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MASS FOR LIFE—Following the annual Archdiocesan Mass for Life celebrated Sunday, Jan. 16 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark by the Most Rev. John W. Flesey, Regional Bishop of Bergen County, the faithful processed to nearby Saint Lucy Parish for a Holy Hour for Life. In attendance at the Mass were a contingent from the New Jersey Knights and Ladies of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, the oldest Catholic chivalric order under the direction of the Holy Father, as well as members of the Knights of Columbus. The Mass marked the 38th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision, Roe v. Wade, legalizing abortion and is a prelude to the annual March for Life in Washington, always well attended by participants from the Church of Newark. This year's march was Jan. 24. In his homily Bishop Flesey lamented the lack of an "authentic awareness" in realizing life is a gift from God. He wondered too why "the most educated population in the history of the world" fails to grasp that realization.

## AAA's theme focuses on spirit of 'serving'

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE Editor

NEWARK — The 2011 Archbishop's Annual Appeal (AAA) will kick off "pledge week" Feb. 5th and 6th as parishes throughout the four counties of the archdiocese gear up for this year's fund-raising campaign.

Carla Repollet, executive director of the archdiocesan Office of Stewardship and Development, said the theme of the 2011 AAA is "Serving the Lord by Serving Others." The theme, Repollet explained, is based on a passage in the 13th chapter of Saint John's Gospel, which reads, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

Archbishop John J. Myers encouraged the faithful throughout the archdiocese to support the AAA. "In my visits around the archdiocese, I have seen and heard the problems of so many people lost jobs, inability to pay bills, sickness, disease, broken marriages, troubled young people. The list is very long. This past year, I have also met people who were in desperate situations that we helped, restoring their dignity and making them productive members of society.

"I have also seen people whose faith has grown, enabling them to more fully know Jesus Christ, and we were able to accomplish this with the support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal," he continued. "I know these are difficult times, but I have seen the needs and they are great, so I humbly ask everyone who can to make a gift to the 2011 AAA and serve the Lord by serving others."

According to Repollet, there is no better way of showing our love

than by helping those who are in need. The Archdiocese of Newark has many successful people whom God has blessed with a variety of gifts. "Our faith inspires us to share our blessings, using God's gifts wisely and returning the blessing by serving others. For example, in each parish there are numerous Continued on page 28

## Year in Review Aid for Haiti tops 2010 milestones

#### BY WARD MIELE Managing Editor

AREA—The Archdiocese of Newark closed out the final year of the new millennium's first decade with inevitable transition while meeting 2010's challenges and celebrating its milestones.

A change at the top in state government was marked in early January at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark when Archbishop John J. Myers celebrated Mass early on the morning of the inauguration of Gov. Chris Christie. The Church of Newark rallied its forces later in the month to help victims of the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti. Donations from parishes and schools raised an astounding \$1 million in relief funds.

It was a year that saw Sister Joanne Bednar, S.C.C. named as archdiocesan delegate for religious and Thomas Conboy as director of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Another change came when Rev. Msgr. Robert Furhman, director of the local office of the Pontifical Missions Societies, became the organization's assistant national director in New York.

On a more solemn note, the Cathedral Basilica was the site of the Newark "Holocaust Remembrance" ceremony. It was the year too when Catholic Charities named Archbishop Myers its "Humanitarian of the Year."

The Archdiocese of Newark was again among the national leaders with a dozen men ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral Basilica. The Cathedral was also Continued on page 2

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## Milestones

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the scene of a Solemn High Mass celebrated by former Anglican clergymen who had become Roman Catholics. In the fall the Cathedral Basilica was filled beyond capacity when the Religious Teachers Filippini celebrated a century of service.

The following is a month-bymonth recap of major events in the four counties of the archdiocese.

#### January

Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Newark prepare once more for the annual March on Washington, a national grassroots effort to protest the January 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

With the new year, electricity purchased for all buildings on the Saint Peter's College Jersey City campus will be 100 percent "green" energy for a minimum of one year.

Father John Gabriel, director of vocations for the Archdiocese of Newark, holds a three-day discernment retreat.

A special Mass is celebrated by Archbishop Myers in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart to launch the inauguration ceremonies of Chris Christie as the 35th governor of New Jersey.

The archdiocese prepares to mobilize its forces in joining with religious and relief agencies worldwide in helping victims of a devastating earthquake that strikes Haiti on Jan. 12.

#### **February**

With special collections in parishes and schools throughout the Archdiocese of Newark, \$1 million is raised to help victims of the Haitian earthquake.

Father Joseph W. Kukura, 69, president of the Princeton-based Catholic health Partnership of New Jersey, and an admired advocate for Catholic healthcare issues in New Jersey, dies.



Archbishop Myers appoints Sister Joanne Bednar, S.C.C., as the new archdiocesan delegate for religious. Thomas Conboy, a member of Saint Leo Parish in Elmwood Park, is named the new director of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark.

#### March

While recovery efforts to help victims of the Haitian earthquake continue, the local Chilean community is confronted by a magnitude 8.8 earthquake that strikes that country Feb. 27.

Archbishop Myers visits the archdiocesan mission in Turks and Caicos (a chain of islands located 650 miles southeast of Miami) to confer the sacrament of Confirmation on two dozen young people, many of whom are refugees of the Haitian earthquake.

Braving hurricane-like conditions, faithful men from throughout the Church of Newark and beyond flock to Seton Hall University in South Orange to take part in the second annual Catholic Men's Conference. One week after the Men's Conference the annual Women's Day of Reflection is also held at Seton Hall University.

#### April

The joy of Easter abounds throughout the Archdiocese of Newark with Archbishop Myers celebrating noontime Easter Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

With solemn dignity, the millions of men, women and children murdered by the Nazis during World War II are recalled during Newark's 23rd annual Holocaust Remembrance Ceremony in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

More than 650 young people from 24 high schools throughout the archdiocese and beyond fill Walsh Gymnasium on the Seton Hall University campus for the seventh annual New Jersey Pro-Life Rally sponsored by the Salesians of Don Bosco.

A special Vocations Mass is celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica to mark the Feast of the Good Shepherd and the 47th World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Struggling to recover from the

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

**Year in Review** 

#### May

On May 4, during a gala dinner and reception at Nanina's in the Park, Belleville, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark honors Archbishop Myers as its Humanitarian of the Year.

Over 300 teenagers and young adults attend the 12th annual Rejoice retreat at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny.

The Cathedral Basilica is filled with family, friends, seminarians, Religious and clergy as Archbishop Myers ordains a dozen men to the priesthood on May 29, telling them of "the wonder of grace and the wonder of life in Christ." With that number of ordinandi, the local Church is again among the national leaders.

#### June

Former Anglican clergy who are now Roman Catholic celebrate a Solemn High Mass in the Cathedral Basilica on June 11. Bishop Juan Ignacio Arrieta Ochoa de Chinchetru, the secretary of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts, delivers the keynote address at the reception that followed the

Mass. The Year of the Priest, the

worldwide celebration, draws to a close in the archdiocese and around the world.

Diplomas are awarded to the Class of 2010 with 97 percent of the 3,565 graduates of 32 Catholic secondary schools heading to college and universities across the country.

Dr. A. Gabriel Esteban, provost of Seton Hall University, is appointed interim president.

#### July

Graduating high school seniors from the four counties of the archdiocese, along with administrators and faculty members, join Archbishop Myers at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark in a celebration of the achievement of the Class of 2010.

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Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Fuhrman, director of the local Pontifical Missions Societies office, is installed on July 1 as assistant director of the national office in New York.

Archdiocese of Newark as one of four Garden State organizations to receive United States Department of Labor funds to establish a youthful-offender program in four highneed cities in New Jersey.

Maryann Carolan, a teacher at Union Catholic Regional High School in Scotch Plans, is nominated by the archdiocesan Schools Office to the New Jersey Chapter of the Council for American Private Education as "Nonpublic School Teacher of the Year.'

Involved in healthcare all her life, Felician College's Mary E. Norton, Ed.D., travels to Australia as chair of the 63rd annual United Nations Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organization's Conference in Melbourne, Australia.

The Missionaries of Charity in Newark commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Mother Teresa of Calcutta with a Mass at Saint Augustine Parish in Newark celebrated by Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark

With a big assist from several archdiocesan parishes, the Bergen County's Sheriff's Office holds its first-ever gun buy-back program that proves to be stunning success with 708 weapons turned in.

#### September

Before an overflow crowd at the Cathedral Basilica, the Religious Teachers Filippini celebrate a century of service in the United States at a special Mass.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated in the Archdiocese of Newark and nationwide with the theme "Matrimony: Sacrament of Enduring Love."

Most Rev. Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York is the main celebrant and homilist at the annual Red Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart honoring the

Honorable Marilyn C. Clark, judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Passaic. Queen of Peace Parish in North Arlington hosts the showing of "Archbishop Fulton J.

Sheen: Servant of All," a documentary film chronicling the life and legacy of the influential evangelist and radio/television personality.

#### **October**

SEMINARY SCII

Under brisk, sunny skies in Newark's Branch Brook Park, "Soles for Faith" a 5 K run benefiting the Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children and the Office of Evangelization is held.

With characteristic generosity, parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Newark respond to the annual World Mission Sunday collection.

At its annual President's Gala at the Newark Club, Christ the King Preparatory School honors Archbishop Myers with its Cristo Rey Award.

The street next to Saint Augustine School in Union City is renamed for the late Sister Roberta O'Hea who taught at the school for many years before becoming principal in 1978.

Priesthood Sunday is celebrated throughout the Archdiocese of Newark.

Archbishop Myers presides at an archdiocesan pilgrimage to the Continued on page 27



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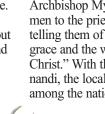
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## Our Archdiocese

## Conference puts out a call: 'rise up men of God!'

**BY WARD MIELE** Managing Editor

NEWARK-Putting into action its theme of "Rise Up, O Men of God," the third annual Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 5 at Seton Hall University (SHU) will capitalize on the spiritual awareness that was generated by the solid success of the first two gatherings.

Jorge L. Repollet, chairman of the conference, said the event represents a call for men to "live out their faith with courage and holy boldness." The conference will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on SHU's South Orange campus. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students ages 14 to 23 and \$15 as well for seniors over the age of 65. Priests and Religious will be admitted free of charge.

This year's conference is really going to the next level, toward a deeper understanding of faith.' -Jorge Repollet, conference chairman

Featured will be inspirational speakers, English and Spanish tracks as well as a concluding Mass celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers. The conference is open to those within the archdiocese and beyond. In the past it has attracted participants from across the Garden State. In an effort to reach out to local youth, the conference is listed on Facebook.

Registration online at the Web site www.rcan.org/menscommission is recommended. Registration is also available by mail, through contacting one's parish catechetical leader (PCL) or by calling a local pastor or rectory. The mailing address is Catholic Men's Conference, P.O. Box 9500, Newark, N.J. 07104-0500. Those without PCLs can call archdiocesan organizers directly at (973) 497-4545. Early registration runs through Feb. 7. Any questions can be addressed by calling that same number or via e-mail (Catholicmen@rcan.org).

