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# SHU students embrace holiday spirit with 'acts of kindness'

SOUTH ORANGE — Most college students cannot wait until the Christmas season. Not only does the break between semesters signal the end of final exams, but students who live on campus return home to share in the holiday spirit with friends and family.

At Seton Hall University (SHU), students are sharing the joy of the holidays with others by joining the 12 Acts of Christmas Kindness campaign. The campus-wide movement was launched during the "Christmas at the Hall" celebration Dec. 3, when a 60-foot Christmas tree was lit and carols were sung by the college community.

College of Nursing student Hillary Sadlon, who made headlines this summer for performing 22 Acts of Random

Kindness for her 22nd birthday, inspired the seasonal campaign. Rather than receive gifts for her birthday, Sadlon decided to give the gift of herself, performing 22 acts of kindness for strangers. Her story caught the attention of USA Today, ABC.com, Good Morning America and Katie Couric.

"I hope that the entire community will follow Hillary's example and perform their own acts of kindness this Christmas," President A. Gabriel Esteban said during the annual Christmas tree lighting. So far, SHU has recorded more than 300 people taking the pledge with over 50,000 campaign impressions on Facebook and Twitter. The campaign has exploded on social media with more than 200 likes on Facebook and over 50 retweets

on Twitter. Over 6,000 people have visited the university's Web page [www.shu.edu/kindness](http://www.shu.edu/kindness).

Sadlon had no idea that her small, personal journey would affect the lives of so many. "I never thought any of this would happen—it's like a dream come true," Sadlon explained. "It started with the idea that one little gesture can make an impact. When everyone comes together, we can do so much more. You learn so much at college; you get to meet people from different cultures and see so much of the outside world. I want people to still remember that human connection. When you give, you receive."

According to Sadlon, a Belvidere native, the specific number of kindnesses is not as important as cultivating a greater personal



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Left to right, SHU senior Hillary Sadlon and Seton Hall University President A. Gabriel Esteban, along with his wife Josephine, helped kick-off the 12 Acts of Christmas Kindness campaign at Seton Hall's Christmas tree lighting ceremony.

commitment to helping others year-round. She hopes reaching out to others will become second nature long after the holidays. "You don't have to do 22 things or even 12—just one small ges-

ture can make a difference. I just want people to lend a hand and do what they can. Anything someone can offer is more than enough."

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# A season of giving: Archdiocese joins in Typhoon Haiyan relief efforts



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Second grade students Quinn Dillon and Matthew Corr, left to right, helped create "Looms of Love" bracelets at Saint Rose of Lima Academy, Short Hills.

By Melissa McNally  
Editor

AREA—For the island nation of the Philippines, this Christmas season will be one of great sadness as well as great joy. On Nov. 8, the massive typhoon Haiyan slammed into the country, packing sustained winds of 195 miles per hour and gusts of up to 235 miles per hour. The damage done to the nation's central islands by one of the most powerful storms ever recorded has been catastrophic.

Entire villages were swept away leaving at least 10,000 people dead. NBC News reported that in some provinces up to 80 percent of the buildings in the path of the storm were destroyed.

The typhoon came on the heels of an Oct. 15 earthquake in Bohol, Philippines, just 60

miles south of where Haiyan made landfall. The 7.2 magnitude earthquake had already displaced approximately 350,000 people, according to Catholic Relief Services.

Local faithful in the Archdiocese of Newark have reached out to support the Philippines through an emergency collection authorized by Archbishop John J. Myers taken at all Catholic parishes during weekend Masses on Nov. 16-17, and Nov. 30-Dec. 1. As of press time, the Archdiocesan Office of Finance has received \$139,000.

The Archdiocese of Newark has many close ties to the Philippines. Today, some 60,000 Filipinos live within the four northern New Jersey counties that constitute the archdiocese. Filipino Catholics worship in and participate in the life of parishes within the archdiocese and

maintain regular charitable mission efforts to the Philippines and its people.

Father Ernesto C. Tibay is the coordinator of the Filipino Apostolate in the Archdiocese of Newark. On Dec. 1, the apostolate organized a special Mass for typhoon victims at Saint John the Baptist Parish, Bergenfield, attended by almost 300 faithful. Following Mass, a choir concert was held and proceeds from ticket sales went to relief efforts.

"Everyone wants to do the best they can to help," Fr. Tibay said. "But people can only do so much."

