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Events to focus on autism awareness

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Sun shines on Saint Patrick's Day parade



Advocate photos – Advocate editorial staff

THE TOP OF THE MORNING—

Golden sunshine and joyful sounds of Irish music highlighted the 76th annual Newark Saint Patrick's Day parade on March 18, in the heart of the Archdiocese of Newark. The day began with an Investiture Mass at Saint Patrick's Pro-Cathedral. Bishop John W. Flesey, S.T.D., D.D. (top photo, center), stood shoulder to shoulder with a full contingent of priests and lay leaders prior to the start of the march. Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, adjutant general of the NJ Army and Air National Guard; Deputy Grand Marshal Susan A. Feeney, Esq., president-elect of the NJ State Bar Association; and Grand Marshal Bishop Flesey (left photo, left to right) shared a reflective moment on the parade grandstand during the playing of the Star-Spangled Banner. Bishop Flesey was standing in for Archbishop John J. Myers, who was unable to attend the parade due to recent eye surgery. "I ask that you pray for me as I sit in my rooms at the Cathedral rectory, straining my ears to hear bagpipes and laughter," Bishop Flesey said, reading the words of Archbishop Myers to the crowd. "In my life I have been many places and have called some of



them my home. Today, however, there is only one place I want to be." A young parade fan, wearing his finest hat and shamrock shades, was among the marchers. The parade stepped off from the Prudential Center on Mulberry Street in downtown Newark. Members of the NJ Army and Air National Guard were honored as recipients of the parade dedication. Michael D. Byrne, general chairman of the event, during his introductory remarks, noted that the parade committee has been proud to call Newark home for over seven decades, keeping the tradition alive. "We're looking forward to doing so for the next 75 years," he said. See page 16 for more on the parade.

Forum contemplates faithful collaboration with God



Advocate photos – Melissa McNally

INTERACTION AND REFLECTION—The annual Women's Day of Reflection gathered March 19 at Seton Hall University, South Orange. Sponsored by the archdiocesan Women's Commission, the theme for this year's forum was "Our Collaboration with God." Pictured are featured speakers for the event: Azeneth Gonzalez (top right photo), musician and pro-life minister; Haley Timmons (center photo), a representative of the Denver-based ENDOW ministry; and Susan Selner-Wright (bottom left photo), Ph.D., a professor at Saint John Vianney Seminary, Denver. The reflection included two new tracks for Spanish-speaking faithful and young-adult women. Pamela M. Swartzberg, L.C.H.S., serves as the commission chairwoman. A full report on the event will be published in the April 6 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*.

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Annual gala slated for April 5

Catholic Charities taps Adubato as 'Humanitarian of the Year'

NEWARK—Archbishop John J. Myers, together with Catholic Charities, of the Archdiocese of Newark will host the sixth annual Archbishop's Gala celebration and fund-raiser on Tuesday, April 5, 6 p.m., at Nanina's in the Park, 540 Mill St. Belleville.

Proceeds from the gala support the programs and services of Catholic Charities and its affiliates: Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health System and Mount Carmel Guild Schools. For tickets, sponsorship opportunities or more information about the event, call the Catholic Charities' development office at (973) 596-4052.

This year Catholic Charities' Humanitarian of the Year Award will be presented to Stephen N. Adubato, Sr., founder of the North Ward Center and the Robert Treat Academy Charter School. He is a member of the board of trustees of Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Newark.



Stephen Adubato, Sr.

"We are proud to honor Stephen N. Adubato, Sr. as our Humanitarian of the Year," Dr. Phillip Frese, president and chief executive officer of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, said. "He has consistently worked to improve the lives of others for more than four decades and is recognized for his tireless

efforts on behalf of Newark's residents, especially in the area of education and social services."

From the three- and four-year olds who attend the preschool program he founded to older adults who are cared for at Casa Israel Adult Medical Day Care, the institutions that Adubato created positively touch thousands of people each day.

Adubato built the North Ward Center from a small, storefront office on Bloomfield Avenue in 1970 into the thriving institution it is today. During an era of instability, uncertainty and transformation in the city, the North Ward Center served as a pillar of strength, offering job training, education and recreational opportunities to families struggling for survival.

He began his own career in education as a history and government teacher in the Newark public school system, where he taught for 15 years. While teaching, he



Dr. Phillip Frese (left) and Archbishop John J. Myers

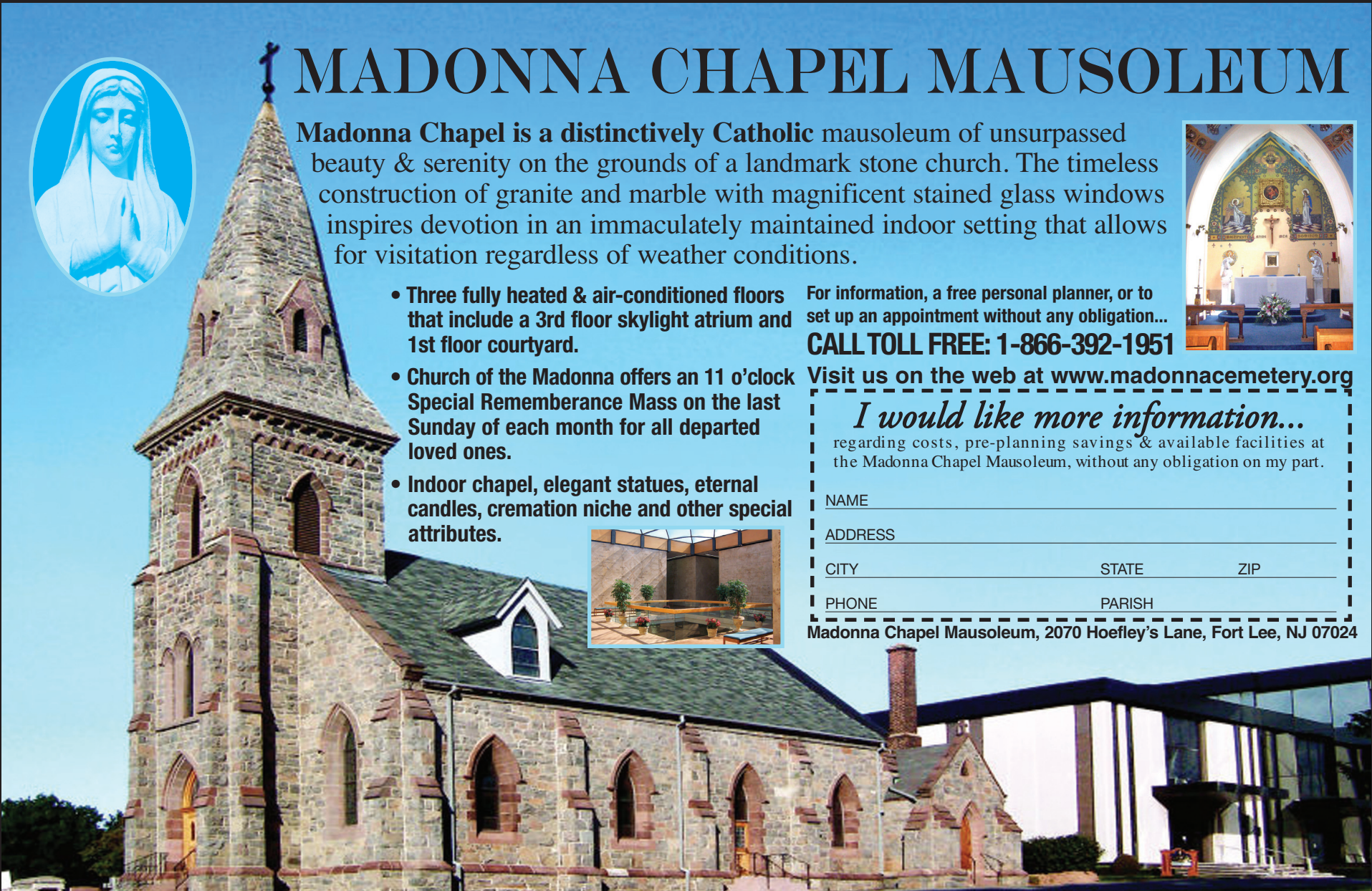
obtained a master's degree in education and completed the coursework for a doctorate in education. Adubato served on the executive board of the Newark Teacher's Union and worked as their legislative representative. He also was a consultant to the New Jersey Chancellor of Higher Education.


Given his strong commitment to education, it's no surprise that one of the first programs created

by the North Ward Center was a preschool. Today, the North Ward Center Child Development Center educates 680 children a year and is one of the largest Abbott preschools in New Jersey.

In 1980, the North Ward Center founded the Newark Business Training Institute, which has helped thousands of adults transition from welfare to work and re-

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Archdiocese seeks donations to aid quake victims

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

NEWARK—Archbishop John J. Myers, evoking the theme of this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal ("Serving the Lord by Serving Others") has authorized special emergency collections in the Archdiocese of Newark to assist relief efforts for the victims of the devastation in Japan following the March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

In addition, Archbishop Myers asked that Japan be remembered in the general intercessions at Mass and all other prayer services at parishes and schools.

The emergency collections are slated take place at masses at parishes throughout the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark over the weekends of March 26-27 and April 3-4. Depending on local scheduling, individual parishes may select alternate weekends. In addition, archdiocesan schools are encouraged to institute collec-

tions through April 4.