The day begins with registration and breakfast. Music starts at 9:15 a.m. followed by the first speaker and a testimonial at 9:30 a.m. Fellowship, more music and exhibitors are slated for 10:30 a.m. Fifteen minutes later the second speaker is scheduled. At noon

there will be lunch, fellowship and exhibitors. An adoration service is at 1:30 p.m. followed by the keynote speaker an hour later. The concluding Mass is at 4 p.m. Confessions will be heard throughout the day.

Declaring that the conference "should not be missed," Repollet explained that a major change in this year's conference will be its "mindset." Theology, he went on, "is something to take home and use every day. This year's conference is really going to the next level, toward a deeper understanding of faith." This year's speakers, he noted, will be major factors in achieving that goal.

As he has the past two years, Gregory Floyd will emcee the English track. His counterpart for the Spanish track will be Genry Batista. Floyd is a leader in People of Hope. He holds a master's degree in theology from the School of Theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary. Batista is founder and president of Radio Immaculada, a Catholic radio station that calls the Archdiocese of Newark home and has listeners in 27 countries via the Internet. Batista was a Catholic missionary for two decades.

When Jesus turned around and noticed

them following Him,

He asked them,

"What are you looking for?"

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do you stay?"

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He answered.

John 1:38-39

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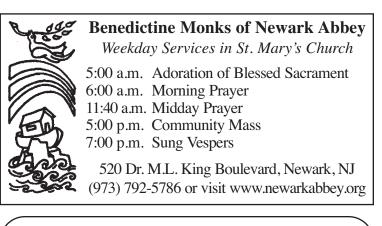


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There was enthusiastic applause last year at the Archdiocese of Newark's Catholic Men's Conference, which attracted 2,340 faithful individuals. This year's gathering is slated for March 5 at Seton Hall University. Chris Godfrey, a member of the New York Giants' 1987 Super Bowl champion team, is among the list of featured speakers at the event. Call (973) 497-4545 to register for the conference.

A familiar face among the speakers in the English track is Father Mariusz Koch, C.F.R., who was ordained in the archdiocese 42 years ago. He will lead the adoration service. Fr. Koch has been a member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, headquartered in Newark, the past 14 years. He appears on EWTN as host of "The Eucharist" series.

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#### February 2, 2011

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Bob has been in professional youth ministry since 1973, serving in diocesan, parish, school, and community programs. Bob offers workshops and training programs in ministry skills and issues internationally. His recent books are Thriving in Youth Ministry and The Vision of Catholic Youth Ministry: Fundamentals, Theory and Practice through Saint Mary's Press, Be A Champion for Youth: Standing With, By and For Young People, coauthored with his wife, Maggie, and his newest book, Raising Happy Healthy and Holy Teenagers: A Primer for Parents through NFCYM.

Bob is also a volunteer in his parish youth ministry and catechetical program at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Fulton, MD. Bob has a BS in ociology/Theology from St. Joseph's University, an MA in Religious Education from LaSalle University and a D.Min. from the Graduate Theological Foundation in Indiana. His hobbies include rock climbing, cycling, and now, grand parenting!

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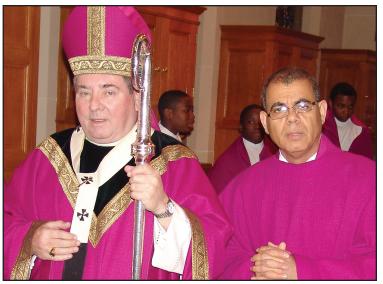
## U.S. bishops urge nations to maintain aid for Haiti

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WASHINGTON—Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York, the president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), earlier this month sent a message of support to Archbishop Louis Kebreau of Cap Haitien, president of the Bishops' Conference of Haiti, on the first anniversary of the deadly earthquake that struck Haiti.

"I express the ongoing concern and support of our Conference for the Church and people of Haiti," Archbishop Dolan said. "As we all gather to prayerfully remember the dead, as well as those still grieving and suffering, we call on the Lord's unfailing presence, to strengthen us all and the bonds of communion and solidarity that have bound us together in the wake of this tragedy."

The USCCB has urged the United States and the international community to recommit to the reconstruction of Haiti. Bishop Howard Hubbard of Albany, New York, chairman of the USCCB Committee on International Justice and Peace, acknowledged that progress of rebuilding the devastated nation has been slow, but



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Archbishop John J. Myers (left) and Rev. Msgr. Beaubrun Ardouin were celebrants at a Mass for the people of Haiti, which was celebrated last March at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. Msgr. Ardouin, the coordinator for the archdiocesan Haitian Apostolate and the pastor of Saint Leo Parish, Irvington, grew up in Haiti and came to the United States more than 30 years ago. During his homily, he spoke passionately about the suffering in his homeland and the faith of the Haitian people.

added that recovery from natural disasters is often a long and arduous process, even in rich nations.

According to recent TV news reports, much of Haiti remains in ruins. Port-au-Prince was the epicenter of the massive Jan. 12, 2010 earthquake that killed more than 300,000 people.

"Our own nation has seen the results of natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and has learned that it takes time to fully recover from these catastrophes," Bishop Hubbard said. "Recovery and rebuilding in Haiti is particularly challenging, since Haiti suffers from grinding poverty and its effects, which makes a natural disaster that much harder to overcome."

Last year the Archdiocese of Newark responded to the crisis, donating more than \$1.2 million for disaster relief (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Feb. 10 and 24, 2010). In addition, an archdiocesan team traveled to Haiti in April to oversee the delivery of 300 chalices and 700 vestments (see *The Catholic Advocate*, May 12, 2010).

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## Local News

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## Abandoning razors, students grow Beards for Breath

BY WARD MIELE Managing Editor

SOUTH ORANGE — Looking into the mirror each morning during November, seven archdiocesan-area college students were vividly and progressively reminded of their pro-life stance.

Three students from Seton Hall University (SHU) and four at Montclair State University (MSU) were joined by Father James Chern, university chaplain at MSU and director of its Newman Catholic Center, in a unique program dubbed "Beards for Breath."

A.J. Garcia, a Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) missionary on the SHU campus, organized the effort. Garcia said the brainstorm came to him during a "men's night" faith and fellowship session at MSU. The idea was a takeoff on "No Shave November," organized in support of the battle against cancer. Garcia decided to make Beards for Breath "an extension" of October as Pro-Life Month. As Garcia sees it the inconvenience of not shaving was a reminder of "lives on the line" each day due to the horrors of abortion.

Garcia used cyberspace in support of Beards for Breath putting it on Facebook. The result was some 8,000 visits to the page and an estimated 800 participants nationwide.

Admitting his first reaction was "why am I doing this?," Fr. Chern quickly became convinced it was a "great for a fraternity of men to unite" in support of life. Michael Thunell said he saw Beards for Breath as both adding to "voices" in support of the pro-life movement and a "male-driven" effort. Picking up on that latter point, Patrick C. Rivera, a FOCUS missionary at MSU, cited the importance of men "coming together to stand up" for the unborn.

As several members of the group did, Matthew Higgins, campus minister at MSU along with Fr. Chern, admitted peer pressure was a factor in his decision to be part of Beards for Breath. He felt it went beyond abortion to the "life issue" in general such as those on death row. Taking part in Beards for Breath, he continued, was an opportunity to "speak up." Glen Murphy emphasized the "purpose" of Beards for Breath and what is was designed to accomplish. When he was asked to participate,

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Advocate photo - Ward Miele

Bristling with smiles and enthusiasm, eight "Beards for Breath" project participants recently gathered at the campus ministry office at Seton Hall University in South Orange to review their faithful hirsute heroics in support of the pro-life movement. Pictured among the "unshaven octet" are (seated, left to right) Michael Thunell, Father Jim Chern, A.J. Garcia and Patrick C. Rivera, (standing) Glen Murphy, Anthony Christenson, Matthew Higgins and Joseph Donnelly. In addition to his hair-raising activities with Beards for Breath program, Fr. Chern serves as the Catholic chaplain and director of Newman House at Montclair State University.





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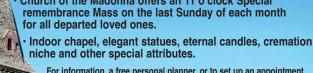
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## Gather pipes and drums: Newark plans 2011 St. Patrick's parade

NEWARK—Archbishop John J. Myers and Susan A. Feeney, Esq., a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and president-elect of the NJ State Bar Associationserving as grand marshal and deputy grand marshal, respectively—will lead the city's 76th annual Saint Patrick's Day parade, which will be held on Friday, March 18.

Michael D. Byrne, general chairman for the event, said this year's parade will carry the theme of "the Second 75 Years." "We're keeping the tradition alive," Byrne said. "The parade, like the city, has weathered a great deal of adversity over the years. But the Irish, and like all the people of Newark, we don't give up too easily.'

Byrne said the committee was "honored and humbled" to have Archbishop Myers and Susan Feeney leading the Newark parade this year. In accepting the invitation to lead the parade, Archbishop Myers said he did so "with the greatest of pleasure and excitement. It's my hope that this year's parade will go far in reconnecting this local Church of Newark with its Irish ancestry."

Feeney, speaking on behalf of her law firm, McCarter and English, said she was proud to be part of what the Newark parade to support the city while celebrating the life of Saint Patrick.

Representatives of the NJ Army and Air National Guard will be featured in the "Escort Section" of the parade. "These men and women have made us proud during their recent deployments and we felt it right to recognize them during the parade," Byrne said.

Grandstand ceremonies for this year's parade will begin at noon. The parade steps off at 1 p.m., starting at the Prudential Center, 165 Mulberry St. The parade route will travel pass the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Saint Patrick's Pro-Cathedral and will end at Washington Park.

Contact Byrne by phone at (973) 746-3280 or by e-mail (NewarkParade@gmail.com) for further information on the parade. Information on the event also can be found online (facebook.com/NewarkParade).

Last year, Dermot Quinn, Ph.D., a professor of history at Seton Hall University, wrote a

guest article offering insights into the life of Saint Patrick (see The Catholic Advocate, March 10, 2010). Quinn stated that most historians say Saint Patrick was born in the year 390 and dying around 460, perhaps even as late as 490.

The Patrick we commemorate today-the banisher of snakes, the wielder of shamrocks-is a largely mythic figure," Quinn wrote. "The real Saint Patrick, the Patrick of history, is a far more compelling figure-a man of prayer, of spiritual depth, of anguished and unresting piety. He is a saint for the modern world as much as for the dark and troubled world of the late Roman Empire."

According to Quinn, Saint Patrick was not even Irish, but was brought to Ireland against his will as a young man and for six years was a captive; yet somehow that captivity deepened Saint Patrick's faith. "When his days of slavery were over, he still felt the call of the Irish, the need to be back among those who had taken his youth away from him," Quinn wrote.

## **Beards**

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Joseph Donnelly remembered his initial reaction simply was: "why not? I like to help people." Putting up with the hassle of a beard for a month, explained Anthony Christenson, was a "small sacrifice when you are talking about life and death."

Reaction to their beards ran the gamut. Initially, Thunell said he was asked by friends if he had simply forgotten to shave. But, he stressed, when he explained what he was doing and why, "it got people to think.

"Shocked" was among the reactions he elicited most often Rivera recalled while he emphasized the importance of men "as a group standing up for life" a sentiment echoed by Fr. Chern and Higgins. Fr. Chern appreciated too how the effort sparked discussions about the pro-life movement. In the same vein, Murphy noted, questions about why he had started a beard gave him the "excuse to get the (pro-life) issue out there."

