, dance team recital, 7:30 p.m., (201) 998-8227.

QUELLEN SPIRITUAL CENTER, Mendham, "Praying with Nature," 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., cost: \$35, (973) 543-6528 ext. 217.

May 26

LACORDAIRE ACADEMY, Upper Montclair, "Oh Jonah" musical, 7 p.m., call Debby Irwin at (973) 744-1156 or e-mail dirwin@lacordaire.net.

THE PASSIONIST MISSIONARIES, Union City, golf outing, at Meadows Golf Club, Lincoln Park, call Anne Marie Gardiner at (201) 867-6400 or e-mail agardiner@cpprov.org.

MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH, Wallington, Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program, all day, concludes with Mass at 7:30 p.m., call Deacon Vic Puzio at (201) 935-0273.

May 28

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE ISLAND, Manorville, NY, day of prayer in honor of The Lady of All Nations, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., call Betty Tanico at (201) 592-0017 or Gloria Ramos at (201) 567-3048.

June 1

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH, Union, Holy Hour for Life, 7:30-8:30 p.m., call Deacon Stanley W. Kwiatek, Jr. at (908) 964-7653 or e-mail skwia@aol.com.

June 2

ARCHDIOCESAN CENTER, Newark, information meeting for Peace Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Nov 27- Dec. 7), 7:30 p.m., call Kay Furlani at (845) 504-5159 or e-mail furlanca@verizon.net.

June 3

FRANCISCAN RETREAT MINISTRY, Butler, weekend retreat for divorced or separated, through June 5, call Deacon Milt at (973) 271-5097.

HOLY NAME MEDICAL CENTER, Teaneck, "An Evening in Provence" benefit fund-raiser, at Indian Trail Club, Franklin Lakes, 7 p.m., cost: \$150, (201) 833-3105.

CALDWELL COLLEGE, "Celebrating the Uniqueness of Childhood," early childhood education conference, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., cost: \$75, call Margaret Russo at (973) 618-3523.

VILLA NOTRE DAME, Wilton, CT, discernment retreat weekend, for women ages 18-45, through June 5, cost: \$50, call Sister Maria Iannuccillo, S.S.N.D., at (203) 762-4152 or e-mail miannuccillo@amssnd.org.

June 4

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH, Mahwah, Mass for Those who Have Lost a Child, 9 a.m., call Jennifer Edwards at (201) 327-1276.

NEW JERSEY CHORAL SOCIETY, Ridgewood, concert performance, at Immaculate Conception Parish, Montclair, 8 p.m., cost: \$20 for adults/\$17 for seniors and students/\$12 for children, (201) 379-7719.

June 6

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, Bergenfield, golf outing, at Emerson Golf Club, 1 p.m. shotgun start, cost: \$150 per golfer, call Jack Meister at (973) 474-6406 or e-mail meisterja@rcan.org.

HOLY NAME HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION, Teaneck, golf tournament, at Hackensack Golf Club, Oradell, morning and afternoon shotgun starts, (201) 833-7143.

June 9

CALDWELL COLLEGE, tricky tray gift auction, at Hanover Manor, East Hanover, doors open at 6 p.m., cost: \$35 general admission/ \$30 for alumni, call Kathleen Buse at (973) 618-3411.

June 11

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH, Hillsdale, picnic at Beechwood Park, 1 p.m., cost: \$5 per person/\$20 for families in advance, call Tom and Amy McKenna at (201) 497-8540.

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OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH, Maywood, cook book fund-raiser, submit recipes or cook book order forms at www.olqp.org, call Paul Hom at (201) 525-1625.

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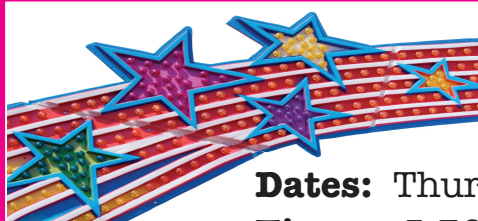


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SEEDS program seeks to cultivate ideas on school fund-raising

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

NEWARK—The Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave., will host a workshop for Securing Elementary Education through Development Solutions, also known as the SEEDS program, on Monday, May 23, 1-3 p.m. (auditorium), and Wednesday, May 25, 6-8 p.m. (library).