Proceeds will be directed to Baltimore-based Catholic Relief Services (CRS), which is working with Caritas International and similar organizations to bring needed aid to the thousands of victims of this unprecedented natural disaster. Anyone interested in making a donation may do so at any parish or by sending funds to: Archdiocese of Newark, Japan Earthquake/Tsunami Relief, c/o Office of Finance, PO Box 9500, Newark, NJ 07104-0500.

On the national level, Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York, the president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), expressed the prayers and solidarity of the U.S. bishops and Catholics for the people of Japan. In his March 14 letter to Archbishop Leo Jun Ikenaga, S.J., of Osaka, Japan—the president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Japan—Archbishop Dolan said the "estimates of suffering, loss of life and physical



Submitted photo

This photo, provided by Caritas International, shows a scene of devastation in Sendai, Japan—a town in the northern part of the country near the epicenter of the monstrous March 11 earthquake. The Interfaith Brotherhood/Sisterhood of Bergen County, at its April 3 "Silver Jubilee" celebration in Teaneck (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Feb. 23), will have a special table set up to collect donations to aid the relief effort in Japan. Contact Rev. Peggy Niederer of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Leonia, at (201) 403-4341 for details.

damage challenge our ability to grasp the reality of such an event."

Bishop Gerald Kicanas of Tucson, AZ, chairman of the CRS board, reported that CRS is responding to the tragedy and re-

ceiving donations. "These will be used for the immediate humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable and support the local Catholic Church in its ongoing mission," Bishop Kicanas said.

CRS is working with Caritas International and other organizations to find pathways to bring aid to the many thousands of victims in northern Japan, according to in-

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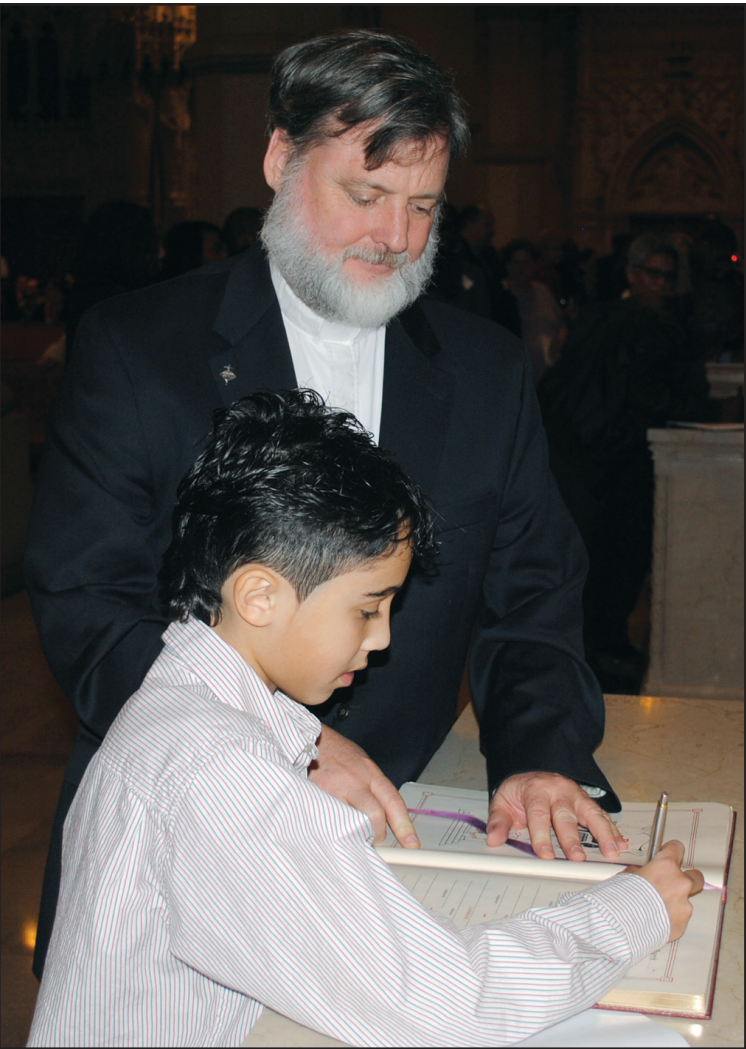
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CONVERSION AND ELECTION—The annual Call to Continuing Conversion (bottom photo) and the Rite of Election were celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on March 12 and 13, respectively. Father Charles Pinyan, the pastor of Guardian Angel Parish, Allendale, spoke directly to candidates and sponsors during his homily on March 12. “What led you here?,” he asked. “What are you seeking? It is a question for every one of us during this season of Lent.” The Call to Continuing Conversion is a constant call, a hunger for faith and meaning, he explained. It is a call to follow Christ and to serve God and those in need. The next day, during his homily at the Rite of Election, Fr. Pinyan told the congregants that the Elect were chosen by God and will live as the body of Christ. During the Rite of Election service, a young catechumen is pictured signing the Book of the Elect as his godparent looks on. Bishop John W. Flesey presided at the Rite of Election, while Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha and Bishop Manuel A. Cruz presided at the Call to Continuing Conversion.



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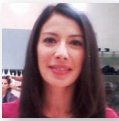
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Autism Speaks describes scope of disorder

(Editor's note: To supplement the local coverage of events related to World Autism Awareness Day—see stories on next page—the following article has been compiled from information posted on the Autism Speaks' Web site: www.autismspeaks.org.)

What is Autism?

Autism is a general term used to describe a group of complex developmental brain disorders known as Pervasive Developmental Disorders (PDD). The other pervasive developmental disorders are PDD-NOS (Pervasive Developmental Disorder – Not Otherwise Specified), Asperger's Syndrome, Rett Syndrome and Childhood Disintegrative Disorder. Many parents and professionals refer to this group as "Autism Spectrum Disorders."

How common is Autism?

Today, it is estimated that one in every 110 children is diagnosed with autism, making it more common than childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes and pediatric AIDS combined. An estimated 1.5 million individuals in the United States and tens of millions worldwide are affected by autism.

Government statistics suggest the prevalence rate of autism is increasing 10-17 percent annually. There is not established explanation for this increase, although im-

proved diagnosis and environmental influences are two reasons often considered. Studies suggest boys are more likely than girls to develop autism and receive the diagnosis three to four times more frequently. Current estimates in the United States alone, one out of 70 boys is diagnosed with autism.

What causes Autism?

The simple answer is: we don't know. The vast majority of cases of autism are "idiopathic," which means the cause is unknown. The more complex answer is that just as there are different levels of severity and combinations of symptoms in autism, there are probably multiple causes.

The best scientific evidence available points toward a potential for various combinations of factors causing autism: multiple genetic components that may cause autism on their own or possibly when combined with exposure to as yet undetermined environmental factors. Timing of exposure during the child's development (before, during or after birth) may also play a

role in the development or final presentation of the disorder.

A small number of cases can be linked to genetic disorders such as Fragile X, Tuberous Sclerosis, and Angelman's Syndrome, as well as exposure to environmental agents such as infectious ones (maternal rubella or cytomegalovirus) or chemical ones (thalidomide or valproate) during pregnancy.

There is a growing interest among researchers about the role of the functions and regulation of the immune system in autism—both within the body and the brain. Piecemeal evidence over the past 30 years suggests that autism may involve inflammation in the cen-

tral nervous system.

There is also emerging evidence from animal studies that illustrates how the immune system can influence behaviors related to autism. Autism Speaks is working to extend awareness and investigation of potential immunological issues to researchers outside the field of autism as well as those within the autism research community.

Red Flags of Autism

The following bullet points are early signs that may indicate a child is at risk for atypical development, and is in need of an immediate evaluation. In clinical

terms, there are a few "absolute indicators," often referred to as "red flags," that indicate that a child should be evaluated.

- No big smiles or other warm, joyful expressions by six months or thereafter
- No back-and-forth sharing of sounds, smiles, or other facial expressions by nine months or thereafter
- No babbling by 12 months
- No back-and-forth gestures, such as pointing, showing, reaching, or waving by 12 months
- No words by 16 months
- No two-word meaningful phrases (without imitating or repeating) by 24 months
- Any loss of speech or babbling or social skills at any age.



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COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY—Holy Name Medical Center, the 200 Club of Bergen County and the township of Teaneck teamed up to invest in emergency communication technology. In a joint effort to enhance response time and efficiency, the three organizations contributed nearly \$23,000 for a two-way radio signal booster and internal antenna system at Holy Name. The upgrade provides improved on-site radio coverage for emergency personnel at the medical center. Pictured (left to right, front row) are Police Chief Robert Wilson; Police Captain Mark Distler; (back row) Thomas Rose, medical coordination center director; Edward Gerity, assistant vice president for emergency operations; Jack Terhune, president of the 200 Club; and Wayne Kinder, vice president of facilities at Holy Name.

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Caldwell events to spotlight Autism Awareness Day

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

CALDWELL—Caldwell College and the Archdiocese of Newark will celebrate the fourth annual UN World Autism Awareness Day (Saturday, April 2) with a special Mass and a series of events.

Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D., and Rev. Msgr. Richard Arnholz, M.Div., the archdiocesan Vicar for Pastoral Life,

will preside at an Inclusive Family Mass April 2, 1 p.m., which will be celebrated in the Mother Joseph Residence Hall chapel located on the Caldwell campus. Caldwell College Chaplain Father Albert Berner, M.A., will concelebrate.

