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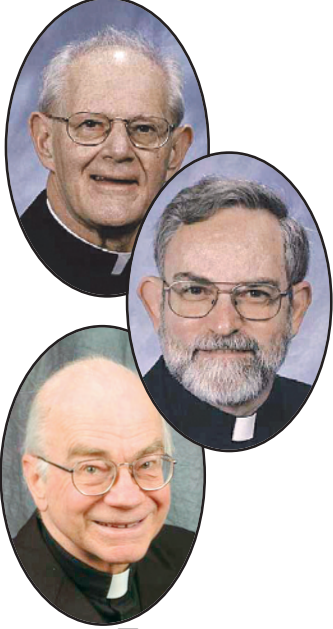


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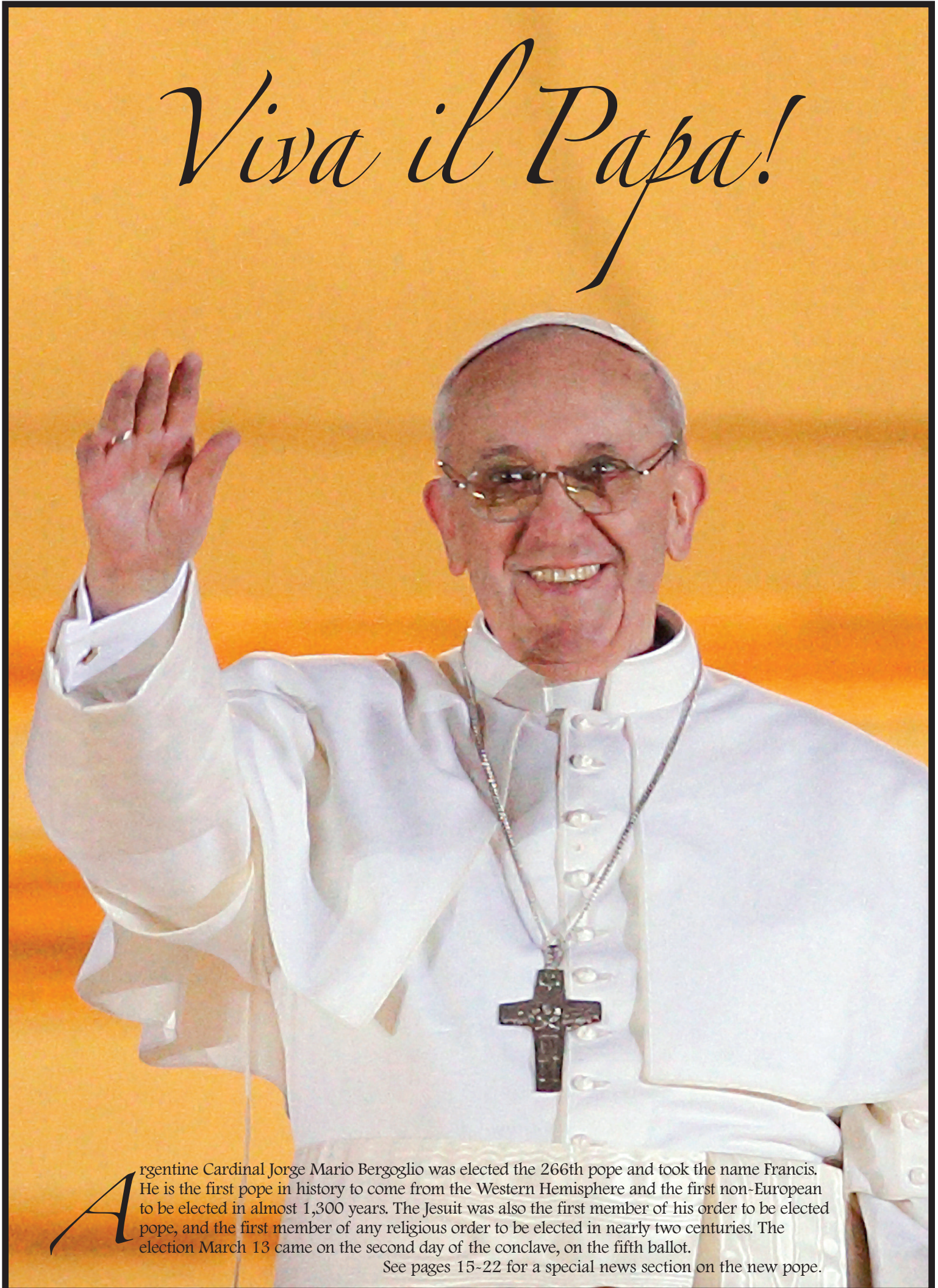
The Archdiocese of Newark and parishes throughout the world will celebrate Palm Sunday on March 24 and Easter Sunday on March 31. *The Catholic Advocate's* three intrepid columnists offer their thoughts, insight and perspective.

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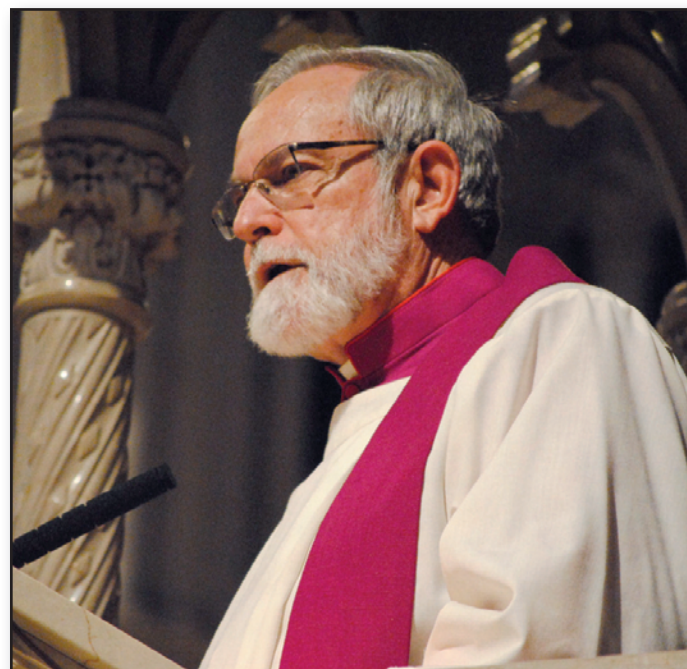
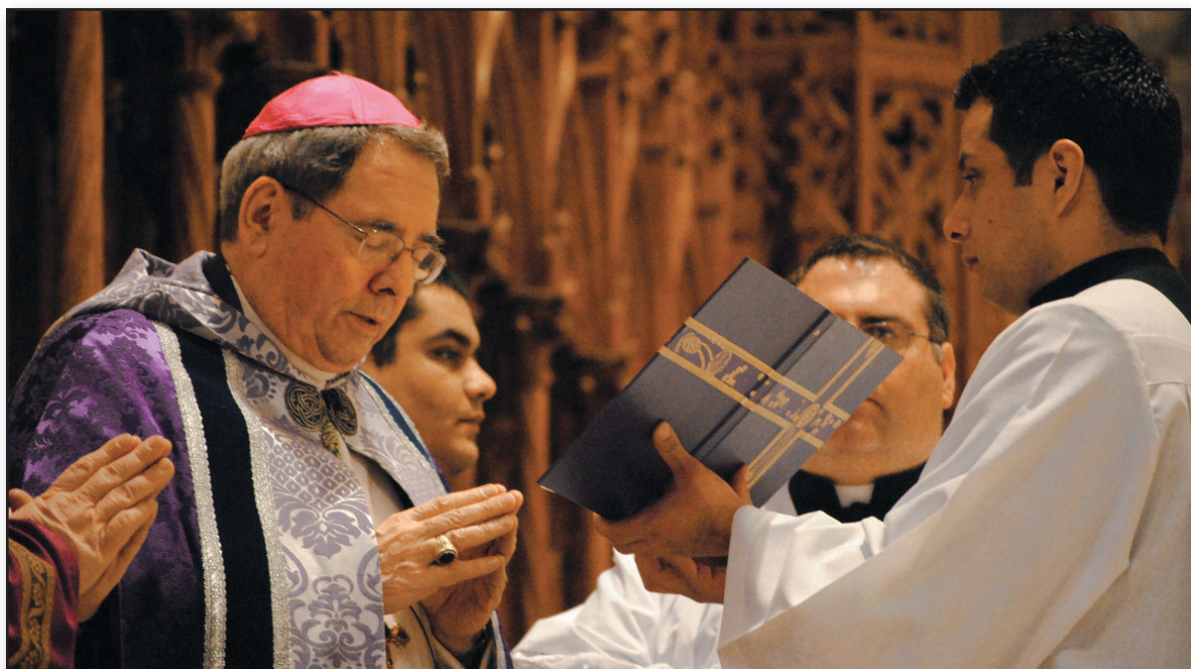
Viva il Papa!



Argentine Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio was elected the 266th pope and took the name Francis. He is the first pope in history to come from the Western Hemisphere and the first non-European to be elected in almost 1,300 years. The Jesuit was also the first member of his order to be elected pope, and the first member of any religious order to be elected in nearly two centuries. The election March 13 came on the second day of the conclave, on the fifth ballot.

See pages 15-22 for a special news section on the new pope.

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FAITH JOURNEYS—Archbishop John J. Myers (top left photo) presided at the annual Call to Continuing Conversion and Rite of Election liturgy rites the weekend of Feb. 16-17 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Both are important steps in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), the process by which an adult becomes a member of the Catholic Church. The Rite of Election marks the “choosing” of those who have been prepared for initiation into the Catholic Church. The Call to Continuing Conversion is for candidates who are already baptized and are completing their initiation. A powerful moment occurs when each sponsor places their hand on the shoulder of their candidate. Just before that, during the Rite of Election, candidates sign the “Book of the Elect.” Father John J. Chadwick, S.T.D., archdiocesan director of the RCIA, said there were 957 people in the RCIA process: 381 Catechumens; 78 Christians to be received into the faith; and 498 adult Catholics completing initiation. Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnholds (top right photo), pastor of Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Bergenfield and archdiocesan vicar for pastoral life, delivered the homily at both rites. “After your significant journey of preparation...your parish communities have lovingly sent you forth to Archbishop Myers and your sponsors accompany you as you present yourselves to him and to Christ Himself,” Msgr. Arnholds said. “You sensed that there was something greater your life could be, if you bonded yourself more closely to Christ. You consider yourselves ready to say ‘yes’ to live a holy life in the Catholic Church.”

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We must reject the Death with Dignity Act

BY ARCHBISHOP JOHN J. MYERS

Today many people fear the dying process. They fear experiencing pain, losing control, being abandoned or becoming a burden on others. As a society, we will be judged on how we respond to these fears.

On Feb. 6, the NJ Assembly’s Health Committee passed a so-called NJ “Death With Dignity Act” (A-3328). This legislation soon will go to the full Assembly and, if passed, then to the Senate (see *The Catholic Advocate*, March 6). If the legislation passes, it will pave the way for a new onslaught upon some of the most vulnerable people in society—in particular, the terminally ill, the elderly and the disabled. This bill, which is modeled after similar “assisted suicide” laws in Oregon and Washington, allows doctors to prescribe the means for patients to kill themselves.

All suicide is a tragedy. The notion of assisting a suicide demonstrates that the supposed compassion of the bill’s supporters truly is misguided. In addition, providing a legal option, enabling a physician to abet a suicide could be perceived as an obligation by many terminally ill

patients concerned about being a burden to loved ones.

It is common knowledge that at the time when someone is suffering with depression—especially clinical depression (as often happens when someone finds out that he or she has a serious illness and will likely die from it)—there is a vulnerability to despair and suicidal thoughts. Society has long recognized this. Consequently, laws exist that give a competent medical authority the power to treat such a patient within a psychiatric setting if it is determined that the patient is a clear danger to himself or to someone else.

Certainly hundreds of thousands of people are grateful for this provision in current law because it protects them or one of their loved ones at a time in life when these patients just were “not thinking correctly,” as the saying goes.

The Death With Dignity Act would remove much of this protection that society normally provides for the most vulnerable. This bill gives the illusion of providing proper protection against this danger for those suffering from depression, but it does not. Yes, the death-dealing doctor is required to give a referral for counseling, but the person is not required to go to the counseling. Remember that



people who are clinically depressed cannot even get out of bed at times. Thus, there is a very high risk that they will not follow through with the counseling.

We are called to comfort the sick, not help them kill themselves. True compassion alleviates the suffering while maintaining solidarity with those who suffer. People who request death have lost hope and are vulnerable and often depressed. They need our care and protection, not a prescription for a lethal dose of drugs.