Fr. Tibay and the Filipino Apostolate donated \$3,000 each to the Archdiocese of Palo and the Diocese of Borongan, both areas severely affected by Typhoon Haiyan. Because network connections are still down, Fr. Tibay has not yet received confirmation that the funds were able to reach the dioceses. He hopes to receive a letter of acknowledgement in the coming weeks.

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# SHU lecture examines ‘the Francis effect’

By Al Frank  
Associate Publisher

SOUTH ORANGE — The relentless focus on Pope Francis from worldwide media is providing “a most remarkable teaching moment,” a 20-year-veteran of the Vatican press corps told an audience at Seton Hall University Dec.4.

Nine months after the former Argentinian archbishop’s election, “the Francis effect” continues unabated, said John L. Allen, senior correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter.

“This is a pope who quite clearly has taken the world by storm,” he said, with a humble lifestyle and colloquial speeches that still dominate newscasts, front pages and social media previously preoccupied with priest pedophilia cases and Vatican scandals.

“He has reintroduced the Church to a jaded secular world that, against all odds is beginning to pay attention,” Allen said. “Treated as a new missionary opportunity this will yield evangelical riches you and I can hardly imagine.”

Yet, a “perverse reality” is that the more acclaim Francis draws from the secular world, the bigger the backlash from what Allen termed the professional Church. Vatican insiders bridle at the pope’s barbed comments about their bureaucratic ways, while conservatives and liberals vie to claim him for their particular causes.

Allen maintained there has been no deviation from orthodoxy, only a shift in emphasis on the Church’s pastoral side, especially on “mercy as the core Christian message.”

“What he wants is when people look at a collar or a pectoral cross he wants them not to think in terms of power and privilege but in terms of humility and service,” he said.

Allen, a CNN commentator and author of eight books,

was the inaugural speaker of the Archbishop John J. Myers annual lecture series. The archbishop, along with coadjutor Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda, who lives at Seton Hall, attended the event along with Newark’s auxiliary bishops, administrators, faculty and students.

The event celebrated last year’s launch of the university’s Department of Catholic Studies and the apostolic blessing imparted on Seton Hall by Pope Francis.

President A. Gabriel Esteban called the blessing a “testament to Seton Hall’s unwavering dedication to fulfilling its Catholic mission.”

Speaking a week before Francis was named *Time* magazine’s Person of the Year, Allen regaled a packed auditorium with stories about the new pontiff. But, as charming as the anecdotes were, he said they paled in comparison to the opportunity widespread coverage provides for the New Evangelization.

The call to continuing conversion by Catholics has been a priority program of the church since Paul VI issued a 1975 exhortation. It was repeated in an encyclical by John Paul II in 1995. Francis underscored its importance in “The Joy of the Gospel,” (*Evangelii Gaudium*), the exhortation he published Nov. 24.

“It’s a most remarkable teaching moment—a massive evangelical opportunity—one unlikely to roll around again soon,” Allen said.

“I agree with Allen,” said Monsignor Robert J. Wister, professor of Church history. “Because of Francis, many people who had closed themselves to the Church and the Gospel, are talking positively about Francis and his example of compassion and mercy. This gives all the opportunity to engage in dialog with them and bring them closer to the Lord.”



Photo by Milan Stanic

John Allen, senior correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter, speaks with Archbishop John J. Myers before his lecture.

## Mass schedules for bishops

*The following is the press time listing for Archbishop John J. Myers, Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda and the auxiliary bishops of the Archdiocese of Newark regarding their Mass schedules for the Christmas season.*



**Archbishop John J. Myers** will celebrate Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St., Newark.



**Bishop Thomas A. Donato** will celebrate Christmas Eve Mass at 10 p.m. and Christmas Day Mass at 10 a.m. at Saint Henry Parish, 82 West 29th St., Bayonne.



**Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda** will celebrate Christmas Eve Mass at 7 p.m. at Nativity Parish, 315 Prospect St., Midland Park, and Christmas Day Mass at 10 a.m. at Saint Bartholomew Parish, 2032 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains.



**Bishop John W. Flesey** will celebrate Christmas Eve Mass at 10 p.m. at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, 787 Franklin Lake Rd., Franklin Lakes.



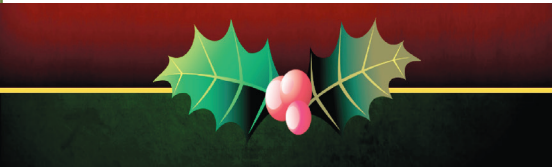
**Bishop Emeritus Dominic A. Marconi** will preside at the blessing of a live Nativity scene on Christmas Eve at noon at Saint Theresa Parish, 541 Washington Ave., Kenilworth. He will also celebrate Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at the parish.



**Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha** will celebrate Christmas Eve Mass at 6 p.m. at Saint Catherine of Siena Parish, 19 King St., Hillside, and Christmas Day Mass at 10 a.m. at Holy Cross Parish, 16 Church Square, Harrison.



**Bishop Emeritus Charles J. McDonnell** will celebrate Christmas Eve Mass at 8 a.m. and Christmas Day Mass at 7:30 a.m. at Saint Mary Parish, 17 Msgr. Owens Pl., Nutley.





## A season of giving:

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Other efforts continue throughout the local Church to aid the Philippines. Students, faculty and staff at Saint Dominic Academy (SDA), Jersey City, came together in recent weeks to support the ABS-CBN Foundation, “a committed advocate for public service in the strategic sector of Philippine society” (<http://www.abs-cbnfoundation.com/>).

On Nov. 8, in association with Saint Peter Preparatory School’s Asian Society, the SDA Asian Interests Club sponsored “A Night for the People” held at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City. There were performances, dancing, a limbo contest, a photo booth and raffles. By the end of the evening, more than \$3,000 was raised to support the ABS-CBN Sagip Kapamilya Foundation.

According to the ABS-CBN Web site, Sagip Kapamilya’s mission is “to conduct disaster relief and humanitarian assistance in calamity-stricken areas with the aim of enabling affected families to rebuild their lives and communities.” Sagip Kapamilya is an organization that plans to aid the victims of Typhoon Haiyan.

According to Jeanne Nina Laurel, president of SDA’s Asian Interests Club, “We worked tire-



Members of the Asian Interests Club at Saint Dominic Academy (SDA), Jersey City, sponsored “A Night for the People” at Our Lady of Mercy Parish

lessly to make ‘A Night for the People’ successful. Coincidentally, Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines the night before our event, motivating everyone to work toward a prosperous outcome for the fundraiser,” club moderator Guen Farrales said, “Praise God- it was a huge success. Attendance and support was so great. We raised over \$3,300 with more still coming in.”

The following week, students could exchange uniforms for casual wear during a tag day

at the Academy to raise money for typhoon victims. The school raised close to \$900 from the students, faculty and staff. Donations were sent to the ABS-CBN Foundation. Students are now collecting used clothing for tropical climate, flashlights, shoes, towels and blankets for the Philippines in conjunction with Saint Vincent DePaul Parish in Bayonne.

Students in the second grade class at Saint Rose of Lima Academy, Short Hills, discovered a creative way to aid the

island nation. The youngsters were just learning about the Philippines in September and following the typhoon, they began praying for the country and even wrote a prayer to Saint Rose of Lima, the Patron Saint of the Philippines on their behalf. They printed it on a prayer card and each student took one home to pray with their families.

The children also got the idea to use the popular “Rainbow Loom” to fashion bracelets in the colors of the Philippine flag. Students created as many bracelets as possible and then sold them to the school community for \$1 each. Students voluntarily gave up recess for two weeks to create these “Looms of Love” bracelets. The classroom was filled with energy and excitement as bracelet after bracelet was created by so many loving little hands. Each bracelet was then bagged along with the Saint Rose of Lima prayer card.

A community effort began as parents/students and teachers all worked together. Bracelets were sold within the school, through outside sales and donations, and at the Saint Rose Basketball Thanksgiving Tournament. Through the efforts of many volunteers, the children raised over \$1,400 that was sent to the UNICEF Philippines Relief Effort.

Not only have local Good Samaritans responded to relief efforts, but the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has donated \$500,000



Father Ernesto C. Tibay

to the Philippines. A report by AsiaNews indicated that the USCCB sent the aid through its international relief organization, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), which will provide for immediate relief.

Hopefully, with aid from the Archdiocese of Newark and Catholics around the world, the people of the Philippines will find reasons to celebrate this holy season.

Information provided by Faith Catholic was used in this article.



The Student Council of Visitation Academy, Paramus, sponsored a bake sale and clothing drive to benefit the victims of Typhoon Haiyan.



# Remember those who suffer this Christmas season

By Dr. Theodora Sirota, RN  
Special to The Catholic Advocate Online

The Christmas holidays are fast approaching and many of us feel a heightened sense of happiness and anticipation as we look forward to taking time off from study and work, celebrating and exchanging gifts with family and friends, or simply experiencing the beauty and holiness of the season.