The SEEDS workshops are designed to assist principals, lay leaders and volunteers in implementing effective development/fund-raising programs for Catholic Schools. Carla L. Repollet, executive director of the archdiocesan Office of Development, and Gesenhia Lopez, archdiocesan SEEDS coordinator, will lead the workshops at the Archdiocesan Center. Call Lopez at (973) 497-4126 for more information.

Rev. Msgr. Kevin M. Hanbury, archdiocesan vicar for education/superintendent of schools, in a column written earlier this year for a special report on "Catholic

Schools Week" (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Jan. 26), described the SEEDS program as a privately funded effort to support Catholic schools by helping them develop and/or strengthen their fund-raising efforts. "This program strives to raise contributions by identifying, cultivating and soliciting alumni for ongoing support of a particular school's mission," he wrote.

Repollet said the program is important "because there are many wrong ways to ask for gifts. More than ever, schools need to make sure that they can rely on the generosity of their alumni. It is almost a pay-forward methodology. The school provided an excellent education, which resulted in the success of many of its alumni. We are asking the alumni to invest in the future of the school."

"Why do Catholic schools need the SEEDS Program?," Msgr. Hanbury asked in his January column. "Despite their strong history of academic excellence and spiritual development, Catholic schools today are faced with tremendous challenges. We need your assistance to pass Catholic education on. Catholic schools provide an environment that enhances the spiritual, physical, emotional and intellectual growth of each child."



Carla Repollet

Father Graff slates tour of Holy Land

NEWARK—The archdiocesan Office of Human Concerns will organize an 11-day "peace pilgrimage" to the Holy Land (Nov. 27 to Dec. 7).

Father Timothy Graff, director of the office, will serve as the host of the pilgrimage, which will feature a tour of the homeland of Jesus. The journey will include visits to Christian religious sites.

An information meeting on the excursion will be held Thursday, June 2, 7:30 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave. Contact Fr. Graff by phone at (973) 497-4341 or via e-mail (grafftim@rcan.org) or call Kay Furlani at (845) 504-5159 for more information.

Symposium to explore estate-planning issues

NEWARK—The New Jersey State Bar Association (NJSBA) and the Archdiocese of Newark will sponsor the "Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Seminar and Estate-Planning Symposium" Wednesday, June 8, 8 a.m. to noon, at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave.

Those attending the forum are eligible to earn three CLE credits from the NJSBA, which is an accredited continuing legal education provider in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Registration for the seminar is \$31 per person (for NJSBA members and archdiocesan affiliates) and \$125 per person (for unaffiliated individuals).

Call Anne DeVivo DeMesa, archdiocesan director of the office of Planned Giving, at (973) 497-4048 for details or visit the Web site (www.njsba.com/calendar_events) to register online.

Featured speakers for the event include Regina M. Spielberg, Esq., Schenck, Price, Smith and King, LLP, Florham Park, who will speak on the topic of "The Enduring Call to Charitable Stewardship in Estate Planning"; Richard H. Greenberg, Esq., Greenberg and Schulman, Woodbridge ("Wealth Tax Reform at Six Months: Lessons Learned, Questions Remaining"); and Joseph P. Scorese, Esq., Harwood Lloyd, LLC, Hackensack ("The Ethical Beatitudes for the Trusts and Estates Attorney").

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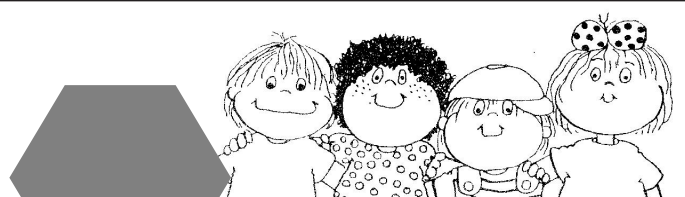
RENEW plans awards dinner

PLAINFIELD—RENEW International will hold its 12th annual awards dinner and fund-raising gala on June 2 at the Pleasantdale Chateau, 757 Eagle Rock Ave., West Orange. The evening begins with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and the awards ceremony.

Three notable Catholics will be honored for their service: Ronald Bushwell, Sister Mary McGuinness, O.P., and William McGuire. Sister Mary is the recipient of this year's Rev. Msgr. Thomas A. Kleissler Award, named in honor of the RENEW co-founder.

Each year the event raises funds to support the organization's mission of building dynamic communities of faith. Sister Theresa Rickard, O.P., D.Min., is the president and executive director of RENEW.