Inclusive Family masses accommodate all members of God's family and seek to include families living with developmental, intellectual and/or other disabilities. Organizers say the Mass will be an opportunity to introduce the

"Attends Mass" program, which is aimed at teaching children with an autism spectrum disorder to participate in regular weekend masses.

Anne Masters, who serves as the director of the archdiocesan Pastoral Ministry with Persons with Disabilities, said "Attends Mass" is a guide aimed at empowering parishes to help individuals with autism access

the full beauty and power of our Catholic faith.

"The guiding principle is our aim to fulfill the promise of baptism: that all baptized in the church participate in the new life promised them as members of Christ's body," Masters said. "The immediate goal is to promote and enable inclusion in the liturgical life of the Church. Successful inclusion in the liturgical life of a parish rests on our ability to teach attending and participating in the Mass. This teaching requires work that is guided by science and animated by faith."

Masters acknowledged it's challenging for the family of a child diagnosed with autism to assure that child is able to participate in the liturgical life of the Church. "Autism, which is now seen in as many as 1 in 110 children, is diag-

nosed when a child shows significant difficulties in three areas: social skills, language and behavior," she explained. "This can make it very difficult to participate in the weekly Eucharist liturgy. Teaching the ability to attend and participate in Mass is critical for catechesis of a child with autism."

The archdiocesan Office of Pastoral Ministry with

Persons with Disabilities has formed a professional advisory board comprised of ex-

perts both in autism education and catechesis of children with special needs. The "Attends Mass" guide represents the initial effort of the board.

The Inclusive Family Mass on April 2 is sponsored by the Caldwell College Applied Behavior Analysis Department and the Office for Pastoral Ministry for



John Elliott

Persons with Disabilities for the Newark Archdiocese. After Mass there will be refreshments and a tour of the new Caldwell College state-of-the-art Center for Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis (see related story). In addition, there will be opportunities to discuss possibilities for the inclusion of individuals with

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Research at new ABA center eyes intervention programs

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

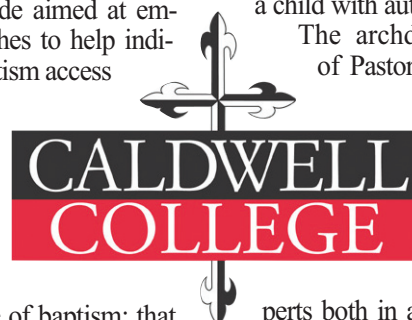
CALDWELL—Caldwell College will unveil its new Center for Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) on Friday, April 15. The center is located in the lower level of the Mother Joseph Residence Hall.

The day begins at 9 a.m. with a six-hour "Educational Workshop on the Technological Applications in the Treatment of Children with Autism," which will be presented by Sharon A. Reeve, Ph.D., BCBA-D, the executive director of the Caldwell College Center for

Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis. Later that same day, at 5 p.m., there will be a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception to celebrate the opening of the center. Contact Beth Gorab by phone at (973) 618-3201 or e-mail (bgorab@caldwell.edu) for details on the opening of the facility.

Reeve said the 6,000-square-foot center already has two families enrolled in autism-intervention research programs, which began last December. The center's mission involves support for Caldwell's ABA doctoral program, where Ph.D. students

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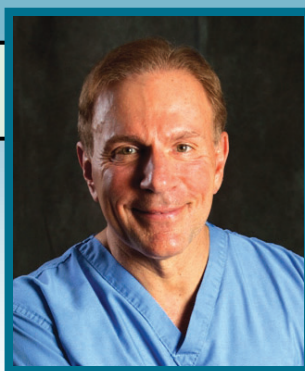
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SCOUTING AWARDS—Most Rev. John W. Flesey (pictured at right), Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, presided at the annual Order for the Blessing of Those Receiving Awards in Girl Scouting, which was held March 6 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Girl scouts and their adult leaders from throughout the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark were recognized and received awards from Bishop Flesey. In his homily, Bishop Flesey cited the “justifiable pride” shared by the honorees. “We’re proud of your promise to serve your country and your God,” he declared. Girl Scouts and Brownies, adorned with their many colorful merit patches and uniforms, were all smiles at the Cathedral. Call Judy Furka, archdiocesan Girl Scout coordinator, at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny, at (201) 998-0088, ext. 4148, for more information about Girl Scout and Brownie awards.



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Obituaries

Sister Anne, S.S.N.D., 94; teacher at Madonna School

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 24 at Villa Notre Dame, Wilton, CT, for Sister Anne Kurzenski, S.S.N.D., 94, who died Feb. 21.

Born in Jersey City and raised in Bergenfield, Sr. Anne entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame at the age of 18 in 1935. She received the religious name Mary Esperance and made her first vows in 1938.

Sr. Anne was a teacher and librarian throughout New Jersey, Connecticut, New York, Maryland and Pennsylvania. She taught at Madonna School, Fort Lee, from 1969-1988. She served as school librarian there from 1978-1988. She then served a year as librarian at Saint Nicholas School, Palisades Park, before retiring to community service in 1989 at the motherhouse, Villa Notre Dame, in Wilton.



Sister Anne Kurzenski

Sister Margaret Elaine, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 29 at Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish, Elizabeth, for Sister Margaret Elaine Ormond, S.C., 95, who died Jan. 23.

Born in Elizabeth, Sr. Margaret Elaine entered the Sisters of Charity Sept. 8, 1935, and was a

member for 76 years.

Sr. Margaret Elaine served as an educator in New Jersey and Massachusetts. Her assignments in the archdiocese included: Saint Peter's School, Jersey City (1945-1947); Holy Cross School, Harrison (1947-1948);

Saint Cecilia High School, Englewood (1959-1961); Saint Aloysius High School, Jersey City (1961-1967); and Saint Mary of the Assumption High School, Elizabeth (1967-1995).

She was a volunteer at Saint Mary Convent, Elizabeth and Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Elizabeth.

Sister Regina Anne, S.C.

A Mass of Christina Burial was celebrated Jan. 29 at Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, for Sister Regina Anne Shannon, S.C., 92, who died Jan. 23.

Born in Elizabeth, Sr. Regina Anne entered the Sisters of

Charity March 25, 1944, and was a member for 67 years.

Sr. Regina Anne served as an educator in the following archdiocesan schools: Saint Joseph School, Newark, (1946-1952); Sacred Heart School, Rochelle

Park (1952-1962); Saint Patrick School, Elizabeth (1966-1972); Saint Rose of Lima School, Newark (1972-1974); Saint Michael School, Union City (1974-1983); Saint Stephen School, Kearny (1983-1990); and Holy Cross School, Harrison (1990-2004).

Father Donald E. Cialone

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 15 at Holy Trinity Parish, Westfield, for Father Donald E. Cialone, who died Feb. 9.

Born in Summit and raised in Scotch Plains, Fr. Cialone was ordained in 1975. He attended Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, and re-

ceived his master's degree in theology from Seton Hall University.

Fr. Cialone's assignments in the archdiocese included: Holy Trinity Parish, Fort Lee, parochial vicar; Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Montclair, parochial vicar; Saint James Parish, Springfield parochial vicar; and Holy Trinity Parish, Westfield, parochial vicar.



Father Donald E. Cialone

Adubato

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turned more than \$1 billion into the state's economy.

The crowning achievement of Adubato's lifelong dedication to education is the Robert Treat Academy Charter School, 443 Clifton Ave., which enrolls 450 students in grades K-8. Founded in 1997 as one of the state's first charter schools, Robert Treat has gained a national reputation for its academic success and was named a "Blue Ribbon School" in 2008.

In August 2009, Robert Treat

opened a second campus in the Central Ward, located at 180 William St. It started with a kindergarten and first grade class, and will add a grade each year. Between the two campuses, Robert Treat will eventually enroll 675 students.

Adubato received a Doctor of Humane Letters from Kean University in May 2010. In 1981 he received the Official Knight of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy and was recently honored by the Thurgood Marshall College Fund and National Organization of African-American Administrators. In September

2009, he was honored by Essex County, which named the recreation complex in Branch Brook Park the Stephen N. Adubato, Sr., Sports Complex.

Along with the Humanitarian of the Year Award, Archbishop Myers will also present the "Spirit of the Heart Award" to individuals who, through hard work and perseverance, have benefited from the programs that Catholic Charities and its affiliates offer. One of this year's recipients is Martin Bowers.

Bowers attended Barringer High School where he participated in the Summer Youth Employment program called "Youth

Focolare movement plans to celebrate golden anniversary

AREA—The Focolare movement, a lay evangelization group that has established its presence in the Archdiocese of Newark through various community outreach efforts, this year will mark its 50-year milestone in North America.

Focolare, which means "hearth" or "family fireside" in Italian, is associated with the Lay Movements Partnership Committee in the Archdiocese of Newark's Office for Evangelization. Liliana Soto-Cabrera, archdiocesan coordinator of evangelization, said Focolare representatives participated in an epiphany gathering that was held last January at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark. During the last five decades the movement has spread to over 180 nations with an estimated 140,000 core members, according to a

recent article in the *National Catholic Reporter*.

In the Archdiocese of Newark, Focolare holds monthly meetings at the homes of members living in Jersey City and Livingston. The group will participate in the Sunday, June 12, 5 p.m. Pentecost Mass at Queen of Peace Parish, 10 Franklin Pl., North Arlington. In addition, Focolare members will attend a solemn Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated by Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan at New York City's Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, April 3 at 2:30 p.m.