Pointing to the solid response to Beards for Breath, Garcia cited the "electronic dialogue" that resulted by utilizing Facebook. He said those who took part in Beards for Breath campaign used their beards as "spiritual weapons, and it worked.

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## Angelic voices of Dominoes and Jellybeans 'Gleeful' sounds resonate throughout Jersey City

BY MELISSA MCNALLY Staff Writer

inging in front of thousands of people at Radio City Music Hall, appearing on television morning shows and having a CD sold throughout the country are all in a days work for the average superstar...or choir member from Saint Dominic Academy and Our Lady of Mercy Academy, both located in Jersey City.

Last fall, The Dominoes of Saint Dominic Academy and The Jellybeans from Our Lady of Mercy Academy were featured on the Fox 5 TV program "Good Day New York." With the success of the network's popular show "Glee," choirs and school musical groups have become media darlings.

Joseph Napoli has been director of The Dominoes for the past 32 years. His group of 38 high school girls is familiar with being in the spotlight. They have performed at Carnegie Hall six times, were the opening act at Radio City Music Hall for the annual "Christmas Spectacular," and sang with international superstar Andre Rieu at Nassau Coliseum. In 2008, The Dominoes performed for then presidential candidate Barack Obama at his campaign stop at Saint Peter's College.

The best cure for stage-fright nerves, Napoli advised, is being well rehearsed. "When 'Good Day New York' visited our school, we had a five-hour rehearsal that Saturday. There is no better way of calming the group down than being well prepared. Everything was live and the girls were really excited. The news van was parked outside with this big antenna; it was great fun," Napoli recalled.

The choir director came to the allgirls Saint Dominic Academy over 30 years ago. Along with instructing social studies classes, he is moderator of the school glee club, currently with around 80 members, that encompasses The Dominoes and other school choirs.

"I started in 1979 and applied to be a social studies teacher. There wasn't a position available but they had an opening for a music teacher. I was in the glee club at Saint Peter's college and had musical experience. It just became a runaway hobby," Napoli said. At the Continued on page 13

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## Hillside programs explore methods to deal with bullying

HILLSIDE—"Developing the Greatness Within Your Child" is the guiding force behind the educational programs offered at Hillside Catholic Academy.

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The co-educational academy utilizes an active student council. Its executive board includes Kenya Jaccobs, president; Amabel Ramos, vice president; Erin Pernas, secretary and Andre Perez, treasurer.

"It has been refreshing to be part of the leadership and excitement within such a vibrant school community," Angela Vasil, advisor to the student government, said.

An important part of the school year came at a November assembly when an innovative "Be a Buddy, Not a Bully" program was launched through the coordinated efforts of Vasil and the student government. "The person who has to learn to change is the bully, not the victim," students were told at the time.

At the assembly, students were given two pieces of paper. On one they wrote of an instance in which they felt they had been bullied. The papers were then destroyed as a symbol that the incidents were now in the past. On the second piece of paper each student wrote down their name and handed it to the student next to them. That student wrote down a quality of the other student that they admired.

The student government played an active role in explaining the importance of the new program. Each student signed a poster declaring commitment to the anti-bullying

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effort. In addition a special box has been placed in the main office for students to anonymously tell of an incidence of bullying.

The impact of the program was immediate. Tayla Gunn from the third grade said the program "taught me that if someone bullies me, I simply walk away. You also have to help someone who is in trouble."

Another academy feature is a state-of-the-art computer laboratory complete with a SMART Board and 23 laptop computers. There is a SMART Board in each classroom.



KITCHEN CREW-Thirteen students and two teachers from Lacordaire Academy worked for a week at Saint John's Soup Kitchen in Newark. Lacordaire, located at 155 Lorraine Ave., Upper Montclair, will host open-house programs Feb. 2 and March 10, 7 to 8:30 p.m., for prospective students and their parents-the school's elementary division (co-ed Pre-K through eighth grade), and the secondary division (young women) grades 9 through 12. Call Joan Hearst at (973) 744-1156, ext. 12 for more information.



## **Recalling challenges to Catholic education**

his week our Catholic Press is featuring Catholic Schools Week. It is with pride and heartache that we can look back over our Catholic educational heritage. We can break the history into two distinct stages. From 1884, the Third Council of Baltimore basically mandated that "a parochial school

must be erected at every church." And that "All Catholic parents are obliged to send their children to parochial schools unless they provide adequately and manifestly for the Christian education of their children at home or unless for a sufficient reason, approved by the bishop they are permitted to send them to other schools.'

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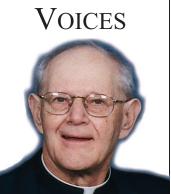
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Under the influence of Elizabeth Ann Seton and a multitude of other dedicated Religious, the Catholic School System grew. By the time I was ordained in 1957 there were 186,000 female religious, 10,000 brothers and 67,000 priests (religious and diocesan) in these United States. Over a million and half boys and girls were in Catholic grammar schools and high school and 600,000 young

men and women in Catholic colleges and universities. There were over 9.000 educational institutions in all.

The rest of us, like myself, who were unable to attend Catholic schools, learned our faith from Catechism classes and from a Catholic culture that made Mass on Sunday a "given"—like fish on Friday and confession on many Saturdays. We just lived a



By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist

Catholic life. We almost absorbed the faith by osmosis from our environment.

The accomplishments of those marvelous, self-sacrificing priests, Religious and lay people of that era are miraculous. They lifted generations of generally poor and lower middle class Catholic children morally and educationally, and created a mighty army of faith-filled Catholic Americans who helped to shape and form our nation in the 20th century.

Then came the turbulent 1960s. The entire country became convulsed in change. The era saw civil rights marches, revolts on college campuses, anti-war demonstrations, and a culture strongly influenced by sex, drugs and rock and roll.

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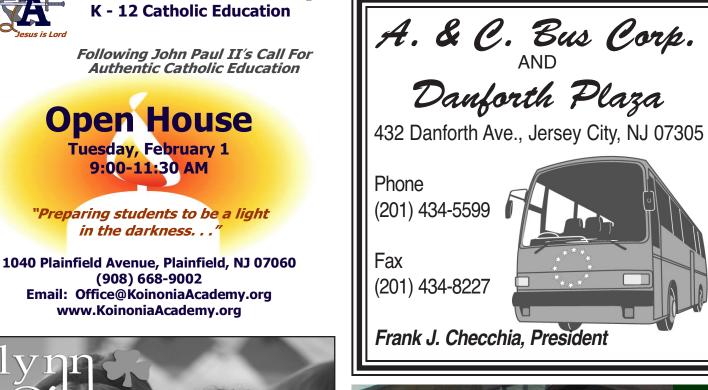
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## Catholic Schools Week

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## Schools designate Feb. 5 as registration date for students in Class of 2015

NEWARK—Registration for Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Newark, for students in the Class of 2015, will take place on Saturday, Feb. 5.

It's anticipated that as many as 3,500 students are expected to register, according to Brother Ralph Darmento, F.S.C., deputy superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Newark.

Details regarding the registration process will be provided by Catholic secondary schools in Bergen, Hudson, Essex and Union counties, such as applications for financial assistance; the completion of various forms; payment of registration fees; and the acceptance of tuition contracts. In addition, information concerning summer programs and scholarship opportunities will be available at registration.

Laura Cristiano, director of marketing and communications for the archdiocesan Schools Office, said schools will have representatives available to assist parents and students with the registration process.

According to information provided by the archdiocesan Schools Office, high school students in the Class of 2010 earned more than \$275 million in academic grants and scholarships, while 97 percent of the 3,565 graduates of the 32 archdiocesan Catholic secondary schools were accepted in colleges and universities around the country.



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**HONOR SOCIETY PLEDGE**—Seventy-seven Paramus Catholic Regional High School (PC) students were inducted into the National Honor Society (NHS), during a ceremony held in December. Highlighting the induction ceremony was the traditional NHS candle lighting and the announcement of new members followed by awarding of stoles, pins and cards. Amanda Chivil, PC honor society chapter vice president, led inductees in recitation of the NHS pledge. James P. Vail, PC president, closed the ceremony by congratulating the students on their many accomplishments. Damian Stobierski, PC honor society chapter president, is planning to attend Yale University, New Haven, CT, in the fall. Induction into the National Honor Society is determined by a committee of teachers and administrators. Students must demonstrate excellence in scholarship by taking at least two honors or advanced placement (AP) classes and maintaining a grade point average (GPA) of 90 or above. In addition, NHS members display leadership by participating in extracurricular clubs and activities as well as a commitment to service by volunteering to serve in their local communities. Character is evaluated through a series of teacher recommendations. Joseph P. Agostino is the principal of Paramus Catholic (Web site: www.paramuscatholic.org), which has 1,570 students.



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time, there were only nine girls in the glee club. Today, 25-30 percent of freshmen audition to join the group. The Dominoes participate in national competitions and will even perform at a faculty member's wedding next month.

The popular television show "Glee," about a misfit group of high school choir members, might have piqued the interest of some students. However, Napoli has been mixing popular songs in with his repertoire of Broadway medleys and classical arrangements for years.

"I don't watch the show, but I know it includes some of the music I grew up with. If it gets the kids to sing, then I am all for it. If you get the kids to sing popular songs, they will learn to fall in love with choral literature. I'm old, but I'm not an old fogie. I'm open to new things," he explained.

Napoli's experience in a glee club transformed his life and believes choir is a way for students to feel that they belong. "When I was in high school, I couldn't sit still. Being in musicals opened up a whole new world for me. Many students find refuge here and everyone is accepted. The kids all want to sing and participate in a group. For some of them, choir is a lifeline that gets them through adolescence. I look at choir as being an extended family. For people that sing together, it is a bonding experience and sense of camaraderie that you can't forget.'

The long-time director hopes to make it to 50 years at the school and shows no signs of stopping. He organized a women's choir comprised of alumni, most of them former Dominoes. There are even daughters of former glee club members that Napoli is currently instructing. Even though times may get hectic in balancing all his responsibilities, seeing his students discover the joy of music and performing is most rewarding.

"No matter how frustrating it gets, I always try to keep the big picture in mind. I still get up in the morning with the same enthusiasm I did 32 years ago; not many people can say that. I will never forget the joy on the faces of students when they have achieved something great. They just glow. That keeps me going," he explained.

Last December, the Dominoes invited Our Lady of Mercy Academy's choir, The Jellybeans, to perform at their annual Christmas concert. "They were lovely and talented young women," Napoli said. "They were polite, professional and thorough. The Jelly-



beans are a credit to their school and their director."

Anthony Coviello is director of the youth choral group comprised 11 girls, in grades 7 and 8. The Jellybeans are separate from the Our Lady of Mercy Academy youth ministry choir, although some girls are a member of both groups. Unlike most glee clubs, The Jellybeans perform mostly original material written for them by Coviello, a long-time musician. They have recorded a CD, "Back in School," available on Amazon.com and iTunes.

Coviello began writing original music for students in 2004, when he volunteered to compose a new school song "This is My School" to be performed at graduation. A year later, he wrote three more songs for the choir. Both of his sons attended Our Lady of Mercy Academy and in 2008, when his youngest son graduated, the students requested that he stay. "I was roped in. There was a group of fourth graders asking me not to leave; I couldn't say no. It was an honor to be asked to stay,' Coviello said.