However, it is important to remember that, for so many, this time of year brings too little joy and a good deal of pain and misery. The Christmas holidays are often the most emotionally difficult time of year for those suffering from mental illness, grief and loss, family stress, or occupational and economic hardship.

For the mentally ill, who make up at least 25 percent of the population of the United States, the holidays pose major challenges that can result in an escalation of psychiatric symptoms with risk for destructive behavior. Because the chronic mentally ill often have difficulty forming or sustaining social relationships, too many face the holidays with increased emotional stress from having little or no family or friends in their lives.

Changes in routine schedules and possible homelessness can increase seasonal anxiety and depression. People suffering from alcohol or drug addiction are at greater risk for relapse due to the holiday stresses, and many do relapse each year at this time.



Christmastime is a potent reminder of past relationships and experiences and many people suffer deeply disruptive feelings of grief, despair and depression at the holiday season as they recall the death or loss of loved ones. For those with complicated family relationships, and especially those who live with domestic violence, the holidays can intensify feelings of social pressure, guilt, depression or anger with risk for increased destructive behavior toward self or others.

Those facing occupational or economic hardship are at risk for stronger feelings of failure or inadequacy if they cannot participate as fully as they would like in the abundance of the season.

As we celebrate the joy that the holidays bring, let us not forget to take time to reach out to those in our schools, churches or

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Sun Woo Chang, an 8th grade student from the Academy of Saint Therese of Lisieux, Cresskill, was chosen as one of the first-place winners in the 2012-13 Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) Christmas Artwork Contest. In addition to these grand-prize winners, 22 additional designs were selected from among thousands of entries submitted by children in Catholic elementary schools, religious education programs and home schools. Sun Woo's drawing depicted the Three Kings following the star to Bethlehem at the birth of Jesus. All winners received a plaque honoring their achievements, and have their artwork featured on the MCA website for kids ([www.MCAkids.org](http://www.MCAkids.org)) as Advent/Christmas eGreetings. The 24 pieces of original artwork will be displayed at the National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., during Advent and Christmas 2013, through the Feast of the Epiphany in 2014. A Mass for winners and their families was celebrated at the shrine on Dec. 6.

**To learn more and to find resources go to:**  
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**[www.ccannj.com](http://www.ccannj.com)** – Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark  
**[www.shelteroursisters.org](http://www.shelteroursisters.org)** – Shelter our Sisters  
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Like most students, Sadlon is helping others through inventive ways. Along with cleaning snow from parked cars and serving hot chocolate to workers on campus, she joined the SHU community in Macy's Believe campaign. Hundreds of students joined in writing letters to Santa and delivered them to the department store. For each letter received through Dec. 24, Macy's will donate \$1 to Make-A-Wish (<http://macys.com/believe>).

Senior Catherine Cantine, 21, regularly volunteers with the Division of Volunteer Efforts (DOVE) at SHU. Volunteering at Saint John's Soup Kitchen in Newark will be one of her 12 Acts of Christmas Kindness. "The easiest time to give back and think about others is during the holidays," she said. A double major in social work and theology, she has been to Haiti three times with DOVE and will join the organization on a trip to in El Salvador in January. Cantine believes Seton Hall is a campus

where students are encouraged to get involved. "Giving back is prevalent here on campus. All types of groups participate in community service activities."

Freshman Nicole Archibald, 18, made Christmas cards for dining hall workers and handed out hats and gloves to the homeless in Newark. "We all just have to treat people the way we would like to be treated. During Christmas, people get more ideas about how they can reach out to others. The 12 Acts of Christmas Kindness give people something else to focus on besides their grades and finals."

A senior from Las Vegas, NV, Edgar Vargas Rios is the volunteer coordinator at DOVE. Along with other students, he participated in a campus-wide toy drive. Donations went to Saint John-Parish in Newark and the Don Bosco Youth Center, Orange. On Dec. 9, DOVE co-sponsored a Christmas party with the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) on campus. The organization helps homeless families—parents and children—in need of shelter. IHN offers a place to stay and three meals a day by housing



Submitted photos

Seton Hall University nursing student Adewumi Faleti, along with her 10-month-old assistant, prepared over 1,000 mailings at Mary's Meals, Bloomfield, for their end-of-year fundraiser. Mary's Meals began in 2002 as a one-off school feeding program. Today they provide daily meals to 822,142 hungry children.

families in a network of churches and synagogues. Vargas Rios hoped the event helped those less fortunate "forget their struggles,

even for a little while." Children were given toys and even got to take photos with the Pirate, Seton Hall's mascot. "During the

holidays when everyone is with their families, it is important to be thankful. We should give back any way we can."