Every human life, at every stage and in every condition, has inherent value and dignity bestowed by God. We are our brother’s and sister’s keeper. We need to reject the Death with Dignity

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Act. Instead, we need to continue to work to create measures that will ensure that the sick, the mentally and physically disabled, and the dying are surrounded with love, support and companionship, and are provided with life-affirming solutions needed to ease their physical, emotional and spiritual suffering. Advances in pain control and other palliative care are ongoing every day, and form the basis of a holistic, compassionate outreach to every member of the Body of Christ.

This newest attempt to undermine the sacredness of human life demands a decisive, vigorous and sustained response from Catholics and all people of goodwill. In this

Year of Faith, Catholics have a unique opportunity to allow their Catholic faith to shed new light upon how they see every aspect of their lives, including suffering. The world is wandering into a deeper and deeper darkness. It is our privilege and our duty, for the sake of this generation and the generations yet to come, to let that light shine upon our understanding and then to bring that light to our neighbor. Jesus told us “Do not keep your light under a bushel basket. Set it on a stand for all to see” (and benefit from). This is our time, our privilege, our duty. If we don’t, who will?

A word of encouragement: In Massachusetts and Michigan, where this same issue came to a vote, the Catholic Church took the lead in opposing it. Hierarchy, clergy and Catholic faithful, along with other Christians, the medical community and various people of good will, were united in resisting what would have become a grave social injustice. By God’s grace and much hard work, they literally turned the tide. Their labors provided the needed education that resulted in not only defeating the latest anti-life agenda, but in the process also helped increase the awareness of the great dignity of all human life among the people of those states.

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**ON GOOD FRIDAY
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Day one – Divine Mercy Novena

Stations of the Cross



The Rosary



Chaplet of Divine Mercy



“O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus, as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!” (Diary, 84)

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April 14 interfaith service to commemorate Shoah

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

SOUTH ORANGE — The 36th annual Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Service will be held Sunday, April 14, 4 p.m. at Seton Hall University's (SHU) Jubilee Hall, 400 South Orange Ave.

Prior to the start of the program at Jubilee Hall, there will be a "March of Remembrance," beginning at 3:15 p.m. at Grove Park, located at the corner of Park Place and Marshall Court.

Larry Pantirer, the son of the late Murray Pantirer—a Holocaust survivor on "Schindler's List"—will serve as the keynote speaker for the interfaith service. Murray Pantirer died Nov. 7, 2008.

An article in the Nov. 13, 2008 edition of *The New Jersey Jewish News* (NJN), described Murray Pantirer as a philanthropist who turned his giving into a living memorial for the victims of the Holocaust. He was a former president of the Jewish Federation of

Central New Jersey, and served as a sponsor of the Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in Manhattan.

The NJN article stated that, when he was 17, the Nazis deported Pantirer to a factory operated by Oskar Schindler, a German industrialist who sheltered his Jewish workers during World War II. More than 1,000 Jews survived the Holocaust thanks to Schindler's efforts. The 1993 Academy Award-winning movie "Schindler's List" told the story of Schindler. Pantirer was liberated in 1945 and came to the United States in 1949.

The April 14 interfaith remembrance service is sponsored by the South Orange/Maplewood Interfaith Holocaust Remembrance Committee and co-sponsored by the Holocaust Council of Metro West NJ and SHU's Building Bridges of Celebration. The remembrance service is free and open to the public. For more information on the program,

call (973) 762-7158 or e-mail rememberandtell@gmail.com

Father Lawrence Frizzell, the director of the Institute of Judaic-Christian Studies at SHU, said the service also commemorates the 5 million non-Jewish European civilians whose lives were destroyed because they were considered a threat to the Nazi plan for world conquest.

"Their heroism and the witness of the Jewish people in Europe should be recalled—not once, but many times each year because the grim lessons of this history must never be forgotten," Fr. Frizzell said. "We remember in order to deepen our common commitment to build a world in which the human person—created in the image of God—may answer the call to become an instrument of justice and compassion." Fr. Frizzell said "Remembrance and Commitment" are the words inscribed under SHU's Shoah memorial, a monument that commemorates the Jewish victims of Nazi atrocities.



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The International Holocaust Remembrance Day is Monday, April 8. This photo, taken in 2009, shows concentration camp survivors walking through the entrance of the infamous Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp.

Information posted on the Web site of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops defines the Holocaust or the Shoah as Nazi Germany's systematic attempt to murder every Jewish person in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s. Historians say the Holocaust was foreshadowed during "Kristallnacht" (Crystal Night or the Night of Broken Glass) in

1938—a series of attacks against synagogues and Jewish-owned businesses—to its implementation in 1942 to 1945 through a network of concentration camps. The result was two out of every three members of the ancient European Jewish community were murdered—6 million people—along with millions of gypsies, homosexuals, Poles and others.



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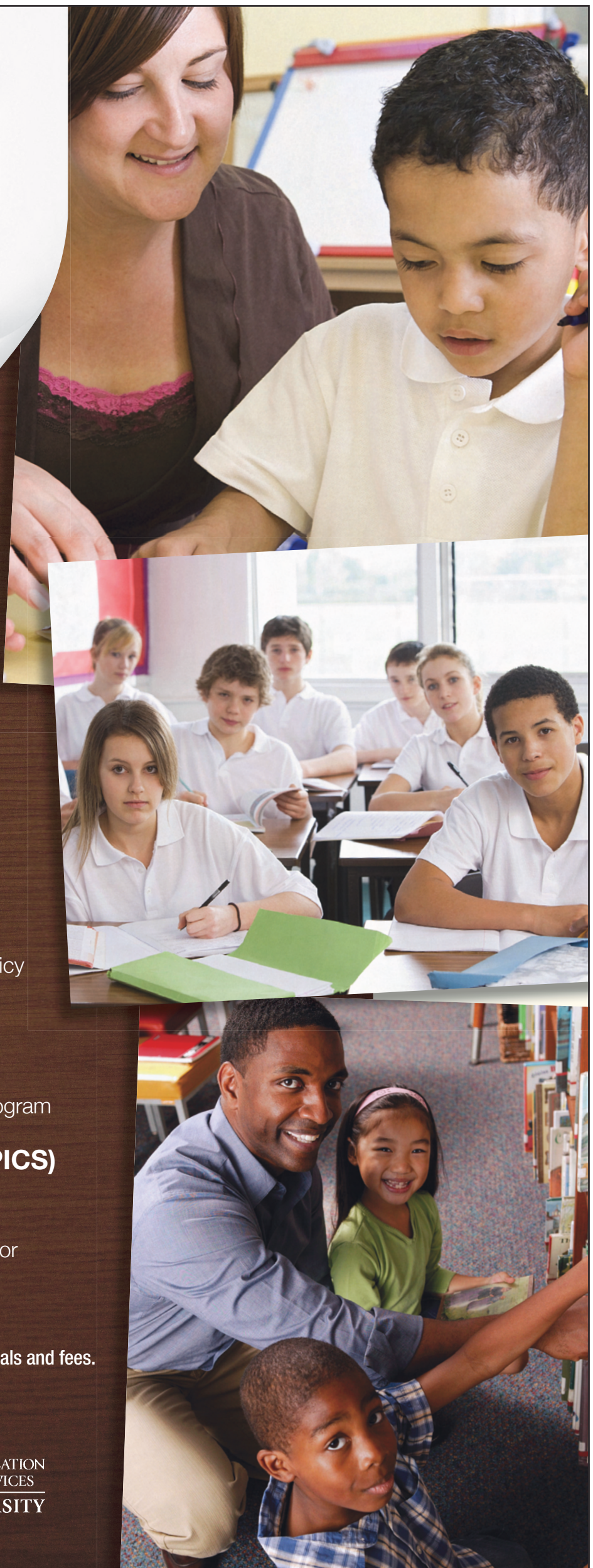
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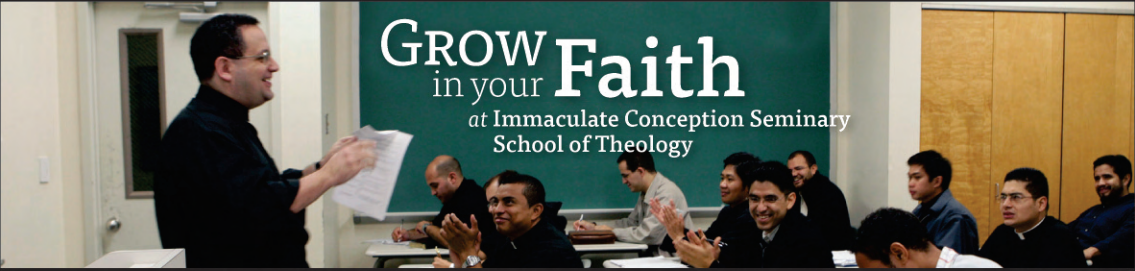
SHU's Catholic Studies aims for 'dialogue nexus'

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

SOUTH ORANGE—Seton Hall University (SHU) has launched a Department of Catholic Studies, which has been granted a

“*mandatum*” (approval) to teach Catholic doctrine and reinvigorate the university’s mission, identity and purpose in higher education. The department’s initial courses were unveiled at the start of this year’s spring semester.

A highlight of the department’s activities will be to host an annual Archbishop John J. Myers Lecture Series, which will offer a forum for world-class Catholic scholars, leaders and theologians. It was Archbishop Myers who provided



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Ines Murzaku (left) and Bernadette McVey

the *mandatum* to the new SHU department, as stipulated by the Vatican.

Ines A. Murzaku, Ph.D. serves as the chair of the department. Murzaku, a professor of ecclesiastical history and religious studies, has taught at SHU since 1999. Murzaku will report to Bernadette McVey, executive academic assistant to the provost and executive vice president.

Murzaku said her vision is for the department to become a “nexus for dialogue,” having Catholic theology interact with society and culture both on and off campus. “Our goal is to establish a department that provides a transformative theology from a Catholic, intellectual perspective,” she said. “We want to create a new generation of Catholic thinkers.”

For example, Murzaku has initiated discussions with other SHU departments to cultivate a cross-fertilization of ideas. “Society does expect the Catholic Church to provide a perspective on moral issues,” she said. Given this expectation, the department’s curriculum will be geared to fortify students with the tools they’ll need to intelligently weigh in on moral issues. “What is the ‘vocation’ of a Catholic business major or a Catholic nurse?” she asked. “How do they live out their Catholic values in their chosen profession? Catholics must be knowledgeable about their faith and what it means. We will help to prepare students for their vocation in life, whatever that may be.”

At first glance, the establishment of a Department of Catholic Studies may seem like an obvious move for SHU, which is the oldest diocesan university in the United States (founded in 1856 by Archbishop James Roosevelt Bayley). However, Murzaku explained there are subtle, underly-

ing points that illuminate the importance of this department.

First, the department has earned an approval from the local bishop, meaning instructors have been fully certified to teach from a Catholic perspective. The mission, first and foremost, is to be true to the Catholic faith and pursue the goals of Catholic higher education. As such, the department is viewed as an arm of the Church, designed to promote a Catholic identity and purpose for students. This contrasts with a department of “religious” studies at other universities, where Catholic theology is one of many academic fields offered to students.

Second, as a full-fledged academic department (SHU previously has had separate Catholic Studies “programs”), the university has committed to support the long-term development of curriculum and faculty. Murzaku already has begun this selection process to build the department as part of SHU’s strategic plan.

Third, the new department will focus on energizing the university’s Catholic roots against the backdrop of the worldwide “Year of Faith” celebration, which runs through Nov. 24 and coincides with the 50th anniversary of the opening of the landmark Second Vatican Council (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Sept. 26 and Aug. 8). The Year of Faith, is an opportunity for Catholics to open the “door of faith” and renew their relationship with Christ and His Church. Murzaku also noted this is one of the few university-level department of Catholic studies in the country.

The Archbishop Myers Lecture Series, scheduled to begin in the fall semester, will look to attract distinguished scholars to the SHU campus to address topics of law, society and faith.

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God is without body (incorporeal), perfectly simple, with no composite parts—in short, a spiritual being. His substance is “to be,” His essence “existence.” God is immutable (unchangeable), eternal; without beginning and without end. God is ubiquitous (everywhere present). God is omniscient (He knows all things). There can only be one God. God is alive. In relation to reality and the mind, God is truth. In relation to all creation and the human will God is the Good we seek. God is the Creator of all that is. God is pure beauty.

When in the light of modern science, when we turn our eyes to God as the creator of all things, we find ourselves again absolutely dumbfounded by what God’s hands have wrought.