Last year, he decided he wanted to record a few of the original songs as a keepsake. A few girls auditioned to be in the group, then without a name. "I thought of The Jellybeans because the girls are all sweet and loud; every one of them is full of personality. We have a colorful group of girls," he explained. From January to April, the group rehearsed and the album of seven songs was recorded in June at Our Lady of Mercy Parish. Coviello's friend who is in music production assembled equipment in the church as the girls sang in harmony.

Coviello was surprised by how well his students performed in the makeshift recording studio. In order to have continuity on the CD, the girls had to make the commitment and record all the songs. "I made sure to tell them once we started recording, that there was nobody in, nobody out. This was all done on their own time. They Continued on page 14 NOT JUST ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE ...



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## Students demonstrate skill in writing test

BY BARBARA DOLAN Special to The Catholic Advocate

NEWARK—The results of the standardized writing assessment administered in November 2010 to all 4th and 7th grade students in the schools of the Archdiocese of Newark reflect the strength of writing instruction programs in Catholic schools.

The CTB Writing Assessment, developed by national test publish-

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er CTB/McGraw-Hill, is administered to the students in Grades 4 and 7 each November.

The 2010 writing assessment results for both Grade 4 and Grade 7 indicate that on average students in the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Newark exhibit above-average writing skills. In addition to the students' strong performance on the writing assessment, Grades 2 through 7 achieved above-average median national percentile scores on the language section of the TerraNova standardized tests administered in March 2010.

The purpose of the writing assessment is to provide teachers and school administrators with an objective rating of students' writing proficiency. The results of the assessment provide information about the development of the writing skills of individual students, as well as group achievement. This data is used to evaluate the effectiveness of writing programs and the instructional needs of students.

The CTB Writing Assessment requires students to respond in writing to a specific prompt. The writing task is completed in a classroom, under the supervision of a teacher/proctor, during a 30-45 minute period. Once it is completed, the student's writing sample is submitted to CTB/McGraw-Hill for scoring by a trained evaluator.

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rehearsed on Thursdays and recorded on Mondays. They just picked up (recording) like ducks to water."

After "Back to School" was completed, a student suggested selling the album as a fund-raiser for the school. The retail-ready CD was sold throughout the school and then was released for outside consumers. The songs were picked up by a children's radio program in New Mexico and a radio station in Rhode Island asked to stream the album on their Web site. Pandora Radio, the online radio station, recently accepted The Jellybeans' songs in their library and soon the group can be heard all over the country. "This is the only group of 7th grade girls I know that have an album out on Pandora," Coviello said with a laugh.

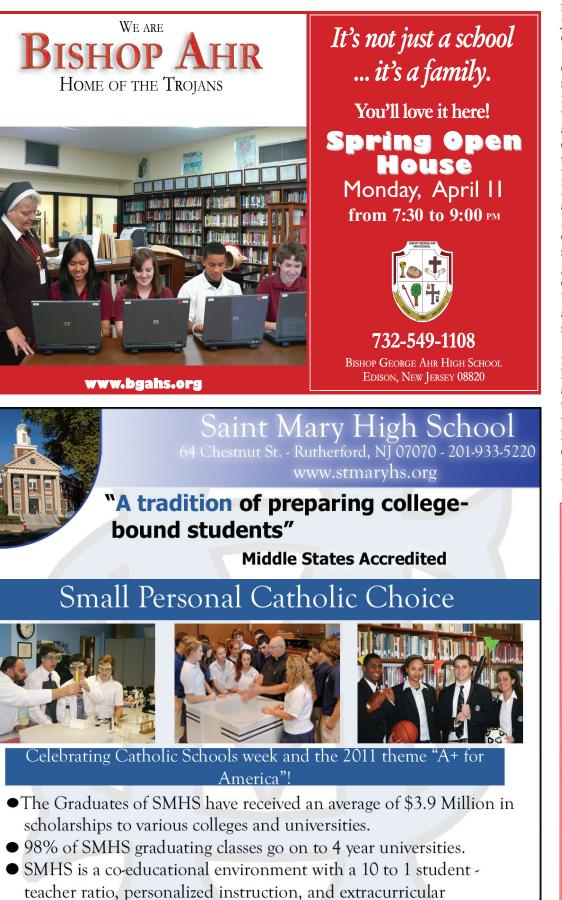
The music of The Jellybeans is described as "rock and roll for kids" and is relatable to the young audience. Although he composes the music, Coviello collaborates with the girls to write lyrics. "The kids give me the ideas and I include them in the song. I try to tap into their creativity. I come up with the blueprint for a song and I let them put it together," he explained. Songs such as "The Way too Much Homework Blues" and "Let Me Sleep" are energetic tracks enjoyed by both parents and students.

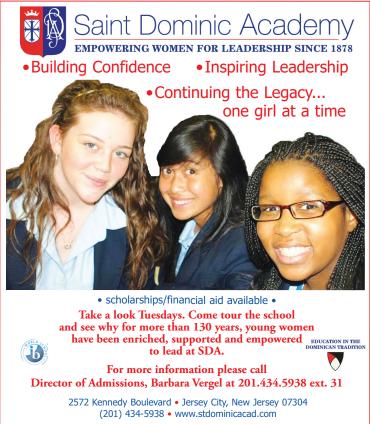
A keyboard player by trade, Coviello was a member of the band Starfleet and stopped performing in 1990. "God works in mysterious ways. I was out of music for a long time and it was my kids that got me back into it. I thank God for that. I learn more from the kids than they learn from me."

Through The Jellybeans, the music director believes he has seen the students grow in confidence. "Music teaches the kids to concentrate, focus and be dedicated. In order to record the songs, you have to have patience and discipline. Parents have noticed their daughters come out of their shell."

Without the support of parents and faculty, Coviello noted, The Jellybeans would not be as successful. "Everyone has been so encouraging—from the parents, to teachers and the principal. They have motivated us to keep doing this. Everyone is very proud of the girls and so am I."

The Jellybeans plan to release another album of original material in May.





## Schools Office portal educates parents on education

BY LAURA CRISTIANO Special to The Catholic Advocate

t's quite a shock when you realize that the children who are graduating from our Catholic high schools this year have never known what it is like to be without the Internet at their disposal. Most of them were born in either 1992 or 1993, and the Internet took off exponentially in 1995 when Windows 95 came out.

They didn't just watch Elmo on Sesame Street on TV, they interacted with him on their computer screen. When they got older, they branched out into online games, forums and chat rooms. There is almost nothing they haven't managed to do online be it applying to college or finding tickets to a NJ Devil's hockey game. They'll be going off to college in the fall armed with laptops outfitted with wireless connections ready to keep in touch with their parents, not by letter or email, but by posting on their Facebook walls.

It's stunning to look back and reflect on how much things have changed in the online world in less than 20 years. Back in the 1990's services like America Online (AOL) and Compuserve brought us to the online world where we were charged by the minute for usage. Families added extra phone lines so they could dial up and be online in a lightning fast two minutes. Businesses debated whether this online thing was just a fad. Creating your own Web site probably involved hiring computer science major who hand coded your site in html. When user-friendly programs like DreamWeaver and FrontPage hit the market, it gave the average person a chance to create their own Web site.

Today the question isn't "Should I have a Web presence?" but rather "What should my Web presence look like?", or "Has my Web site modernized with the times?"

The Schools Office of the

Archdiocese of Newark tackled these questions head on last spring. In studying the Web sites of schools offices in dioceses around the United States, one thing was quickly realized: many dioceses (San Francisco and New York just to name two.) were creating Web sites for their school offices that were independently maintained from their dioceses' Web sites. The reason? The volume of information and updates that needed to go out on the schools office pages

was overwhelming diocesan Web masters.

The solution was for schools offices to establish their own pages on their own URL that really created a vital information portal—



not only for those whose children were already enrolled in Catholic schools, but also for those who were just considering this option, and turned to the Internet to explore the possibilities. This is not to say that these schools offices severed all ties with their diocese, a link to their new sites was still found on the main pages of their diocesan sites, but that the general public needed their information in a different format.

Several priorities were established for the new archdiocesan Schools Office page. In addition to retaining the information that was al-

ready on the archdiocesan schools section, a new format that allowed for a more creative and eye-catching presentation was going to be key. A user-friendly navigation Continued on page 18



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## Diane Moser Quintet to swing Feb. 25 at Caldwell College

CALDWELL-The Diane Moser Quintet will perform an evening of jazz music at Caldwell College on Friday, Feb. 25 at 8 p.m.

The concert will feature music from their recording "Looking Forward, Looking Back," Moser's film score from the award-winning documentary "Breaking Boundaries: The Art of Alex Masket," and two recent projects, "MacDowell's Woodlands-The Birdsong Project" and "Music of the Spheres-Intervallic Dreams."

The concert will be held in the college's Alumni Theatre with a reception to follow. Tickets are \$20 for general admission and \$15 for students and seniors. Subscription and group discounts are available. To purchase tickets online, please visit the college Web site (www.caldwell.edu). For additional information, call (973) 618-3299 or (973) 618-3326.

A pianist and composer, Moser teaches in Montclair. Born and raised in Iowa, she began her music career in the mid-1970s. Other instruments in the quintet include bass, drums, alto sax, clarinet and trombone.



SAFE AND SECURE—Sister Philomena McCartney (left), principal of Visitation Academy in Paramus, recently welcomed members of the local Police Department for a state-mandated "First Responder Lock Down Drill." The officers addressed faculty and students and shared their expertise in explaining the proper way to react in an emergency with emphasis on maintaining order and cooperation.

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## Challenges

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For many Catholics, Vatican II was a wrenching experience. It was a change, but the change was too vast, too quick, and too radical. Yes, the updating of the faith (especially in Scripture) was necessary. But observe the results, particularly upon Catholic school system.

In a book entitled "The American Catholic Heritage" published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (1992), Father William Byron, S.J. listed seven forces that have weakened our Catholic educational system today. Each one of these forces deserves a dissertation, but all I can do is list them:

- "Rising costs of teacher remuneration and aging physical plants
- A diminishing number of religious and priests in education
- New apostolic challenges for priests and religious especially in social action
- Changing values in society. The dominant value in America today is materialism.
- Spiritual and religious values have been compressed.
- Changes in the family. Strong social forces, a revolution in the social life of society has affected the attitudes of students and parents toward Catholic education.
- Reduced discrimination against Catholics. Upward social mobility has caused non-Catholic (public) schools to become more attractive. (They are of course free.)
- "Increased acceptance by Catholics of cultural pluralism." Catholics are comfortable in America – and as a result many are less rigid in their practice of religion.

Since Fr. Byron wrote his little thesis, things have grown demonstrably worse. Catholic education on the elementary level has been devastated. We have far fewer but arguably more excellent schools.

However, we who have spent our lives in the trenches are fully aware that the great enemy to our Catholic faith is religious ignorance.

So, all hail to that great army of teachers and catechists who struggle year by year to produce that most precious product of Catholic education: well informed, devout and faithful Catholic young people. Together those catechists and teachers at all levels are rebuilding the City of God.