Submitted photos

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) hosted its annual Christmas Breakfast Dec. 5 at Sacred Heart School in Jersey City. Student guides offered tours of the classrooms of Sacred Heart School, now celebrating its 100th anniversary. Youngsters also participated in a question and answer session with Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda. Following the tours, attendees gathered in the auditorium for breakfast and listened to the student choir sing Christmas carols. SFIC provides children in need with the opportunity for a quality, values-based education in a safe environment. The Fund provides partial tuition scholarships to economically disadvantaged children attending private and parochial schools in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union Counties. Scholarship awards are based on need without regard to race, religion or ethnicity. Bishop Thomas A. Donato, photo at left, joined student guides Jakhi Grayson, Maricella Vargas and Archbishop Hebda. In the photo at right, Hannah Lance and her second grade class had a few questions for the visiting archbishop.



# Caldwell College to become Caldwell University

CALDWELL — Caldwell President Nancy Blattner, Ph.D. received official notification from the New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education on Dec. 9 that the college's petition to change its official name to Caldwell University had been approved. The public announcement from the Office of Higher Education is expected to occur next month.

"As the culmination of almost a two-year process, changing our designation and name from Caldwell College to Caldwell University is the fulfillment of a vision that many on the campus have shared for the past few years. Our new name signals the academic excellence for which Caldwell has become recognized. This new designation will be officially celebrated in 2014 during the institution's 75th anniversary," said Dr. Blattner.

Marilyn Bastardi, president

of the college's board of trustees, was thrilled with the announcement. "This is a proud moment for all of us who know and love Caldwell. This designation supports the tremendous growth we have seen over the last several years under Dr. Blattner's leadership."

Becoming a university was part of President Blattner's vision from the moment she arrived at Caldwell in 2009.

The university designation will better reflect what Caldwell has become with its doctoral program in applied behavior analysis, its strong master's programs in multiple disciplines and its growth and diversity. Vice President for Enrollment and Communications Joseph Posillico said that "there are many benefits to becoming a university including increased opportunities for fundraising, greater ability to recruit and re-

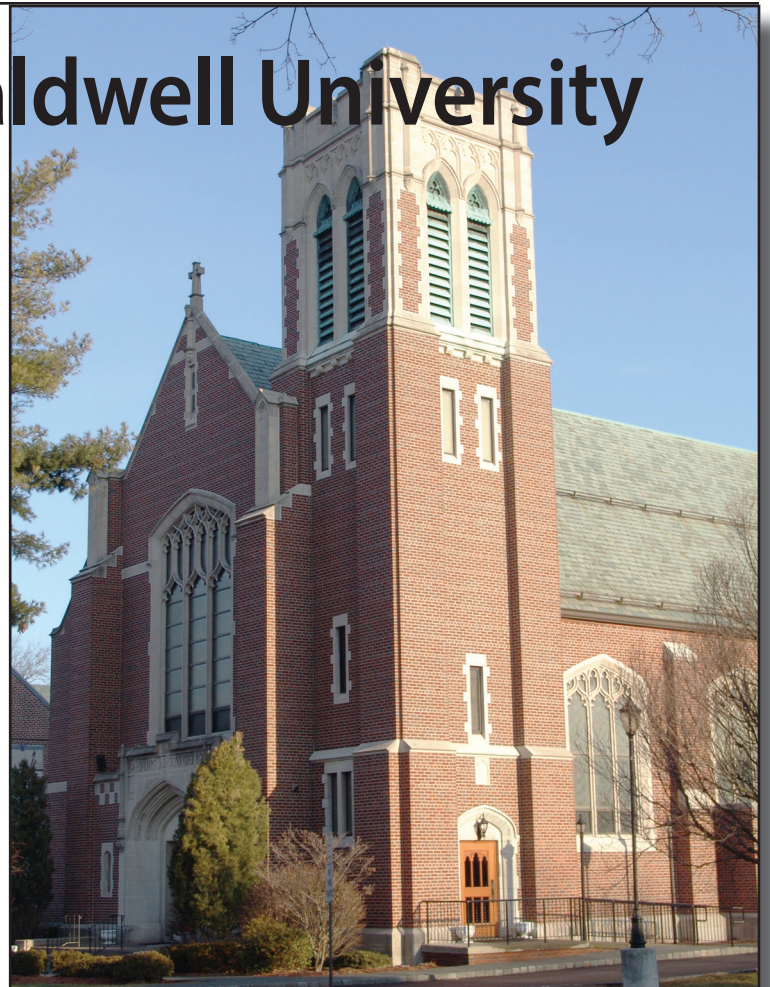
tain faculty and more leverage in recruiting students. The designation of 'university' will more accurately describe the breadth and depth of Caldwell to the public and in particular to international students."