Time, for us, began 13.7 billion years ago when a tiny spark exploded in an event scientists call the “Big Bang.” For 380,000 years an opaque mass of photons, incalculably hot, filled the void. Then a cooling ensued. Suddenly a soup of hydrogen and helium gases formed. From that the entire universe began. To think of it boggles the mind.

We live in the Milky Way Galaxy, a pinwheel-like spread of stars and planets. Our place is in a cozy corner of one arm of that elliptical galaxy that contains 17 billion stars and rotates once every 210 million years. Our next

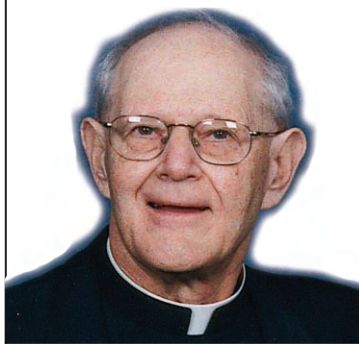
door neighbor is the Andromeda Galaxy that is 2.5 million light years away. There are 1.6 million other galaxies in our area. There are probably 100 billion galaxies and 10 billion trillion stars in our universe.

I find God’s attributes beyond my ability to understand. I accept what science tells me. My only reaction to all of the philosophy, theology and science is to say, “How good God is to us.” He gave us this beautiful planet, this verdant spaceship earth where I can in my simplicity cry out, “How Great Thou Art” and feel somewhat secure and safe. God has given us a “home” a place to spend our lives surrounded by His created beauty.

And above all, God in His mercy has sent His Son “like us in all things” (except for sin), to be our brother. I can understand a baby born in the poverty of a stable. I can follow a man who speaks the words of God and yet who calls God “Abba” (Father). I can relate to a human being who can walk willingly into unbelievable pain and an excruciating passion to show God’s love for us. Above all, I can fully and totally believe in the incarnate Son of God who can walk into the “valley of death” and emerge a victorious Savior for the entire human race.

In other words, the Infinite made Himself finite and visible for me. His sufferings can and will be mine at some point in

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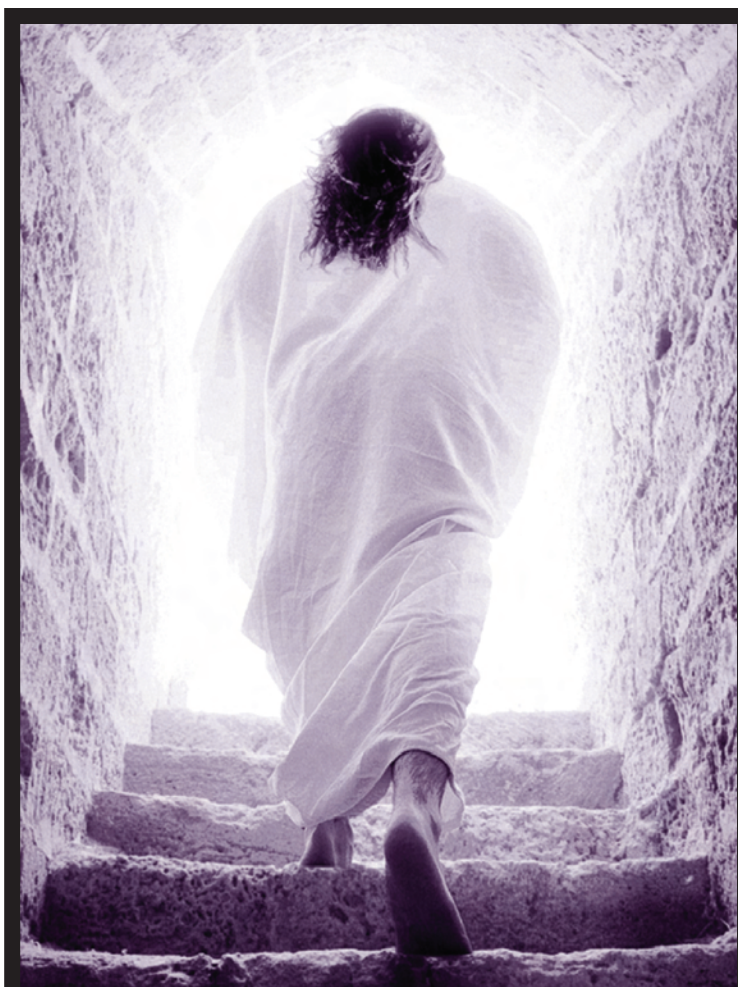


By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist

life. His death will be mine. And at the end of my road, His Resurrection will be mine. He is the first fruits. We will be the harvest.

That is why the Paschal Mystery is so important. I myself and every other human being can relate to the Gospel message. It is the story given to me—my Good News. So I acknowledge the attributes of the creator, even though, like a dumb ox, I cannot fully comprehend their reality. I can gaze at the incredibly starry sky and marvel at the vastness of God and His space-filled wonders.

During this season of Easter, I can look at the face of the Christ and see there my own image—my story written in His, Jesus Christ—my Savior, my Redeemer, my hope and my salvation. That I completely understand!



**Christ is risen and the demons
are cast down, Christ is risen
and the angels rejoice, Christ
is risen and life is freed.**

- John Chrysostom

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Youth Stations of the Cross, March 24th 8 pm

Parish Lenten Confessions 6:30-7:30 pm

Tuesday, March 26th

Wednesday, March 27th

Holy Thursday, March 28th

Morning Prayer: 9:15 am

Mass of the Lord’s Supper: 7:30 pm

Good Friday, March 29th

Morning Prayer: 9:15 am

Celebration of the Lord’s Passion: 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday, March 30th

Morning Prayer: 9:15 am

Blessing of Food: 9:30 am

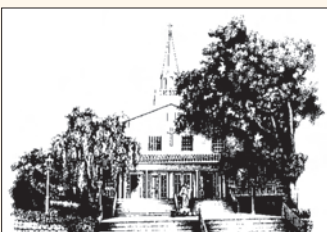
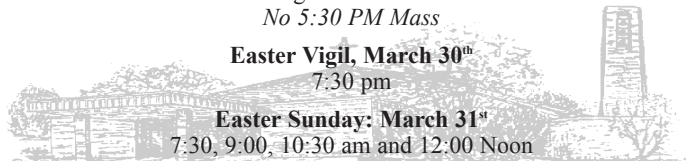
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Easter Vigil, March 30th

7:30 pm

Easter Sunday: March 31st

7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am and 12:00 Noon



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Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing His praise
Without delays
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With Him mayst rise:
That, as His death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more just.
Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
With all thy art.
The cross taught all wood to resound His name
Who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.

(George Herbert, "Easter" 1633)

This principle has applications for our daily lives. How often does the worldly dictum "Might makes right" exert pressure on us? Are we tempted to react on the same level? Rather, the wood

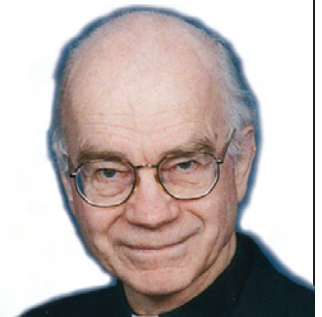
of the cross reminds us that, while calling for justice in all human relationships, we should imitate the patient forbearance of Jesus in our response to imperious attitudes.

The first reading takes excerpts of Saint Peter's speech when Cornelius, the Roman centurion, sought to become a Christian. Peter explained that the Good News of Jesus' triumph over death leads to the forgiveness of sins for everyone who believes in His name; moreover, God has appointed him to be judge of the living and the dead (Acts 10:42-43). The resurrection of Jesus not only vindicates His righteousness and divine Sonship, but through the forgiveness of sins laid the foundation for the peace of all humanity.

How can each individual be touched by the Paschal mystery? (Christ's redemption of all people through His death and resurrec-

SUNDAY READINGS

Easter Sunday
(March 31, 2013)



By Rev. Lawrence Frizzell

tion.) Indeed it presents the truth that God rewards those who are faithful and that all human beings must face judgment for deeds good and evil. In the letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul reflects on the meaning of Baptism (see Romans 6:3-4), whereby all Christians have entered into the death of Jesus so as to share in His resurrection and ascension.

Just as Saint Peter's reference to the prophets indicated the necessity of knowing the Scriptures to understand God's plan in Christ (Acts 10:43), so Saint Paul used the symbols of the Jewish Passover to teach the Corinthians. In Jewish tradition the Passover is preceded by a housecleaning to remove all leaven (Exodus 12:15-16). The transition to the new year (which in the old Hebrew calendar began in the spring) demanded a seven day abstinence from leavened products.

Does your housecleaning ever provoke thoughts of the moral purification that may be needed in your heart and family

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More than eggs or baskets or bunnies, Easter is the day when we celebrate new life. Jesus Christ, the Son of God the Father, having endured an agonizing death and a relatively uneventful burial, rose to new life on that glorious Easter morning.

Seen by friends and strangers, He encouraged all to continue to love unreservedly and to live completely for God. In the breaking of the Bread and the sharing of the wine at the Last Supper

Passover Meal, He pledged to be with us always in the Eucharist until the end of time. On the Cross, He offered His Body and Blood to the Father for us, that our sins would be forgiven. On Easter evening, He empowered His Apostles to mediate His forgiveness, as He had empowered them at the Last Supper to consecrate His Eucharistic presence in His memory.

At the Easter Vigil, hundreds of adults and youngsters will undertake a new spiritual life as they celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Any sins they may have committed throughout the course of their lives will be instantly forgiven as the blessed Easter water is poured over their heads or envelops them as they

are immersed in it. The gifts of the Holy Spirit will fill their souls with grace so that they may live from that moment forward a truly Christ-like life. They will begin what should become the regular and frequent reception of the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion.

We, too, get to renew the promises of our baptism at the Vigil and Easter Sunday masses. Presumably we have celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Lenten season, so that our souls may also be freed from sin and reinforced against temptation with the grace of God.

Together, throughout the Easter Season, we will be able to not only focus on the signs and wonders (mystagogia) of the early Church, but also hopefully

make connections about how God is continually working His miracles to renew our lives and deepen our relationship with Him.

Part of our making ourselves instruments of Christ's loving care involves offering at least some of our time in service of others. A recent survey showed that people in service occupations, like dentists and firefighters, nurses and clergy and others, tended to be happier than those in many other types of jobs. Christian Service, of course, doesn't have to be only job-related.

All of us can offer assistance to others in need in the name of Jesus in parish food pantries and soup kitchens, advocate for the poor as part of social concerns ministries, contact legislators about right to life concerns from

SEEING & BELIEVING



By Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnolds

abortion to assisted suicide, and help one another in our homes, jobs, schools, and communities.

As Blessed Mother Teresa reminded, "What you can do, I cannot; what I can do, you cannot; but together, we can do something beautiful for God."

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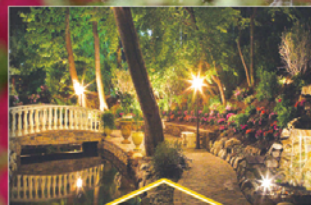


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Holy Week Schedule

Archbishop John J. Myers and his auxiliary bishops have released their Holy Week schedules. Information available at press time follows.



Most Rev. John J. Myers

(All at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 89 Ridge St., Newark)

March 24, Palm Sunday Mass, noon

March 28, Holy Thursday, Mass of the Last Supper, 7:30 p.m.

March 29, Good Friday Service, 3 p.m.
Homilist will be Father Jeivi Hercules,
Parochial Vicar at Queen of Peace Parish
in North Arlington

March 30, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.

March 31, Easter Sunday Mass, noon

Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.

March 24, Palm Sunday Mass, Saint Michael Parish, 172 Broadway, Newark, 10 a.m.

March 28, Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, Saint Mary Parish, 155 Washington Ave., Elizabeth, 7:30 p.m.

March 29, Good Friday, Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Death, Church of the Presentation, 271 West Saddle River Rd., Upper Saddle River, 3 p.m.

March 30, Easter Vigil, Saint Bartholomew Parish, 2032 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains, 7:30 p.m.

March 31, Easter Sunday Mass, Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 403 Spring St., Elizabeth, 11:30 a.m.

Most Rev. Thomas A. Donato

(All at Saint Henry Parish, 82 West 29th St., Bayonne)

March 24, Palm Sunday Mass, noon

March 28, Holy Thursday Mass, 7:30 p.m.

March 29, Good Friday Liturgy, 7:30 p.m.

March 31, Easter Vigil Sunday Mass 8 a.m.

Most Rev. John W. Flesey, S.T.D.

(All at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, 787 Franklin Lake Rd., Franklin Lakes)

March 24, Palm Sunday Mass, noon

March 30, Holy Saturday Mass, 7:30 p.m.