## Students set to teach tech skills

FRANKLIN LAKES —Students at Academy of the Most Blessed Sacrament will share their information technology skills with the senior citizens of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Aquinas Scholars and Scholars in Training—students in grades four to eight, under the direction of Christopher Wild, academy technology coordinator—will begin an eight-week program in February, working with the seniors in an hour-long class, providing "howto" information on using computers and the Internet.

Going forward, the program will evolve and the curriculum determined by the needs of those enrolled in the course. Students will launch the program by having the seniors answer a short survey to establish their level of technical experience as well as determine the ways in which the seniors want to use computers.

## Kearny center to host forum

KEARNY—Robert J. McCarty, executive director of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry Inc., will address the topic of fostering the positive development of young people during a special forum on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the archdiocesan office of Youth and Young Adults Ministries and Youth Retreat Center, 499 Belgrove Dr.

In his presentation "Pastoral Care of the Adolescent: A Church and Community Challenge," McCarty will focus on practical strategies for crisis intervention and building the assets of young adults.

Contact Rich Donovan by phone (201) 998-0088, ext. 4150 or via e-mail (donovari@rtcan.org) for more information.

## Lacordaire seeks jeans

UPPER MONTCLAIR—The Mission Club at Lacordaire Academy is a participant in the annual "Jeans for Teens" drive in support of homeless young people. Items can be dropped off at the main entrance of the school, which is located at 155 Lorraine Ave. (corner of Park Street), through Feb. 13. Call the academy at (973) 744-1156 for details.



Submitted photo Maryann Carolan (second from left), receiving her 2010 Nonpublic Teacher of the Year finalist plaque, is congratulated by (left to right) Brother Ralph Darmento, F.S.C., deputy superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Newark; John O'Neill, associate superintendent of schools; and Sister Percylee Hart, the principal of Union Catholic. "Maryann is an innovative teacher who is never intimidated by new teaching approaches," Sr. Percylee said during an interview last summer. "She has always been a visionary far in advance of others. Her unique insights and distinctive temperament endear her to the students."

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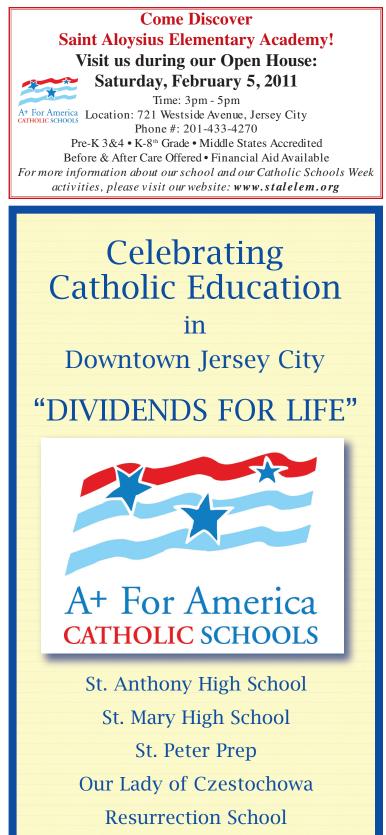
# NJ council applauds creativity, insights of Maryann Carolan

SCOTCH PLAINS– Maryann Carolan, a humanities teacher at Union Catholic Regional High School, has been selected as the "2010 Nonpublic Teacher of the Year" finalist by the New Jersey Council for Private Education (NJ CAPE) and the New Jersey Department of Education Advisory Committee for Non-public Schools.

A member of the Union Catholic Class of 1986, Carolan has taught at her alma mater the past two decades. She received a bachelor's degree in Speech and Theater from Montclair State University, a master's degree in Education from Walden University and was a fellow at Saint Andrew's University.

During her career she has taught a variety of English courses and is the assistant chair of the humanities program. She is also director of the school's performing arts group.

This is the second consecutive year that a member of the Union Catholic faculty has been recognized as a Non-Public Teacher of Year finalist.



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## Web site

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structure that allowed for continuity in branding and easy to find menu items was a must. Photographs featuring students, teachers, parents, pastors, etc. carrying out their mission in action photos were necessary to highlight the textual information. A news section that covered the fabulous happenings in our elementary and high schools needed to be added. Furthermore, this news section needed to accommodate not only photos and press releases, but video as well.

After months of work last summer and lots of tweaking in the fall, the Schools Office page for the Archdiocese of Newark (www.rcan/schools.org) was officially "open for business" just before Thanksgiving weekend.

Rev. Msgr. Kevin M. Hanbury, the archdiocesan superintendent of schools and vicar for education, sent out an e-mail blast wishing all principals a blessed Thanksgiving and notifying them of the site. The site was well received and several principals responded with press releases of current news events to be added to the site.

Since its creation, numerous parents have found the Web site to be useful in learning more about Catholic education for their children. Parents have inquired

New York for two years and one of the key considerations in my decision making is whether I can get *Jince its creation, numerous parents have* found the Schools Office Web site (www.rcan/schools.org) to be useful in learning more about Catholic education

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my two daughters, who will be age eight and four next year, into a Catholic school." The family was quite impressed by what they saw online and they are now considering settling in New Jersey.

As with all Web sites, it will be a constant work in progress that will continue to develop with the changing times. The hope is that current and future school families will find the site useful.

(Editor's note: Laura Cristiano is the Web-savvy director of marketing and communications for the archdiocesan Schools Office.)

## Academy hosts SFIC trustees

ELIZABETH-Donors and corporate sponsors saw firsthand the work of the Archdiocese of Newark's Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) at its annual trustees breakfast held recently at Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy.

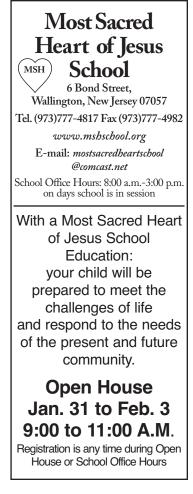
Under the direction of Deacon Joseph Caporaso, the academy was established two years ago through the merger of Blessed Sacrament, Saint Anthony and Saint Mary of the Assumption elementary schools.

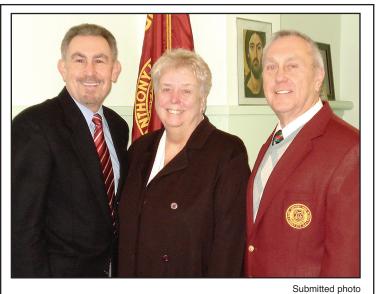
Upon arrival those attending the breakfast were welcomed by student ambassadors who gave them a tour of the school. During the breakfast served by the students, the school choir sang Christmas carols in several languages.

Krystina Jimenez, an eighth grader representing the 83-member student body receiving partialtuition scholarships, spoke of the impact her scholarship has had on her and her family.

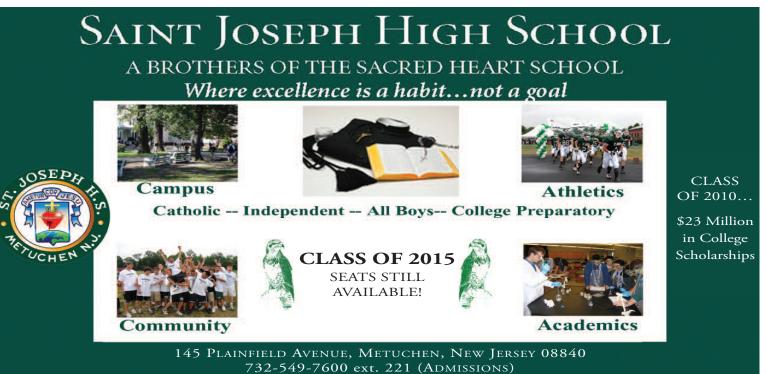
'Seeing how our contribution impacts the lives of these children is the best Christmas gift ever" Marie Frazza, of the Frazza Family Foundation, said.

SFIC is providing 2,200 low income K-12 students with \$2.6 million in partial tuition scholarships to attend private and parochial schools in the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark. Applications are being accepted for the 2011-12 school year. For information on how to apply or make a donation call (973) 497-4279 or visit the SFIC Web site (www.sficnj.org). Gerard T. O'Connor is the executive director of the SFIC.





NEW PRINCIPAL-Sr. Mary Felicia Brodowski (center), president of Saint Anthony High School, Jersey City, recently introduced Charles Alexander Tortorella (left) as the school's new principal. Tortorella, who has served Hoboken's board of education for 40 years, officially moved into the post on Jan. 24. He replaces Mathew Glowski, Ed.D. (right), who has served as principal for the last five years.



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Georgian Court University plans 'Decision Day' events

LAKEWOOD-Georgian Court University, 900 Lakewood Ave., will hold a series of "Instant Decision Day" programs all at 10 a.m. on Jan. 28, Feb. 18, Feb. 23, March 18 and April 1.

High school seniors can attend a simulated class, meet with an admissions counselor and get an admissions decision all in the same day. The program also includes a campus tour.

Those planning to attend must register online at the university's Web site (www.georgian.edu/admissions/decision.htm) and bring their high school transcripts including a list of their senior year courses. SAT or ACT scores and any recommendations should be delivered in a sealed envelope. Resumes are optional.

Students will receive instant scholarship eligibility notifications. Applicants for the nursing programs must have minimum SAT scores of 500 on both critical reading and math or an ACT composite score of 21 as well as GPA of 3.0. For additional information call (732) 987-2760.

Founded and sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of New Jersey, Georgian Court University is located on a 156-acre estate, which formerly belonged to financier George Jay Gould.

**BY MELISSA MCNALLY** Staff Writer

BERGENFIELD—Whether it's robotics or chess, karate or aviation, Transfiguration Academy has a class for you. The elementary school offers students diverse, innovative electives and extra-curricular activities to supplement a quality Catholic education.

This month, the academy will be the first school to implement the "DB Adventures" educational series into the curriculum. Clubhouse Adventures Inc., described as a small socially conscientious company focusing on providing empowering educational tools for children, originated the series. Creators Tracey Serebin and Lee Glynn developed seven characters, each having their own special talents and interests, with whom children ages five through 11 can relate and find guidance.

The story revolves around a group of youngsters who befriend a new member of their clubhouse.



Sal Tralongo

Sal Tralongo, principal of Transfiguration Academy, believes the program will synergize well with religion, social studies and reading courses. He said the program is designed to help children use their imagination, develop problem solving skills and cultivate a social conscience based on Gospel values.

"We are the first elementary school to use the series and William Paterson University will adopt the program in the summer. We hope to integrate 'DB Adventures' into the curriculum to supplement the classes. It also teaches kids about community," Tralongo explained.

An extra-curricular math team also was formed this month. For students who have an aptitude for the subject, the group meets Saturdays to work on problems individually or in groups. Last summer the school constructed a new engineering and technology lab "En-Tech" to help provide students with practical applications for their math, science, computer and technology classes (see The Catholic Advocate, Aug. 25, 2010).

Tralongo receives ideas for electives and extra-curricular activities from both students and faculty. The year is broken down into trimesters and students can sign up for whatever interests them each period. Innovative classes and subjects are often introduced at the school for a more well-rounded education. Traditional sports teams, such as basketball and tennis, are also available.

"The activities have children working together in a fun and safe environment," Tralongo said. "The after-school programs develop their skills in a structured environment where students can practice good sportsmanship and teamwork. There is a valuable lesson in both winning and losing."