The news gave students a high note on which to end their fall semester.

"The shift to university status will give Caldwell College the recognition it deserves," said David Reeth, a senior and president of the Student Government Association.

"It's really exciting that Caldwell is becoming a university and that I get to be a part of it," said freshman Sean Puzzo.

Caldwell will continue to operate as a college until the end of the academic year, June 30, 2014 and will operate as a university effective July 1, 2014. At that time a new Caldwell University brand will be unveiled.



## AHA teacher honored as 'Woman of Faith'

LYNDHURST—The Newark Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (NACCW) honored Academy of the Holy Angels religious studies teacher Carol Fay with this year's Woman of Faith, Woman of Action Award Dec. 7 at its annual Christmas luncheon at Michael's Riverside.

Each year the NACCW honors a Catholic woman who exemplifies the values of Catholic social teaching and a commitment to the works of mercy and justice. NACCW President D. Jean Schneider noted in her letter to Holy Angels notifying the school of Fay's award, "We honor the example of what women can do by using their special gifts as an expression of their faith."

Fay received her bachelor's degree in religious studies from Seton Hall University, South Orange, and her master's degree from the former Maryknoll School of Theology, Ossining, N.Y. She has served as a teacher and Religious Studies Chairperson at the Academy of the Holy Angels in Demarest, for the past 38 years, where she also acts as moderator for the groups "Just Angels," AHA's social justice club and "Music Makers," its liturgical music leaders. Her passion for social justice and service extend far beyond the classroom.

Over the years she has taken students on trips to Honduras,



Submitted photo

Carol Fay, center, is pictured with the Newark Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women President D. Jean Schneider, left, and Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda at the organization's annual Christmas luncheon in Lyndhurst.

where in addition to doing service work, students have been able to study the root causes of poverty. For five years following Hurricane Katrina she led student groups to New Orleans to help in the rebuilding there but also to be present to the people affected by the storm, to pray with them and to study the injustices that con-

tribute to their suffering.

Most recently in the summer of 2013, Fay and her "Angels" joined forces with Rebuilding Together to restore homes in Moonachie in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy. This coming summer she will be on the road again, taking her students Baltimore, M.D., to work with Cath-

olic Relief Services and then on to Washington, D.C. to meet with congressional representatives about poverty and hunger policies.

Fay has worked with Catholic Relief Services, traveling twice to Ghana with its Frontiers of Justice program. She has also been a member of Pax

Christi USA and Pax Christi NJ and served as state coordinator twice. She has also led retreats for Pax Christi, The Sisters of Saint Joseph of Peace, and for a parish JustFaith program.

Accepting the award, Fay expressed her appreciation for being honored by NACCW, and acknowledged the work of its members, noting their long association with Catholic Relief Services through the Madonna Plan and Water for Life. She concluded her remarks by sharing her personal goals and aspirations.

"I am a teacher. It has been my hope to introduce students to a life of faith that is prayerful, and takes seriously the Beatitudes, the works of mercy and the principles of Catholic social teaching," Fay said.

She then likened her work to planting seeds. "I am not able to do everything, or even much at all on my own, but I can plant seeds. I can help my students, (whether they be in the religious studies classes at Holy Angels, or at parishes where I have given retreats or lead study groups or elsewhere) to meet the people who will inspire them to compassion, who will energize them for service, who will challenge them to faithfulness, and who will encourage them to be the agents of change toward the Kingdom of God."



## Remember those who suffer

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communities who may be suffering more at this season as a result of mental illness or social crisis.

Encourage family and friends to work with churches and other community organizations to provide relaxed and comfortable activities for those who are lonely and without family ties. Volunteer at food banks or soup kitchens to bring a bit of sunshine into the lives of people who too often do not see a smile or greeting from others.

Reach out with a visit or an invitation to someone who is alone and lonely at this time of year. Support their spiritual needs by offering encouragement and assistance to attend religious services. Finally, let us all support charities that assist the mentally ill and those experiencing social challenges and learn all we can to better understand and aid those in need.

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## Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:



### ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY/MINISTRY

**Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.,** Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia of the Archdiocese of Newark, has been reappointed a Consultor of the Archdiocese of Newark for a term of five years, effective Nov. 21, 2013.

**Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda, D.D.,** Coadjutor Archbishop of Newark, has also been appointed to the Board of Overseers of Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University, South Orange, ending June 30, 2016.

**Reverend Monsignor Michael A. Andreano,** Personal Secretary to Most Reverend John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark, Chancellor and Associate Moderator of the Curia, has also been appointed to the Board of Overseers of Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University, South Orange, ending June 30, 2016.

**Reverend Manuel Duenas,** Prefect of Studies at Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Kearny, has also been appointed Vice Rector, effective Nov. 19, 2013.

**Reverend Giovanni Rizzo,** full-time staff member of the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Newark, has been appointed Adjutant Judicial Vicar in the Metropolitan Tribunal, effective Nov. 20, 2013.

### PASTOR

**Reverend Raul E. Comesanas,** Pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Newark, has been granted an extension of his pastorate for one more year, ending Feb. 1, 2015.

**Reverend Tadeusz Trela,** Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Irvington, has been reappointed to a third six-year term as Pastor ending Feb. 1, 2019.

### DEAN

**Reverend Miroslaw K. Krol,** Pastor of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, Linden, has also been appointed Dean of the Union Southeast Deanery, Deanery 24, for a term of five years, effective Nov. 4, 2013 and ending Nov. 4, 2018.

### CHAPLAIN

**Reverend Miroslaw K. Krol,**

Pastor of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, Linden, has also been appointed Chaplain of the Linden Police and Fire Departments, effective Nov. 7, 2013.

**Reverend John M. McCrone,** Pastor of St. Paul Parish, Ramsey, has also been appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Rev. Patrick F. Pindar Council No. 3962, Ramsey, effective Dec. 5, 2013.

**Reverend James V. Teti,** Pastor of Annunciation Parish, Paramus, has also been appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Rev. Charles J. Watters Council #5680, Paramus, effective November 6, 2013.

### RESIDENCE

**Reverend Bartholomew Amobi,** Chaplain at Hackensack University Medical Center, Hackensack, has been appointed to residence at Corpus Christi Rectory, Hasbrouck Heights, effective Dec. 1, 2013.

**Reverend Charles Okoye,** Chaplain at Hackensack University Medical Center, Hackensack, has been appointed to residence at Sacred Heart Rectory, Rochelle Park, effective Dec. 1, 2013.



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Sister Joan Caldano, F.S.P.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 13 at Marian Woods Convent, Hartsdale, NY, for Sister Joan Caldano, F.S.P., 76, who died Dec. 10. A Yonkers native, Sr. Joan (formerly Sr. Ellen Michael) graduated from Ladycliff College, Highland Falls, NY, earning a bachelor's degree in social science and SUNY at New Paltz, NY, where she received a master's degree in social science in 1972.

She entered the Franciscan Sisters of Peace Sept. 8, 1955 and professed her final vows Aug. 14, 1962. She held teaching positions in schools in New York City, New Jersey and Westchester County and served as principal of Holy Angels School, Little Falls. She was a teacher at Saint John School, Fairview, from 1957-1959.

Sr. Joan was Provincial Secretary, Director of Ministry and Assistant Provincial Superior at Mount Saint Francis in Peekskill, NY. Her 20 year career at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx included positions as cancer care technician and patient/family advocate. She also served

as councilor on the leadership team of the Franciscan Sisters of Peace, and as Sister Advocate of the health care team.



Sister Eleanor Elizabeth Keeney, M.M.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 10 at the Maryknoll Sisters Center, Ossining, NY, for Sister Eleanor Keeney, M.M., 90, who died Nov. 29.

A native of Hoboken, Sr. Eleanor celebrated 65 years as a Maryknoll Sister on Sept. 4 of this year. She graduated from Jersey City Medical Center Nursing School in 1945. She entered the Maryknoll Sisters Congregation from Saint Agatha Parish, Brooklyn, NY, in 1948. At her Reception, she received the religious name Sister Regina Michael.

Sr. Eleanor made her First Profession of Vows on March 7, 1951 at the Maryknoll Sisters Motherhouse Ossining, NY, and was assigned to Kandy Government Hospital in Ceylon, (now Sri Lanka), where she served as nurse and assistant director of nurses until 1959. She made her Final Profession of Vows March 7, 1954.

In 1962, the Sri Lankan government expelled all foreigners and she returned to the Maryknoll Sisters Center where she served in the infirmary until 1967 when she was assigned to Northeast Thailand where she operated a mobile medical clinic until 1969. She was called back to NY and was appointed director of nurses and health coordinator at Bethany House, which was then the Maryknoll Sisters nursing facility.