Call Jim and Mary Jane Milway at (973) 726-6224 or (862) 432-7146 for more information, or visit the Web site (www.focolare.us). Focolare also is the publisher of Living City magazine (www.livingcitymagazine.com).

IDC art, essay contest hopes to kindle youthful diversity

NEWARK—The Interfaith Dialog Center (IDC) 17 Academy St., Suite 701, is sponsoring its second annual Diversity Art and Essay Contest for New Jersey middle school and high school students (grades 6-12), with cash prizes totaling more than \$10,000. The contest was launched last year and attracted more than 750 entries.

There are two categories for two groups of students: middle school (grades 6 through 8), and high school (grades 9 through 12).

The deadline for submissions is May 6, and an awards ceremony will be held on June 5, 2010. Visit IDC's Web site (www.IDCNJ.org) or call (973) 353-9333 for more information.

The IDC is a non-profit organization founded by Turkish-Americans living in northern New Jersey in 2003. The group promotes respect and mutual understanding among all faiths and cultures through partnership with other religious and interreligious organizations. The IDC organizes educational and cultural activities such as lectures, seminars, conferences, discussion panels, luncheons and trips to Turkey. Muhtesem Kurt is the president of the IDC, while Levent Koc, Ph.D., serves as chief executive officer.

Theater in New York.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark (Web site: www.ccannj.com) is a not-for-profit social service agency of the Catholic Church within the Archdiocese of Newark. It serves approximately 80,000 individuals and families in need and focuses on strengthening and preserving family life while restoring the dignity to each individual. As a ministry of the Church, Catholic Charities' programs provide shelters for the homeless, food to the impoverished, care for the elderly and mentally ill and education to children with developmental disabilities.



ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

2010-2009



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am pleased to share with you the highlights of the financial performance of the Archdiocese for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2009.

As you can see, despite strains what we continue to experience in the national and regional economy, I am happy to report that you, the people of this local Church of Newark, have done what you always have in both good and bad times – been generous to your local parish and the wider Church.

I thank you for that expression of love of Church and of the important work in which we are engaged every day to meet the spiritual and physical needs of the Catholic community and the wider community of northeastern New Jersey.

Parish and Cemeteries Assessments showed modest gains this year, and donations to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal were only slightly less than last year's contributions.

As always, the single largest area of expense continues to be support for the pastoral work of the Archdiocese in parishes and other ministries and outreach, followed by education and health-care and social services. As you can see in the Program Services

Detail of this Highlights report, we have sought to maintain roughly the same degree of support in each area from last year. These core program areas have undergone significant change and challenge in recent years, yet they continue to be the principle avenues through which we, this local Church of Newark, bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ directly to the Catholic community. I am thankful, even with the difficult decisions we have had to make in recent years, that we are able to provide the same levels of support as in previous years.

Recent news reports about world conditions will surely have their effect on our economy in the year ahead. I am hopeful, however, that when I report to you again next year, I will bring you a similar message of thanks.

With kindest personal regards,
I remain,

Sincerely in the Lord,

✠ Most Reverend John J. Myers
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Archbishop John J. Myers



ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK CHANCERY OFFICE

CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2010 and 2009.



Assets

	2010	2009
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,108,367	\$ 15,165,190
Accounts and loans receivable, net (Notes 3 and 8)	13,805,396	17,690,533
Contributions receivable, net	1,570,169	1,197,681
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,647,727	1,366,480
Investments:	345,901,016	309,924,848
Property and equipment, net	<u>22,741,883</u>	<u>23,891,710</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 397,774,558</u>	<u>\$ 369,236,442</u>



Statement of Activity and Changes in Net Assets

	2010	2009
Change in unrestricted net assets:		
Operating support and revenue	\$ 38,769,763	\$ 38,903,811
Operating expenses	<u>39,180,823</u>	<u>39,390,060</u>
Increase (Decrease) in unrestricted net assets from operation	(411,060)	(486,249)
Non operating revenue	21,740,012	(31,593,034)
Reclassification of net assets under FS	<u></u>	<u>(20,270,869)</u>
Increase (Decrease) unrestricted net assets	21,328,952	(52,350,152)
Increase (Decrease) in temporary restricted net assets	7,125,201	7,098,881
Increase (Decrease) in permanently restricted net assets	<u>67,548</u>	<u>320,727</u>
Increase (Decrease) in net assets	28,521,701	(44,930,544)
Net assets, beginnng of the year	<u>111,985,237</u>	<u>156,915,781</u>
Net assets, end of the year	<u>\$ 140,506,938</u>	<u>\$ 111,985,237</u>

Liabilities and Net Assets

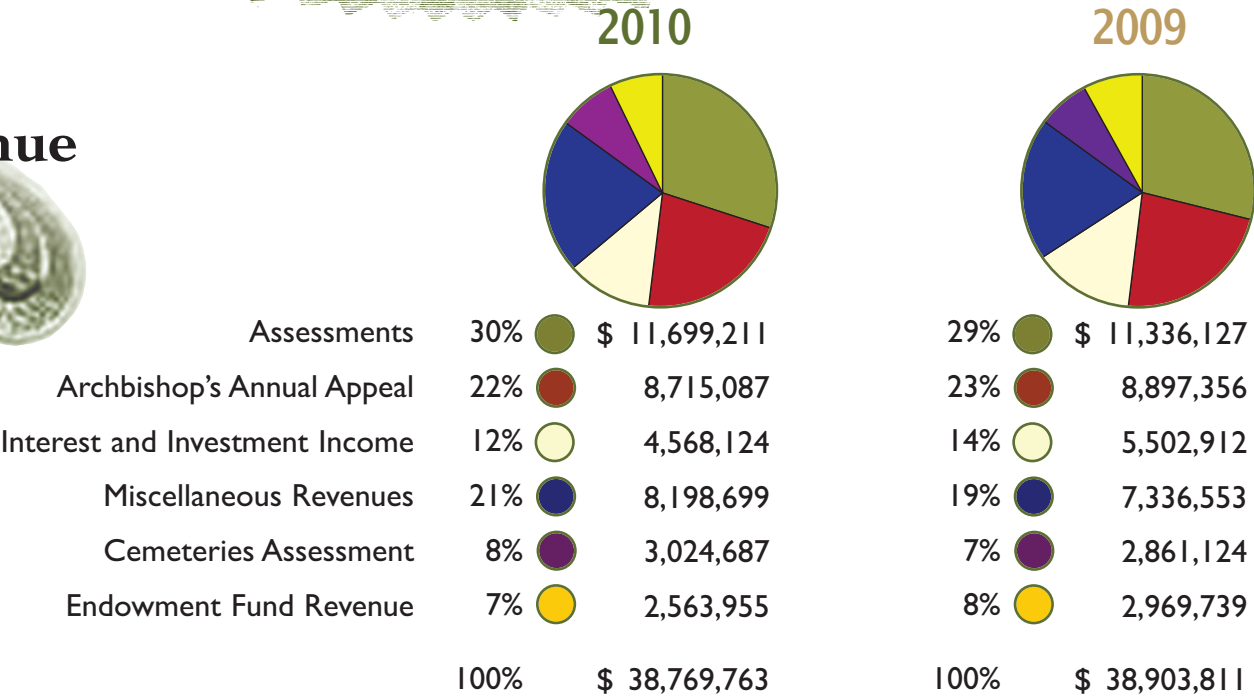
	2010	2009
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 6,677,035	\$ 5,935,016
Accrued subsidies to affiliates and other obligations	10,119,200	10,109,125
Conditional asset retirement obligations	1,500,262	1,416,336
Custodial funds	237,845,423	238,650,153
Obligation due under split-interest agreements	<u>1,125,700</u>	<u>1,140,575</u>
Total liabilities	<u>257,267,620</u>	<u>257,251,205</u>
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted net assets	18,994,050	(2,334,902)
Temporarily restricted net assets	26,774,066	19,648,865
Permanently restricted net assets	<u>94,738,822</u>	<u>94,671,274</u>
Total net assets	<u>140,506,938</u>	<u>111,985,237</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 397,774,558</u>	<u>\$ 369,236,442</u>

Statement of Cash Flows

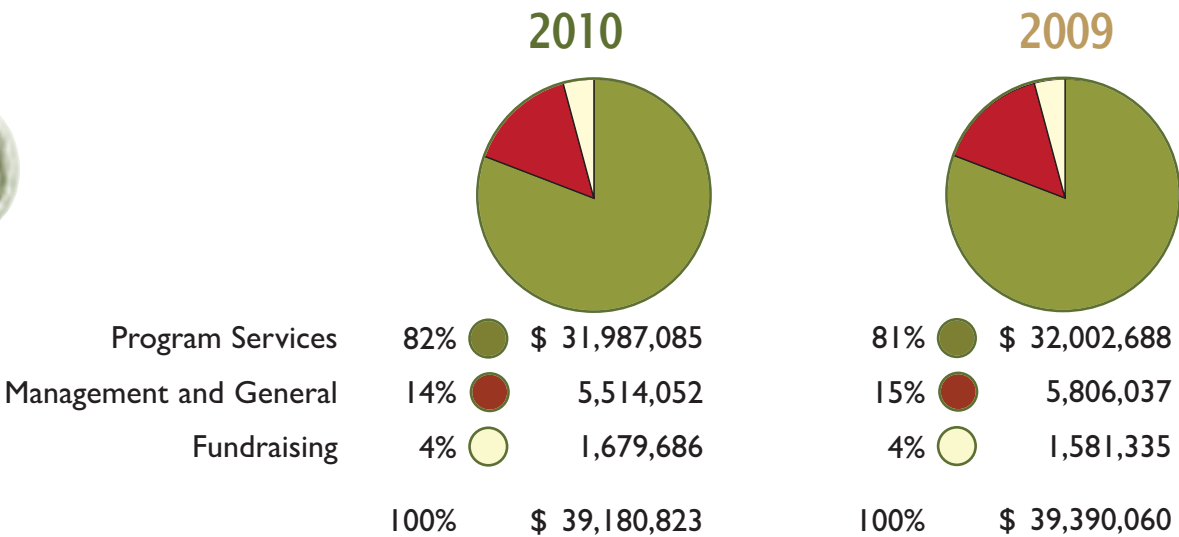
	2010	2009
Net cash provided (used) in operating activities	\$ 6,258,706	\$ (2,949,045)
Net cash provided (used) in investing activities	(9,376,209)	1,032,527
Cash flow provided by financing activities	<u>60,680</u>	<u>348,618</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(3,056,823)	(1,567,900)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year	<u>15,165,190</u>	<u>16,733,090</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year	<u>\$ 12,108,367</u>	<u>\$ 15,165,190</u>

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK CHANCERY OFFICE
CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION
Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2010 and 2009.