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A former vice president at JP Morgan Chase, Tralongo previously served as principal of Ascension School, New Milford, Continued on page 21

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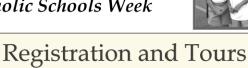
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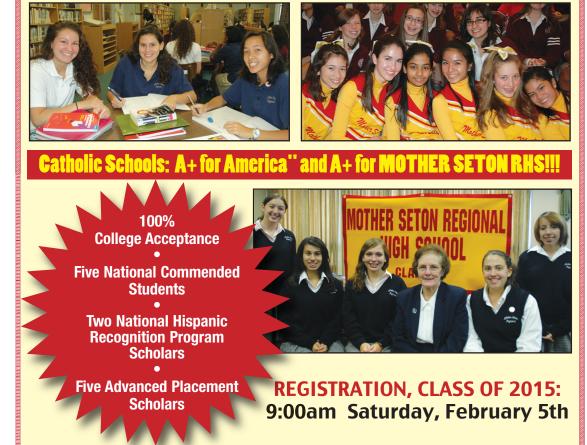
WEEK-Students at Marist High School, Bayonne, recently took part in the annual School Spirit Week festivities, a series of fun programs designed to cultivate school unity. Marist seniors (left to right) Karen Dava, Mia Cruz, Nikki Hijos, Mia Jamilano and Luwin Changco are pictured as characters from the hit science-fiction movie "Avatar."





LIBRARY REDEDICATED-Members of the Felician College community came together in November in a ceremony to rededicate and bless the Felician College Library in Lodi. Pictured are (left to right) Sister M. Alexandra Marie Kolat, Sister M. Carmeline Kowalsik, Sister M. Aloysius Morgan, Paul Glassman, Felician library director, and Sister M. Victoria Olender. The celebration was the culmination of a yearlong renovation project that included the addition of a wireless network, ergonomic chairs, individual computer stations and new study areas.

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## Academy

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and was selected to lead the merged academy. Transfiguration Academy (Web site: www.transfigurationacademy.org) is in its fifth year since the merging of three local Bergen County schools-Saint Mary, Dumont; Saint John, Bergenfield; and Ascension, New Milford. The academy, which serves students in Pre K through eighth grade, is located at 10 Bradley Ave.

"Being principal during the school merger confirmed my belief that good people working together can accomplish anything. I believe everyone can learn and have fun will doing it," he said.

A strong advocate of Catholic education, Tralongo stresses the importance of Christian values throughout the curriculum. "A good academic foundation prepares students to be successful in their careers; a good Catholic education prepares them to be successful in life. It is important to have a well-balanced environment for the children to thrive. Everything we do at

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Transfiguration Academy is surrounded by and permeated with Gospel values.'

Tralongo gives credit to his faculty for not only volunteering to lead the unique classes and clubs, but for serving as role models to students. "The teachers not only provide the basics, but they volunteer their time for greater causes. The faculty feed the homeless at Hackensack Family Shelter and asked students to help make desserts. That, to me, is Catholic education-the willingness to go above and beyond. The teachers are very fine individuals that lead by example."

The emphasis on spirituality resonates with students and the school's many activities can serve as an outlet for creatively expressing faith. "We have a poetry night in the spring and I was impressed by how many of the original works involved God and helping others. I was very proud of that."

As reported, last September the academy launched the innovative Energy and Technology (En-Tech) program, which focuses on the applied learning of science principles. En-Tech offerings include computer



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Sal Tralongo, Transfiguration Academy principal, said it's most rewarding to learn that the academy's former students flourish in higher education. Students are encouraged to focus on academic work in the classroom as well as learn lessons through activities, such as chess, outside the classroom. "Students come back and tell me how well prepared they were for high school," Tralongo said. "Our students join clubs that help their communities and also excel academically. Hopefully, we are providing seeds that grow into good Catholic leaders."

programming, engineering projects such as bridge building, broadcasting, graphic design and utilization of Global Positioning System (GPS) information to create a graphic data base in relation with a particular area of study.

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If ever presented with a crowd of AHA students, you can be sure that Amber will be right in front. With a magnetic personality that is both outgoing and welcoming, Amber's generous spirit recently earned her AHA's Kindness Award. Performing and philanthropy happen to go hand in hand in her life – her skits and dancing were a big hit at AHA's International Night, which helped raise money for the Arise and Walk Foundation. A dedicated athlete and a leader on Student 9-12 All Girls College Preparatory Council, it seems there's nothing Amber can't do. Yet this is a common example of an AHA girl – simply amazing. and 10th and 11th graders HIGHER Academy of the Holy Angels 315 Hillside Avenue Demarest NJ 07627 phone 201.768.7822 SPONSORED by THE SCHOOL SISTERS of NOTRE DAME



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BY MSGR. KEVIN M. HANBURY Special to The Catholic Advocate

n the Broadway Show "Gigi," there is a wonderful song with the lyric "Ah, I remember it well." I am sure many of you who are reading this Catholic Schools Week special report in *The Catholic Advocate* remember well your academic and spiritual experiences at an elementary and/or secondary Catholic School.

Perhaps at times the discipline was tough and the studies challenging, but look at what you have become—a person of prayer and a person with a Christ-like character. You have become a critical thinker and productive member of society. Many of you perhaps even attended a Catholic university. I believe that it is time for all Catholics to once again remember Catholic schools. Our memories of friends made, cultures shared and passionate awareness of social justice concerns have made many of us better and more mature in our spiritual response to live out the Gospel message—to love God and neighbor.

Some leaders of business and government have stated that the best workers in society are those who have had some Catholic education experiences in their background. Studies have shown that those who have shared in this gift bring the gifts of punctuality, discipline, and social awareness to the workplace. Of course, studies have flaws, but these things are very nice to hear.

If we recall our early school-

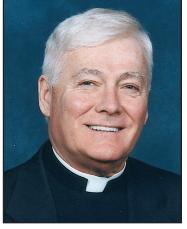
ing, we can fondly remember that the environment within the walls of a Catholic school reflects the love of God. We continually hear from new enrolled families that the Catholic school is welcoming. It is sad that, for many of us, our elementary school may no longer exist. However, we must continue to pass along the message and love of our past to future generations.

Unfortunately, many of today's young families are not blessed with the great opportunity that we had—namely, no tuition or very limited school contributions. With the cost of maintaining school buildings, the extremely costly health benefit packages, and the providing of a just salary to all employees have added to the problem of affordability. As the operational costs increase, families in today's economic climate often cannot al-

ways afford the wonderful gift of giving their children the benefits of a Catholic education. In turn this has led to declining enrollments.

Another very sad reason is the decrease in Catholic families practicing their faith, and so not all understand the great value and the wonderful outcomes that can result from children attending Catholic schools.

Nonetheless, it is believed that some of our Catholic families might be able to afford this opportunity and need to be invited to come and join in the family atmosphere for which our schools have been so well known. Our schools need to become more astute in their marketing and development. Throughout the United States, many dioceses have a smaller number of Catholic schools but still provide excellent Catholic



Msgr. Kevin Hanbury

education. It isn't the amount of buildings that make Catholic education a success. It is the end product and the results that are meaningful.

Home school associations and school boards have truly raised the bar in these areas. Even the Schools Office in partnership with the Development Office of the Archdiocese of Newark has assisted in this process. Right now there are two members of the archdiocesan Office of Development and Stewardship—Carla Repollet, the executive director, and Gesenhia Lopez, the coordinator and database manager for the SEEDs program-who have worked tirelessly to provide various workshops to assist principals, lay leaders and volunteers in implementing an effective development program.

The SEEDS program ("Securing Elementary Education through Development Solutions") is 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



Article written by Msgr. Robert Meyer, Pastor of Sts. Peter & Paul Ss. Peter and Paul Church is proud to co-sponsor Hoboken Catholic Academy ("HCA") as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Along with the other Hoboken parishes and St. Lawrence, Weehawken, we are blessed to have a Catholic school to call our own!

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This Catholic Schools week, we salute Principal, Rose Perry, our parishioner, her talented and experienced faculty, of which 50% have between 20-30 years of teaching experience.

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God bless Hoboken Catholic Academy, the students, parents, teachers, and all those who support it!

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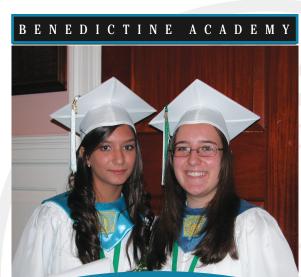
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## Catholic Schools Week

and soliciting alumni for ongoing support of a particular school's mission.

At this point in time about 35 of our 85 elementary schools have participated in the SEEDS Program. The program is unique, requiring school to do research into their records. During this past summer, individual schools compiled a database of all their graduates going back to around 1940. Then a company named Blackbaud, which specializes in this field, verified current addresses, checked on name changes due to marriage, and ascertained those who had passed away. After completing these preliminary steps, they then are able to determine the financial background of those listed in a particular school's database.

One might ask: why do Catholic elementary schools need the SEEDS Program? I would say that Catholic schools are a proven product. These schools provide an environment that enhances the spiritual, physical, emotional and intellectual growth of each child. Academically, more often than not, Catholic schools have consistently displayed higher test scores. This is very often especially true with those children who unfortunately have disadvantages in their young lives. Catholic schools have taught us a sense of belonging and forming of community.

These sites have given a safe and welcoming space for public and private prayer and for the reception of sacraments. In addition, those of us who have graduated from Catholic schools have an understanding of scripture, an insight into why we need to be socially just, and an ability to make moral and faith-filled choices in our lives.

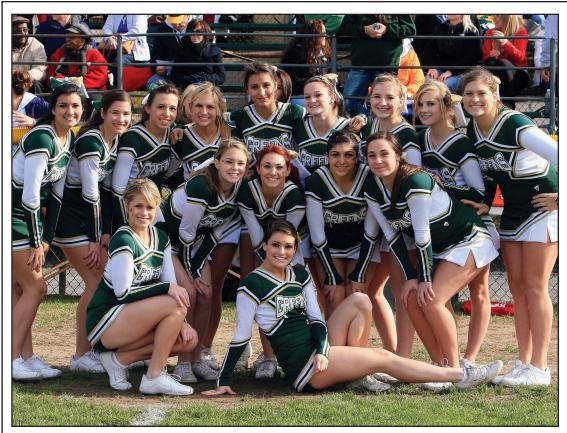
I would not be so bold to say that these things never happen in other educational environments, but often times other environments have replicated what Catholic schools have been doing so well for decades. Just reflect on what a Catholic School has done for you.

However, today, despite their strong history of academic excellence and spiritual development, Catholic schools are faced with tremendous challenges. We need your assistance to pass Catholic education on. This could come in the form of prayer for the continued success of Catholic schools, even though there are fewer locations. Perhaps in today's times, your participation as alumni to your Catholic school or to any Catholic school in your community can add a great deal of time, talent and treasure. I invite everyone who hears from the SEEDS program to thoughtfully respond in a positive way. If you are not able to respond through your financial treasures then perhaps your talents could be of great assistance to a School Board or through another type of volunteerism.