March 31, Easter Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m.

Most Rev. Dominic A. Marconi

March 24, Palm Sunday Mass, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, 179 Husa St., Linden, 10 a.m.

March 28, Holy Thursday Liturgy, Saint Adalbert Parish, 250 East Jersey St., Elizabeth, 7 p.m.

March 29, Good Friday, Saint Bartholomew Parish, 2032 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains, 3 p.m.

March 30, Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, Saint Thomas More Parish, 210 Horseneck Rd., Fairfield, 8 p.m.

March 31, Easter Sunday Mass, Saint Theresa Parish, 541 Washington Ave., Kenilworth, 9 a.m.

Most Rev. Charles J. McDonnell

(All at Saint Mary Parish, 17 Msgr., Owens Pl., Nutley)

March 28, Holy Thursday Mass, 7:30 p.m.

March 31, Easter Sunday Mass, 7:30 a.m.

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circle? Saint Paul makes this point. "Let us celebrate the feast...with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth" (5:8). The blood of the lamb saved Israelites from the angel of death who passed over Egypt (Exodus 12:7, 12-13). So this sacrifice is remembered each year.

The "memorial" in the context of the sacrifice of lambs in the Temple had a deeper meaning than the recollection of an

event from the distant past. The event of the Exodus was circumscribed in time and space. However, the wisdom and power, the mercy and goodness of God transcend the order of history. These divine attributes are reactivated for each generation of those who in faith link themselves to the past events through sacrificial worship. The father tells the younger generation: "It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt" (Ex 13:8). In continuity with this principle of worship Jesus commanded:

"Do this in remembrance of me" (1 Cor 11:24-25).

"Our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed." Through His obedience unto death, our sins are forgiven and our efforts to reform our lives by cooperating with God's gifts will be efficacious. "We were indeed buried with Him through baptism into death so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

The Gospel according to John emphasizes that the resurrection of Jesus took place early on the first day of the week. Just as this Gospel begins with reference to the first creation through God's Word (see Genesis 1:3), so the resurrection of the Word-made-flesh signals the beginning of the new creation. Growth into the fullness of what Jesus accomplished in His Paschal mystery lies at the heart of our life time pilgrimage, our passage to the heavenly Jerusalem.



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Kevin Kilgore

Seminarian instituted into acolyte ministry

ROME—Newark seminarian Kevin M. Kilgore was among 62 seminarians of the Pontifical North American College instituted recently into the Ministry of Acolyte during a celebration of the Eucharist.

An acolyte is charged with assisting at the celebration of the Eucharist, purifying the sacred vessels and assisting with the distribution of Holy Communion. Kilgore is in his second year of theological studies.

Most Reverend Joseph A. Di Noia O.P., vice president of the Pontifical Commission Ecclesia Dei, celebrated the Mass. Among the concelebrants of the Mass were nine Cardinals from the United States, who were in Rome for the election of Pope Francis.

Handing to each seminarian the gold paten used in the celebration of the Eucharist, Archbishop Di Noia told them: "Take this vessel of bread for the celebration of the Eucharist. Make your lives worthy of your service at the table of the Lord and of His Church."

In his homily, Archbishop Di Noia explained the Church has given the new acolytes the responsibility to assist priests and deacons in carrying out their ministry, and as special ministers to give Holy Communion to the faithful at Mass and to the sick.

Archbishop Di Noia exhorted the acolytes to "strive to live more fully by the Lord's sacrifice and to be conformed ever more perfectly to Christ Himself."

The seminarians have now received both the ministry of lector and acolyte in anticipation of their diaconal, and then priestly, ordination.



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February 22, 2013

My Dear Brothers in Christ,

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As a Knight of Columbus, I have personally witnessed the tremendous work that these men accomplish in this Archdiocese and elsewhere. However, there is much work which needs to be done in the name of charity. I strongly encourage each man in this Archdiocese, who considers himself to be a practicing Catholic and at least 18 years old, to prayerfully consider joining the ranks of this fine organization.

Members of the Knights of Columbus will be in parishes after Masses during the coming month with more information. Please take some time to visit with one of these men, so you may join us in our mission to promote Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. I promise you the experience of a lifetime.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely in the Lord,

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CELEBRATION TO PROVIDE HELP, CREATE HOPE—Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark held its seventh annual gala benefit and awards dinner March 7 at The Venetian in Garfield. During the festivities Archbishop John J. Myers presented awards to: Michael Loberfeld (bottom right photo), the recipient of Catholic Charities' 2013 "Spirit of the Heart" award; Mark W. Connolly (top right photo), M.D., chairman of the Department of Surgery at Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Paterson ("Humanitarian of the Year" award); and Henry J. Amoroso, J.D. (top left photo, right), chairman, board of trustees, Catholic Charities (the organization's "Service" award). Amoroso was introduced by his friend Alfred E. Smith IV, the great-grandson of legendary NY Gov. Al Smith, who was the Democratic candidate for president in 1928 and the first Roman Catholic nominated to be president. Pictured in the top left photo are (left to right) Dr. Phillip Frese, chief executive officer of Catholic Charities and the master of ceremonies for the dinner; Smith; Archbishop Myers; and Amoroso. Bishop Thomas A. Donato attended the event and offered heartfelt thoughts regarding his friendship with Connolly. Each year Catholic Charities serves 100,000 individuals in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union counties, providing education, behavioral health and social services.



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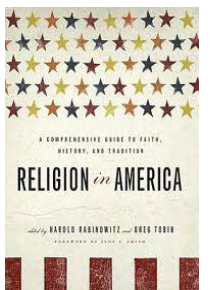
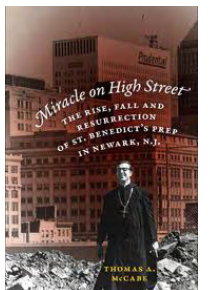
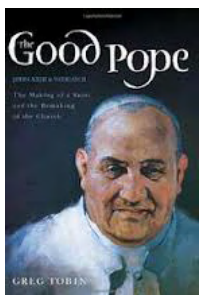
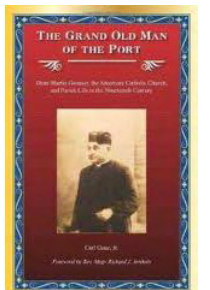
Noted authors include Fr. Augustine Curley, Carl Ganz, Fr. Michael Krull, Msgr. Raymond Kupke, Sr. Margherita Marchione, Tom McCabe, Brian Regan, Greg Tobin, and others. Part of the day will also be devoted for those interested in sharing their own research and interact with the speakers in more depth. Those doing any type of publishing are encouraged to attend.

Registration is now Open

The cost for the day is \$20.00 (students \$10.00) per person. This includes: continental breakfast, lunch and conference materials.

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Speakers urge women: embrace evangelization gifts

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

Faithful women from the Archdiocese of Newark gathered March 9 at Seton Hall University, South Orange, for the annual "Women's Day of Reflection," sponsored by the archdiocesan Women's Commission. Titled "Rediscover the Joy of Believing," the event encouraged women to evangelize during this Year of Faith.

Archbishop John J. Myers presided over the closing Mass. In his welcome letter to attendees, Archbishop Myers called the event a "most special day of worship, testimony, discovery, reflection and grace. It is my hope that you will gain further strength to meet the challenges of discipleship in our modern world."

Keynote speaker Kelly Wahlquist, assistant director of parish evangelization for the Massachusetts-based Association of Marian Helpers, addressed the role of women in the new evangelization. "Catholics suffer from 'evangophobia,' but it is our mission to evangelize. We think that we have to know every doctrine of our faith to defend it. Evangelization is simple—it all comes down to love; love for Christ and love for the person next to you. People are drawn to those whose hearts have been transformed by Christ. The bridge from heart to heart is joy. Happiness is of humans; joy comes from God," Wahlquist explained.

Women are gifted with the ability to build relationships, which is the key to evangelization, she believes. The Holy Spirit, Sacred Scripture and the Eucharist draw us into a relationship with Christ and are tools to spread the Word of God. Wahlquist credited the Holy Spirit with radically changing her life and believes it is a principal agent of converting others. "The Holy Spirit is the one that evangelizes. Our world is overrun by sin, but grace abounds even more.

My job is to share what is in my heart with others. To convert someone is the job of the Holy Spirit. My job is to plant the seed and hopefully the seed will grow and take root."

Through Scripture, we communicate with God and foster a deeper relationship with Him. "God talks to us through a quiet to our hearts. Spend time, even just five minutes every day, in the Word of God," Wahlquist said. "Mary serves as the perfect example of how to evangelize. We must find happiness in God's mercy. Mary epitomizes what it means to be a woman of God; she is always there to help us."

Martha Fernández-Sardina, founder of Prepare the Way Enterprises and Language, Etc. in Austin, TX, spoke at both the English and Spanish-language tracks during the day. She believes modern society is experiencing a "crisis of faith" due to relativism, secularism and materialism. "There is a 'religion of unbelief' that has given into consumerism and materialism. We are erasing God from society," she declared.

Fernández-Sardina encouraged women to be "transmitters" of the faith. "We have been called to pass on our faith from person to person. We are to be living signals who point people in the right direction. In this Church of ours, there is grace and salvation. This is a contagious faith; we must spread it," she explained.

She challenged women to branch out and reach people outside of their inner circles. "Be the pebble that creates waves. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI advised us to rediscover the joy of believing for the Year of Faith. There is joy in experiencing closeness with God. There should be enthusiasm in communicating the faith. We need to tell the world that does not believe that there is a God. There is no God like Him—the great 'I Am.'"

Holly Wright, project director of Montclair-based LIFENET, addressed women in her talk: "If You Knew the

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Men's conference 'inspires, re-energizes' faithful

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

Archbishop John J. Myers emphasized the importance of one's "true encounter with Christ" in his homily March 2 at the fifth annual Catholic Men's Conference held on the campus of Seton Hall University.

Dynamic speakers covering a wide range of the Catholic experience were featured at the day-long spiritual gathering of men from the local Church and beyond. In conjunction with the speakers, confessions were available up until the concluding Mass, which was preceded by a Holy Hour.

"How many lives were touched, how many men were inspired and in this Year of Faith, our faith was strengthened and re-energized," Jorge Repollet, conference chairman, said. "The conference, gave us the opportunity to increase our faith, to share our faith with others and encounter in a close and personal way, Jesus who loves us."

In opening remarks, Rev. Msgr. John E. Doran, moderator of the curia and chancellor, told conference participants they had given up an entire Saturday to "spend the day with the Lord." As a result, he stressed, they will "go home better and changed. You will feel it in your heart and soul."

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Habemus Papam!

March 20, 2013

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Crowds cheer new pope, a cardinal from Argentina

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Argentine Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, 76, was elected the 266th pope on March 13—the first pope in history to come from the Western Hemisphere.

French Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, the senior cardinal in the order of deacons, appeared at the basilica balcony at 8:12 p.m. and read out in Latin: “I announce to you a great joy: We have a pope! The most eminent and most reverend lord, Lord Jorge Mario, Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, Bergoglio, who has taken for himself the name Francis.”

The election came on the second day of the conclave. The new pope was chosen by at least two-thirds of the 115 cardinals from 48 countries, who cast their ballots in secret in the Sistine Chapel. Eleven cardinals from the United States were part of the conclave: Cardinal Raymond L. Burke, 64, prefect of the Supreme Court of the Apostolic Signature at the Vatican; Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, 63, Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston; Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, 63, Archdiocese of New York; Cardinal Francis E. George, 76, Archdiocese of Chicago; Cardinal James M. Harvey, 63, archpriest, Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls; Cardinal William J. Levada, 76, retired; Cardinal Roger M. Mahony, 77, retired; Cardinal Edwin F. O’Brien, 73, grand master, Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre; Cardinal Sean P. O’Malley, 68, Archdiocese of Boston; Cardinal Justin Rigali, 77, retired; and Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl, 72, Archdiocese of Washington DC.

White smoke poured from the Sistine Chapel chimney at 7:05 p.m., signaling to the world that the cardinals had chosen a successor to the retired Pope Benedict XVI. Two minutes later, the bells of Saint Peter’s Basilica began pealing continuously to confirm the election. The crowd in the square responded with cheers, applause and the waving of rain-soaked national flags. Ten minutes later the new pope appeared.

