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## Healthcare shows a warm, friendly smile

Special report profiles the kind and compassionate side of Catholic healthcare in the Archdiocese of Newark, with features on the community outreach efforts of Saint John's Parish in Newark and the annual Gennesaret Weekend retreat slated for May 20-22 at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny.

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## The future is now for Catholic teenagers

BY MELISSA MCNALLY  
Staff Writer

KEARNY—"Teens are 15 percent of today's population and 100 percent of the future."

Bob McCarty, executive director at Washington D.C.-based National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM), offered that declaration and gave an impassioned tutorial on the importance of young people and the Church April 11 at the Archdiocese Youth Retreat Center.

As part of the center's "Manna" series, which is aimed at youth workers throughout the archdiocese, McCarty's session was titled "Pastoral Care of the Adolescent: A Church and Community Challenge."

A prolific author with titles including "Raising Happy, Healthy and Holy Teenagers: A Primer for Parents" and "Be a Champion for Youth: Standing With, By and For Young People," McCarty is well-versed in communicating with young people. Prior to working with the NFCYM, he ministered in the Archdioceses of Philadelphia and Baltimore to at-risk youth.

Societal shifts, including more scattered families, and an increase in single-parent homes, has changed the role of youth ministers in the Church. "We used to have a village to help raise children, including neighbors and extended family members. It is important to connect kids with caring young adults. Youth ministry is not a 'lone ranger' job anymore; there has to be a team. The stakes are too high in today's society," McCarty explained.

There are varied types of young adults that youth ministers encounter: from those who have everything to young people in crisis. "I worked with at-risk teens in Philadelphia. There are kids with no sense of future. I call them 'terminally ill.' They believe they won't live to adulthood so every decision is made by asking 'why not?' Then there are teens that are

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**DAY OF BEATIFICATION**—Pope Benedict XVI makes the sign of the cross as he prays at the casket of Pope John Paul II in front of the main altar in Saint Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on May 1. Pope Benedict declared his predecessor "blessed" during an outdoor Mass outside the basilica. "John Paul II is blessed because of his faith—a strong, generous and apostolic faith," Pope Benedict XVI said just minutes after formally beatifying his predecessor. "I would like to thank God for the gift of having worked for many years with Blessed Pope John Paul II," he said. As prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith from 1982 until his election in 2005, Pope Benedict said he worked at the pope's side "and came to revere him. His example of prayer continually impressed and edified me; he remained deeply united to God even amid the many demands of his ministry." Italian police estimated that, for the Mass, more than 1 million pilgrims were gathered in and around the Vatican and in front of large video screens in several parts of the city. (Visit The Catholic Advocate's Web site for extended coverage of the event.)



Advocate photo — M. Gabriele

**PALM SUNDAY**—Archbishop John J. Myers presided at Palm Sunday Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. "Jesus changes and transforms the old meaning of death," he told the faithful during his homily. Pictured with Archbishop Myers, at left, is Rev. Msgr. Michael A. Andreano, Vice Chancellor and Secretary to the Archbishop. See page 2 for more photos of Holy Week celebrations at the Cathedral.





**‘THE FOUNDATION OF OUR FAITH’**—Faithful from throughout the four counties of Archdiocese of Newark filled the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday and attended the annual Chrism Mass on April 18 to celebrate Holy Week. Archbishop John J. Myers presided at the Palm Sunday Mass and received a heartfelt standing ovation from those who attended the Chrism Mass (top right photo). Most Rev. Manuel A. Cruz (top left photo), Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, celebrated the Easter Mass as golden sunshine illuminated the Cathedral’s spectacular stained-glass windows. Bishop Cruz reminded those in the pews that “the Resurrection is the foundation of our faith.” It is something, he added, that human beings “can never fully apprehend.” The “victory” being celebrated at Easter Mass, Bishop Cruz explained, is made possible by Jesus’ death and resurrection. “Let us not be afraid,” Bishop Cruz declared adding “we are here because we are believers.” Floral designs by Helen Snyder adorned the Cathedral altar. The annual Chrism Mass featured the blessing of oils used by parishes, such as the oil of catechumens.



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## Peace retreat to weigh issues of social justice



**Msgr. Thomas Nydegger**

WESTWOOD — A retreat entitled “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” will be held on Sunday, May 15, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Saint Andrew Parish, 120 Washington Ave. (at intersection of Irvington Avenue.)

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Nydegger, Ed.D., Ed.S., M.Div., associate vice president for student affairs at Seton Hall University, South Orange, will be the featured speaker at the retreat. His keynote presentation will focus on the ministry of Jesus, Catholic teachings on social justice and the continued ministry of the Holy Spirit through members of the Church.

To register, call (201) 666-5697. The event is free and open to members of all faiths. Saint Andrew’s Charismatic Prayer Group and the Social Justice Ministry of Saint John the Baptist Parish and Saint Andrew’s Parish will serve as hosts.

Describing the thrust of the retreat, Viola C. Lifrieri, a member of Saint Andrew’s Charismatic Prayer Group, said the Old and New Testaments of the Bible reveal God’s desire to deliver people from all forms of social injustice, evil and persecution. Jesus, the perfect revelation of God’s will and love, taught His disciples by example to reach out and meet the needs of the suffering.

“As disciples of Christ in our Church today, we are commissioned to continue His ministry to those in need,” Lifrieri wrote in a promotional flyer for the retreat.



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**CHOIR OF ROME**—The Choir of the Diocese of Rome will make its United States debut in June with a six-city tour that will include a performance on Friday, June 10, 7:30 p.m. at Newark’s Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St. For additional information about the performance, call (973) 520-8951 or visit the Web site ([www.thechoir.it](http://www.thechoir.it)). The program for tour concerts includes classical sacred music, a medley of rare Italian songs from the 1930s to the 1950s, and other original scores by Rev. Msgr. Marco Frisina, theologian and composer, who will introduce each piece. The tour, an homage to the late Pope John Paul II, features pieces that were specifically composed for the late pope’s May 1 beatification ceremony in Rome (see photos on pages 1 and 4).

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Meanwhile, a woman holds a prayer card with an image of Blessed John Paul II (inset), during an outdoor Mass celebrated in his hometown of Wadowice, Poland, on the day of his beatification. Pope Benedict XVI, during his homily, said Pope John Paul II's name has been added "to the host of those whom he proclaimed saints and blessed during the almost 27 years of his pontificate." Pope John Paul during his pontificate beatified 1,338 people and canonized 482—more than all of his predecessors combined. The beatification of Pope John Paul, just six years and a month after his death in 2005, was the fastest beatification in 500 years. Pope Benedict said at the time of Pope John Paul's death people "perceived the fragrance of his sanctity and in any number of ways God's people showed their veneration for him. For this reason, with all due respect for the Church's canonical norms, I wanted his cause of beatification to move forward with reasonable haste."



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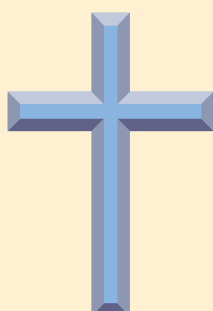
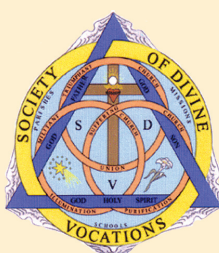
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# Book chronicles a 150-year journey for priesthood

SOUTH ORANGE — Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Wister, a professor of Church History at Immaculate Conception Seminary on the campus of Seton Hall University (SHU), has launched the publication of his new book, “Stewards of the Mysteries of God: Immaculate Conception Seminary, 1860-2010.” The book formally was unveiled April 13 in the dean’s suite of SHU’s Walsh Library.

The launch of the book, which coincides with the annual cele-

bration (May 15) of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations in the Catholic Church, provides a detailed review of Immaculate Conception Seminary’s 150-year history. A preview of the scholarly tome was published last year in *The Catholic Advocate* (see the Oct. 13, 2010 edition), as part of the newspaper’s special report marking the celebration of the seminary’s sesquicentennial.

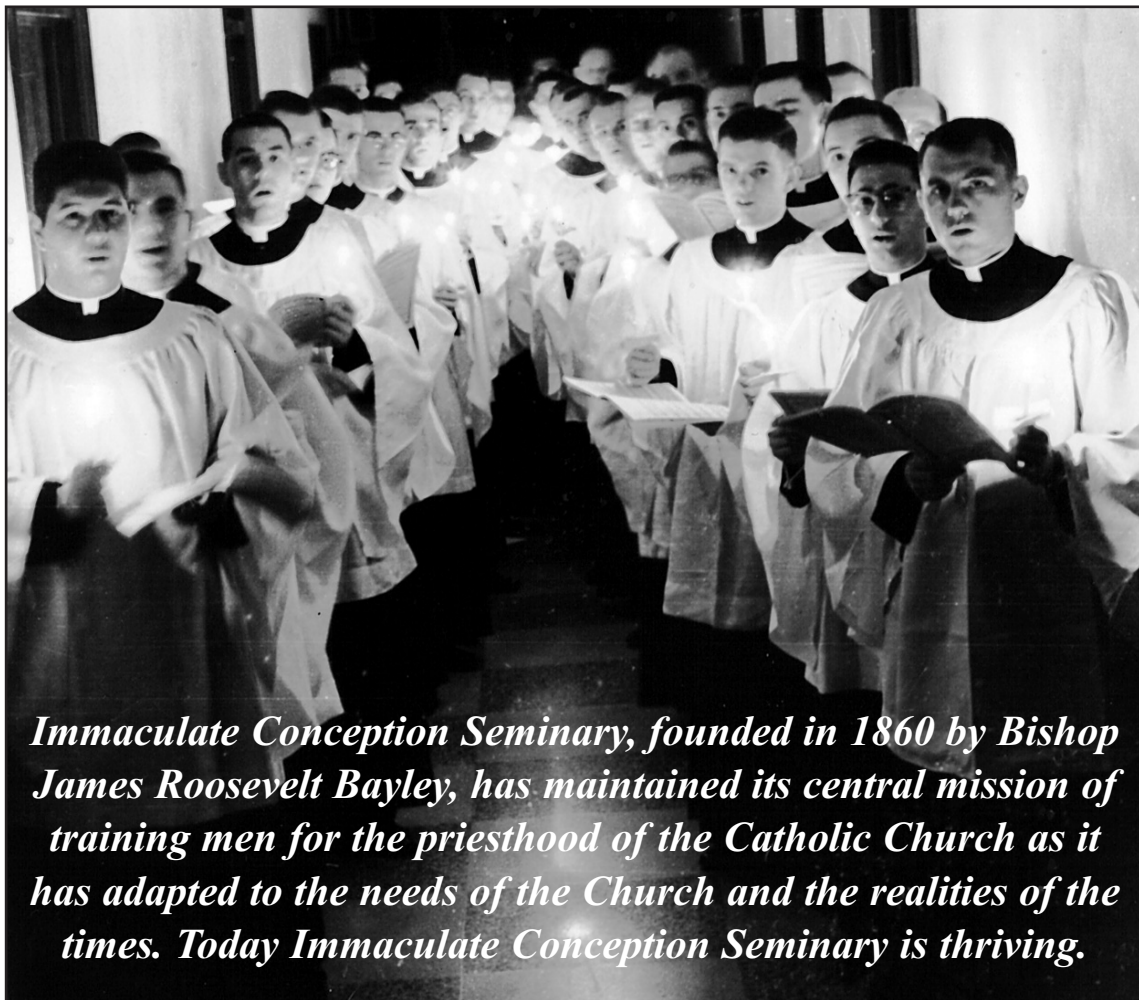
“The story of the seminary is a fascinating study of the religious, political, social and ethnic history of New Jersey,” Msgr. Wister said. “No aspect of regional or local history has failed to have an impact on the seminary, and through its graduates, the seminary has had a great and positive effect on society in general.”