For more information on the event or to purchase tickets, contact Margarita Morales by phone at (908) 769-5400, ext. 140 or via e-mail (margaritam@renewintl.org), or visit the group's Web site (www.renewintl.org/gala).



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In addition, the successful candidate will value and support the liturgical life of the college, undergraduate retreat program, and interfaith collaboration among members of the college community. On occasion, s/he will work with students and colleagues for the successful implementation of such programs. Special consideration will be given to the candidate with liturgical music experience and/or skills related to publicity using social media.

Bachelor's Degree required; Master's Degree preferred. Strengths include student supervision, written and oral communication, organizational and planning skills, and self-initiative. Requirements include two years of relevant experience in the field of college volunteer and justice programming, social service delivery and/or public service, understanding of and commitment to Catholic Social Teaching and the Jesuit Catholic mission of the College, dedication to collaborate and learn with college students in a co-curricular environment, commitment to working in an ethnically and religiously diverse student body in a vibrant, urban Catholic college.

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Maria

PRAYER TO THE
BLESSED VIRGIN

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

T.R.

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PRAYER TO ST. CHRISTOPHER

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L.A.

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T.R.

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Fr. Rios shares story of getting pope's zucchetto

BY FATHER JUAN LUIS CALDERON

Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

The first time that Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., visited the rectory of Saint Rocco/Saint Brigid Parish in Union City, he said, "I have never seen so many pictures of Pope John Paul II in one place." It so happened that he was visiting the parish to bless the statue of Pope John Paul II located in front of the church on Kennedy Boulevard.

Whoever knows Father Manuel D. Rios, the pastor of Saint Rocco/Saint Brigid, knows why he has so many of these pictures: they go along with his love and devotion for the Polish pope. We interviewed Fr. Rios a few days before the May 1 beatification of John Paul II.

Question: Fr. Rios, what do you think of when you hear the name of John Paul II?

Answer: Humility, tenderness and charity are the first words that come to mind. He expressed these qualities with everyone. One thing that I admire is that he lived so far, yet I always felt him so close—a friend, a father. He was always very close despite the distance. That had great significance for those who never saw him in person.

Question: Did you meet him in person?

Answer: Yes. I saw him many times, both in the United States as well as in Rome. I participated in the celebration of the Holy Mass in his private chapel in the Vatican three times.

Question: Let's go back to the beginning. How do you remember Pope John Paul II's election?

Answer: It was in 1978 during my first year in the college seminary. We were in the parking lot returning home and Father James Cafone, the spiritual director, looked out of his window and announced: "We have a Polish pope!" At that time, I did not comprehend what a pope truly signified, nor how he influenced Church life. It was my first year in the seminary and there were still many things that were unknown to me. Afterwards, Pope John Paul II walked with me during my years in the seminary, when I was ordained and during my first 20 years as a priest. He still remains a constant presence with his teaching, his smile and his example, always by my side.

Question: What did John Paul II give you as a Christian and as a priest?

Answer: His first homily had a deep impact in me when he spoke to

the world saying, "Brothers and sisters, do not be afraid to embrace Christ and accept His power! Help the pope and all who want to serve Christ and, with the power of Christ, to serve the human person and all of humanity. Do not be afraid. Open, in fact, open wide the doors for Christ!" Can you imagine? Only two months after entering the seminary I hear the pope telling me to open my heart to Christ without any fear. I was afraid about not knowing how my new life would be, not knowing how the priesthood would be. However, the Holy Father invited me to confide in Christ as he was confiding in Christ as he began his papacy.

I then traveled to Rome to get to know him and listen to him speak. I heard him sing, I saw him open his arms as if he were embracing us all. He was an artist of the faith, not an actor, because John Paul II helped people to truly know Christ. I am not sure how to explain my attraction to him. It is somewhat mystical. I feel it deep within me.

Question: And when the Pope came to the United States?

Answer: Yes, he immediately came to our country (October 1979), before completing his first year as pope. I went to New York to participate in the Mass that he celebrated in Yankee Stadium. The following day I entered Madison Square Garden for the first time in my life and it was not to see a basketball game, it was to see him! The following day I went to the audience he held in Philadelphia with all of the seminarians of the United States, and again the entire stadium was filled. So many people gathered in one place, all yearning to become priests. It was beautiful and impressive. In three days I saw the pope three times and he was always surrounded by multitudes. That is just the way he was; he attracted people.