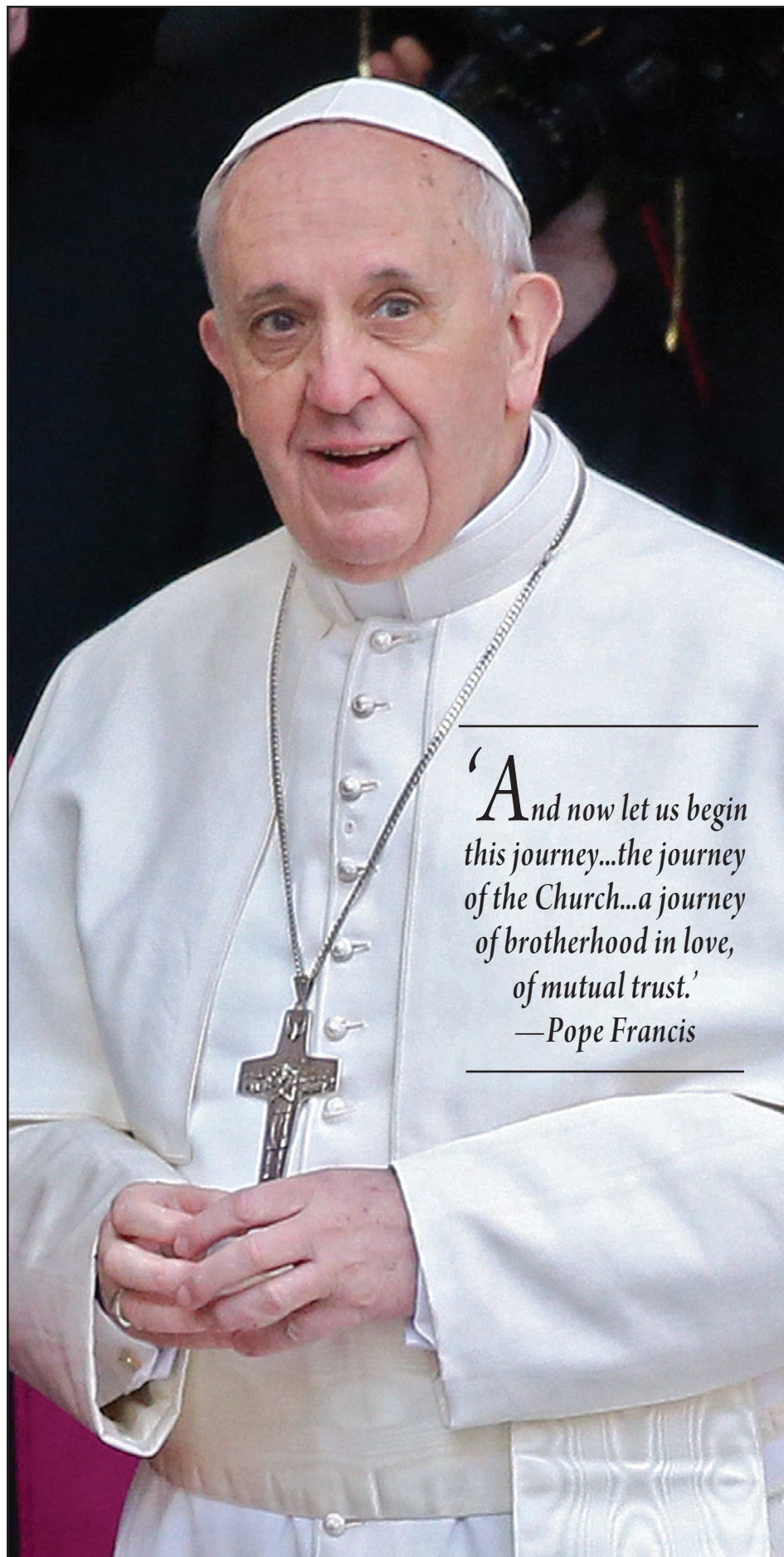
The new pope first sought prayers for Pope Benedict and spoke of the journey the Church was about to begin. “Now I would like to give my blessing. But first, I will ask a favor. Before the bishop blesses his people, he asks that you pray to the Lord to bless me, the prayer of the people for the blessing of their bishop. Let’s pray for me in silence,” he said.

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An emotional pilgrim displayed the Argentinian flag in Saint Peter’s Square as thousands of rain-drenched pilgrims joyously greeted Pope Francis with cheers of “Francesco! Francesco! Francesco!” The new pope waved from the balcony of Saint Peter’s Basilica, spoke the exuberant crowd in Italian and blessed them. Father Giovanni Rizzo, a priest from the Archdiocese of Newark, studying canon law in Rome at the Pontifical North American College, told the people near him who the new pope was. When the name was announced he told them the new pope was Argentine and a Jesuit—details he confirmed on his smartphone. A Roman resident in the crowd said “the choice of the name was beautiful for us. Saint Francis is the patron saint of Italy.”



‘*And now let us begin this journey...the journey of the Church...a journey of brotherhood in love, of mutual trust.*’
—Pope Francis

Pope Francis

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Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman and head of the press office, told reporters it was “beautiful that a Latin American was chosen. I don’t know him well, even though we are part of same religious family. I greeted him the other day, but didn’t expect to see him again dressed in white.”

A respected Italian journal said Pope Francis had the second-highest number of votes on each of the four ballots in the 2005 conclave, when Pope Benedict XVI was elected.

Pope Francis has had a growing reputation as a spiritual man with a talent for pastoral leadership serving in a region with the largest number of the world’s Catholics. Since 1998, he has been archbishop of Buenos Aires, where his style is low-key and close to the people. He rides public transportation, visits the poor, lives in a simple apartment and cooks his own meals. To many in Buenos Aires, he is known simply as “Father Jorge.”

He also has created new parishes, restructured the administrative offices, led pro-life initiatives and started new pastoral programs, such as a commission for divorcees. He co-versed over the 2001 Synod of Bishops and was elected to the synod council, so he is well-known to the world’s bishops.

The pope has also written books on spirituality and meditation and has been outspoken against abortion and same-sex marriages. In 2010, when Argentina became the first Latin American country to legalize same-sex marriage, Pope Francis encouraged clergy across the country to tell Catholics to protest against the legislation because, if enacted, it could “seriously injure the family.” He also said adoption by same-sex couples would result in “depriving (children) of the human growth that God wanted them given by a father and a mother.”

In 2006, he criticized an Argentine proposal to legalize abortion under certain circumstances as part of a wide-ranging legal reform. He accused the government of lacking respect for the values held by the majority of Argentines and of trying to convince the Catholic Church “to waver in our defense of the dignity of the person.”

His role often forced him to speak publicly about the economic, social and political problems facing his country. His homilies and speeches are filled with references to the fact that all people are brothers and sisters and that the Church and the country need to do what they can to make sure that everyone feels welcome and respected.

While not overtly political, Pope Francis has not tried to hide the political and social impact of the Gospel message, particularly in a country still recovering from a serious economic crisis.

After becoming archbishop of Buenos Aires in 1998, he created new parishes, restructured the administrative offices, taken personal care of the seminary and started new pastoral projects, such as the commis-



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Women react with prayers and joyful tears at Metropolitan Cathedral in Buenos Aires, Argentina (photo at left), after learning the news on the election of Pope Francis. Pilgrims in a sea of umbrellas in Saint Peter’s Square gathered to see the new pope. The square, 262 yards wide, was designed and built during the pontificates of Alexander VII and of Clement IX (1657-1667). The obelisk, the center point of the plaza, stands 82 feet high and was brought to Rome from Egypt in 37 BC by Emperor Caligula. It was moved to its current position in 1586.

Pope Francis was ordained a priest Dec. 13, 1969. Since 1998, he has been archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina, where his style has been described as low-key and close to the people.

sion for divorcees. He mediated in almost all social or political conflicts in the city; recently ordained priests have been described as “the Bergoglio generation,” and no political or social figure missed requesting a private encounter with him.

Jorge Bergoglio was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina’s capital city, Dec. 17, 1936. He studied and received a master’s degree in chemistry at the University of Buenos Aires, but later decided to become a Jesuit priest and studied at the Jesuit seminary of Villa Devoto. The last pope to have belonged to a religious order was Pope Gregory XVI, a Bene-

dictine elected in 1831.

He studied liberal arts in Santiago, Chile, and in 1960 earned a degree in philosophy from the Catholic University of Buenos Aires. Between 1964 and 1965 he was a teacher of literature and psychology at Inmaculada high school in the province of Santa Fe, and in 1966 he taught the same courses at the prestigious Colegio del Salvador in Buenos Aires.

In 1967, he returned to his theological studies and was ordained a priest Dec. 13, 1969. After his perpetual profession as a Jesuit in 1973, he became master of novices at the Seminary of Villa Barilari

in San Miguel. Later that same year, he was elected superior of the Jesuit province of Argentina.

In 1980, he returned to San Miguel as a teacher at the Jesuit school, a job rarely taken by a former provincial superior. In May 1992 he was appointed auxiliary bishop of Buenos Aires. He was one of three auxiliaries and he kept a low profile, spending most of his time caring for the Catholic university, counseling priests and preaching and hearing confessions. On June 3, 1997, he was named coadjutor archbishop. He was installed as the new archbishop of Buenos Aires Feb. 28, 1998.

Local priests admire pope's pastoral skills, concern for the poor

BY WARD MIELE AND
MELISSA MCNALLY

AREA—As Brazilian-born Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha sees it, selection of Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina, as the first Latin American pope, dramatically tells over 40 percent of the world's Roman Catholics "you are important. It's a positive sign for the whole Church."

The sentiments of the auxiliary bishop reflect those of a cross section of clergy and faithful alike throughout the local Church who are surprised at the selection, but confident the 266th pontiff and first Jesuit pope has the skills to guide the Church in the coming years.

The Church in Latin America, Bishop da Cunha explains, is experiencing tremendous growth and is "so alive." Among the challenges facing the new Holy Father, Bishop da Cunha says is restructuring the Curia. The pontiff is well-equipped to do

so, he notes, because of his "demonstrated managerial skills and wide pastoral experience." The auxiliary bishop points as well to the new pope's "simplicity and humility." A Jesuit as pontiff, the bishop adds, is a positive development.

Bishop da Cunha, who will be in his native country later this year for World Youth Day (July 23-28 in Rio de Janeiro) is also looking forward to what he expects will be Pope Francis' first international trip.

Father Harvey J. Ballance, a retired priest in the archdiocese, served in Argentina for 18 years as a parish priest in the Diocese of San Isidro. He concelebrated Mass with the future Pope Francis along with many other priests during the 1990s. The Mass was in honor of three Pallottine priests and two seminarians who were murdered at San Patricio Church (Saint Patrick's) in the Belgrano neighborhood of Buenos Aires on July 4, 1976.

"Pope Francis is a humble and simple

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Archbishop Myers lauds Pope Francis

NEWARK—The following is a formal statement from Archbishop John J. Myers, issued March 14, on the election of Jorge Mario Cardinal Bergoglio as Pope Francis.

"I am thrilled that God has blessed us in the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Francis. I believe His Holiness has the qualities needed for the papacy today.

"He has a pastor's heart. He has administrative skills needed to address the issues of the Church's administration. He also has significant understanding of the Vatican through his experience with the Congregations for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments and of the Clergy, with the Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, and with the Pontifical Council for the Family and Pontifical Commission for Latin America.

"His Jesuit training and experience as a teacher will serve us all as well as we, the Church, seek to teach the faith to all in this new century. His choice of name—Francis—recalls the ideals of Saint Francis of Assisi, who preached about return-



Archbishop John J. Myers

ing to God and obedience to the Church. That he comes from a different part of the world shouldn't surprise anyone. It is a recognition that the Church is growing in different parts of the world. I share the joy of all Spanish-speaking people in his election.

"He obviously made a deep and lasting impression on the conclave's electors, and I will follow his leadership in the days and years to come."





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Local priests

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man. He is laid-back and quiet, but effective. I think it's great that he is the first pope from South America. He is a great model for the Church. When he addressed the crowd in Saint Peter's Square, he first asked everyone to bless and pray for him. I thought that was a wonderful act of humility," he expressed.

'Pope Francis is a humble and simple man. He is laid-back and quiet, but effective.'

—Father Harvey Ballance, who served in Argentina for 18 years

Fr. Ballance, who last year celebrated his 55th year in the priesthood, first moved to Argentina in 1966 and called it "the best decision I could have made." While in the country, he noted the "great fraternity of priests" who support one another. "The brotherhood of priests is very impressive in Argentina," he stresses.