The major seminary of the Archdiocese of Newark continues to celebrate 150 years of forming priests, with sesquicentennial festivities slated to run through December 2011. For a complete list of dates and events, visit the Web site [www.shu.edu/academics/theology](http://www.shu.edu/academics/theology).



Rev. Msgr. Robert Wister

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# Vocations office plans outreach events

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE  
Editor

NEWARK—As part of its efforts to mark the Catholic Church's global World Day of Prayer for Vocations (May 15), the Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of Newark has planned several events in the coming months to extend the spirit of celebration.

Father John D. Gabriel, archdiocesan director of vocations, in a recent article penned for his office's online new newsletter "Heartburn," reflected on the experience of the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus with the Risen Christ.

"Their hearts burned within them," Fr. Gabriel wrote. "They invited Him to stay with them and came to know Him in the breaking of bread. The same Lord still walks with young men and women today. If they have the courage to listen and invite Him into a deeper dialogue, He will reveal Himself to them in the deepest yearnings of their hearts."

The major event on the Office of Vocation's near-term calendar



Father John Gabriel

of activities is the Emmaus Days Vocation Discernment Camp, which will be held July 5-8 at the Felician Retreat House (located on the shores of Lake Hopatcong), Mount Arlington. Fr. Gabriel, who will host the discernment camp, said the four-day retreat will offer prayerful reflection on Christ's call in our lives for various aspects of service to the Church: married life and religious life.

Geared for young men in high school and college, the retreat will include Eucharistic Adoration,

outdoor activities and the opportunity to share time with current archdiocesan seminarians. The cost for advanced registration is \$100 per person. Call the Office of Vocations at (973) 497-4365 to register, or e-mail Fr. Gabriel (gabriejo@rcan.org).

For the first time, there will be an open house Sunday, June 5, 3-6 p.m., at the archdiocese's Emmaus House of Discernment, which is located within the grounds of Saint Patrick Pro-Cathedral at 91 Washington St. Fr. Gabriel said he frequently receives calls from diocese vocation directors throughout the country, who want to know more about the dynamics of a discernment house. The open-house invitation has been extended to priests throughout the archdiocese, with the hope they become more familiar with the facility and its programs, Fr. Gabriel explained.

On Wednesday, June 8 the Office of Vocations will host a barbecue for new seminarians at Saint Theresa Gardens, located within the confines of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Fr. Gabriel said invitations will be sent to all freshmen preparing to

enter the College Seminary of the Immaculate Conception (Saint Andrew Hall) and Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology (both located in South Orange) and Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary, located in Kearny.

As for vibrant communication tools developed to support the out-

reach for vocations, Fr. Gabriel's office recently redesigned its Web site (www.newpriestnj.com). He gave credit to the tech work of Danny Pabon, a junior at Saint Andrew Hall who hails from Colombia. In addition, the Office of Vocation's online newsletter "Heartburn" was launched last month.

Call the Office of Vocations at (973) 497-4365 for details on any of the above-mentioned programs.

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**MEMBER OF THE BOARD**—Father Robert B. Stagg, pastor of Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, has joined the board of directors for Covenant House New Jersey. The board oversees the largest provider in the state of services to homeless and at-risk adolescents under age 22. Covenant House New Jersey has programs in Newark, Atlantic City, Elizabeth and Montclair. Fr. Stagg has an extensive academic background in ministry, earning a Doctorate of Ministry from Drew University, as well as studying at the Immaculate Conception Seminary in South Orange, the University of Leiden in the Netherlands and the Western Jesuit School of Theology at Boston College. He has served on the archdiocesan Development Council since 2008 and is involved in the building of a medical clinic in Haiti, partially sponsored by his parish.

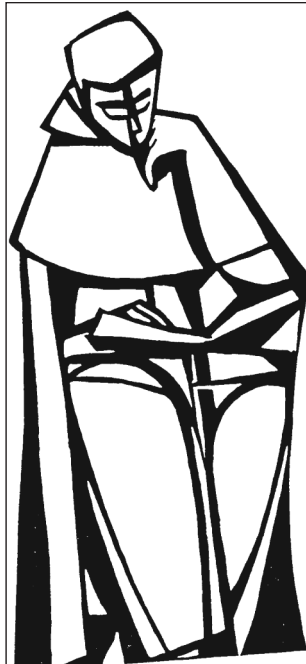


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# Pope issues a call for vocations

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The Vatican has called for the 48th World Day of Prayer for Vocations to be observed May 15, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday.

Pope Benedict XVI set the theme for the occasion, "Proposing Vocations in the Local Church," in his message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The theme underscores the responsibility of all in the local Church to foster vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. The message notes that parish priests, families, catechists and youth ministers are invited to take advantage of "every moment in the life of the Church community" for prayer and pastoral activity that give children and young people a sense of "belonging to the Church and of responsibility for answering the call to priesthood and religious life by a



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Pope Benedict XVI prays during the recent Good Friday service at the Vatican's Saint Peter's Basilica.

free and informed decision."

"We all have a responsibility to invite young people to consider if God is calling them to the priesthood or consecrated life," said Archbishop Robert J. Carlson of St. Louis, chairman of the U.S.

bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations. "Such a call challenges our deepest convictions and leads to the discovery of the deepest truth about ourselves."

Dioceses, parishes and or-

ganizations are invited to link to the USCCB Web site (ForYourVocation.org) and utilize the online resources to help laity and clergy build a culture for vocations. Elements of the Web site include videos of priests and

religious men and women giving witness to their vocations, videos of testimonies from parents whose children have answered a vocation to the priesthood and consecrated life and retreat resources for parishes.

## Seminary

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"We are approaching a great time in the history of Immaculate Conception Seminary," Rev. Msgr. Robert Coleman, seminary rector and dean, said. "As one of the very few seminaries founded before the Civil War which continues to serve the Church's mission today, we rejoice in the great history of these 150 years and are filled with hope and confidence for a future of continued growth and service."

Founded in 1860 by Bishop James Roosevelt Bayley, Immaculate Conception Seminary was first known by many as the "Diocesan Seminary" and the "Ecclesiastical Seminary." A staple of Seton Hall College, its first class consisted of nine enrolled seminarians. Today, its diverse student body represents such countries as Nigeria, Poland, Nicaragua and the United States. Academic offerings include a Master of Arts

in Theology and a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry, in addition to its Master of Divinity. In 2007, the seminary added a Bachelor of Arts in Catholic Theology to its repertoire, which enrolled 95 students as of last fall.

Though Immaculate Conception Seminary continues to evolve over the passing years, its core focus remains unchanged: to provide the human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral formation needed for priests to serve the Catholic Church.

"It is important to recognize that in the midst of so many challenges in the life of the Church, that the seminary is a strong and healthy institution that will contribute to moving the Church forward, and bringing God's Kingdom into the hearts of more people," Msgr. Wister said.

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# Movie drama confronts spiritual fear and trembling

NEW YORK (CNS)—Were the Catholic Church to begin giving cinematic imprimaturs, few films would be better qualified to receive one than “*Vito Bonafacci*” (Cavu), writer/director John Martoccia’s meditative, and theologically impeccable, exploration of Scripture-based doctrine and spirituality.

Paul Borghese plays the title character in this suburban-set “everyman” story. Though happily married to loving wife Laura (Tisha Tinsman) and financially successful, Vito’s relationship to the Catholic faith in which he was raised has become tenuous. Indeed, by his own admission, except for the occasional Christmas or Easter liturgy or family funeral, he hasn’t set foot in church for 25 years.

But a nightmare during which Vito foresees his death and condemnation to hell compels the outwardly content businessman to re-examine his life.

While not for the impatient, since it unfolds at a leisurely pace, the drama thus set in motion features some eloquent poetic reflections from Vito’s deceased mother (Emelise Aleandri)—who visits him during that transformative dream—as well as beautiful cinematography of the lush landscape surrounding Vito’s home.

The spiritual significance underlying everyday tasks is also

highlighted in scenes portraying the work of Vito’s cook Marie (Carin Mei), his barber (Ralph Squillace) and his gardener (Louis Vanaria), all of whom the protagonist quizzes about their religious views.