Let's all pass it forward! Let each of us show our thankfulness for our past memories. Let us

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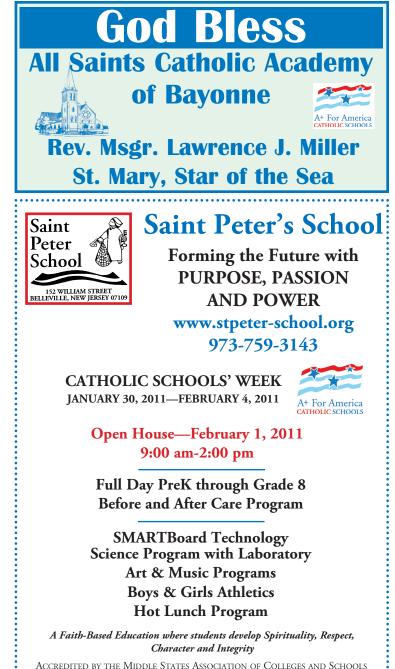


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NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT-The varsity cheerleading team from Queen of Peace High School in North Arlington recently captured third place in the New York regional, qualifying them for the national championship competition in February in Orlando, FL. The Universal Cheerleaders Association sponsors the competition.

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(Editor's note: Rev. Msgr. Kevin M. Hanbury, Ed.D. is the vicar for education and superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Newark.)



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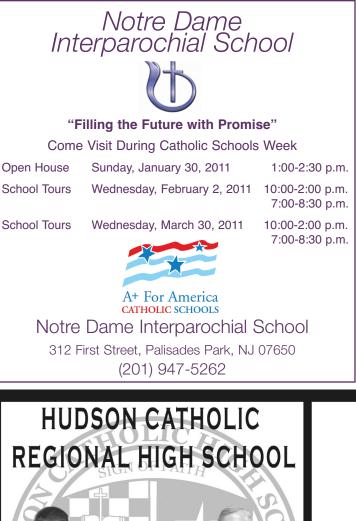
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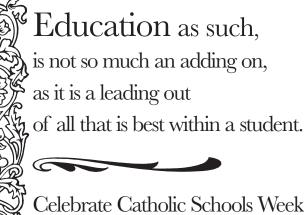
**TUSCON TRAGEDY PRAYERS**—Joining in the national grief over the shootings Jan. 8 in Tuscon, AZ, the school community at Visitation Academy in Paramus observed a moment of prayerful silence for the six people who were killed. The voungest victim, nine-year-old Christina Taylor Green, was a third grader. She and her family were members of the Diocese of Tuscon Pictured is Visitation Academy teacher Ann Marie Serra and her second grade class.







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STAR AUDITION-Singer Euihwan "Ben" Seo, a junior at Bergen Catholic High School (BC), Oradell, has qualified to compete in final try-outs in South Korea for Munhwa Broadcasting Corporation's (MBC) new show "Star Audition: The Great Birth." Seo auditioned at a two-round competition at the Radisson Hotel in New York City in November and was among three participants chosen from a pool of 900 contestants to qualify for the trip to South Korea. He departed for South Korea in December on an all-expenses-paid trip and competed for a final spot on the show, which is reminiscent of the popular "American Idol" program.

## Assessment

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Each writing sample is assigned a holistic score ranging from 1 through 6. The holistic score is based on the student's incorporation of various elements of effective writing, such as: use of language, sense of purpose, voice, vocabulary and language mechanics.

The average score for the fourth grade students in the Archdiocese of Newark was 3.8 on a 6point scale. Fifty-three percent of the 1,866 fourth grade students to whom the writing assessment was administered in November 2010 received a score of 4 or higher.

According to the norms published by CTB for the particular prompt used in Grade 4 a score of 4.0 places a student at the 83rd national percentile. More than half of the fourth grade students in the archdiocese received scores that were higher than 83 percent of the national norm group.

The group mean for the 7th grade was 4.2 with 76 percent of the 2,115 seventh grade students scoring 4 and higher on the CTB Writing Assessment. According to the published norms for the prompt used in Grade 7, a student earning a 4.0 scored higher than 73 percent of the national norm group.

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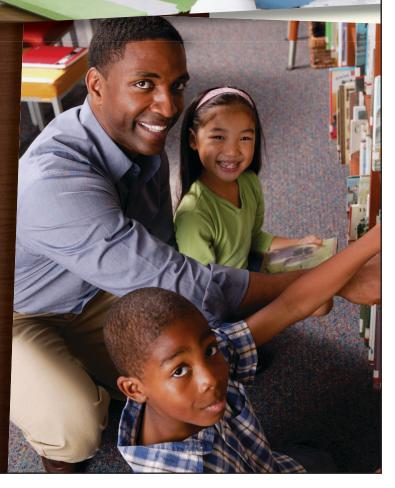
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## Obituaries

#### **Father Donald Scherer**

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 10, 2010 in Lacombe, LA, for Father Donald R. Scherer, 81, who died Dec. 6. A Jersey City native, Fr. Scherer relocated to the Archdiocese of New Orleans following his retirement in 1987. He served as a parish priest there for over 20 years.

He attended Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, where he earned a bachelor's degree of Sacred Theology, with majors in Biblical Greek and Hebrew. He was ordained on May 27, 1967.



**Rev. Donald R. Scherer** 

#### Sr. Maria Josephine, S.C.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Dec. 22, 2010 at Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station. for Sister Maria Josephine McErlane, S.C., 88, who died Dec. 18.

Sr. Maria Josephine entered the Sisters of Charity March 25, 1942, and was a member for 68 years. She was an educator in New Jersey and Connecticut. She taught at the following archdiocesan schools: Saint Michael School, Jersey City (1943-1946); Holy Trinity High School, Westfield (19461951); Academy of Saint Aloysius High School, Jersey City, (1951-1969); Paramus Catholic High School (1969-1975); and Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington (1980-1985).

She served in adult religious education at Annunciation Parish, Paramus, from 1985 to 1987, and as a teacher in the Academy of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, from 1987 to 1991. From 1991 to 2010, Sr. Maria Josephine worked in the field of health insurance at the Convent of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station.

## Year in Review

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Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. Observed every three years, more than 3,100 participants traveled to the nation's capital for the 2010 pilgrimage.

#### **November**

The month begins with Rev. Msgr. William B. Naedele retiring as director of Catholic Cemeteries after 35 years of service.

Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, cites the importance of reflecting on one's faith journey at the annual Youth Ministry Recognition Mass he celebrates

at the Cathedral Basilica. Archbishop Myers celebrates the annual Blue Mass for Law Enforcement at the Cathedral Basilica, telling the officers and families in the pews "each day I am amazed at your sacrifices."

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark unveils Holy Name Chapel Mausoleum in Jersey City that features newly restored stained-glass windows.

Some 750 faithful attend the second annual "Nourishing Your Faith Dinner." Final tallies make it the largest fund-raiser dinner of the year for the archdiocese.

Drawing a crowd of 800 faithful from throughout the archdiocese and beyond, attendance reaches

record levels at the annual Catechetical Convocation held at Paramus Catholic Regional High School.

#### **December**

The Cathedral Basilica is the joyous scene of the 40th annual Candlelight Carol Sing on two consecutive evenings.

Student Brian Harnett reports on Union Catholic Regional High School becoming one of the first schools in New Jersey to comply with a new law requiring safety evacuation drills on a monthly basis

Archbishop Myers celebrates Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

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Father Dermot Roache serving Communion at St Martin De Porres Parish in Pretoria, South Africa.



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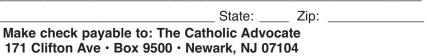
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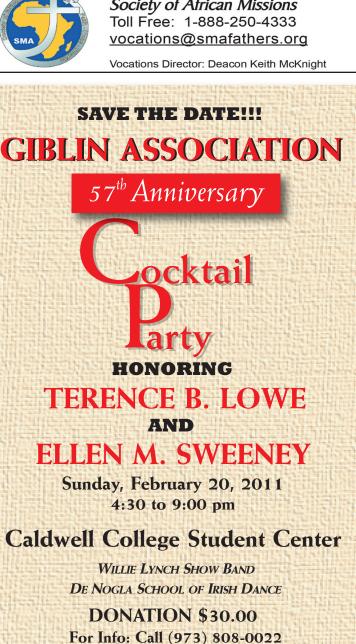
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volunteers who serve by staffing different ministries, making parish life vibrant, helping to bring Christ into our daily lives," she said.

"For the majority of parishioners, the most meaningful way to share their blessings is by making a gift to the AAA," Repollet said. "The appeal funds many programs that do everything from feeding the hungry, to educating young people to receive the sacraments, providing adult day care, educating seminarians, helping parishes in poor neighborhoods remain open and much more. This is how most of us serve the Lord."

There are several ways to contribute to the AAA: a one-time gift; a pledge with installment payments; payments online through the archdiocesan Web site (www. rcan.org); with appreciated stock that also reduces capital gains tax; using an employee matching gift program; and donating American Express membership points. Call the archdiocesan Development Office at (973) 497-4129 for more information on the AAA.

"We are very grateful to everyone who made gifts to the 2010 appeal," Repollet said. "Despite



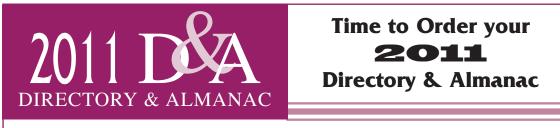
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Carla Repollet (left) and Bishop Thomas A. Donato (right) present a plague of appreciation to Very Rev. Steven Conner, V.F., the pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Fort Lee. The parish was cited for achieving 357.8 percent of its goal for the 2010 AAA campaign. Other archdiocesan parishes honored for their fund-raising efforts, during the Jan. 19 AAA kickoff reception at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark, included Saint John the Evangelist, Bergenfield; Saint John, Newark; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Ridgewood; and Saint Mary, Star of the Sea, Bayonne. The AAA's "pledge week" campaign begins Feb. 5 and 6.

the downturn in the economy, the total raised was just slightly less than the 2009 appeal. The number of donors in 2010 was down by less than one percent and the

average gift size was down by one percent.'

This year, for the first time, the video to be shown in parishes on "kickoff weekend" will be localized, with separate versions produced to feature parishes, people and organizations unique to Bergen, Hudson, Essex and Union counties



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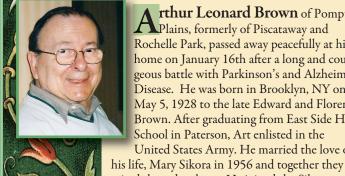
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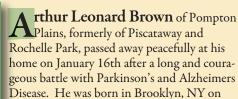
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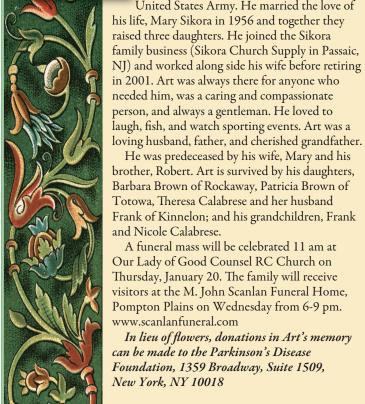
Brown. After graduating from East Side High

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A funeral mass will be celebrated 11 am at

School in Paterson, Art enlisted in the



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## **Conference**

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Giving witness will be Chris Bell of Good Counsel Homes which he co-founded along with Father Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R. Good Counsel Homes assists pregnant and parenting mothers at five area locations with educational and vocational preparation for independent living. Good Counsel also has runs Lumina, a post-abortion ministry. Two speakers will

take the podium from the world of professional sports. Nine year NFL veteran Chris Godfrey was starting right guard on the New York Giants' 1987 Super Bowl Champion team. Currently an attorney in Indiana, Godfrey is founder and president of Life Athletes, Inc., an association of over 300 professional and Olympic athletes working to inspire young people toward a virtuous life.