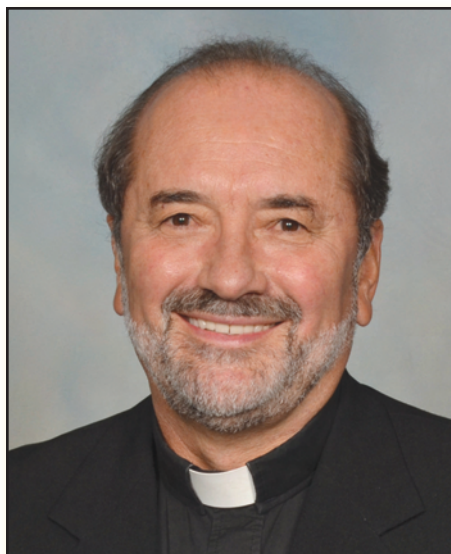
"God is a God of surprises" declares Fa-

ther Robert Reiser, S.J., outgoing president of Saint Peter's Prep in Jersey City, to the selection of the new pope. As Fr. Reiser sees it, a particular strength of the new pontiff will be his "Ignatius spirituality," which he describes as "finding God in all things." He is intrigued by the Holy Father's choosing to be called Francis. It is, Fr. Reiser explains, in the tradition of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of Italy who had a "special love for the poor."

Noting the future of the Church is very much in Latin America, Fr. Reiser said the faithful there "have special gifts" from which the rest of us can learn. He cited their concentration on "what is important in life," such as family, God, faith and spirituality.

Another Jesuit perspective comes from Father Vincent Sullivan, S.J., administrator of Saint Aedan Parish, the Saint Peter's University church. He was surprised at the selection, Fr. Sullivan admits, because the Argentine archbishop's name had not been "floated" as a likely candidate prior to the start of the conclave.

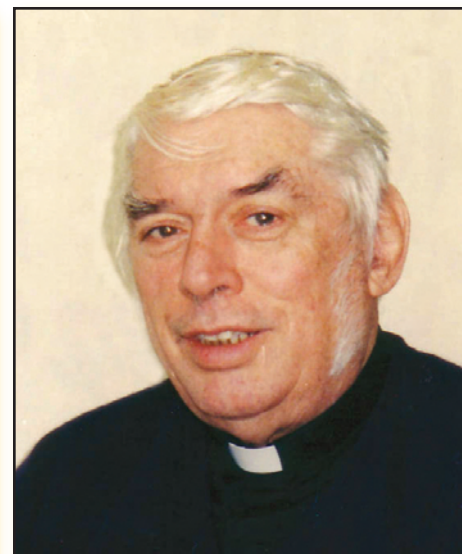
Regarding the new pope's selection of the name Francis, Fr. Sullivan points out, Saint Francis of Assisi is one of the "most loved" saints known for reforming and rebuilding the Church. Pope Francis is, he feels, "an ordinary person who lives the simple life." A particularly significant element of the new pontiff's Jesuit background, Fr. Sullivan notes, is the Jesuit care and concern for the poor by touching the lives of ordinary people in pain and who are suffering.



Bishop Edgar da Cunha

"I was very touched personally by Pope Francis' election," Father Clement M. Krug, C.Ss.R., pastor of Saint James Parish, Newark, says. Fr. Krug spent almost 35 years in Brazil—the neighboring country of Pope Francis' native Argentina. He is also coordinator of the Brazilian Apostolate.

"I really was surprised as I thought as did so many others the new pope would be someone from Europe or North America. Knowing a little of Pope Francis' story, I am pleased that he is a pastoral man and (understanding) the pastoral problems of the Third World is extremely important—not just from an intellectual perspective, but from an experiential viewpoint. The Church in the Third World and Latin America espe-



Father Harvey Ballance

cially is especially vibrant. It's vital that our Holy Father be open to face the enormous pastoral problems facing the Church, the world, Latin America and our own country," Fr. Krug explains.

Evangelization and priestly ministry are among the difficult issues Pope Francis must tackle, according to Fr. Krug. "In Brazil and Latin America, where the vast percentage of the population is Catholic, they not really initiated into the sacramental life of the Church. As for priestly ministry, there are numerous parishes without priests or with an insufficient number of priests over super-populated parishes. Something must be done to go out of the box with regard to these problems."

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*The priests and people
of St. John the Evangelist Parish
in Bergenfield
rejoice in the selection of Pope Francis!*

SALUTING THE FAITHFUL—Newly elected Pope Francis (left) waves to the crowd after praying at the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome March 14. The pope is pictured with Cardinal Agostino Vallini, papal vicar for Rome. Canadian Cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte, the retired archbishop of Montreal, said he has known the former Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Buenos Aires for many years, working with Latin American bishops on behalf of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. "I think he will be very close to the poor," Cardinal Turcotte said. "Christ in the Gospel gave us the advice to be close to all the rejected persons, to all those people who suffer. And he has been that kind of man, and I am sure he is going to do the same as pope."

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News analysis: Pope Francis must rekindle religious life

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—The Church has turned to religious orders for popes at various times over the centuries, often when in need of a reformer, and such may have been the cardinals' thinking again when they elected Pope Francis.

He is the world's first Jesuit pope, and the cardinal electors knew that the Jesuits are historically a missionary order, whose first generation in the 16th century not only carried the faith to non-Christian lands around the world, but marched in the front ranks of the Catholic Reformation, facing the challenge of Protestantism in Europe. That heritage may have been a factor in the choice of Pope Francis, at a moment when the Church has placed a priority on the "New Evangelization"—the effort to revive the faith in increasingly secular societies.

During their official pre-conclave meetings, it was reported that the cardinals extensively discussed the corruption and mismanagement sensationally documented in the 2012 "VatiLeaks," which involved the unauthorized leaking of confidential correspondence from within the Holy See. The new pope's history of austere living and decision to take the name of Saint Francis of Assisi, a great reformer in his day, known as the "poor little one," must have seemed especially appealing in that context.

Many of the cardinals who elected the new pope are also known to believe that one aspect of the Church urgently in need in reform is none other than religious life. The last half-century has witnessed a steep decline in vocations, along with well-publicized disputes and tensions over doctrine and discipline between members of religious orders and their bishops, including the bishop of Rome—the pope.

As the largest of the Church orders, with more than 17,000 members, the Jesuits exhibit these tensions in an especially prominent way. Some Jesuits enjoy the confidence of the Vatican at the highest levels; Pope Benedict XVI appointed one member, Archbishop Luis Ladaria Ferrer, secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

However, in 2008, Pope Benedict XVI found it necessary to ask the order to affirm its "total adhesion to Catholic doctrine."

Throughout the history of the Church, its hierarchical and charismatic sides, traditionally represented by the bishops and the religious orders, have existed in tension with each other. At times that tension has been debilitating, at other times explosively creative. In choosing a Jesuit as pope, the cardinals may have set in motion a process of renewal that will be felt far beyond the Vatican's walls.



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Newly-elected Pope Francis, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Argentina, leaves flowers in front of the "Salus Populi Romani," ("Salvation of the Roman People") a Marian icon in a chapel of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome, March 14. —CNS photo

Your Holiness,

The Clergy, Religious, and Laity of the Archdiocese of Newark rejoice in and give thanks to God for your election as Supreme Pontiff!

May the Lord appoint His Most Blessed Mother as your special Protectress as you begin your journey as the Successor of Saint Peter and the Vicar of Christ.

You have our love, respect, support, and prayers.

✠Most Reverend John J. Myers
Archbishop of Newark

March 22

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE SCHOOL, Clark, annual gift auction, doors open at 6:30 p.m., drawings at 8 p.m., cost: \$10 in advance/\$12 at the door, call Linda at (908) 276-0498 or Melly at (908) 447-5684.

March 23

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PARISH, Newark, Springtime Auction, 7 p.m., cost: \$8 for adults/\$4 for children, (973) 483-0597.

ST. MARY PARISH, Rutherford, "No Greater Love," the Passion of Christ in drama, song and dance, 7:30 p.m., (201) 438-2200.

March 24

BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, Oradell, 16th Hall of Fame Dinner, at The Fiesta, Wood-Ridge, 5 p.m., call Marge Millus at (201) 634-4142.

LIFENET, Montclair, closing prayer vigil of the 40 Days for Life Lenten Campaign, at the Social Security Building, 396 Bloomfield Ave., Montclair, 3-4 p.m., (973) 509-8123.

March 31

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH, Scotch Plains, Easter Sunrise Celebration, incorporating religious and cultural traditions from Italy and the Philippines, breakfast buffet and Easter egg hunt included, 5:30am, (908) 889-2100.

April 1

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH, Scotch Plains, special conference on Divine Mercy, 7-9 p.m., through April 5, concluding with April 7 Mass at 2 p.m., (908) 889-2100.

April 3

ST. MARY PARISH, Nutley, "Discovering Christ," spiritual program for seven consecutive Wednesdays, 6:15-9:15 p.m., call Jim Paulson at (973) 800-0949 or e-mail hjmpaulson@aol.com.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH, Union, Holy Hour for Life, 7:30-8:30 p.m., call Jim Sondey at (908) 451-0876 or e-mail jsondey@comcast.net.

April 5

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Orange, Annual Spring Festival Tricky Tray, 6:30 p.m., cost: \$20, call Ann Pflug at (973) 325-2212 or the rectory at (973) 325-0110.

April 6

THE SODALITY OF THE CHILDREN OF MARY OF ST. TERESA, Jersey City, gather at 8:45 a.m. for Mass at St. Peter's Hall Chapel, followed by monthly meeting and breakfast, call Katherine T. Crossan at (201) 689-1471.

April 7

ASSUMPTION PARISH, Wood-Ridge, Divine Mercy Sunday, 2:30 p.m., Father Robert Langdon will be speaker and celebrant, call Desmond J. Nannetti at (201) 507-5965.

ST. ANDREW PARISH, Westwood, Divine Mercy Sunday, 2 p.m., (201) 666-5697.

April 10

OFFICE OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIBUNAL, Archdiocese of Newark, annulment information evening, at St. Stephen Parish, Kearny, 7:30 p.m., (973) 497-4145.

In the presence of the mystery that we celebrate on Easter, the mystery of our redemption, our usual intelligible vocabulary is inadequate; when faced with the superabundant mercy of God we can only stammer in amazement like children. That is how it is with us Christians. As we gaze at the Sun that has risen high over the darkness and cold of our Good Friday, all our well-chosen words are useless. We can only stammer out our Alleluia of wonder and jubilation.

—Balthasar Fischer

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ACHIEVEMENTS CITED—The Girl Scout Committee of the Archdiocese of Newark held its annual awards service March 3 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V. (bottom photo, left), Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, presided. In his homily, Bishop da Cunha told the scouts, their adult leaders and families in the pews that the time “to do good deeds and make a difference in the world is now.” Troops garnered various awards, while Katelin Irene Baron of Troop 1415, Saint John the Apostle Parish, Linden, was the recipient of the Saint Timothy Award, which is the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry’s recognition for an outstanding young person who sets a positive example and witnesses their faith by exhibiting Catholic morals and integrity. Judy Furka is the archdiocesan Girl Scout coordinator. Call her at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny at (201) 998-0088, ext. 4148 for more information on local programs for Girl Scouts and Brownies.



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Eucharistic Holy Hour will begin for
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to those who would want to go.

4:15 - 5:15 PM - The Divine Mercy Closing
Benediction will follow.
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Holy Saturday, March 30, 1 P.M.

Private prayer and reflection

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31

Private prayer and reflection

Monday, April 1: 7:30 P.M.

Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River
Speaker: Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR

Tuesday, April 2: 7:30 P.M.

St. Elizabeth Church, Wyckoff
Speaker: Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR

Wednesday, April 3: 7:30 P.M.

St. Philip the Apostle Church, Saddle Brook
Speaker: Fr. Anthony Gramlich, MIC

Thursday, April 4: 7:30 P.M.