If that latter turn of events

seems somewhat unlikely, that’s because the dramatic elements of this story are, on occasion, a bit shaky. The dialogue, too, sounds forced at times because it’s being made subordinate to the (undeniably worthy) points Martoccia’s script is designed to drive home.

Such tendentiousness leaves this restful cinematic retreat ill-equipped to convert the deeply cynical or hard of heart. Evangelical Christians willing to withstand the unabashed Romanism on display, by contrast, will at least find the biblical basis for several core Catholic beliefs laid out in onscreen quotations as Vito’s journey toward conversion reaches its climax.

Whatever its artistic limitations, “*Vito Bonafacci*” will certainly reinforce faith in the devout and in those with yearnings for the sacred which may, as yet, be rudimentary. Religious educators will

also welcome the movie as an apt and pleasant instrument in the catechetical instruction of teenagers or adults.

The film contains a single mildly crass term as well as mature themes and references. The Catholic News Service rating classification for this movie is A-II: adults and adolescents. This film is not yet rated by the Motion Picture Association of America.

(Editor’s note: The movie review was provided by Catholic News Service. The film opens Friday, May 6 at AMC Lowes Village 7 Theater, 66 Third Ave. (corner of 11th St.) in Manhattan.)

## Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:



### ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY/MINISTRY

**Reverend John Chadwick,**

Director of the RCIA in the Archdiocese of Newark, has also been appointed to the faculty of Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University, South Orange, with continued residence at Immaculate Conception Rectory, Mahwah. This appointment is for a period of three years, effective July 1 and ending June 30, 2014.

**Reverend Aurelio Yanez,**

S.T.D., Pastor of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, Hillside, has also been appointed *Censor Librorum* of the Archdiocese of Newark.

### PASTOR

**Reverend Monsignor William J. Fadrowski,** Pastor of Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington, has been appointed to a third six-year term, ending July 1, 2017.

**Reverend Monsignor**

**William J. Linder,** Pastor of Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Newark, has had his pastorate extended one more final year, ending July 1, 2012.

### PAROCHIAL VICAR

**Reverend Timothy G. Graff,**

Pastoral Moderator of the Youth Retreat Center, Kearny, and Archdiocesan Director of Human Concerns, has also been appointed Parochial Vicar of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, with continued residency at Holy Cross Rectory, Harrison.

The appointment is effective immediately and will extend through Dec. 31.

**Reverend George Pereira**

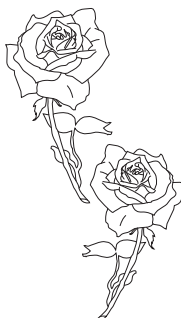
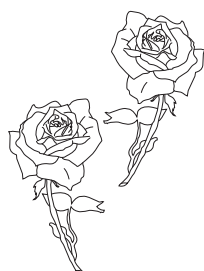
was appointed Summer Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, effective May 1 through Sept. 30.

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The Gothic church of Saint Mary, Star of the Sea was blessed in November 1881. The church was designed by the distinguished architect, I.L. O'Connor, of New York. Over the years the parish has benefitted from the prayerful presence of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chestnut Hill.

# St. Mary, Star of the Sea plans to celebrate 150 years of faith

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE  
Editor

BAYONNE—Saint Mary, Star of the Sea Parish, 326 Ave. C, will celebrate its 150th anniversary with a Mass May 14, 5:30 p.m. Archbishop John J. Myers will preside at the Mass, which will be followed by a reception in the parish's school gym. Call the parish at (201) 437-4090 for more information on the anniversary celebration.

Leading up to the anniversary, a three-day retreat will be directed by Father Daniel Francis, working as director of the Redemptorist Office for Mission Advancement for his province. The retreat will be held at 7 p.m. on May 3, 4, and 5. Refreshments will be served on the final evening of the retreat. Fr. Francis will also celebrate Mass at 8 a.m. each morning.

Rev. Msgr. Lawrence J. Miller, who became pastor of Saint Mary, Star of the Sea in December 1989, said the anniversary was a tribute to the parish's faith community. "We have very generous and very good people at our parish," he said. He used four words to capture the spirit of the people of the parish: faith, gen-



erosity, tradition and service.

"People are loyal and friendly. Former parishioners, people who now live all around the country, will be coming back to Bayonne for the 150th anniversary. We have a rich tradition here." He also noted the spiritual support provided by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chestnut Hill—the order that has been involved with the parish for more than 50 years.

When Msgr. Miller became pastor nearly 22 years ago, he began a massive, much-needed renovation project for the church. The "Treasure the Tradition" Renovation was a \$950,000 program, which was completed in 1997. Msgr. Miller also directed his attention at developing a youth ministry. It was through his efforts that led to the Pee Wee Basketball Program for young children.

In the early 1840s the population of Bayonne's Bergen Point consisted of some 3,000 citizens, mostly Dutch farmers. The population changed in the mid-1840s with the great wave of Irish immigration.

To serve the needs of Bergen Points' growing Catholic community, priests from Saint Peter's Parish in Jersey City, as well as priests from Staten Island came to

offer Mass. The first known Mass was celebrated about 1857 in the home of John Walsh on Lord Avenue.

An early church, located on Evergreen Street, was named Saint Mary, Star of the Sea. On Sept. 9, 1860, the first Mass was celebrated and the structure was blessed by Bishop James Roosevelt Bayley. A succession of pastors served for short periods until Father Thomas M. Killeen was appointed. He had a vision for Saint Mary's that included the building of a brick structure on the corner of 14th St.



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The cornerstone for Saint Mary, Star of the Sea was brought from Saint Clement's in Rome and installed on May 22, 1880. The occasion of the laying of the cornerstone was a cause for great celebration in Bayonne and neighboring communities. Bergen Point groups were led by contingents of the Irish Riflemen, which included Civil War veterans and young post-war volunteers, headed by Mayor Thomas Brady and the city fathers.

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# Permanent deacons celebrate diversity as faith brothers

BY WARD MIELE  
Managing Editor

NEWARK—Already active for many years in their parish communities and beyond, 35 men from throughout the Archdiocese of Newark will deepen their commitment to God and His people when they are ordained to the permanent diaconate on Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. at a Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Among the national leaders with the number of ordinandi, across the country the average class is 15, Newark's Class of 2011 is a diverse and devout brotherhood who have diligently prepared over the past several years to become a deacon.

Representing the vibrancy of the local Church's ethnic and cultural diversity, they share the common bond of commitment, character and a strong faith. Activities in their faith communities range from serving as a eucharistic minister to lector, usher, Knights of Columbus, RCIA, New Energies communities, CCD and pastoral councils.

Their professions are just as diverse and wide-ranging. Becoming permanent deacons will be members of law enforcement including a retired FBI special agent, a pediatrician, pharmacist and optometrist as well as a musician, martial arts instructor, attorneys, administrator and engineers.

A thumbnail biography sketch of each new deacon can be found on pages 14 and 15 of this issue.

According to a recent report by Catholic News Service, global statistics on the diaconate are contained in the 2011 "Anuario Pontificio," a yearbook containing information about virtually every Vatican office, every cardinal and bishop, every diocese and religious order in the world. Officials of the Vatican Secretariat of State and its Central Office of Church Statistics presented the first copy of the yearbook to Pope Benedict XVI during an audience Feb. 19.

The number of permanent deacons reported, 38,155, was an increase of more than 1,000 over the previous year. The Vatican estimates that 98 percent of the world's permanent deacons live in the Americas or in Europe.

As reported earlier this year, a nationwide effort launched six years ago by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) focused on revamping the nationwide permanent diaconate program with an emphasis on uniformity (see *The Catholic Advocate*, March 9).

Deacon Tom Dubois, executive director of the National Association of Diaconate Directors in Columbus, OH, said the nationwide average this year is 15 permanent deacon ordinandi—a figure on the upswing in some dioceses due in part to the new formation process. According to Deacon Dubois, a total of 498 men will be ordained to the permanent diaconate this year. Newark, with 35 new permanent deacons, is close to the dioceses of Houston and Dallas that both have 37 candidates. Latest tallies, Deacon Dubois continued, show candidate totals in Los Angeles at 75, Pittsburgh 70 and Philadelphia 66.

Father James V. Teti, S.T.L., pastor of Annunciation Parish in Paramus, is the archdiocesan director of formation for the permanent diaconate, while Deacon John McKenna serves as director of deacon personnel.

The revamped program, implemented by the USCCB, takes more of a holistic approach for the education for deacons, Fr. Teti explained. He cited the emphasis on giving diaconate candidates as much as a parallel experience in the classroom to that provided for those studying to become a priest. Key areas are pastoral life and the spiritual aspects of the diaconate. He described the diaconate as a "bridge" between clergy and the laity. Noting that the average age of the Class of 2011 is in their late 50s, Fr. Teti now sees the need to "rejuvenate" the local program with somewhat younger men.

Deacon McKenna said deacons in the Archdiocese of Newark represented a much-needed ministry, noting that pastors frequently make requests for deacons at parishes. A deacon typically serves at his home parish, but they can be assigned to other parishes or archdiocesan agencies, as needed.