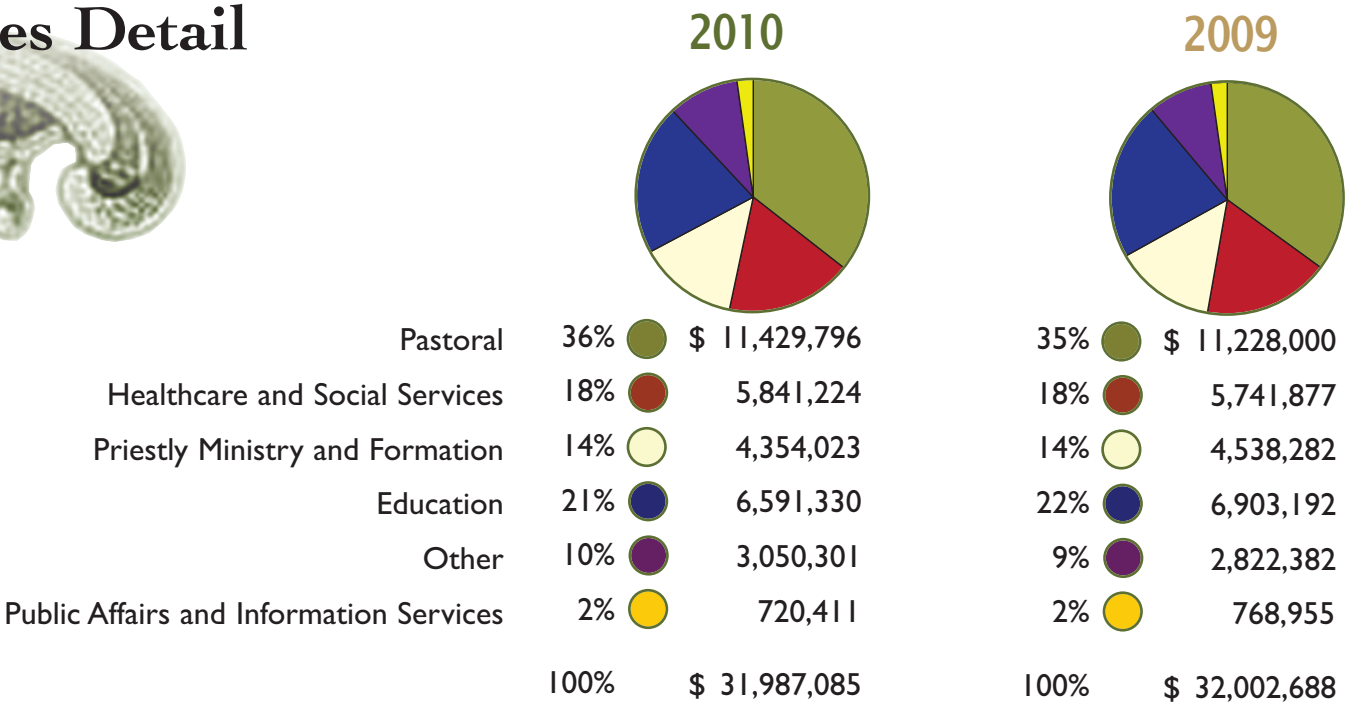
Support and Revenue



Operating Expenses



Program Services Detail



Legacy Circle to host reception on March 31

NEWARK—The Archdiocese of Newark's Legacy Circle Planned Giving Society's prayer service and reception will be held Thursday, March 31, 2 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St.

The reception, hosted by Archbishop John J. Myers, will take place immediately following the prayer service. The Planned Giving Office of the Archdiocese of Newark organizes and hosts the annual reception.

Each year the event recognizes and honors those individuals who have included their parish, school or other ministry of the Archdiocese of Newark in their will or made some other type of planned gift.

Anyone who has named their parish, an archdiocesan school or ministry of the Church in their will/estate plans is eligible for membership in the Legacy Society.

Those who have named an archdiocesan parish in their will or is considering doing so can contact Anne DeVivo DeMesa, archdiocesan director of planned gifts by phone (973-497-4048) or e-mail (demesaan@rcan.org) to learn about the benefits of membership.

DeVivo DeMesa said in recent years her group has reached out to educate parishioners, through a variety of programs, on how planned giving can help them and their families, and in acquiring new deferred and immediate gifts for the parishes. "Many families and individuals have learned that they have a choice in planning their estates for loved ones in a manner that best serves them," she said. "They can redirect what would become estate taxes to charitable gifts and in doing so become 'voluntary philanthropists.' Some of these gifts are so generous that they can have a permanent impact on society through supporting the Church through future generations."



Anne DeVivo DeMesa



Submitted photo

Sister Regina Martin, S.C., principal of Mother Seton Regional High (seated, center), along with the high school and the consultative board proudly display the certificate of accreditation presented by the Middle States Association Colleges and Schools. Pictured with Sr. Regina are (left to right, standing) William Erhardt, Barbara Telleri, Colleen Frost, Diane Power (sitting) Anne Cascone and Jeannine Guenther.

Seton earns an 'A' for accreditation

CLARK—Sister Regina Martin, S.C., principal of Mother Seton Regional High School has received official notification of Middle States Accreditation for the maximum seven years.

The report, issued by the Philadelphia-based Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, stated that Mother Seton "has demonstrated that it is effectively advancing the quality of educational experiences it offers its students and meets its responsibilities to the public and the profession of education and complies with standards for accreditation that are established by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools."

The accreditation team report indicated that Mother Seton's vision "looks to the future, so that the students are well prepared to meet the challenges that

society presents. The school also stresses the Catholic identity, which enables the young women to make decisions based upon Catholic values."

Concluding the report, the accreditation team noted that "as a girls' school, Mother Seton provides young ladies with the opportunities to develop not only academic skills, but also leadership skills that will extend beyond their four year experience at Mother Seton. The curriculum provides the necessary tools to prepare these students, and the mission and philosophy Mother Seton instill in them spiritual and ethical values, which will assist them in life."

Sister Regina expressed her "heartfelt appreciation is extended to everyone who is a part of our school. Special congratulations to each parent, student and staff member."

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March 23

CHURCH OF THE PRESENTATION, Upper Saddle River, "Resurrection Island: The Lost Buddy," through March 26, 6 p.m., (201) 327-1313.

BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, Oradell, "The Catholic High School Experience," for fifth through eighth grade boys and girls, 7-9 p.m., (201) 634-4151.

March 25

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH, Union, "Lent...and Beyond" speakers' series, 7 p.m., also on March 28 and April 4 at 7:30 p.m., (908) 964-0965 ext. 107.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3533, Livingston, Lenten Fish Fry, Fridays through April 22, cost: \$10 per adult/ \$5 per child, 6:30-9 p.m., (973) 533-9791.

DON BOSCO PREPARATORY SCHOOL, Ramsey, "Jekyll and Hyde" production, through April 2, 8 p.m., March 27 at 3 p.m., cost: \$15, (201) 327-8003 ext. 174.

March 26

SODALITY OF THE CHILDREN OF MARY OF ST. TERESA, Jersey City, Spring Luncheon, at Da Noi Restaurant, Bayonne, noon, cost: \$45, call Marianne Costello at (201) 963-6618.

TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY, Bergenfield, International Night, 6:30 - 10 p.m., cost: \$12 in

advance/\$15 at door for adults; \$10 in advance/\$13 at door for seniors and children, call Irene at (201) 264-9258 or e-mail ckksand@aol.com.

March 27

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHAPEL, North Bergen, "The Way of the Cross," presented by The Franciscan Mystery Players, 4 p.m., call Marge at (201) 868-9319.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH, Paramus, "More Wisdom of Broadway," 7 p.m., (201) 261-6322 or e-mail info@annunciationchurch.org.

March 28

CHURCH OF THE PRESENTATION, Upper Saddle River, Healing Hearts Ministry, for those undergoing separation and divorce, Mondays at 7:30 p.m., through May 16, call Milli Stelatos at (201) 327-1313 ext. 812.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH, Scotch Plains, "Advance Care Planning- How to Stay in Control of Your Preferences," 7:30 p.m., (908) 889-2100.