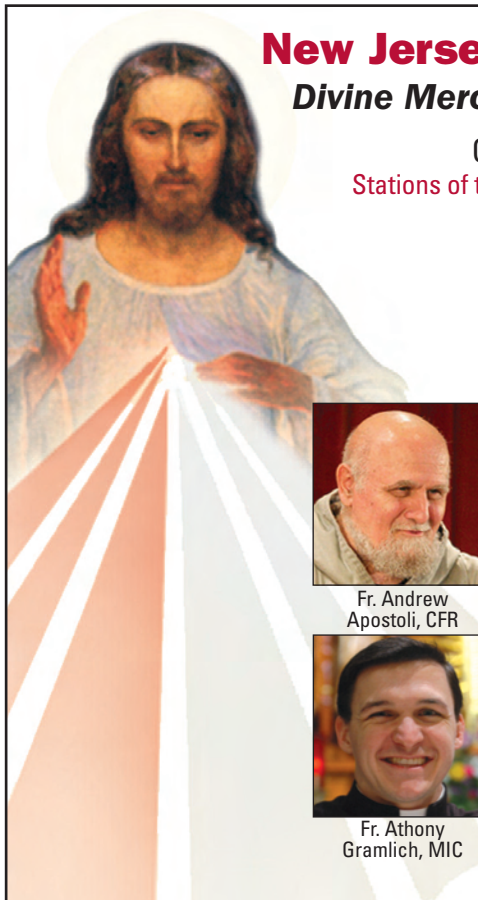
St. Philomena Church, Livingston
Speaker: Fr. Joseph Roesch, MIC

Friday, April 5: 7:30 PM

Our Lady of Victories, Harrington Park
Speaker: Br. Chris Alar, MIC

Saturday, April 6: Following the Noon Mass

Carmelite Chapel of St. Thérèse
Bergen Town Center, Paramus
Speaker: Fr. John Radwan



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Apostoli, CFR



Fr. Joseph
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Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7

1:15 p.m.: At St. Philomena’s Church, Livingston
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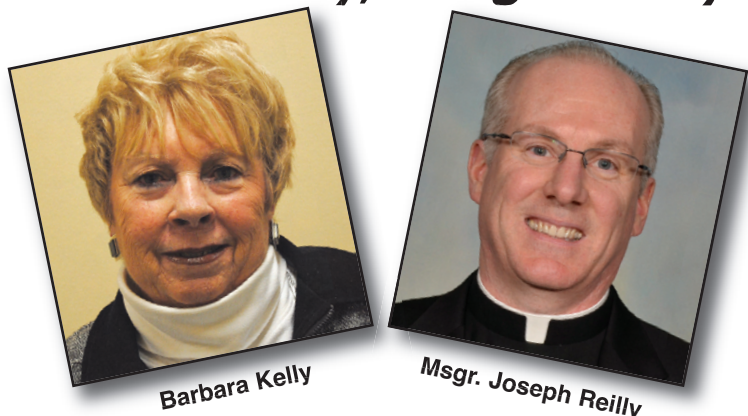
3 p.m.: At St. Paul’s Church, Ramsey Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet, Benediction

A PERFECT FIT—Students at Queen of Peace High School, North Arlington, organized a campaign to fight teen homelessness in America by participating in Aéropostale's "Teens for Jeans" program. Students collected nearly 300 slightly used denim jeans throughout the local school community during January and February. Leading the effort, were (left to right) Kyra Gil and Andrea Gaviria, both juniors, and senior Danielle Ryan. Brother Larry Lavallee, F.M.S., Queen of Peace principal, said the effort demonstrates that his students "are leaders in the community. They saw a 'perfect fit' helping others, demonstrating the true values and traditions that Queen of Peace High School represents." According to information posted online, the Jeans for Teens program is designed to create an awareness for problems faced by an estimated 1.8 million homeless teenagers throughout the United States. The campaign began in 2007 and so far has collected nearly 3 million pair of jeans. Based in New York, Aéropostale Inc. describes itself as a mall-based, specialty retailer of casual apparel and accessories for teenagers. In a separate effort at the Bergen County high school, the Queen of Peace English Department recently announced the winners of its annual essay contest for elementary school students. Over 275 entries were received from area elementary schools, as students were asked to express their thoughts on the following questions: "Either directly or indirectly, we have all been affected by Super Storm Sandy. And with that in mind, what do you believe is the greatest lesson we can learn from experiencing this natural disaster?" First-place winner Angela Boland of Good Shepherd Academy in Nutley was the recipient of a \$100 Barnes & Noble gift card. Second place was awarded to Justin Ocampo, student at Saint Aloysius Elementary Academy in Jersey City and received a \$75 gift card. Third place went to Elizabeth Pollard from Aquinas Academy in Livingston, who was awarded a \$50 gift card.



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'Notes' concert to honor Barbara Kelly, Msgr. Reilly



Barbara Kelly

Msgr. Joseph Reilly

SOUTH ORANGE—Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D., and Barbara A. Kelly will be honored during the 10th annual "Notes of Distinction" benefit concert, which will be held Tuesday, April 23, 7 p.m. at the Jubilee Hall auditorium on the campus of Seton Hall University (SHU). The event is sponsored by the College Seminary of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Andrew's Hall.

The former rector of Saint Andrew's, the college seminary, and presently the rector and dean of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology at SHU, Msgr. Reilly is the recipient of the 2013 Saint Andrew's "Achievement Award." A 1987 SHU graduate, he was ordained a priest for service to the Archdiocese of Newark in 1991.

Last year Archbishop John J. Myers tapped Msgr. Reilly as rector of Immaculate Conception, the major seminary of the Archdiocese of Newark (see *The Catholic Advocate*, May 23, 2012). Msgr. Reilly served for 10 years as the rector of Saint Andrew's Hall.

Kelly, the executive secretary of the archdiocesan Vocations Office, will be honored for her dedicated work and her personal care of seminarians as the recipient of the 2013 Saint Andrew's "Humanitarian Award." She has been employed at the Archdioceses of Newark for 28 years.

The suggested donation to attend the benefit concert is \$100 per person, which includes a cocktail reception. The annual event is a fundraiser to support college seminarians in their discernment and formation. The deadline for reservations and display advertising for the concert program is Monday, April 1. Contact Linda Valvano, office of the rector, SHU College Seminary, by phone at (973) 761-9420 or e-mail (linda.valvano@shu.edu).

Pianist Aaron Wunsch will be the featured performer during the concert. Wunsch teaches at the Julliard School, New York, and appears regularly on concert stages throughout North America, Europe and Asia.

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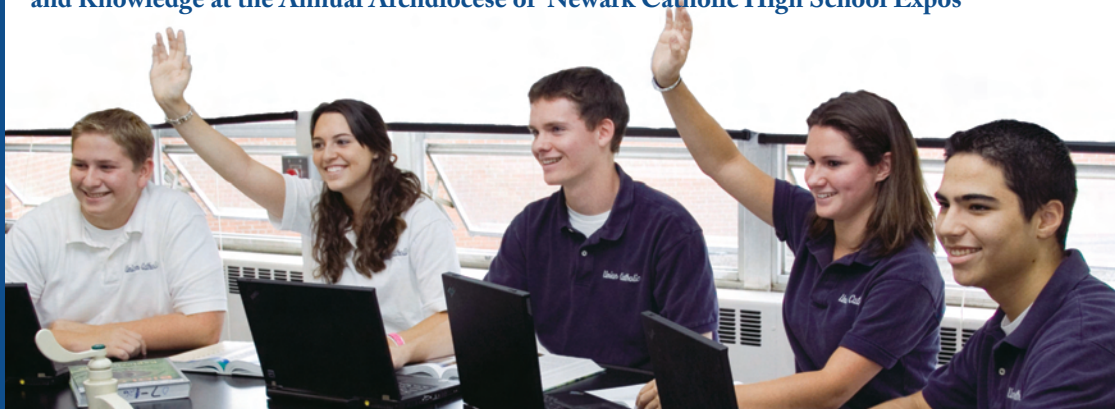
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WEARING RED FOR A REASON—Students at Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell, raised \$5,700 in support of the American Heart Association's "Go Red For Women" program. Joshua Powers, director of the school's campus ministry, coordinated "Wear Red Day" at Bergen Catholic. Students, faculty and staff members made donations and showed support for the national program by wearing a red shirt or sweatshirt on Jan. 31. Pictured are Bergen Catholic students (left to right) Patrick Doherty; Michael McPherson; Christian Gonzalez; Richard Ruiz; Kieran Morrissey and Kofi Acquaisie—all clad in crimson. Heart disease remains the number-one killer of women in the United States, claiming nearly 500,000 lives each year. Funds raised by Go Red For Women events support educational programs and research. The school donated the funds to the Bergen County Chapter of the American Heart Association. Last year Bergen Catholic students raised \$5,650 for the Go Red For Women program.



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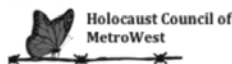
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CAFÉ ARTISTS—Eight seniors from Saint Peter's Prep, Jersey City, have created artwork now on display at Legal Grounds, a favorite cafe among Prep students, which is located in the historic Paulus Hook section of Jersey City. The artists include: Christian Blaich (Glen Ridge); Rob Capone (Fort Lee); Andy Conte (Belleville); Mike Esposito (Bayonne); Blaise Guerra (Bayonne); David Kong (Rutherford); Hector Poza (Easton, Pennsylvania); and James Roman (Roseland). All are enrolled in Advanced Art: Portfolio Presentation, a course designed to develop a student portfolio which can be used in university, college and arts school applications. "When I asked my portfolio class if they would like to create work for their beloved place to grab a great sandwich or that sorely needed cup of great coffee, there was a resounding yes! The 'Legal Grounds Project' was underway," Megan Klim, head of Prep's Fine Arts department, said. "This exhibition pays homage and says 'good bye' to a place near the Prep where students gather, have great conversation and can now view art created by Prep students that passed through these doors."

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Caldwell forms alliances for collaboration on ABA

CALDWELL—Caldwell College recently signed memorandums of understanding with two universities in the Dominican Republic.

Caldwell joined in a partnership with Universidad Iberoamericana University (UNIBE), which will provide opportunities for collaboration in academics, research, and service learning. Caldwell also signed an articulation agreement with University Action Pro Education and Culture (UNAPEC) for an academic partnership that will provide opportunities for both student and faculty exchanges.

Wilma Mueller, graduate studies director at Caldwell, is from the Dominican Republic and provides a valuable connection with schools and organizations in region.

The accords focus on the academic areas of applied behavior analysis (ABA), psychology and education. Caldwell will provide graduate education students from UNIBE with the chance to take graduate courses in educational administration and supervision.

There is a growing interest nationally in the Dominican Republic in autism education. The two schools plan to work together on autism education research and academics. Caldwell College is a national leader in ABA, a science-based approach that's highly effective in treating children on the autism spectrum.



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Nancy Blattner (left), Caldwell College president, and Radhames Mejia, rector of UNAPEC, are pictured signing an articulation agreement on Feb. 12. Since UNAPEC has a strong history in providing education in many areas of business, Caldwell plans to provide its students with an opportunity for a business short travel abroad experience to the Dominican Republic. In turn, UNAPEC students may travel to Caldwell. The island of Hispaniola, on which the Dominican Republic is located, plays a special role in the history of the Dominicans (Order of Preachers) in the New World. Five-hundred years ago Dominican preachers spoke out against the cruel treatment of the indigenous people of the Dominican Republic.

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FREE-THROW CHAMPS—The Knights of Columbus annual Newark Regional diocesan free-throw shooting tournament was held March 9, at Paramus Catholic Regional High School. Winners in the 14-year-old category, pictured with Joe Lobi (center), K of C coordinator of the Newark regionals, are Riley Toolen (left), Saint Luke Parish, Ho-ho-kus, Ho-ho-kus Council No. 5257, and Margaret Murry, Immaculate Conception Council No. 9021. John A. Gazis, F.D.D., is the K of C's state free-throw tournament chairman. Winners of the 10-year-old category are Anthony Pizzi, Saint Anthony Parish, Northvale, Immaculate Conception Council 9021, and Julia Horne, Saint Helen Parish, Westfield, Regina Pacis Council 4066; 11-year-old category, Matthew Goldfarb, Saint Joseph's Council 3814, and Isabel Asencio, Saint Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Council 13678; 12-year-old category, Wayne Balle, Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Park Ridge, Our Lady of Fatima Council 4486, and Lauren Toolen, Saint Luke's Parish, Saint Luke's Council 5257; 13-year-old category, Colin Liddy, Mother Seton Council 5427, and Casey Burdy, Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, Saint John's Council 1345. The competitors who won their respective age group categories will proceed to the K of C state finals, which will be held April 7 at Saint Gregory the Great Parish, Hamilton Square.



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Conference

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In his homily, Archbishop Myers touched on his memories of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. In the early 1960s, Archbishop Myers explained, he attended lectures by then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger. He continued to do so as Bishop of Peoria, IL. Archbishop Myers described the retired Holy Father as “humble, a great scholar, shy and a man of faith.” Benedict’s surprising decision to step down, the archbishop said, was an act “of great courage.” Speaking at the Vatican, Pope Benedict announced his resignation on Feb. 11 (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Feb. 20).

The archbishop told the 1,800 conference attendees the event was an opportunity to “grow in our faith,” while at the same time “inviting others to do so.” It is crucial to turn to God because He is present to us. We are living in God’s world.” Declaring “religious truth is the real truth,” Archbishop Myers noted it is

something “the Lord has given to us....open up our world and let Him make a difference.”

Opening the morning session was Michael Barber, Ph.D., a research fellow for the Saint Paul Center in Biblical Theology in Steubenville, OH. He is also a professor of Theology, Scripture and Catholic Thought at the University of San Diego. Barber’s topic was “Overcoming Temptations in the Wilderness: Jesus as the Model of Faith.”