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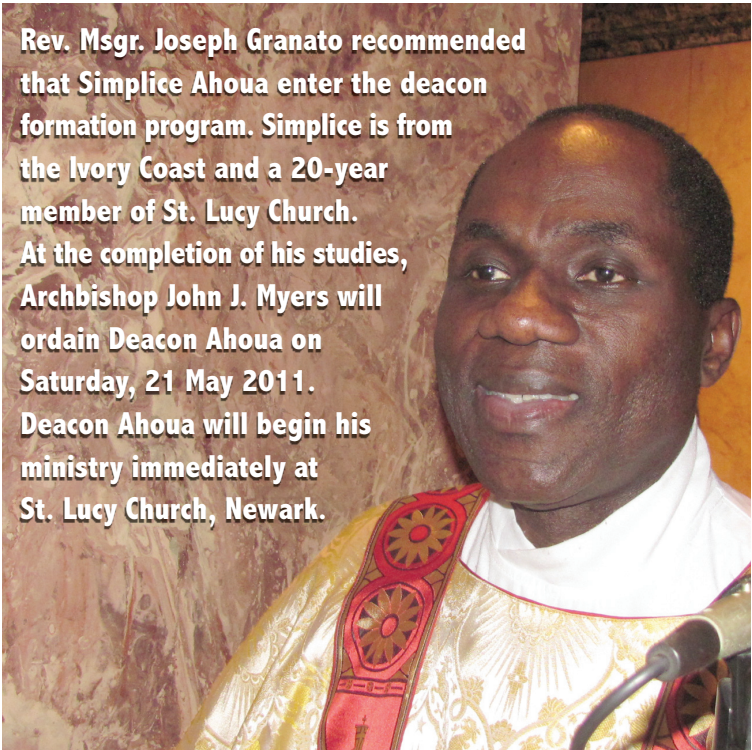
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Rev. Msgr. Joseph Granato recommended that Simplice Ahoua enter the deacon formation program. Simplice is from the Ivory Coast and a 20-year member of St. Lucy Church. At the completion of his studies, Archbishop John J. Myers will ordain Deacon Ahoua on Saturday, 21 May 2011. Deacon Ahoua will begin his ministry immediately at St. Lucy Church, Newark.



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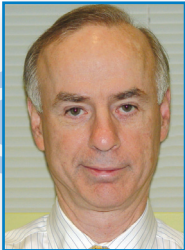
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# Faithful collection of men answer call to serve Church as permanent deacons

## Ordinations slated May 21 at Cathedral

(Editor's note: The following list provides snapshot profiles of the 35 archdiocesan permanent deacons to be ordained May 21 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. The information includes the name of their respective parishes, various religious affiliations and committee memberships, and professions.)

### Simplicie Ahoua

Saint Lucy Parish, Newark. Married to Emma S. Alade-Bile, three children. Parish eucharistic adoration committee, Friday prayer group leader, usher, parish Holy Name Society. Profession: system-test technician.

### Wilbert Alexandre

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary and Saint Michael Parish, Elizabeth. Married to Merzila, three children. Legion of Mary prayer group, acolyte, Haitian Liturgy Committee, Haitian Pastoral Council, parish council, New Energies committee, parish choir. Profession: driver, accounting.

### Justo Aliaga

Saint Cecilia Parish, Kearny. Married to Araceli, three children. Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, lector, choir/cantor member of hospital visit team, pastoral council, Pre-Cana, Why Catholic?, Knights of Columbus. Profession: polisher, jeweler.

### Manuel Almeida

Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Elizabeth. Married to Maria, three children. Commentator and cantor, lector, CCD teacher, Knights of Columbus, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Christian Foundation for Ministry, Cursillo in Christianity, charismatic renewal prayer group. Profession: facility maintenance.

### P. Emeruwa Anyanwu

Igbo Catholic Community Church, Blessed Sacrament /Saint Charles Borromeo Parish, Newark. Married to Imma, four children. Eucharistic minister, parish council, Amazing Grace Mercy (medical) Mission, marriage encounter class shepherd, BLD Covenanted Disciple, marriage encounter weekend pastoral team, parish soup kitchen volunteer. Profession: project manager/civil engineer.

### Charlie Boucher II

Our Lady of Peace Parish, New Providence. Married to Francine. Eucharistic minister to the homebound, RCIA, lector. Profession: retired internal auditor.

### Paul A. Carris

Corpus Christi Parish, Hasbrouck Heights. Married to Carroll, two children. Lector, choir, Cursillo parish coordinator, eucharistic minister to the homebound, New Energies core team member, Christian Foundation for Ministry, eucharistic adoration team, archdiocesan Men's Commission parish coordinator. Profession: senior engineering manager.

### Joseph R. Castoro

Saint Catharine Parish, Glen Rock. Married to Kathy, three children. Lector, eucharistic minister, liturgy chairman, Cornerstone team, Men's Sharing Group, prayer group, RCIA. Profession: grounds worker, lay director of parish RCIA.

### Arnulfo Cuesta

Saint Paul of the Cross Parish, Jersey City. Married to Carmelita, two children. Lector/eucharistic minister, CCD teacher, New Energies transition team, core facilitator for the New Energies project (Youth Ministry), parish finance committee. Profession: martial-arts instructor.

### James Detura

Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield. Married to Trish, four children. Lector, eucharistic minister, Disciples in Mission, Christian Foundations for Ministry, marriage preparation, marriage encounter, Cornerstone, parish stewardship coordinator. Profession: pharmacist.

### Domenick DiBernardo

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Wallington. Married to Joan, one child. Lector, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, adult altar server, pastoral committee, welcome/hospitality committee, environmental/decorating committee, Knights of Columbus, youth ministry formation, stewardship core committee, minister of the Eucharist for the sick and homebound. Profession: letter carrier.

### Kenneth DiPaola

Our Lady of Peace Parish, New Providence. Married to Susan, one child. Baptism team, archdiocesan evangelization liaison, former pastoral council member, worship cluster leader, Third Order Dominican, treasurer. Profession: director of development, Development Office, Archdiocese of Newark.

### John J. Florio

Saint Joseph Parish, Maplewood. Married to Judy, two children. Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, server/lector, Knights of Columbus, Interfaith Hospitality Network. Profession: optometrist.

### Angel Hernandez

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Hackensack. Married to Isabel, two children. Usher, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, server/member of parish Spanish prayer group, prayer and visitor group for the sick. Profession: business owner.

### Pedro Herrera

Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish, Elizabeth. Married to Leyla, two children. Lector, CCD teacher, RCIA, endowment coordinator. Profession: production-control manager.

### Don Hessemer

Saint Bartholomew the Apostle Parish, Scotch Plains. Married to Joan, two children. Former religious education teacher, lector, eucharistic minister (Mass and homebound), parish leader of Social Outreach Ministry, Operation Rice Bowl coordinator, Catholic Charities-parish social ministry section, Pax Christi. Profession: environmental consultant.

### Jose Homen

Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Elizabeth. Married to Lourdes, two children. Coordinator of lectors, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, eucharistic adoration team, Baptism preparation team, coordinator World Apostolate Fatima, Knights of Columbus. Profession: auto mechanic.

### John J. Karal

Saint Ann Parish, Jersey City. Single. Parish trustee, lector, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, adult altar server, parish collections assistant, parish council vice chair, New Energies parish transition team. Profession: teacher, Hudson Catholic Regional High School, Jersey City.

### Timothy A. Kennedy

Saint John the Apostle Parish, Clark/Linden. Married to Angela. Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, music minister, leader of contemporary ministry, eucharistic adoration, fund raising coordinator. Profession: police chief, retired detective.

### Tom Lagatol

Our Lady of Victory Parish, Harrington Park. Married to Jan, two children. CCD, lector, Confirmation candidates' program, Saint Joseph Society, altar server at daily Mass, "Mr. Fix It" for the parish. Profession: physical and electronic security specialist/consultant, retired FBI special agent.

### Anthony Liguori, Jr.

Saint Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff. Married to Jeannette, two children. Teen Mass music minister (Corpus Christi Parish, Hasbrouck Heights), music minister (Assumption and Corpus Christi Youth Group), Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Christian Family Movement (Assumption Parish), Knights of Columbus. Profession: Catholic school music teacher/musician.

### Francis P. Materia

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Wood-Ridge. Married to Kathy, two children. Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, lector, parish sports director, Knights of Columbus, Partners in Ministry, trainer of altar servers, church decorating committee, parents guild, master of ceremonies at special masses, former CCD teacher, Confirmation instructor. Profession: accounting manager.

### Robert C. Millea

Saint Stephen Parish, Kearny. Married to Patricia, three children. Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Knights of Columbus, parish baptism, Pre-Cana and RCIA teams, parish council (past president). Profession: project manager/estimator.

### Jorge A. Montalvo

Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish, Elizabeth. Married to Lydia, one child. Christian Foundations Ministry (CFM) instructor, advisory board member CFM and human concerns, workshop presenter for worship department, Protecting God's Children, New Energies consultant. Profession: pastoral consultant for catechesis and music.

### Brian Murphy

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield. Married to Mary Louise, three children. Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, lector, RCIA, CCD instructor, listening committee, served six years on parish council, Saint Thomas Parish. At Saint Augustine Parish in Newark—lector, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, volunteer with the Ministries of Charity in Newark, Consecrated Lay Missionary of Charity for seven years. Profession: traffic manager with produce importer.

### Francis E. Noh

Church of the Korean Martyrs, Saddle Brook. Married to Rye, two children. RCIA, acolyte, former parish trustee, former member of parish financial committee, former member of board of directors of Saint Andrew Kim's Korean Languages School. Profession: attorney.

### Jorge E. Ochoa

Saint Joseph Parish, Lodi. Married to Rocio del Pilar, three children. Lector, eucharistic minister, choir/cantor, life team, eucharistic adoration team. Profession: bookkeeper.

### Anthony Porcaro

Saint Therese of Lisieux Parish, Cresskill. Married to Nancy, three children. Eucharistic minister, lector, catechist, adult faith formation committee, Knights of Columbus, Third Order Lay Carmelite. Profession: tax attorney.

### Joseph S. Romano

Saint Anthony Parish, Northvale. Married to Mary Ellen, one child. Lector (ministry coordinator/trainer/ongoing coaching), Bergen County nursing home ministry coordinator, administrative support to parish and pastor, eucharistic minister and trainer. Profession: self-employed management consultant.

### Todd Rushing

Our Lady of Visitation Parish, Paramus. Married to Carmen, one child. Lector, RCIA, director RCIA for teens, director Saint Ignatius spiritual exercises, member and former director of men's Cornerstone, pastoral council. Profession: vice president of retail sales.

### Louis Rusignuolo

Saint Valentine Parish, Bloomfield. Married to Jean, three children. Lector, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, core team member of parish retreat programs, Christian Foundation for Ministry, parish health cabinet, parish spiritual development committee, alternate team member of New Energies committee, baptismal preparation, former chairman of parish council. Profession: administrative assistant.