QUEEN OF PEACE HIGH SCHOOL, North Arlington, New York City Police detective Steven McDonald's lecture on forgiveness, 10 a.m., call Vin McMahon at (201) 998-8227 ext. 22.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, Nutley, Rosary Society meeting, 7:45 p.m., call Joyce Ritacco at (973) 235-0668.

Quake victims

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formation on the group's Web site. "The people of Japan who have suffered this tragedy are our brothers and sisters," Sean Callahan, CRS vice president of overseas operations, wrote in a CRS blog. "Though it is too early to know the exact details of how we will help, we know that it is our mission to aid them in this time of need."

"As our mission is to serve the world's most poor and vulnerable people, CRS does not normally have a program in Japan," Callahan continued. "But, just as we did after the Kobe (Japan) earthquake in 1995, we will find appropriate partners for the expression of generosity by Catholics in the United States and others of goodwill."

"CRS has determined there

was minimal damage from the tsunami in countries where we have programs, such as the Philippines and Indonesia. Our focus now is on the people of Japan."

"We have received so many e-mails from all continents, filled with words of compassion and prayer," Bishop Isao Kikuchi, S.V.D., the president of Caritas Japan, said. "We are very grateful for this solidarity. We believe that aid activity is needed, but prayer is also important in such a situation."

Catholics interested in directly supporting the work of CRS to assist the people of Japan can visit the group's Web site (<http://crs.org>). Go to the home page and click on the box in the upper right corner: "Help Japan Through Catholic Relief Services." This will take visitors to a "Prayers for Japan" page, which contains a red "Donate Now" link.

March 29

VISITATION ACADEMY, Paramus, High School Expo, 7-8:30 p.m., annual education fair, organized by the archdiocesan Schools Office, to acquaint students and their parents with Catholic high schools in the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark. Call Laura Cristiano at (973) 497-4258.

March 30

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY, South Orange, High School expo, 7-8:30 p.m. (see above)

ARCHDIOCESAN CENTER, Newark, high school technology department chair meeting, 1-3:30 p.m., (973) 497-4295.

ST. HENRY PARISH, Bayonne, concert of Lenten music, 7 p.m., (201) 436-0857.

April 1

THE CAPUCHIN SISTERS OF NAZARETH, Live In Experience Vocation Retreat, in Jackson, PA, for women 18-30, from 4 p.m. April 1 to 12:30 p.m. April 3, (570) 756-2205.

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April 2

CATHOLIC CENTER FOR FAMILY SPIRITUALITY, South Orange, retreat focusing on married spirituality of Mary and Joseph, at Immaculate Conception Seminary, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., call Kristine Hudak at (973) 761-9633 or e-mail kristine.hudak@shu.edu.

SUMMIT CHORALE, Summit, "Mass of the Children" concert performance, at Our Lady of Peace Parish, New Providence, cost: from \$10 to \$22, for tickets visit www.summitchorale.org/concerts.htm or call (862) 926-9605.

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC ACADEMY, Bayonne, second annual gala, at Mayfair Farms, West Orange, cost: \$125 per person, call Monica Pease at (732) 741-4307 or Kathleen Hennessey at (201) 638-4826.

LACORDAIRE ACADEMY, Upper Montclair, annual gala, at Forest



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FAT TUESDAY—Students at Saint Leo School in Elmwood Park prepared for the start of the season of Lent with a "Fat Tuesday" Mardi Gras parade. Pictured are three students displaying a decorative "Alleluia" banner. Each class built a float. The parade was followed by a prayer service led by the school's Spiritual Life Committee.

Hill Field Club, Bloomfield, 6 p.m., cost: \$75 per person, (973) 744-1156 ext. 27 or e-mail atla-coacad@aol.com.

XAVIER RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER, Convent Station, "Praying Without Words," 10 a.m.-noon, cost: \$15, (973) 290-5100.

NOTRE DAME PARISH, North Caldwell, retreat for healthcare professionals, at Xavier Retreat and Conference Center, Convent Station, 9 a.m. - 3p.m., cost: \$20, RSVP by March 25, (973) 226-0979 or e-mail NDparish@aol.com.

April 3

ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Montvale, Spring Craft Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., cost: \$2, call Sue Scova at (201) 391-2099.

MARYLAWN OF THE ORANGES ACADEMY, South Orange, reunion brunch, at Rock Spring Country Club, West Orange, following 10:30 a.m. Mass, cost: \$47/\$25 for young alums (Classes of 2000-2010), (973) 762-9222 ext. 12.

GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY, Lakewood, "The Great White Way to Tinsel Town: The Music You Know and Love from Broadway and the Movies," concert by the Garden State Philharmonic, 2 p.m., cost: \$20/\$15 for students, (732) 987-2263.

April 4

QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH, North Arlington, Lenten Mission, through April 6, 7:30 p.m., call (201) 998-8227.

MOTHER SETON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, Clark, open house for fifth through eighth grade girls and their parents, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Eighth graders must obtain an application as soon as possible. Call (732) 382-1952.

April 5

ST. CATHARINE PARISH, Glen Rock, Bereavement Ministry, nine Tuesday sessions, 9:30- 11 a.m., call Annette Gallagher at (201) 612-4660.

April 6

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

April 7

BIRTHRIGHT OF ESSEX COUNTY, Bloomfield, fundraising luncheon, at the Women's Club of Upper Montclair, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., cost: \$30, call Pam Rafferty at (973) 669-5957.

CALDWELL COLLEGE, Uptown Flutes concert, 8 p.m., cost: \$20/\$15 for students, call Colette Liddy at (973) 618-3209.



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IRISH SMILES TO STEAL YOUR HEART AWAY—Cheerful faces were beaming as people from throughout the Archdiocese of Newark and beyond enjoyed Newark's Saint Patrick's Day on March 18. Pictured on Mulberry Street, minutes before the start of the march, are fine lads and lassies—members of the Pirates of Irish Persuasion and Extraction (PIPE), an Irish cultural organization at Seton Hall University (SHU), South Orange. The Newark parade was dedicated to members of the NJ Army and Air National Guard. PIPE member Dermot Quinn (second from left), an SHU professor, last year penned a guest article on the life of Saint Patrick (see *The Catholic Advocate*, March 10, 2010). "Saint Patrick, a man of peace, is worthy of our celebrations," Quinn wrote. "Let us hope our celebrations are worthy of him."

Bishop Flesey shares note from Archbishop John Myers

(Editor's note: Most Rev. John W. Flesey, S.T.D., D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, during the opening grandstand ceremonies of the March 18 Saint Patrick's Day parade in Newark, addressed the crowd and read the following note from Archbishop John J. Myers.)

As you all know by now, Archbishop Myers is recovering from surgery and is unable to be here today. Nevertheless, he is with us in spirit, and has asked me to share his thoughts with you on this truly beautiful day:

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, ever since Michael Byrne first approached me with the invitation to serve as the grand marshal of this year's Newark Saint Patrick's Day Parade, I have been both honored and elated. I truly consider it an honor to be the first archbishop since Archbishop Boland to serve in this capacity. I don't know from whence came the two Irishmen who served as archbishop between him and me, but I can only surmise that Saint Patrick has been looking for a Clare man all this time.

That's why, when I received the news a few weeks ago of the need for emergency surgery on my eye, a great sadness overcame me. And despite the doctor's strong urging, I had tried to heal to the

point where I would be able to take part in this grand and glorious event. But it seems that in my zeal to be with you, we discovered some further issues that forced a second operation, with strict orders that I must remain confined until both eyes are returned to normal. I ask now that you pray for me as I sit in my rooms at the Cathedral rectory, straining my ears to hear bagpipes and laughter.

In my life I have been many places, and have called some of them my home. Through my science fiction writing, I have even visited distant galaxies and planets. Today, however, there is only one place I want to be. Though physically I cannot be with you today in the line of march to celebrate our shared love of Church, common heritage and camaraderie, I hope you will make a home for me in your hearts where, as Yeats wrote, "nobody gets old and bitter of tongue."*

Erin Go Bragh.

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Over 2,000 men gather to rise up and express faith

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

SOUTH ORANGE—Achieving a primary goal of attracting a greater number of younger participants, the third annual Catholic Men’s Conference held March 5 at Seton Hall University (SHU) was a spiritually rewarding experience for men from throughout the Archdiocese of Newark and beyond.

The day-long program of inspirational speakers, Eucharistic Adoration, confession, songs of worship and Mass was attended by some 2,245 men ranging in age from 12 to 88, according to conference chairman Jorge L. Repollet.

In welcoming remarks, Rev. Msgr. John E. Doran, Vicar General, Moderator of the Curia and Chancellor, told his audience “what a treasure you are to God.”

Making a surprise appearance to a standing ovation was Father Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R., a founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, which sponsors a friary in Newark. “It is important on a day like this to encourage vocations,” the beloved clergyman declared. He cited the importance of lay people in the Church, adding with equal emphasis “religious life and the priesthood work.” The Blessed Sacrament, Fr. Groeschel noted, is “the greatest jewel of the Catholic Faith.”

As has been the case since the conference’s inception, there were English and Spanish speaker tracks. Taking first to the podium was Steve Wood, a convert, who is founder of Saint Joseph’s Covenant Keepers, a movement that seeks to change society through transformation of fathers and families. Serving others,

Wood stressed, is the “essence” of fatherhood. The “first task” as a father is to “connect with God the Father,” Wood added.