In October 1995 John Paul II came to the Archdiocese of Newark. The pope came to "my house!" I was then a member of the archdiocesan Presbyteral Council and I was in the Newark Cathedral the day in which he named it a basilica. The most beautiful memory I have was to see the Holy Father go forth through the main aisle with his arms opened as if on the cross in order to touch the hands of the hundreds of faithful people that filled the Cathedral Basilica to capacity. After we all prayed evening prayer, the Holy Father went to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. We all thought he would be praying there for a few minutes, but he prayed for almost an hour. The president of the United

States, the cardinals, everyone waited in absolute silence praying with him in our Cathedral Basilica. That experience took us to a silent encounter with God. The pope went to "another place" while he prayed and he took us with him.

Question: You are Cuban and the pope visited Cuba (January 1998).

Answer: Within all of the political interpretations that might exist, I saw the necessity of that trip. Mother Teresa of Calcutta was in Cuba in 1986 and founded a community there. I think that the Church in Cuba needed to have the Universal Church closer to them and the Holy Father gave them that gift. I saw everything on TV. I really enjoyed it. He spoke fearlessly quoting texts of religious and spiritual content written by Jose Marti (which the communist government never did). The Mass in Santa Clara was incredible. In Santiago de Cuba, a choir of 1,000 young people sang to him asking him not to leave the island over and over in the typical rhythm of Cuban music. He also crowned our Virgin of Charity on that trip. I have read his words of farewell spoken at the airport countless times. The pope went to Cuba and reminded the people that Jesus is the only Savior and he even conveyed this message using the words of Cuba's National Anthem. Only John Paul the Great could do something like that.

Question: Fr. Manny, you have a very special relic of John Paul II.

Answer: I read a book, many years ago, that said if someone gave the Holy Father a zucchetto (small skull cap), he would put it on and give that person the one he was wearing. I wanted to do that since my very first trip to Rome. My friend Father Robert Lynam told me that we would be participating in a Mass in the pope's private chapel in a trip we took to Rome, so I went out and purchased a zucchetto in Gamarelli, the pope's personal tailor. Unfortunately, I was not able to get close enough to him to present him with my gift. In my other trips to Rome I would always take my little box holding the zucchetto just waiting for the right moment. I was unsuccessful countless number of times and sometimes it seemed like it was going to happen. I remember one time the Swiss Guard would not even let me proceed with the box because of security reasons.

Finally, on one trip, in a private reception, I was able to ask him for his zucchetto and he gave it to me. Immediately after this his personal secretary, Archbishop Stanislaw



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Father Manuel Rios, the pastor of Saint Rocco/Saint Brigid Parish, Union City, shared his insights and admiration for Pope John Paul II. He was in Rome on May 1 to celebrate the pope's beatification.

Dziwisz, asked me to go to his office and that he would give me a certificate of authenticity. Today that zucchetto is a relic. On May 1, 2011, the day of John Paul II's beatification, the relic was exposed in the Church of Saint Rocco for all of the faithful people to venerate. We thought it was a beautiful occasion to share with everyone the blessing that I received, being able to know and love the Holy Father.

Question: Tell us a short story of you and the pope.

Answer: I can spend hours speaking of my beloved John Paul II. Oh, his smile for example. I will tell you about two moments that impacted my life. In one occasion, in which I was in a private audience with him, I spoke to him in Spanish telling him that I was a priest from the Archdiocese of Newark born in Cuba. He looked at me, smiled and said, "You should stay here and help me with my sermons in Spanish." He had the gift of saying something funny, unique and personal so that in that very moment you would feel like you were the only one on this earth. He made you

feel so special which is also a big part of how great he was.

The last time I saw him in person was a few weeks before he died. I was inside the Vatican and they told us that the pope was returning from the hospital. He was sitting in the passenger seat of the car; I saw him up close and he looked very sick, very weak. He blessed us and poured out his love to us the way he always did even when he did not have much life left. He was amazing.

Question: You were in Rome the day of his beatification?

Answer: Absolutely. I have wanted this moment for many years. We have been praying privately in my parish to the Venerable Pope John Paul II, asking for his proclamation as a saint. The day has finally come. Blessed John Paul II, pray for us.