### Andrew E. Saunders

Saint Luke Parish, Ho-Ho-Kus. Married to Margaret, two children. Knights of Columbus, liturgy committee, adult faith formation, lector, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, altar server training. Profession: coordinator of programs, Institute for Christian Spirituality, Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, South Orange.

### Craig Stewart

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. Married to Roseanne. Lector, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Christian Foundations for Ministry, chaplain of New Jersey State First Aid Council. Profession: emergency services training center instructor, retired police sergeant.

### David Strader

Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Verona. Married to Catherine, three children. Lector, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, leadership team coordinator, Disciples in Mission, trustee at Saint John Parish in Newark and a volunteer at its soup kitchen. Profession: pediatrician.

### John Sylvester

Saint Mary Parish, Dumont. Married to Kathleen, three children. Lector, Pre-Cana team, presider at children's liturgy of the word, social concerns ministry coordinator, parish finance committee, past president of parish council, director of parish Cornerstone retreat and a host family for the Marianist Family Retreat Center. Profession: engineer.



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*Sacrum Diaconatus Ordinem—Motu Proprio of Pope Paul VI issued June 18, 1967*

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*on*

*May 21, 2011.*

*We congratulate as well  
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Kevin, Katie and Jimmy.*

*May the Lord  
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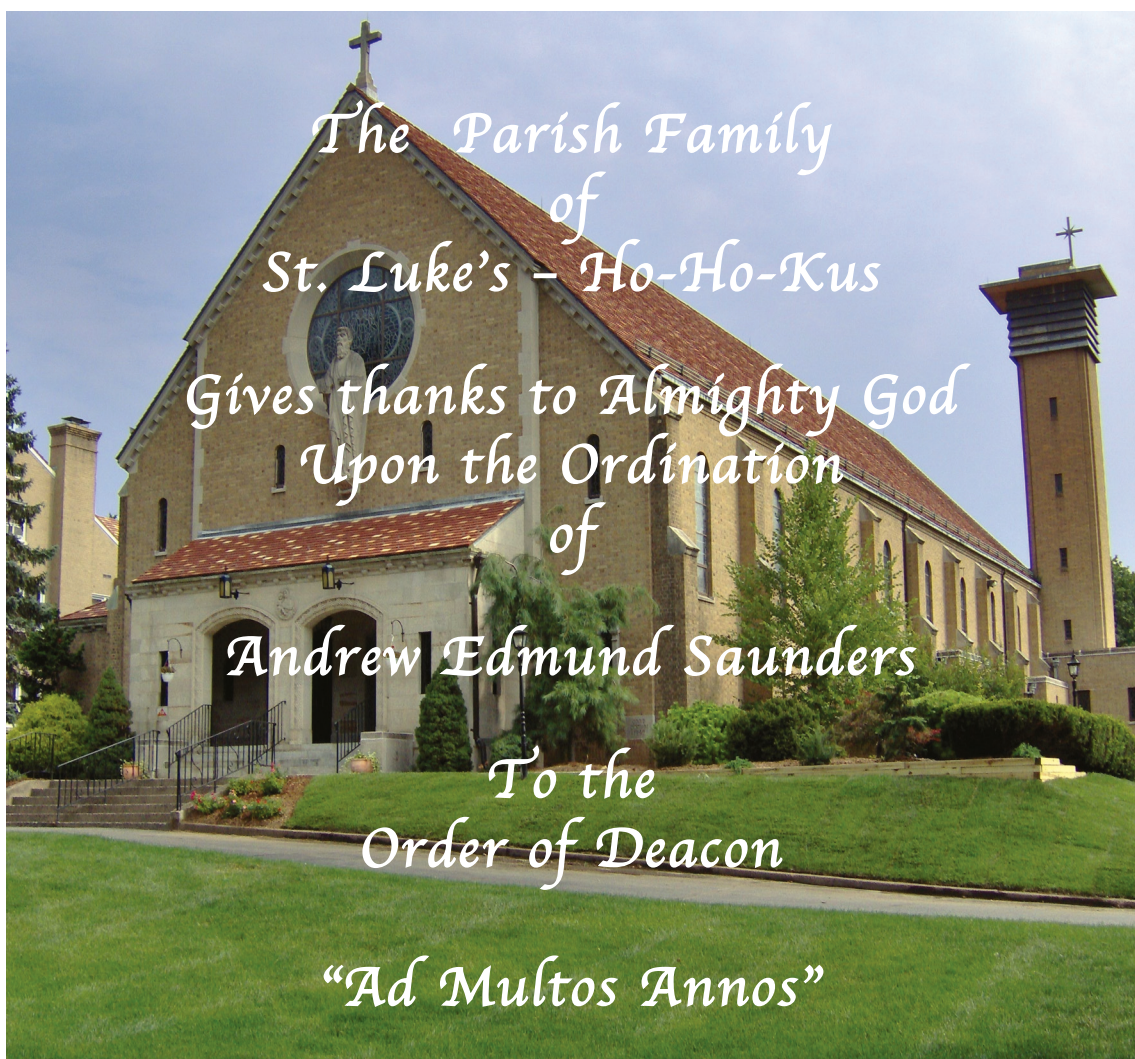


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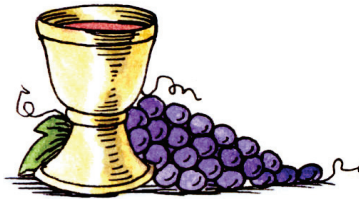
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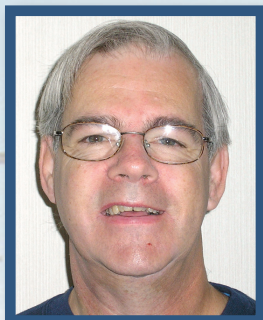


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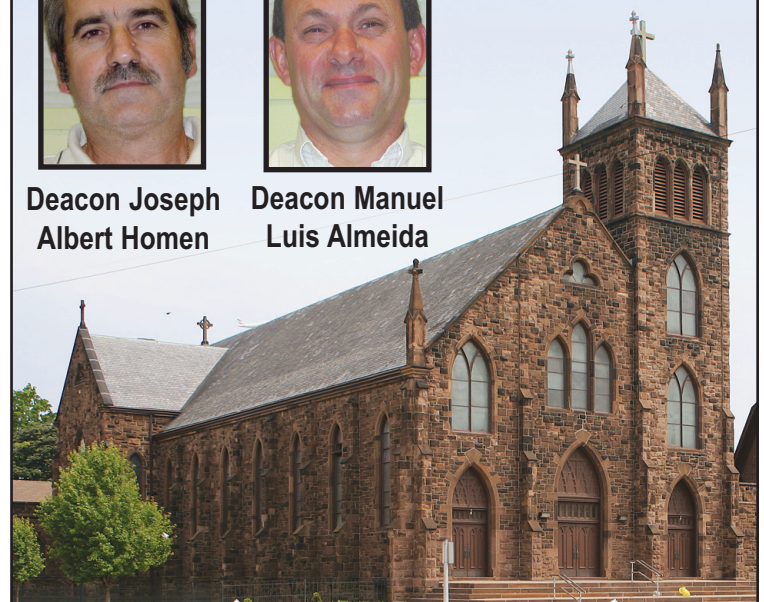
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## Newark parish to welcome Archbishop Wesoly of Rome

NEWARK—Archbishop Szczeplan Wesoly of Rome, president of the John Paul II Foundation, will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the beatification of Blessed Pope John Paul II on Sunday, May 22, 11 a.m. at Saint Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Parish, 146 Irvine Turner Blvd.

On the second and third Sundays of the month, the parish community will pray novenas for the late pope and the Feast of the Divine Mercy, which he established. Call the parish at (973) 642-7961 for more information. Fr. Bogumil J. Chrusciel (Father “Chris”) is the pastor of Saint Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Parish.

The John Paul II Foundation (Web site: [www.fjp2.com](http://www.fjp2.com)) was established by a papal decree on Oct. 16, 1981 as a religious, educational, charitable and non-profit organization. The organization’s headquarters is located at the Vatican.

The foundation’s mission includes the preservation and development of Christian heritage and culture and the preservation of documents and propagation of the teachings of Pope John Paul II.



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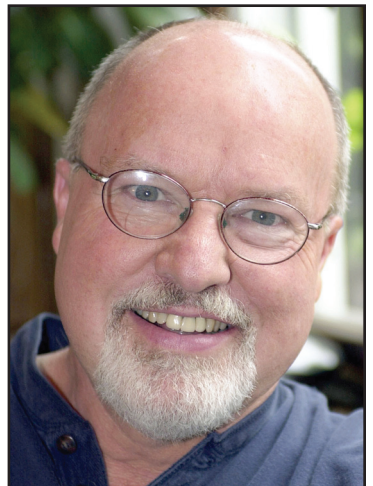
Saint Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Parish takes great pride in its statue of Pope John Paul II, which was blessed by Archbishop John J. Myers on Nov. 9, 2009.

## Father Rohr to speak at Presentation forum

UPPER SADDLE RIVER—As part of its jubilee celebration, the Church of the Presentation, 271 West Saddle River Rd., will host internationally acclaimed speaker Father Richard Rohr for a three-day series of lectures May 10-12.

Call the parish at (201) 327-1313 for details or visit the Web site ([www.churchofpresentation.org](http://www.churchofpresentation.org)). Lectures will be held each day from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. There also will be additional programs with Fr. Rohr on May 11 and 12, beginning at 9:30 a.m. each day.

Fr. Rohr will address topics from his book “The Naked Now,” including thoughts on the “emerging” Church, and from his new book “Falling Upward,” which deals with spirituality for the second half of life. He also will lead participants in centering prayer. Born in Kansas in 1943, Fr. Rohr entered the Franciscan community in 1961 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1970. In 1986 he established the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, NM (Web site: [www.cacradicalgrace.org](http://www.cacradicalgrace.org)), where he serves as founding director. He is a prolific author and frequently appears as a guest on national radio and television programs.