Witness was provided by Christopher Bell of Good Counsel Homes. “God made nothing more awesome than you because you are made in His image and likeness,” Bell began. God, he declared, has “always been real to me, I could never deny Him.” Bell emphasized the “tangible graces” obtained by attending Mass, going to confession and being part of the Body Christ. “God’s mercy is infinite,” Bell concluded.

From the pro gridiron came former NFL player Chris Godfrey who told of being cut several times in training camp. After one such disheartening experience, Godfrey said, he prayed and “decided to do things God’s way.” A short time later he made it to the NFL. God, Godfrey is convinced, “had a hand in it.” As he began his football career Godfrey “prayed more” and began attending Bible study. It gave his faith “a whole new meaning.” The member of the Super Bowl XXI Champion New York Giants told the men at the conference “be the person you were created to be.” God, he declared, is “the most important person in my life, God is love.”

Another speaker from the world of professional sports was former major league baseball player Darrell Miller. “You’re supposed to be here today,” he said to rousing applause. When Christ is on the altar, the former Los Angeles Angels’ catcher went on, “it means something to me...there is power in the word of God.”

In his homily at the concluding Mass, Father Mariusz Koch,

C.F.R., an archdiocesan priest the past 42 years who also lead the Eucharistic Adoration, stressed that God’s love “changes everything....it is a defining moment when we accept His love.”

This year’s conference was marked by a continuing effort to use state-of-the-art communications tools to reach out to as many of the faithful as possible.

Junno Arocho, public relations assistant with the Office of Communications for the Archdiocese of Newark, debuted a blog covering the entire day. Facebook, Twitter and YouTube have already been incorporated into the communications network. Arocho said near-term plans for new-media connections include providing live streaming of future archdiocesan events as well as an RSS feed for use on mobile phones all to provide “news of the archdiocese on the go. It’s all about accessibility,” he said.

Among those attending the conference, his second, was Matt DeVoti, general sales manager of radio station WMTR-AM/WDHA-FM. A member of Notre Dame Parish in North Caldwell, DeVoti attended the gathering with his brother, his sons and his brother’s sons. The experience had a healing affect on him following the death of his father a few days after Christmas, DeVoti emphasized.

Repollet cited attendee feed-



Advocate photos – Ward Miele

Some 2,245 men and young adults attended this year’s conference, which brought out emotional moments during inspirational songs of worship. The conference theme this year was “Rise Up, O Men of God.” Jorge L. Repollet, the conference chairman, said his hope for the gathering was to have Catholic men become more deeply involved in their faith.

back that he received via e-mail in the wake of the conference. Attending, one writer wrote, had helped him grow in his faith. Another said it was so “uplifting”

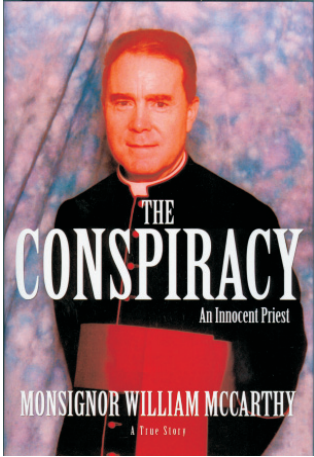
that he intends to contact his pastor to become a Parish Conference Leader (PCL) to help with next year’s gathering. “A beautiful day,” another e-mail declared.



Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, right, celebrates Mass concluding the third annual Men’s Conference at Seton Hall University. Behind him is Most Rev. David Arias, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus, of Newark. To Bishop da Cunha’s right is Deacon Luis Lorza and behind Deacon Lorza, Most Rev. Manuel A. Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark.

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Children of light endure as winter recedes

This has been a long, dark and frigid winter. The cold and snow have been with us since Christmas time. The people have bravely borne with mounds of snow and treacherous ice.

It has also been a dark winter

psychologically. The media has dutifully reminded us day after day of our troubles. The economy is bad. Unemployment is still high. The recession persists. All of our governments, local, state and federal, are in terrible debt. Trouble in the

Middle East is causing gasoline prices to rise. We are still at war and there are threats of more strife.

It is no wonder that the American people are depressed. That is precisely why, dear friends, we are fortunate to be Catholic

Christians. Our religion breeds optimism. Hope is our anchor. Faith is our guide and charity is our support as we live day by day.

The cross means so much to us. It is the door to eternal life. All of our present sorrows and troubles are but momentary. That is the reason why Lent and springtime are companions.

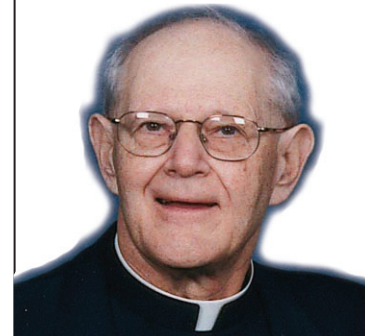
Once Lent arrives and we see people with the telltale mark of ashes upon their foreheads, we can not help but sense that we are part of a Christian community that both believes and hopes. In Lent we have turned our eyes to the future.

Winter lingers, but spring must follow. "For see, the winter is past, the rains are over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of the pruning the vines has come and the song of the dove is heard in our land." (Song of Songs, 2:11)

While all humans will respond, if they are truly alive, to the rebirth of nature, for the Christian there is more here. In Lent there looms before us the terrible drama of the Passion that is fearful and yet consoling. For love is giving itself for us once again. We gaze on the face of the crucified one and ask: "All of this for me? All of this pain for me?" And the answer comes back, wordlessly, "Yes, all for you."

The Resurrection will be a proof of our faith. Death, darkness and fear have no place in our lives. We are children of the light. This world may hold its dark story. But for us there is another story—our inner story and reality. We are the

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By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist

children of God. All things are ours. "We are Christ's and Christ is God's." (1Cor. 3:23) Inner joy is our treasure because it is of God.

Let me give you an example of that inner story. I have a friend—a Religious I have known since she was a young sister in 1939. She was beautiful then. She is beautiful still. I still carry her picture.

Now I visit her. She cannot speak. But she smiles when she sees me. The smile is as beautiful as it was in 1939. She radiates an inner peace. She is only waiting for the distant trumpet that will herald the bridegroom who will come for her. My Sister friend may have a worn body, but her spirit within is alive and beautiful. There is no darkness there. All is life.

Experience the world around you. Smell the clear fresh air. Gaze on the grass as it turns green. Watch for the birds and the flowers. But let all these things bring your heart back to the joy of your youth when life was new and Jesus Christ was so near, so real, and just one sigh away from our hearts.

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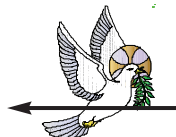
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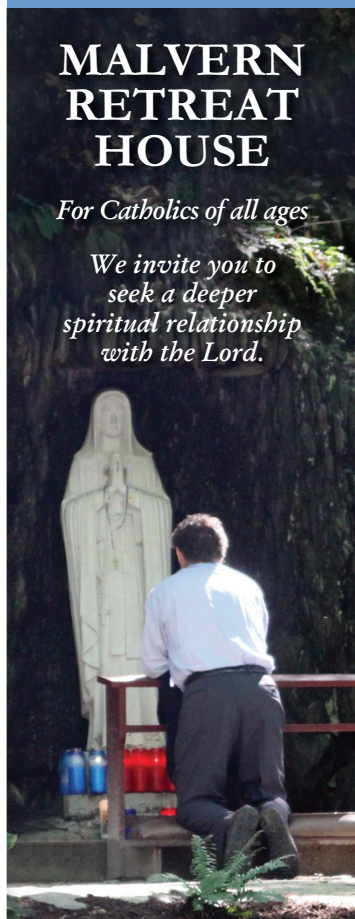
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—Ash Wednesday, Saint Patrick Pro-Cathedral, Newark



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Genocide survivor to speak at chancery

NEWARK—Immaculee Ilibagiza, Rwandan genocide survivor and *New York Times* best-selling author, will be sharing her inspirational story at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave., on Wednesday, April 6.

The Archdiocese of Newark’s Office of the African-American, African, and Caribbean Apostolate, led by Sister Patricia Lucas, D.H.M., is the sponsor and organizer of the event.

A light reception at the archdiocesan chancery, in honor of the visiting author, will be held between 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm. Ilibagiza is slated to begin her presentation at 7 p.m. to be followed by a book sale and signing. Tickets are priced at \$40 per person and seating is limited.

ed. Call Marissa Acosta at (973) 497-4013 for more information.

Ilibagiza’s book “Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust,” was released in March 2006 and became a *New York Times* bestseller. Later that same year she was interviewed on the CBS-TV news magazine show “60 Minutes.”

According to various news reports, the Rwandan Genocide was a bloody 100-day rampage that began on April 6, 1994 and left an estimated 1 million people dead. The violence, for the most part, involved Tutsis being killed by Hutu militias. Clubs, machetes and handguns were the crude weapons of mass destruction.

Ilibagiza and seven other

women escaped the slaughter by hiding in a small room for 90 days. In her book, she described, in vivid detail, her fear and anguish. The experience proved to be an intense spiritual journey. During her ordeal the rosary was the focus of her daily prayers.