(Editor's note: Father Juan Luis Calderón, the parochial vicar of Saint Rocco/Saint Brigid Parish in Union City, is the coordinator of the NJ Católico, the Spanish-language sister publication of The Catholic Advocate.)

Childhood confab to explore 'uniqueness' of each student

CALDWELL—"Celebrating the Uniqueness of Childhood," an early childhood education conference, will be held Friday, June 3, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Alumni Theater of Caldwell College, 120 Bloomfield Ave.

The conference, featuring guest speaker Dick Piazza—the creator of the "Awakenings" education workshops—will include information on bullying, technology, autism and "Going Green" diversity.

Educators will receive five professional development hours for attending the conference. The \$75 fee includes two workshops, breakfast, lunch and related materials. For additional information or to obtain a registration form visit the college Web site (www.caldwell.edu) or call Margaret Russo at (973) 618-3523.

Deacon from Jersey City shares his family's story

Gift of life emerges after a tragic death

BY JEAN GONZALEZ
Special to The Catholic Advocate

ORLANDO, FL — Luke Abbate, age 15, the son of Steve and Maryanne, the brother of Jon, Adam and Rachel, all of Marietta, GA, and the grandson of Deacon Robert and Joan Kinsey of DeLand, FL, died Feb. 15, 2006, from injuries sustained in a car accident. The high school sophomore was riding home with an acquaintance following lacrosse practice. Deacon Kinsey—originally from Jersey City and a 1956 graduate of Saint Peter's College—recently contacted *The Catholic Advocate* to share the story of his grandson.

A vibrant light for his family and friends, Luke's life was extinguished, but the gift of life offered by his family after his death, via organ donations, continues to inspire his loved ones and others. Rick Bieber, a Hollywood producer, writer and director was moved by Luke's legacy. Bieber was inspired to tell the story on the big screen in a movie titled, "The 5th Quarter," which opened March 25 with regional distribution in the Southeast. The movie offers many lessons about making decisions that carry heavy circumstances, the gift of organ donation, and how faith and love carry people. "(After Luke's death) I prayed to God and asked, 'Please don't

waste this pain,' and I know God won't waste it," Maryanne Abbate told *The Florida Catholic*, the newspaper for the Diocese of Orlando. "This whole story began to unfold, and we saw that it could help other people who are also journeying through the loss of a child. This is truly a 'God story' because it took on a life of its own." Following the car accident, Luke was rushed to a hospital. He showed no signs of life and neurological tests revealed what the family feared: Luke was brain dead. "It was a killer shock and we all were crying," Deacon Kinsey said. "We gathered around the bed and we all said a prayer. We touched and kissed him and said goodbye. They unplugged the respirator and then he was gone." In the emotional wake of Luke's death, there was another decision to make. A representative from LifeLink, an organization that harvests organs for transplants, approached the family. This representative, full of compassion, asked the family to consider a donation of Luke's organs. "She talked about how Luke's rare blood type made him an ex-

cellent candidate," Deacon Kinsey recalled. "Luke had B-negative type. So do I, I guess he got the gene from me." After about an hour, the decision to harvest Luke's organs was made. "Luke had just gotten his driver's permit earlier in the year," Maryanne Abbate recalled. "On it was the choice to be an organ donor, and Luke asked me, 'Mom, what does that mean?' And I remembered saying, 'Well, if, God forbid, something happened to you, then they would give your organs to someone so they wouldn't die.' And Luke thought about it and said, 'Yeah, mom. I want to do that.'" It didn't surprise her that Luke wanted to be an organ donor. "He was a generous kid," she said. "He understood he had such a rare blood type; that it would mean the difference of life or death for someone in need of an organ." When the family allowed Luke's organs to be harvested, they truly believed they were allowing Luke to complete one more unselfish act. Deacon Kinsey, the retired co-director of the Diocese of Orlando's Office of Permanent Diaconate, said the do-



Luke Abbate

nation of Luke's organs brought life to five individuals. There was one emotional, full-circle moment when the family met with one of the transplant recipients. The encounter is faithfully represented in the movie.

"I felt like the film had to end with a sense of optimism. There are many parts of the movie that are tragic, but that was not the ultimate message of the film," Bieber explained. "I knew that both parties (the Abbates and the recipient of Luke's heart) wanted to meet each other and it was just a matter of time. I believe the ending honors Luke with a positive message."