Fr. Richard Rohr

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## Teenagers

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resilient survivors who, despite their environment, have made it. One of the characteristics of resilient survivors is they had at least one positive adult in their lives. The power of our relationship with young people cannot be underestimated," McCarty explained.

It is important to shepherd, or "pastor" youth, even when faced with opposition. "Part of ministering to young adults is to be proactive, not just passive. Sometimes we are called to be intrusive. It is our job to challenge young people, but always balanced by a compassionate presence," he noted.

McCarty stressed that pastoral care is not counseling. The latter requires a certain set of experience and skills. He uses the term "peer responder" instead of "peer counselor" and believes pastoral care should be proactive instead of reactive. He encouraged adults to take on the challenge of being a positive influence for young adults while still imparting discipline.

"A positive adult influence will always counteract peer pressure and negative behavior of peers. Adults win," McCarty said.

## SFIC dinner to honor Estabrook

WEST ORANGE—Business executive Anne Evans Estabrook, a long-time supporter of educational excellence for low-income families, will be honored by the archdiocesan Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) at the group's 27th annual dinner, which will be held May 19 at Mayfair Farms, 481 Eagle Rock Ave.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour followed by dinner and the awards program. Student greeters will be on hand from Saint Michael School in Newark. In addition, the choir from Paramus Catholic High School will perform. For additional information

on the event or to reserve tickets, contact Gerard T. O'Connor, SFIC executive director, by phone at (973) 497-4279 or via e-mail (oconnoge@rcan.org). To learn more about the SFIC, visit its Web site (www.sficnj.org).

Eastbrook, the chief executive officer of Elberon Development Co., Cranford, will receive the *Vitae Discimus* Award (We Teach by Our Lives). Her support for quality education began as a board member during the early years the SFIC's predecessor—the Fund for Educational Advancement. She was board president of that group for two years.



Anne Evans Estabrook

"As youth ministers, we have to surround young people with the most positive adults possible. Sometimes, we are over-affirmers to young people; youth ministers can be too nice which is not helpful. We cannot be too permissive and there has to be boundaries."

Young people who are involved in church activities at least once to three times per month are half as likely to engage in at-risk behavior, according to the speaker. "If we can convince parents that getting kids involved in their parishes is the best nudge against negative behavior, we would have a powerful argument. If we are intentional about pastoral care, it

will better prepare young people for difficult decisions."

Young people in crisis situations can be difficult for non-professionals to address. Youth ministers are encouraged to provide a listening ear while finding help for troubled youth. "In the midst of crisis and breakdown, there is an opportunity for a breakthrough. Kids are language-poor. The critical first step is to have them name their feelings," McCarty said.

Depression and suicide is a major issue facing modern young people. McCarty believes youth ministers should not moralize or rationalize, but provide hope to teens while remaining clear, calm,

and balanced. "Depression and emotional pain draws all their energy inward and they can't see outside of themselves. Young people have not lived long enough to know the situation will get better and things will change. We have to tell them the negative feelings will pass; we will help them hang on."

The temptation for youth ministers is to try and save those in crisis and solve their problems. "It is not our job to save kids. We can create an opportunity for them to make good decisions and save themselves. A good response for a non-professional is to recognize the crisis, have an initial response and refer the young

person to someone else."

For those in pastoral care, providing hope for the future while being realistic is the best response to teens in crisis. Forming a simple, doable, short-term plan with references for who can help is a smart resolution.

The blending of Catholic tradition and Christian philosophy represents a powerful tool to combat the problems for teens. "Sharing the message of God's forgiveness is a key to healing," McCarty said. "You must have confidence that prayer is powerful. Youth ministers should see themselves as a conduit of healing and shepherd young people to wholeness."



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Pope John Paul II ‘looked to the horizons of hope’

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—“John Paul II is blessed because of his faith, a strong, generous and apostolic faith,” Pope Benedict XVI said May 1 just minutes after formally beatifying his predecessor. Pope Benedict read the formula of beatification at the beginning of the liturgy after Cardinal Agostino Vallini, papal vicar for Rome, petitioned the pope by saying: “I humbly ask Your Holiness to inscribe the venerable servant of

God John Paul II, pope, among the number of blessed.” The pope responded by saying that after consulting many bishops and members of the faithful and after having the Congregation for Saints’ Causes study the matter, “the venerable servant of God, John Paul II, pope, henceforth will be called blessed” and his feast will be Oct. 22, the anniversary of the inauguration of his pontificate in 1978.

Reading a brief biography of the late pope, Cardinal Vallini said he “had lived through the tragic experience of two dictatorships—Nazism and communism—survived an assassination attempt on 13 May 1981 and, in his later years, suffered grave physical hardship due to the progression of his illness. However, his overwhelming optimism, based on his trust in divine providence, drove him to constantly look to the horizons of hope.”

In his homily, Pope Benedict spoke of Pope John Paul’s suffering and his battle with Parkinson’s disease, which eventually crippled him. “There was his witness in suffering: the Lord gradually stripped him of everything, yet he remained ever a ‘rock’ as Christ desired. His profound humility, grounded in close union with Christ, enabled him to continue to lead the Church and to give the world a message, which became all the more elo-

quent as his physical strength declined,” the pope said. After the Mass, Pope Benedict went into Saint Peter’s Basilica and knelt in prayer for four minutes before Blessed John Paul’s casket, which was set in front of the main altar. After the pope left, the concelebrating cardinals filed up to the wooden casket, touching it lightly and kissing it. Eventually, the Vatican opened the basilica to the general public.

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This most powerful prayer must be said for requests and most urgent help. After you have said and asked for your requests- This prayer MUST be published immediately after being said. M.M.

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Amen. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. Published in gratitude. Thank you, St. Jude. D.A.R.T.

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# Serra Club to laud archbishop at vocations dinner

WEST ORANGE—Serra Club District 22 will honor Archbishop John J. Myers on Thursday, May 26—two days before the Church of Newark ordains 18 men to the priesthood—at its 57th annual Archbishop’s Vocations Fund Dinner, which will be held at Mayfair Farms, 481 Eagle Rock Ave.

Tickets are \$80 per person. Tables of eight, 10 or a dozen persons are available. To make a reservation contact Joseph Scibetta, dinner chairman, at (201) 332-8657 or

jts cibetta@verizon.net. The evening begins with a 6 p.m. reception, followed by dinner and the awards ceremony.

Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Nydegger, former vice rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary and now associate vice president of student affairs at Seton Hall University, South Orange, will serve as the keynote speaker for the event.

Along with Archbishop Myers, who will receive the organization’s Governor’s Award, other honorees include the Junipero Serra Award to Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Emery, pas-

tor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange.

Checks, made payable to the “Archbishop’s Vocation Fund,” should be mailed no later than May 18 to Joseph Scibetta, treasurer, 6 Ferncliff Rd., Jersey City, NJ 07305. Contact Joseph Pagano, District 22 governor, at (201) 424-6778 or jpagano18@comcast.net; Rose Marie Deehan, president of the Serra Club of the Oranges at (973) 762-6180 or jpdeehan@aol.com or Scibetta at (201) 332-8657 or jts cibetta@verizon.net for more information.

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**CAMPUS SPIRITUALITY CENTER**—Montclair State University (MSU), on April 13, formally unveiled its Center for Faith and Spirituality. MSU officials, addressing the audience on hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony, said the center was developed as a response to student feedback, requesting the university to better support the spiritual and religious needs of the diverse campus population. Going forward, the hope is the center will provide a common ground for interfaith dialogue among students and faculty. On hand for the opening ceremonies were members of the MSU Newman Catholic Campus Ministry (front row, left to right): Kate Ascolese; Mary Margiotta; (back row) Father Jim Chern, MSU Catholic chaplain; Veronica Haegle and Mary Kominsky, administrative assistant.

## Obituaries

### Father Brian Linehan, O.F.M., 87

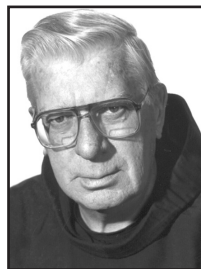
A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 26 at Saint Anthony Parish, Butler, for Father Brian D. Linehan, O.F.M., 87, who died April 19.

Fr. Linehan was received into the Order of Friars Minor July 14, 1960. He made his final profession of vows in 1964 and was ordained to the priesthood three years later.

In 1976, Fr. Linehan joined the team ministry at Saint Joseph Parish, East Rutherford, which was the start of nearly 30 years of service to North Jersey parishes.

From 1983 to 1984, he served as parochial vicar at Annunciation Parish in Paramus, before returning to Saint Joseph for four years as parochial vicar. He also served at Saint Leo Parish, Elmwood Park.

In September 2001, Fr. Linehan became senior associate friar at Saint Joseph Parish, before retiring in February 2005.



### Sr. Erika, S.C., nurse

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 11 at Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, for Sister Erika Bunke, S.C., 73, who died April 6.

Formerly Sister Ruth Dorothy, Sr. Erika entered the Sisters of Charity Sept. 6, 1953 and was a member for 57 years.

She served in the field of healthcare throughout New Jersey, Connecticut and Missouri. She was a nurse at Saint Joseph Medical Center, Paterson (1958-1960) and All Souls Hospital, Morristown (1960-1963).

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## 'Golden' initiative takes aim at scourge of cancer

ELIZABETH—Trinitas Regional Medical Center has received the "CEO Cancer Gold Standard" accreditation in recognition of its commitment to the health of its employees and their families.

"Trinitas has successfully fostered healthy living through important educational efforts and lifestyle change programs that have made a difference in the lives of many employees," Gary S. Horan, FACHE, Trinitas president and chief executive officer said.

Christopher A. Viehbacher, chief executive officer of Sanofi-Aventis, chairs the CEO Roundtable on Cancer, a nonprofit organization of cancer-fighting executives who created the CEO Cancer Gold Standard, in collaboration with the

National Cancer Institute and leading healthcare non-profit organizations and professionals. More than 2 million employees and family members are benefiting from the vision and leadership of employers who have chosen to become Gold Standard accredited. Sanofi-Aventis US is based in Bridgewater.