FIRST VOWS—In a moving Mass of First Profession of Vows, celebrated March 7 at Saint Antoninus Parish in Newark, eight men approached the altar and Father Mariusz Koch, C.F.R., Community Servant of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, whose Most Blessed Sacrament Friary is also in Newark. In his homily, Local Servant Father Glenn Sudano, C.F.R., described this year’s class as “good, generous and hard-working.” Each one, he went on, knows he is loved by God and as such wants to give that love to everyone. “Joy can only be given by God,” Fr. Sudano declared. Behind Fr. Koch is Father Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R., one of the founders of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. The new friars are Brother Simeon Mary Lewis, C.F.R., Brother Vittorio Maria Pesce, C.F.R., Brother Seamus Mary Laracy, C.F.R., Brother Jude Thaddeus Mary Boyden, C.F.R., Brother Mark-Mary Maximilian Ames, C.F.R., Brother Angelus Immaculata Montgomery, C.F.R., Brother Frantisek Marie Chloupek, C.F.R. and Brother Tobias Marie Redfield, C.F.R.



Lazarita Carmen Perez

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In addition to Perez, concert performers include Emily Groveman, Ruba Mansouri, Randy Pradera, Katie Kat, Dianela Acosta and pianist Eric Sedgwick. Tickets are priced at \$15 per person in advance and \$20 at the door. Call (201) 780-8305 for reservations. There will be a reception, including light refreshments, following the performance. Perez is a graduate student at the Gallatin School at NYU, New York.

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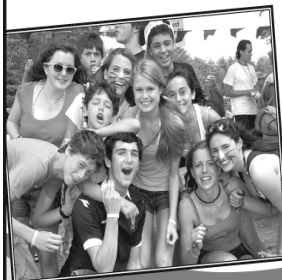
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Concert at Cathedral to benefit Catholic education

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

NEWARK—The Orchestra of Saint Peter by the Sea under the direction of renowned conductor Father Alphonse Stephenson makes a return visit to the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Sunday, April 10 for the annual benefit “Concert for Catholic Education.”

Tickets for the 4 p.m. performance are priced at \$30 each or two for \$50. Seating is limited. RSVP by March 28. To order tickets visit (www.rcanschools.org). For additional information call (973) 497-4270.

Proceeds from the performance by the full symphony or-

chestra are earmarked for the archdiocesan Education Fund for Catholic Education.

The concert, explained, Superintendent of Schools and Vicar for Education Rev. Msgr. Kevin M. Hanbury, Ed.D., “assists in subsidy toward health benefits for school employees and for workshops to further enhance teacher education and introduce new technologies into our Catholic education programs.”

A former musical director and conductor of the Broadway smash hit “A Chorus Line,” Fr. Stephenson is founder and conductor of the Festival of the Atlantic in Point Pleasant Beach, the Garden State’s largest outdoor music festival.

“The concert hopefully can be an opportunity for all members of our schools and religious education programs as well as all parish-

ioners to partake in continuing the ministry of the Church to teach God’s children,” Msgr. Hanbury noted. “It is also a way for those

many people who are blessed with the gifts and treasure of a Catholic education to give back through their financial support.”



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ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT—Nicole Basalyga (left), a fine arts teacher at Queen of Peace High School, North Arlington, poses with student Jorge Martins during Fine Art Night held at the school March 2. The exhibit included drawings, paintings and sculpture along with a musical program of singers, dancers, guitarists and piano players.

Knights seek applications for Picarella scholarship

WASHINGTON TWP—Applications are being accepted through May 1 for the annual James Picarella Memorial Trust Scholarship. Administered by the Knights of Columbus, Mother Seton Council 5427, several \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.

The scholarships are available to Washington Township high school seniors pursuing full-time higher education at a two or four-year college.

Applications can be picked up at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 79 Pascack Rd., on weekdays, 3:30-6:30 p.m. Call (201) 664-0422 for details. Applications have also been distributed to area high schools.

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ABA center

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can learn clinical skills and write generate research papers. The center also fills a need in the New Jersey-area community to provide effective teaching, screening and workshop training, which extends across the full lifespan of those with autism.

The center currently has 20 research projects that involve the work of Caldwell's 110 ABA graduate students. "Some of the

research happens here in our center; some in nine affiliate sites," Reeve said. "We submit our research to national peer-review journals. This is how we develop the teaching strategies to assist people with autism."

Citing one example of a current classroom research project employing new information-technology media, Reeve said graduate students are involved in a systematic program that instructs students on how to use an "iPod Touch" to help them with social activities and time man-

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—Dr. Sharon Reeve,

describing the mission of the new Caldwell ABA center

agement as well as support the development of language and communications skills—all in the realm of ABA.

Casi M. Healey, MA, BCBA and Mark Mautone—two Cald-

well ABA graduate students—will join Reeve in the April 15 workshop. The workshop is designed to meet the needs of professionals who teach individuals with autism spectrum disorder. Technological areas that involve behavior analytic principles will be discussed and demonstrated during the workshop, including: applying a live video feed for training staff; effective ways in which to develop and

implement video-modeling techniques; and developing individualized curriculum and applications in the classroom.

The opening of the center coincides with events to mark the fourth annual UN World Autism Awareness Day (Saturday, April 2).

Earlier this year the New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Ministries (NJCIM) honored Reeve and Healey with its "Religious Lay Leader" award, citing their work on the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities into faith communities (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Jan. 12). The NJCIM is an interfaith organization committed to supporting faith communities and people with disabilities or special needs.

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Staff members of the new Caldwell College Center for Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) include (front row, left to right) Dr. Ruth DeBar, assistant professor of ABA and director of outreach; Dr. Patrick Progar, interim vice president, academic affairs, and professor of ABA; (back row) Dr. Kenneth Reeve, chair of the Caldwell College Department of ABA and professor of ABA; Dr. Sharon A. Reeve, executive director of the Center for Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis and professor of ABA; and Dr. Tina Sidener, assistant professor of ABA and director of training for the center.



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disabilities in the sacramental life of the Church. Contact Masters by phone at (973) 497-4309 or e-mail (masteran@rcan.org) for details on the Mass.

Along with the Inclusive Family Mass, Caldwell College has been invited to take part in the "Light It Up Blue" to mark World Autism Awareness Day. The program, sponsored by the Autism Speaks, New York, encourages prominent buildings and sites to turn their lights blue to raise awareness about autism in communities across North America. For example, New York's Empire State Building and Niagara Falls in Canada will be among the note-

worthy participants. The "blue" program will be displayed on campus April 1-15.

Another autism-awareness activity is the Caldwell College 5K "Run/Walk for Autism" to be held Saturday April 16, 8:30 a.m. CBS 2 News meteorologist John Elliott will kick off the race (through the streets of Essex Fells), which is open to the public. Call Colette Liddy, Caldwell College director of media relations, at (973) 618-3209 for more information.

Caldwell College is a leader in autism education having established the first master's and Ph.D. programs in New Jersey in ABA. For information on the programs call (973) 618-3373 or e-mail autism@caldwell.edu.



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MAJOR GIFT FOR IHA—Immaculate Heart Academy (IHA), Washington Township, accepted a gift of \$250,000 on March 3 from IHA parent Dr. Ronald Sollitto in honor of his wife, Patricia. That same day the naming of the “Patricia Sollitto Performing Arts Center” was announced. The Sollittos are pictured next to the arts center’s sign. The generous contribution was the first major gift to the IHA “Let Us Go Forward” capital campaign and the largest donation in IHA history.

When it comes to archeology, Nora Neus absolutely ‘digs it’

DEMAREST—Nora Neus, a junior at Academy of the Holy Angels, was featured recently in a Crow Canyon Archeological Center newsletter.

Last summer Neus attended an archeology camp at Crow Canyon, located outside of Cortez in southwestern Colorado. During her stay at camp she started the “Dig It” program, designed to teach second and third graders about archeology and Native Americans. She has taught elementary school classes in Tenaflly and plans to return to Crow Canyon this summer to further pursue her interest in archeology.

“When I am in the field and I unearth something that nobody has laid eyes on in over a thousand years, I have an indescribable connection with our ancestors,” she said.

Wired for sound and smiling



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LEARNING IS FUN—First grade teacher Samantha Cipriano is all smiles as she works with her students who are “plugged in” at Saint Joseph Elementary in West New York. The youngsters are taking advantage of the school’s state-of-the-art learning center, which features a variety of media resources. Recent lessons have revolved around reading and the basic concepts of grammar. Cipriano said the students have eagerly embraced the latest in learning technology. The school’s Web site is www.stjosephpalisadeselem.com. Eileen Donovan-Ferrando is the principal of Saint Joseph Elementary.

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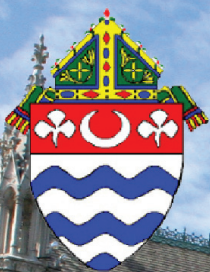
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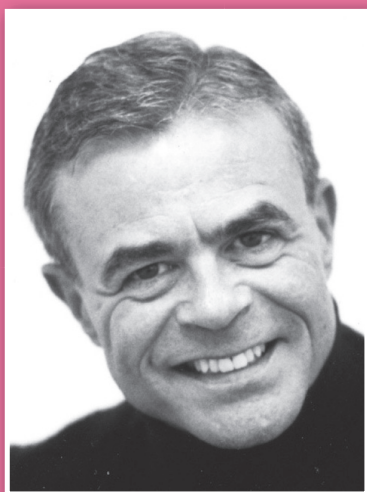


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