The meeting involved the recipient of Luke's heart—a 25-year-old single mother who suffered from cardiomyopathy during her pregnancy with her second child. While such a diagnosis is not always fatal, in her case it was. She was put on the transplant list in late December 2005. She received Luke's heart a few days after he died.

Organ donation typically is kept confidential, but someone who received an organ can correspond with the family of the donor through the donation organization. The single mother reached out to the Abbates through a letter and the meeting was arranged through LifeLink.

She let Luke's parents touch her chest so they could feel Luke's heart beat again. The emotional moment was heightened for Maryanne as she watched the young mother's daughter draw a picture.

"I thought she wouldn't have a memory of her mom if she never received Luke's heart," Maryanne said. "It was a very profound and bittersweet moment, but it is where I feel that goodness had the last say over the tragedy."

(Editor's note: This article originally appeared in the March 25/April 7 edition of *The Florida Catholic*. This is an abridged version of the story written by Jean Gonzalez. For additional information on the Luke Abbate Foundation, visit the Web site www.lukeabbate5thquarter.org.)

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Holy Name unveils pace device suitable for MRI environment

TEANECK — Holy Name Medical Center is the first hospital in northern New Jersey to offer the new Revo MRI™ SureScan® pacing system, the first MRI-compatible pacing system designed, tested and FDA-approved for use in the magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) environment.

The system, which has valuable disease diagnosis and surveillance implications for thousands of patients, addresses important medical needs that, until now, have been unmet. Prior to the Revo MRI SureScan pacing system, MRI procedures for patients with implanted pacemakers were not recommended because such patients faced the risk of serious complications from the MRI magnetic energy, such as interference with pacemaker operation, damage to system components, and pacemaker dislodgement. Because of that risk, more than 200,000 patients annually in the United States—including those with a history of cancer, stroke and other serious medical problems—are unable to undergo an MRI scan.

The device addresses these

safety concerns, allowing people with pacemakers to benefit from MRI technology, which can depict highly detailed images of internal organs, blood vessels, muscle, joints, tumors, areas of infection and more. This represents a major benefit, considering the 50- to 75-percent probability that cardiac device patients will be indicated for an MRI over the lifetime of their devices.

A Holy Name thoracic surgeon implanted the device in an 81-year-old female with a history of irregular heart rhythm. According to members of the woman's medical team, she is "feeling great, so much better than before she had the procedure." The patient was an excellent candidate for the Revo MRI Sure Scan pacing system because she has a history of breast cancer, a disease for which MRI is the acknowledged gold standard for diagnosis and surveillance.

Holy Name Medical Center (Web site: www.holyname.org), located at 718 Teaneck Rd., is a comprehensive 361-bed, acute-care medical center.



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MORNING ROUNDTABLE—Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark operates a social adult day-care center in River Edge, a program to support the healthcare needs of senior citizens. Open five days a week, the Bergen County facility offers meals, activities and provides emotional support for families whose loved ones confront various stages of Alzheimer's Disease. Among the remarkable individuals at the center is 90-year-old Edward Trinkleback, a U.S. Air Force pilot during World War II. For more information on the facility, contact Katarzyna "Kasia" Dewera, program manager, at (201) 265-3840, ext. 224. According to its mission statement, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark (Web site: www.ccannj.com), exists to advance the cause of justice and compassionate care for children, senior citizens, immigrants and those in need throughout the four counties of the archdiocese. The organization, led by Henry Amoroso, chairman, and Dr. Phillip Frese, president and chief executive officer, recently held its annual gala and fund raiser (see *The Catholic Advocate*, April 20). Last year Domus Corp., a non-profit housing development unit and affiliate of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, held a ground-breaking ceremony in Roselle Park for a 75-unit senior-citizen complex (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Dec. 8, 2010); and opened a 50-unit senior-citizen residence in Dumont (see *The Catholic Advocate*, March 24, 2010). Frese, interviewed last year, said Catholic Charities is acutely aware of the housing and healthcare needs of a rapidly "graying" America.

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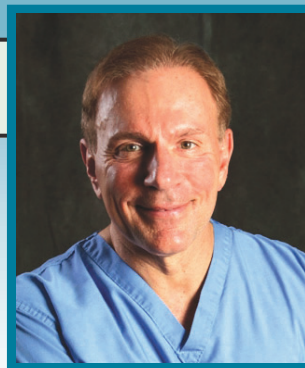
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