The CEO Cancer Gold Standard (Web site: [www.cancergoldstandard.org](http://www.cancergoldstandard.org)), an initiative based in Cary, NC, provides a series of cancer-related recommenda-

tions, which have been developed to fight cancer in U.S. workplaces.

According to information on the group's Web site, the Gold Standard is a comprehensive program with three main goals: risk reduction through lifestyle changes (such as not using tobacco and by maintaining a healthy diet and active lifestyle); early detection (such as regular age- and gender-appropriate screenings); and quality care (ensuring access to the best-available cancer treatments). The designation requires compa-

nies to evaluate their health benefits and corporate culture and take extensive, concrete actions to fight cancer in the workplace.

Cancer remains a national healthcare "epidemic," affecting thousands of families and the U.S. economy. The CEO group cited statistics that, on average, 1.5 million new cancer cases are diagnosed each year, which results in more than 560,000 deaths. Cancer is the second-most common cause of death in the US, exceeded only by heart disease. The National Institutes of Health estimates the overall costs of cancer exceeds \$228.1 billion, including direct medical costs as well as the cost of lost productivity due to illness and premature death.



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Smiling cardiac patient Alfred Colucci (seated) and his wife Mary (right) recently returned to Trinitas Regional Medical Center to convey their thanks to some of the dedicated staff members involved in the therapeutic hypothermia treatment of Alfred's recent cardiac arrest.

## 'Frosty' procedure assists patient hit by cardiac arrest

ELIZABETH—During a recent visit from Florida to see relatives and friends in Roselle Park, Alfred Colucci experienced a cardiac arrest, a serious condition that made him an excellent candidate to receive the latest treatment using therapeutic hypothermia at Trinitas Regional Medical Center.

Nicknamed "Code Frosty, the procedure involved cooling his body temperature to 91 degrees to preserve brain function in the first minutes following cardiac arrest.

"Therapeutic hypothermia, which involves bringing a patient's body temperature down to 91 degrees, is recommended for patients

whose hearts have stopped, been restarted through CPR, and who remain unconscious," explained Trinitas Advance Practice Nurse Debbie Durand.

"Therapeutic hypothermia helps to prevent damage to the brain which is dependent on a steady supply of oxygen from the heart," Durand continued. "Since many patients do not even survive the original cardiac arrest, we want to give those that do every chance to maintain good brain function. If the supply of oxygen to the brain is interrupted, various processes can cause damage to brain cells that may result in an inability to communicate or interact with others."

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The event, which begins at 6:30 p.m. with a reception followed by dinner, will take place at the Lexus Club. Scheduled to appear are gridiron greats Brad Benson, Bill Ard, Bart Oates, Chris Godfrey and Karl Nelson—members of the New York Giants' championship team from Super Bowl XXI. Former Giants' great and TV broadcaster Frank Gifford will serve as the emcee.

Tickets, at \$500 per person, are available online at [www.lifeathletes.org](http://www.lifeathletes.org). For additional information call (574) 237-9000 or e-mail [info@lifeathletes.org](mailto:info@lifeathletes.org). Proceeds will go to fund Life Athletes' educational efforts in the tri-state area.



# Gennesaret offers comfort to those facing illness

BY MELISSA MCNALLY  
Staff Writer

Through the strife and struggle of debilitating illness, faith can help comfort wounds. The annual Gennesaret Weekend, a retreat that caters to spiritual and physical needs of people with life-changing illnesses, will be held May 20-22 at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny, 499 Belgrove Dr.

The name and concept of the retreat stems from the Gospel of Mark 6:53 when Jesus landed on the shores of Lake Gennesaret where the sick were brought to Him and made well. The retreat includes ample rest periods, daily Mass, musical worship and Anointing of the Sick.

There is no admission charge. The retreat team, including priests, religious, nurses, doctors and musicians, volunteer their time and expertise. A preliminary consultation, including a home visit by the retreat team's nurses, assesses the needs of each participant. On average, the weekend attracts 15-20 retreatants from across New Jersey and even some out-of-state attendees. Call Peggy Walsh at (908) 654-5575 for more information on the retreat.

Walsh, a Westfield resident, has been a member of the Gen-

nesaret committee since its inception in 1989. Although the retreat is Catholic in tradition, people of all denominations are encouraged to attend. Participation in the sacraments is optional.

"There is a lot of music at the retreat and it is generally a really positive experience," Walsh explained. "You would think the weekend would be heavy and depressing, but it is uplifting; people

end. We receive feedback and letters from those who attend expressing their gratitude for the support and insights. The weekend does not heal them, but it helps shift their perspective."

In helping to organize the Gennesaret Weekend, Walsh has been enlightened by the strength and character of those perilously close to death. "It is a blessing to meet these wonderful people. I am

*I hope that the participants go home and know that God is with them through their struggle. The weekend does not heal them, but it helps shift their perspective.'*

—Peggy Walsh

are laughing and joking. The spiritual directors have talks dealing with the reality of where everyone is at the moment. Sometimes, the retreatant's caregivers attend and there is something for them."

For Walsh, providing a bit of spiritual respite for those confounded with hospital stays and doctor visits is an important part of the weekend. "I hope that the participants go home and know that God is with them through their struggle. Many of the retreatants keep in touch and there is a sense of being lifted up during the week-

always amazed by those going through difficult times so gracefully. There is a sense of God moving through everyone on the weekend; I get such joy out of it."

Memories of human compassion during the weekend also leave an indelible mark on Walsh. "There was a man who fell ill at the retreat and was too sick to leave his room. A bishop that was celebrating Mass at the retreat went to his room and brought him communion; that was so powerful."

Hilare Reinold worked as a nurse and hospice volunteer while



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Dr. Oliver Lontack (center) looks on as retreatant Eileen (right) blesses team member Hilare Reinold at a recent Gennesaret Weekend retreat. A nurse and hospice volunteer, Reinold was part of the team that started the faith-based healthcare retreat more than two decades ago. Call Peggy Walsh at (908) 654-5575 for more information on the retreat, which is open to people of all faiths.

helping launch the retreat over 20 years ago. "You meet amazing people with great spirits at the retreat," she said. "The weekend is about God's love, compassion, forgiveness and faithfulness. God walks amongst His people during the Gennesaret Weekend."

Reinold stressed that everyone, including team committee mem-

bers, are also on retreat along with the seriously ill. Through the weekend, everyone is drawn closer to God and their faith. "This is a God-given and inspired retreat; it is about being open. I have learned so much from the participants. Through illness, people have a great opportunity to grow spiritu-

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# Oldest parish provides needed healthcare services

BY WARD MIELE  
Managing Editor

NEWARK—In addition to a nutritious meal, many of those who line up by the hundreds at the soup kitchen of Saint John’s Parish have serious medical issues. To address basic needs, healthcare services are available at the oldest parish in the Archdiocese of Newark.

Barbara Maran, pastoral associate and director of outreach—a job description that encompasses management of the parish’s soup kitchen and healthcare services—said the program was established three years ago to provide a “more-grounded” service to the community.

As is the case with the soup kitchen, health services are offered free by volunteers, Maran explained. Just like the soup kitchen, health services rely on free-will donations and general fund-raising efforts from individuals and organizations throughout the Archdiocese of Newark.

Among the procedures available to someone stopping by, at what used to be the parish convent,

are HIV testing, mammograms, blood-sugar screening for diabetes, blood pressure readings and what Maran described as “the usual patch and fix” services. Available too are podiatric services and eye-screening.

While initial prescriptions are filled, Maran noted, that does not apply to pain killers or meds dealing with mental illness because often those medications wind up being sold on the streets.

The healthcare services, Maran added, are utilized on a daily basis. Most of those who stop by are homeless and live in shelters. “I can’t imagine life on the streets,” Maran explained. Summing up the philosophy of the soup kitchen and health services, Maran stressed that “we are not here to judge.”

Sister Alma Pukel, O.S.F., RN, BS, NEd, the driving force behind the health services program, explained that her primary motivation was the obvious need among those who visit the soup kitchen. Her oft-made announcement to those awaiting health services, she noted, goes something like this: “Quiet! Act like ladies and gentle-

men.” Of paramount importance, Sr. Alma stressed, is that everyone be “treated with dignity...you have to give them their dignity.” Sr. Alma who retires soon, also makes available rosaries and bibles.

Volunteering once a week the past two years has been emergency medicine physician Dr. James McEnrue. Most of his on-site work, he explained, is “treat and refer.” The majority of the people he takes care of are described by Dr. McEnrue as “the walking wounded.” He is in awe of how they survive on the streets. Asked what he gets out of it, Dr. McEnrue said he is “very grateful” to be able to provide such services.

The program relies on help from student nurse interns from the nearby University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Among those interns is Radha Maharajh who will complete her studies this semester. She cited the benefits of a real-world clinical experience which she termed “an eye-opener.” Maharajh has come to appreciate too, she added, that “not everybody grew up like I did.”