From 1974 -1980, Sr. Eleanor was a public health nurse with the Visiting Nurse Service of Westchester County, NY, and in 1981, she was assigned to work as coordinator of health services in Monrovia, CA, for two years.

In 1983, she was assigned to Zimbabwe as director of nurses and administrator at Saint Albert's Mission Hospital. In

1987, she moved to Gweru, Zimbabwe, to care for the terminally ill in pastoral home nursing and hospice work and as a volunteer for Red Cross nurses.

From 1997- 2007, Sr. Eleanor volunteered her services in Hendersonville, NC, at the Pardee Health Care Center. In 2009, she returned to Maryknoll, NY.



Sister Mary Cilurzo, M.P.F.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 3 at Saint Lucy Chapel, Villa Walsh, Morristown, for Sister Mary Cilurzo, M.P.F., 93, who died Nov. 29.

Born in Soverato, Italy, Sr. Mary came to America as a young child and lived in Syracuse, NY. She entered the Religious Teachers Filippini July 13, 1949. She received the

religious habit Sept. 3, 1950 and made her final religious profession on Aug. 17, 1953.

Sr. Mary was a teacher in the primary grades and was also assigned to parishes where she did mission work. Her ministries included the Archdioceses of Hartford, CT, and Baltimore, MD, and dioceses throughout New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

She served as a teacher in the Archdiocese of Newark including Saint Joseph school, Lodi (1951-1953) and Saint Bartholomew School, Scotch Plains (1963-1964). Her other assignments in the archdiocese included remedial work at Saint Nicholas Parish, Palisades Park (1974-1975), assisting at Immaculate Heart of Mary Nursery, Elizabeth (1979-80), and mission work at Assumption Parish, Roselle Park (1951-1953).

Retiring at Villa Walsh in 1993, Sr. Mary assisted in domestic responsibilities and dedicated time to prayer. She became a resident of Saint Joseph Hall, Villa Walsh, Morristown, in 2004.





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# Benedictine Academy campus minister honored for service

ELIZABETH — USA Network, along with Cablevision, honored Benedictine Academy campus minister Linda Michalski with the 2013 “Characters Unite” award for her work with students to make the public aware of the horror of human trafficking.

Michalski was recognized during “An Evening on the Green” Nov. 2 at the high school. The event, a dinner-dance, benefited the academy’s athletic department. Benedictine Academy alumnae, current school families, faculty, staff and friends were invited to both honor Michalski and help raise funds.

Michalski is one of ten winners selected nationwide from hundreds of nominees “for their extraordinary efforts in combating hate, intolerance and discrimination worldwide, and making significant contributions to champion civil and human rights in their communities.”

Michalski shared the Characters Unite award with her “Cor Defender” students the night of the event.

As part of its award-winning public service campaign to address social injustices and bridge cultural divides, USA Network, along with its distributors, announced the 2013 recipients of the Characters Unite award last June.

Michalski, a teacher at the academy and resident of Chatham, was nominated by Cablevision Systems because she “has motivated her student leadership team, the Benedictine Cor Defenders, to become a voice for the voiceless and confront evil with the power of good,” the Characters Unite award nomination stated. “As staff mentor, Linda teaches students how to take on the issue of human trafficking, a form of modern day slavery impacting young women around the world,” it continued.



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Benedictine Academy Cor Defender students (left to right) Joyce Mendoza, Vanessa Fragiocomo, Sydney Sique, Karina Costa, Karol Pierre, Ewa Kowalczyk, Eileen Conaty, Jada Yarbough, Marina Santiago, Kayla Roque and Characters Unite Award honoree, Linda Michalski.

Through Michalski’s leadership, Benedictine Academy became the first Freedom Partner School with Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives to work to abolish human trafficking through the power of education. Her students worked determinedly to raise awareness through media, youth leadership conferences, and have

addressed state legislators in Trenton.

Benedictine Academy was awarded the National Jefferson Gold Medal for Volunteer Public Service for three consecutive years.

“Linda has successfully instilled in her students life-long moral values and the belief that they share a responsibility to ac-

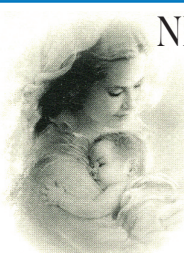
tively protect the rights and dignity of every human being,” Cablevision noted.

Money raised from the “Evening on the Green” will help with the cost of refurbishing the floor of the academy’s gymnasium, work which was completed over the summer. Benedictine Academy athletic director Mike Jones organized the event.

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