From the baseball diamond comes former California Angels (now the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim) catcher and outfielder Dennis Miller. Today he is director of Major League Baseball's

first Urban Youth Academy in California. Several years ago, Miller traveled to the Vatican as part of the first-ever Council on Church and Sports.

An evangelical pastor for a decade before his entire family converted to Catholicism, Steve Wood is founder of Saint

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Joseph's Covenant Keepers, a

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will be local broadcaster Luis

Alejandro Medina of Telemundo

Returning to the Spanish track

of fathers and families.

47 as well as coordinator for Evangelization and Catholic Men's Ministry in the Archdiocese of Detroit, Francisco "Paco" Gavrilides. Joining them will be guitarist Tony Melendez who was born without arms. He played for Pope John Paul II during the Holy Father's 1987 visit to Los Angeles. Melendez also will pro-

vide witness in the Spanish track and music at the English track. Medina will speak of God's help in his battle against lymphatic cancer. Gavrilides is also a trustee with the National Fellowship of Catholic Men. He was a Catholic missionary throughout Latin America some 20 vears.

The upcoming conference, Repollet emphasized, will be "a very powerful spiritual experience." As evidence of that he pointed to the fact that a good number of conversions followed the first two gatherings. He sees the conference as a means of "bringing men back to the Church while making them better men

in society and in their homes." In addition to his work with the conference, Repollet serves as director of cemetery services for the archdiocesan Catholic Cemeteries office.

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annual Women Commission's "Day of Reflection," which is scheduled for March 19. This year there are two expanded features for this event—a track specifically for young women and a Spanish track. Pamela M. Swartzberg is the chairwoman of the Archdiocese of Newark's Women's Commission. Additional details on this gathering will appear in a future edition of The Catholic Advocate.



Jorge Repollet



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## Health & SeniorNews



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ROLLING UP THEIR SLEEVES-Alexandra Rojas, a senior at Union Catholic High Regional School in Scotch Plains, was among many donors at a recent blood drive held by the school's health club and moderated by school nurse JoAnn Ball along with the New Jersey Blood Services. Led by the Health Club executive officers, Shaheena Shahid and Angelina Caravello, the drive surpassed its goal with 49 donors which included members of the community. The Health Club will host a second blood drive in the spring. For general information regarding medical eligibility, visit www.nybloodcenter.org or sign up through Nurse Ball at (908) 889-1600 ext. 311. One out of every three people will need blood at some point in their lives; which is why the Union Catholic Health Club is dedicated to increasing awareness for this cause.

## Shaggy participants sought for Locks of Love program

JERSEY CITY-At the end of the school year, Saint Dominic Academy (SDA), 2572 Kennedy Blvd., will take part in "Locks of Love," a program to provide hairpieces for financially disadvantaged young people under the age of 21 dealing with long-term medical treatment, such as chemotherapy, that results in hair loss.

Open to current students as well as alumnae there are specific guidelines. They include the acceptability of hair that is colored or layered if the longest hair is 10 inches and curly hair that may be pulled straight to measure a minimum of 10 inches. That is the minimum length required for a hairpiece. Hair that has been bleached or highlighted is not usable.

Locks of Love is a non-profit organization based in West Palm Beach, FL. Contact teacher Eric Hawthorn by phone at (201) 434-5938 or by e-mail (ehawthorn@stdominicacad.com) for more information on the SDA program.

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## Holy Name demonstrates benefits of novel robotic thyroidectomy

TEANECK—James Lee, MD, has performed the first robotic thyroidectomy in northern New Jersey at Holy Name Medical Center using the da Vinci® Si HD<sup>™</sup> Surgical System. The procedure was performed on a 44year-old female patient who was discharged 24 hours after surgery.

"By using a minimally invasive procedure to remove the thyroid, we are able to offer great benefits to patients with minimal risks," Lee explained. "One of the main differences in a robotic thyroidectomy is that the incision is made under the patient's arm versus the typical incision for a surgical procedure which leaves a scar on the front of the neck."

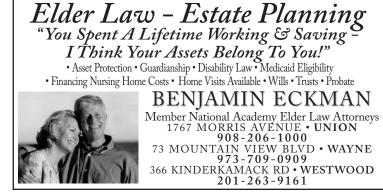
Holy Name "continues to remain at the forefront of state-ofthe-art surgical services," noted Hee Yang, MD, medical director of the Minimally Invasive Center.

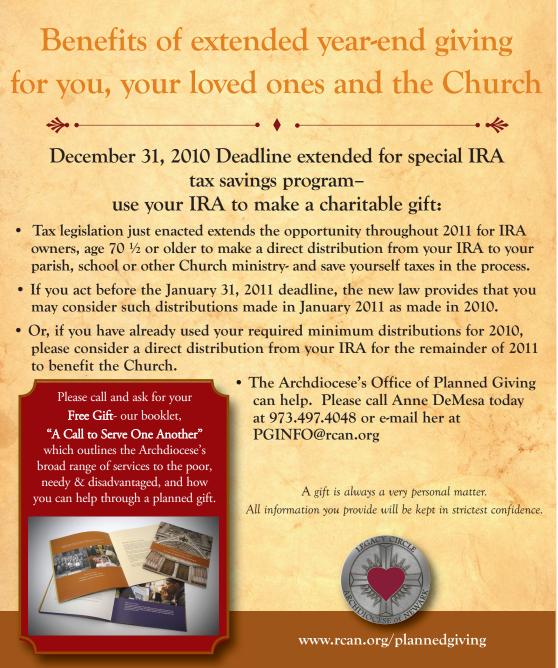
"Dr. Lee's performing the first robotic thyroidectomy in northern New Jersey has paved the way for the latest minimally invasive treatment options for patients," Yang added.

There are many benefits for patients regarding minimally invasive surgical procedures: smaller incisions; less surgical preparation; shorter hospital stays; and a faster return to normal activities.

For additional information on the procedure, call Holy Name at (877) 465-9626. Founded in 1925 by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Peace, Holy Name is a 361-bed acute-care medical center.

Last year Holy Name's One North progressive care and intensive care (ICU) units received the Beacon Award for critical-care excellence from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses. The award indicates the Holy Name units meet or exceed national standards in recruitment and retention; training and mentoring; research and evidence-based practice; and patient outcomes.





## Around the Archdiocese

#### January 27

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3428, North Arlington, spelling bee contest, at North Arlington Public Library, 6:30 p.m., call Bob Rogan at (201) 390-3359 or email at roberterogan@verizon.net.

LUMEN CENTER, Caldwell, "Is Spiritual Direction for You?" 7-9 p.m., 973-403-3331 ext. 25.

### January 29

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH, Fairfield. "Health Care Reform for the Soul," 9:30 a.m., (973) 439-9890.



#### PASTOR

**Reverend Michael V.** Guglielmelli, Pastor of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Hoboken, has had his pastorate extended one more final year ending June 30, 2012.

Very Reverend Victor P. Kennedy, V.F., Pastor of the Church of the Resurrection, Jersey City, has been appointed to a second six-year term ending Jan. 31, 2017.

**Reverend Monsignor** Gregory J. Studerus, Pastor of Saint Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York, has been appointed to a second six-year term ending Jan. 31, 2017.

**Reverend Marc A. Vicari,** Vicar for Family Life in the Archdiocese of Newark and Campus Minister at Rutgers

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announced the following appointments: Newman Center and Essex County College, Newark, has been appointed Pastor of Saint Cassian Parish.

Upper Montclair, effective Feb. I. He will remain Vicar for Family Life.

#### PAROCHIAL VICAR

**Reverend Dieuseul Adain.** was appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Newark, effective Jan. 3.

**Reverend Reinerio B.** Agaloos, Parochial Vicar of the Church of Divine Mercy, Rahway, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Leo Parish, Elmwood Park, effective Feb. 5.

**Reverend Robert S.** Gajewski, Parochial Vicar of Saint Joseph Parish, New Milford, was appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Michael Parish, Cranford, effective Jan. 19.

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES PARISH, Jersey City,"Divine Mercy and the End Times," presentation by Bud Mac-Farlane, 10 a.m -1 p.m., call Weng Yaptangco at (201) 616-6062 or Karen Canillas at (201) 888-2313.

#### January 30

CARMEL RETREAT, Mahwah, "Taste the Spirit of Caldwell," dinner to benefit retreat center, 1:30 p.m.,

TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY, Bergenfield, Big Breakfast, served after 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 10:30 p.m. masses, at Ascension Parish, New Milford, St. John Parish, Bergenfield and St. Mary Parish, Dumont, advanced tickets: \$8 for adults/\$6 for seniors and children: at the door: \$10 for adults/\$8 for seniors and children, call Irene at (201) 264-9258.

#### January 31

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3428, North Arlington, bus trip to Mount Airy Casino, PA, bus departs 10:30 a.m. and returns 7:30 p.m., cost: \$30, call Nicholas Cerchio at (201) 230-3428.

## February 2

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 email skwia@aol.com.

## February 4

SODALITY OF THE CHILDREN OF MARY OF ST. TERESA, Jersey City, recitation of the "Little Office," 3:15 p.m., call Katherine T. Crossan at (201) 689-1471.

#### February 5

ST. AEDAN PARISH, Jersey City, parish auction, 2-5 p.m., cost: \$10 per 25 chance tickets, call Naty at (201) 200-9737 or Roger at (201) 970-8519.

#### February 11

NJ BLOOD SERVICES, blood drive at St. Henry Parish, Bayonne, 1-7 p.m., call Marie Forrestal at . (732) 616-0798.

#### February 12

MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS SCHOOL, Wallington, benefit dinner-dance, 7:30-11 p.m., cost: \$50, call Sister Vicky Bartkowski, C.S.S.F. at (973) 777-9505 or Carol Puzio at (201) 935-0273.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 5427, Washington Township, wine tasting, 8 p.m., cost: \$60, RSVP by Feb. 6, (201) 664-0422.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4504, Union, dinner dance, 7 p.m. - midnight, cost: \$70 per couple/\$35 per person, call Sister Ann Dominic, O.P., at (908) 686-5271.

#### February 16

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK, OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES, annulment information evening, at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City, 7:30 p.m., (973) 497-4327.

#### February 19

CENTER FOR HOPE HOSPICE & PALLIA-TIVE CARE, Scotch Plains, annual charity ball, at the Grand Summit Hotel, Summit, 6:30 p.m., cost: \$100, call Barbara Witt at (908) 288-9112.

#### Other

NOTRE DAME PARISH, North Caldwell, Faith Quest 2011, an adult spirituality forum, will be held Wednesdays, March 16 through April 6, 7:30 -9 p.m., pre-registration is requested, (973) 226-0979 or call Patricia Fitzpatrick at (973) 994-0173.

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