Also giving of her time is

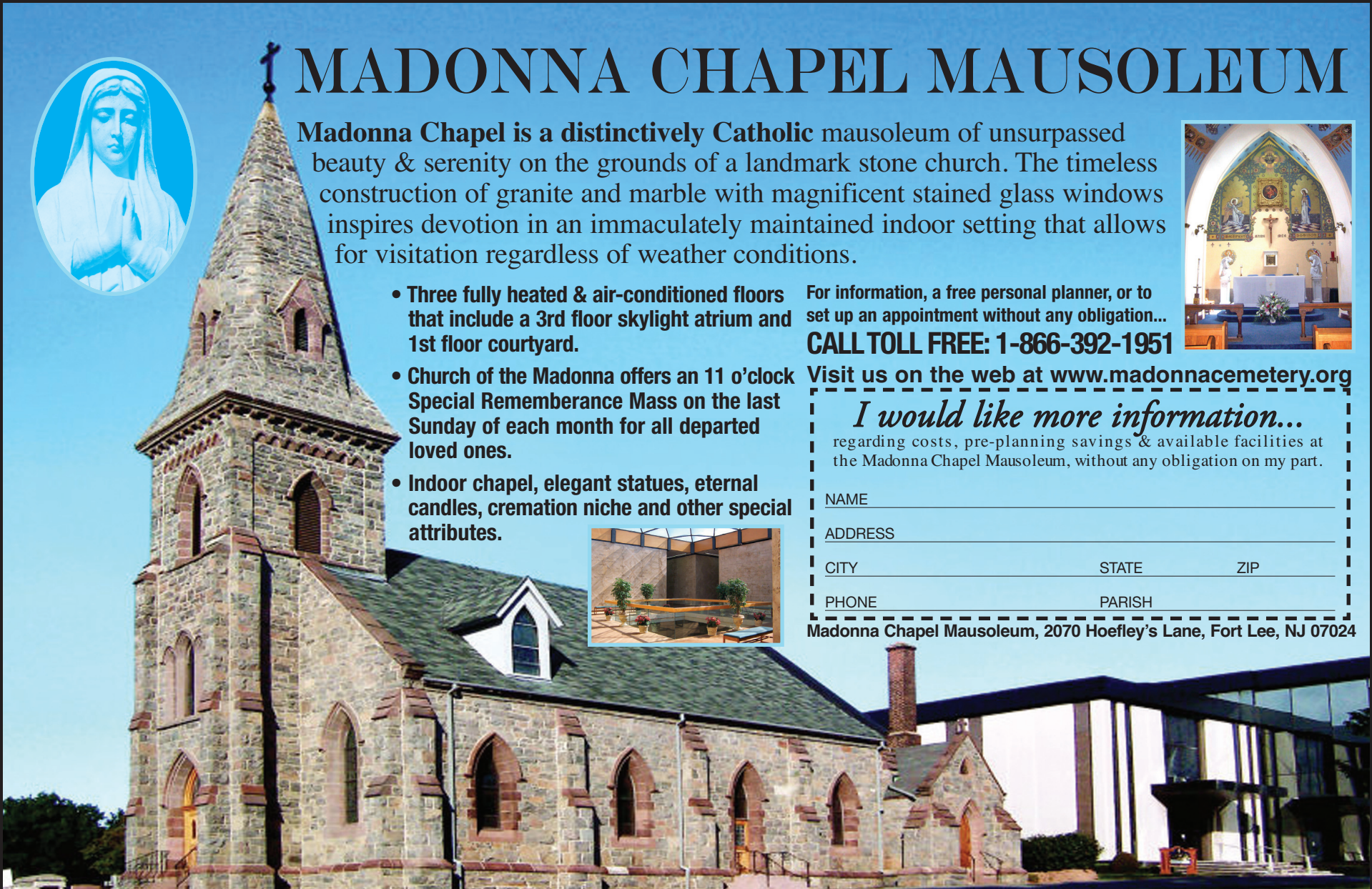



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Taking over from Sister Alma Pukel, left, will be another nurse, Kathleen McAdam. “I will never ‘replace’ Sr. Alma,” McAdam said, expressing her admiration. The parish is located at 22 Mulberry St. Call (973) 623-0822 for more information on the healthcare program.

Candy Hokosiniski who explained “I see Christ in the people who come here to Saint John’s.” Her volunteer work, Hokosinski added, has allowed her to “learn a lot about my own faith walk.”

Maran reflected those sentiments saying what happens at

Saint John’s is an inspiring example of the “wonderful things” the Catholic Church is doing for the homeless. She admitted, however, what happens every day at Saint John’s is “very heartbreaking. There doesn’t seem to be light at the end of the tunnel.”







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**BLOOD BROTHERS**—Bergen Catholic High School seniors, left to right, Mark Marsella, John Caruso, Jordan Patton and Brian McNeely were among several students from the Oradell school who participated in the annual blood drive held in conjunction with Community Blood Services, a not-for-profit organization that supplies blood and blood products to more than 30 hospitals in the metropolitan area.

## Holy Name launches diabetes center, focusing on Asian community's needs

TEANECK—In a new outreach program, Holy Name Medical Center has unveiled its Asian Diabetes Center to serve that community, which has a high incidence of the chronic disease.

The project, directed by internist Chang Woo Lee, MD, is under the auspices of Holy Name's existing Diabetes Center and its Korean medical program.

Holy Name's Asian Diabetes Center will address the culture-specific obstacles to diagnosis and treatment by providing bilingual healthcare professionals who educate people with diabetes and family members about self-management strategies through nutrition and meal planning, exercise, blood glucose monitoring, medications, stress management, preventive care and risk reduction.

Specially targeted initiatives include group educa-

tional sessions in conjunction with individualized consultation and support from a registered nurse, certified diabetes educator and specialized nutritionist.

Results of a community health screening conducted last year by Holy Name's Korean medical program found a high rate of diabetes and pre-diabetes. Of almost 900 people who received the HGBa1c blood test, the standard measure of blood sugar, 27.5 percent or 246 individuals showed abnormal results.

For more information about the Asian Diabetes Center, call Holy Name at (201) 833-3399.

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## Gennesaret

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ally strong. They have left their confinements of illness at home and we are there to serve them as best as we can. You are called to do something like this; serving is such a joy."

Other Gennesaret weekends have been organized in Kentucky and Long Island and Reinold is grateful to "pass this gift on."

Although there is no cost for participants, the team volunteers and pays for themselves during the weekend. Grants from the Diocese of Trenton and memorial donations from family members of retreatants keep the Gennesaret Weekend going. Letters are also sent to parishes, schools and communities asking for support.

The average attendee is between 40-60 years old. The camaraderie of those on the retreat is a vital component to ease the

pain of illness.

"After the weekend, retreatants feel like they are not alone in their journey. Sometimes people feel like they are alone in their disease; illness isolates people. One man said the Gennesaret Weekend is the first time he met new people outside of a doctor's office. After the retreat, they know that God is with them in courage and hope," Reinold said.

The Gennesaret Weekend provides an opportunity for both the

retreatants and team members to strengthen their bond with God and each other through service. "The weekend is about being a

real Christian community," Reinold said. "It takes you back to Jesus' time when everyone looked out for one another."



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Gennesaret volunteer Til Dallavale (right) places a prayer shawl on retreatant Catherine. The Gennesaret Weekend experience enables retreatants and team volunteers to deepen their Christian faith. The weekend retreat will be held May 20-22 at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny.

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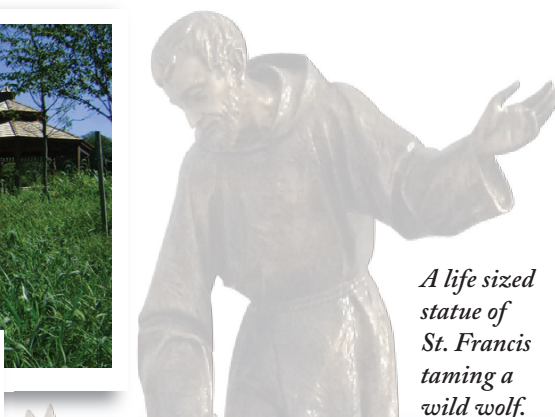
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Tour the Vatican including Audience with Pope Benedict XVI, (subject to his schedule). Tour Rome's religious highlights including St. Peter's Basilica, Sistine Chapel, and Rome's first church the "Cathedral of Rome and of the World." Celebrate two Masses in Rome including Mass at St. Peter's. See ancient Rome, the Colosseum, Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Basilica Santa Maria Maggiore and more! Fly to Lisbon, Portugal; visit Lady of Fatima Church, celebrate private Masses at the Basilica of Fatima and Apariciones Chapel of Fatima; and tour the Batalha monastery. Travel to Salamanca, Spain; visit the Old Cathedral and New Cathedral; overnight in Valladolid, Spain. Visit Lourdes, France; celebrate Mass at the Grotto of Lourdes. Take the high-speed train to Paris for two nights. Paris highlight includes The Shrine of the Miraculous Medal with Mass at the Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, a full-day tour of Paris visiting the Louvre Museum, Eiffel Tower, Basilica of the Sacred Heart and more. This Pilgrimage Includes 10 Breakfasts & 10 Dinners.

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MEDJUGORJE — DUBROVNIK — ROME — VATICAN**

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Wander through the labyrinths of canals and alleyways in Venice. Visit St. Mark's Square, the Byzantine Basilica, and celebrate Mass at St. Mark's Cathedral. In Florence, have free time for lunch before your afternoon walking tour of the old town. The next morning visit the Academy of Fine Arts and view Michelangelo's statue of David; depart for Assisi and celebrate Mass in the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. Tour Assisi then board an overnight ferry to cross the Adriatic Sea to the Croatian port city of Split in the comfort of your private cabin. Enjoy a city tour of Split and in the afternoon arrive at the shrine at Medjugorje. Spend two nights in Medjugorje including a full day to participate in pilgrimage activities, Mass, walk the Way of the Cross, visit an Adoration Chapel, and have quiet time for personal devotions. Depart for Dubrovnik; visit the Dominican Monastery on your escorted city tour; and board your ferry to Bari, Italy. Tour Bari, San Giovanni Rotondo, and celebrate Mass. Next, depart for Rome and en route stop at the restored mountaintop Abbey of Monte Cassino. Enjoy three nights in Rome. Have Mass at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls; visit St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran Basilicas, and stop at the Colosseum and Trevi Fountain. The next day tour Vatican City, and attend a Papal Audience with Pope Benedict XVI (subject to his schedule). Visit St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums, and the Sistine Chapel. Depart for home Thursday, September 29, 2011. Includes 21 meals.

*\*Per person, double occupancy. Airfare extra. \*\*Subject to Vatican scheduling.*



For information, reservations, itinerary, and letter from your chaplain with his phone number call 7 days a week:

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