Barber began by asking his audience “Why we struggle as we do?” He cited “spiritual death” as evidenced in the fall of Adam and Eve. “If there is a sin in the Bible you think you have not committed, it’s because you don’t understand it,” he said.

He went on to stress the importance of Catholicism especially during this Year of Faith declared by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. In that context the speaker called upon the men at the conference to “pray to God one on one....we need to live in Christ.”

Closing out the morning session was Richard Moore who held

his audience spellbound, explaining a spiritual journey that began in 1972 in Northern Ireland when at the age of 10 he was blinded by a rubber bullet fired by a British soldier with whom he has since forged a enduring friendship.

Moore remembers vividly that when his father was told his son had been blinded he asked the doctors “Can I give him my eyes?” Initially, Moore explained, as a child he thought he could not see because of the bandages over his eyes.

Reflecting on accepting his blindness, Moore said a particularly difficult aspect of it was the reality of “the enormous sense of loss that I would never physically see my parents again.” Still Moore went on to describe himself as “a happy and contented blind person” adding he never had “a moment’s bitterness or anger” over what happened to him.

For years, Moore said, he wanted to meet the soldier who had blinded him. He did not even know the soldier’s name until eight years ago. “Forgiveness is first and foremost a gift to your-



Archbishop John J. Myers

self. It does not change the past, but it does change the future” Moore declared. In 1996 he founded and is still active in Children in Crossfire, which battles poverty in Third-World nations.

Taking the podium for the afternoon presentation was Thomas Smith, a frequent guest on EWTN and Catholic radio as well as a prolific author. Smith told of his faith journey from growing up in the Mormon faith to becoming a

Baptist minister and then his conversion to Catholicism. “I fell in love with the faith through the Mass,” Smith said.

“We want to be praying men of God,” Smith explained to open his talk. When he became a Catholic, he continued, his immediate and powerful reaction was “I’m home.” The heart of Jesus, he went on to say, can be found in His “burning furnace of love for souls. “We want to win souls for Christ.”

Reflection

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Gift of God—Becoming the New Eve in the New Evangelization.” Wright served for seven years as the parish catechetical leader and associate youth minister at Saint Cecilia Parish, Kearny. She currently works as the director for Casa Guadalupe, a house of discernment and healing for women in Clifton.

“It is in our very nature to evangelize, especially as women. If you know the gift of your femininity and who God is, evangelization should come very easily. Men and women are created equal, but different. We reflect God’s

glory differently,” Wright explained.

She cited the story of Creation and Eve’s part in the temptation that led to sin. “Satan went after Eve because he knew her power. Satan saw her femininity and beauty and feared it. God is beauty in itself. Beauty invites, heals, nurtures and says to the world that all is well. In today’s world, we speak of power and equality in a masculine sense.”

Women, and all people, are loved by God simply by being who they are. “God loves you infinitely. Fallen Eve is uncertain of who she is. We sometimes hear that voice of doubt telling us we’re not good enough. We have to look at the gift of what we are. We have to accept our weaknesses and trust in His love and goodness.”

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Holy Name's outreach 'makes a difference in Haiti'

TEANECK — Holy Name Medical Center hosted a premier screening of Caucus: New Jersey's "Make a Difference: Have a Heart, Help Haiti," featuring its efforts to help those who call the beleaguered island/nation home.

The people of Haiti continue to struggle following the devastation from the massive earthquake on Jan. 12, 2010, which killed 200,000 people.

Taking part in the screening premier were Michael Maron, Holy Name president and chief executive officer, along with David Butler, M.D., who is also

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president of the Center for Rural Development of Milot, a primary component of Holy Name's "Hospital for Haiti" initiative established to enhance the level of patient care at Hôpital Sacré Coeur in Milot, Haiti.

During the evening, guests viewed documentary footage about life in Haiti and learned about the healthcare and socioeconomic challenges faced by the people of Milot, which is located in the northern region of the country.

Maron and members of the

medical staff who had made humanitarian trips, including Dr. Butler, and Dr. Timothy Finley and Dr. Alan Gwertzman, Holy Name anesthesiologists, shared personal anecdotes about their experiences.

Maron described how the relationship with Hôpital Sacré Coeur started with Butler 20 years ago. Holy Name's founders and sponsors, the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Peace, have had a consistent presence there. However, after the 2010 earthquake, Holy Name stepped up its involvement and the staff was moved to do more.

"Holy Name is there for the long haul, there for the people of Milot, with the ultimate goal of creating a reliable, sustainable, healthcare system," Maron said.

To learn more about Holy Name Medical Center's commitment to Haiti or to make a charitable donation to the Hospital for Haiti initiative, visit the Web site (posted above) or call the Holy Name Medical Center Foundation at (201) 833-3187.



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Michael Maron, president and chief executive officer of Holy Name Medical Center, is pictured with children of Milot. Hôpital Sacré Coeur serves 225,000 people in Milot and the northern Haiti region as one of the area's few reliable healthcare resources. Volunteers from Holy Name Medical Center are providing critically needed medical care to adults and children at Hôpital Sacré Coeur. In addition, Holy Name's physicians and nurses bring equipment, supplies and pharmaceuticals on every visit and provide education to Haitian healthcare professionals.

Trinitas School of Nursing applauds its largest-ever number of graduates

ELIZABETH—The January graduates of the Trinitas School of Nursing, the largest class in its history, were awarded diplomas and associate degrees during a ceremony at the main campus of Union County College.

The class boasts 71 graduates from New Jersey and 25 from New York. Eleven men are included among the graduates who have completed the nursing/associate degree program. A total of 20 grad-

uates were licensed practical nurses who completed their studies to achieve their RN degree.

The Trinitas School of Nursing holds a designation as a National League for Nursing Center of Nursing Education Excellence for its commitment to nursing education excellence among its faculty and student body through 2015.

One of the largest nursing schools in the nation, Trinitas conducts a cooperative nursing pro-

gram with Union County College and confers a diploma in nursing from Trinitas and an associate degree from the college. Fully accredited by the New Jersey State Board of Nursing and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission Inc., the program offers a basic course of study in nursing. It provides a sound theoretical base of knowledge in the nursing, biological, behavioral and sociological sciences and integrates this knowledge into academic and practical experiences within the health and illness continuum of client care. Utilization of a variety of healthcare agencies facilitates the application of all aspects of the students' learning.

Students earn a total of 75 credits in the Cooperative Nursing Program. Upon graduation, students are eligible to sit for the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX) for Registered Nurse Licensure. For information about the program at Trinitas School of Nursing, call (908) 659-5200.

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Felician hosting ‘Older is Better’ forum (with coffee)

LODI — Felician College’s “Older is Better” lecture series began its Spring program schedule on Jan. 25 with a presentation on the musical works of George Gershwin. Dr. Barbara Gordon, Felician assistant professor of music, was the guest lecturer.

The next session in the series will be held March 22. The program, “What We Know About Aging Well,” will be presented by Dr. James Smith, associate professor of psychology at Felician. The forum begins at 1 p.m., followed by coffee and conversation. Contact Mary Mallia, (201) 559-6072 for more information.



Older is Better is an open-membership program for men and women 55 and older. The program meets on Friday afternoons at Felician College. There

is a \$3 fee to attend the lectures, which vary in topic.

“Gershwin was such an important part of and is still an influence on American music. You can spend hours and hours just on this topic,” Gordon explained. During her lecture, she discussed the early life of the prolific American songwriter and treated the audience to recordings of several of Gershwin’s most well-known compositions, including “Swanee” and “Rhapsody in Blue.”

Born Sept. 26, 1898, in Brooklyn, NY, Gershwin is one of America’s most acclaimed musicians. He wrote compositions in a variety of musical styles for Broadway and Hollywood. Many of his works are considered standards of the American Songbook. His opera, “Porgy and Bess,” opened in 1935. He died of a brain tumor on July 11, 1937, at the age 38.



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Felician College’s “Older is Better” lecture series opened its Spring 2013 weekly lecture series with a presentation on the musical works of George Gershwin. Among those in attendance were (front row, left to right) Lorraine Gardella, Ronnie Garaventa and Caroline Tisserand, all of Hackensack, and (back row) Anna Tracz of Hasbrouck Heights. The program, which varies in topic each week, is open to men and women 55 and older. The Franciscan College of New Jersey, Felician is a liberal arts, coeducational Catholic college founded in 1942 and sponsored by the Felician Sisters. Felician has campuses in Lodi and Rutherford, with more than 2,200 students.

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Struggling to mourn after an unspeakable crime 'Twenty children from Newtown are with the Lord'

(Editor's note: The killing of 20 children and six faculty members at Sandy Hook Elementary School, Newtown, CT, stunned the world and plunged nearby Saint Rose of Lima Parish into the center of a national tragedy. A total of eight children from the parish died in the shooting on Dec. 14, 2012. Rev. Msgr. Robert Weiss, Saint Rose pastor, buried the children the following week. The horror and brutality of the crime pushed faith-based bereavement to the limits. Brian Wallace, director of communications for the Diocese of Bridgeport, CT, spent eight days in Newtown following the incident and filed a story—"Keeping Vigil"—for the January edition of the Fairfield County Catholic newspaper. His first-hand observations provide a heartfelt account of the grieving process in the wake of the shooting.)

BY BRIAN WALLACE
Special to The Catholic Advocate

By early evening on the day of the shooting, more than 750 mourners crowded into Saint Rose of Lima Parish in stunned and grief-stricken silence for a Vigil Mass,

while outside another 1,000 surrounded the church and pressed up against the open windows to pray and listen to Msgr. Weiss' words. The church parking lot was filled with reporters and familiar nightly news TV anchors, many of them visibly moved and shaken by the shootings.

Almost immediately the church

grounds became the site of outdoor shrines. People brought flowers, stuffed animals, roses and Santas. They knelt to pray and light a candle. Msgr. Weiss left the doors of the church open 24 hours a day as parishioners and people from the community kept a constant prayer vigil.

Everyone in the parish seemed

to know someone who was personally affected by the tragedy. They came to pray, to publicly mourn and to let the families who lost a child know that their grief was shared by the entire community and that for a while life had stopped for everyone.

Msgr. Weiss was the first clergy on the scene after responding to a request from Newtown Police. He worked to console parents on the agonizing day when the world learned of the enormity of the tragedy. He had personally baptized many of the children, some of whom were preparing for First Holy Communion at the time of

the shooting. He was in the room at Sandy Hook Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company at 3 p.m. when Connecticut Gov. Daniel Malloy, who later attended all of the funerals, ended the agonizing vigil by telling parents that their children were gone. He watched as parents paced the floor nervously and collapsed in unbearable grief and sorrow when they learned of the death of their young ones.

"The parents knew in their hearts that the children were gone," Msgr. Weiss announced to one of many news crews that followed him in the coming days.

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"It was a privilege just to be present with them. As broken as they were, the love in the room was phenomenal even after such a great loss. Twenty children are with the Lord now. They were taken too young and too innocent," he said, struggling to keep his composure.

Beginning Tuesday of the week after the shootings, Msgr. Weiss performed eight funeral masses for the children, one following another, often two in the same day. Saint Rose was filled to capacity for each funeral, leaving as many as 200 people mourning outside, listening to the hastily rigged public-address system that allowed them to follow the Mass and hear the eulogy as blustery winds swept

across the parking lot.

A row of 26 candles impressed a white light across the front of the altar, one for each child and school staff member. Police officers from surrounding towns donated their time to help direct traffic and support Newtown personnel. Police and fire officials also formed an honor guard for the funeral processions. The Knights of Columbus were ever present, helping to clean the church between funerals and direct traffic in the jammed parking lot. Boxes of tissues were placed in the pews and on windowsills. Parents seemed to hold their children closer to them.

Throughout the week the murmur of distant sirens drawing the procession nearer became the imminent thunder of motorcycle engines as they turned into the church driveway. As one funeral began at Saint Rose, another passed by on Church Hill Road on

the way to a different church. The steeple chimes sounded continuously as if forming a pulse for the town. Grown men wept in the street. People on the sidewalks bowed their heads and blessed themselves as the funeral procession passed.

A delegation of over 300 firemen journeyed to Newtown for the funeral of seven-year-old Daniel Barden, who wanted to be a fireman when he grew up. They stood at attention while the family arrived and then filed into the church where they stood two-deep in the aisles during the service. Outside, a circle of FDNY "Pipes and Drums" played "Amazing Grace" as the families walked into the somber afternoon.

All week mourners couldn't get warm; they shivered in the damp and cold wind that battered the church grounds. Once inside, the shivering turned to an inner

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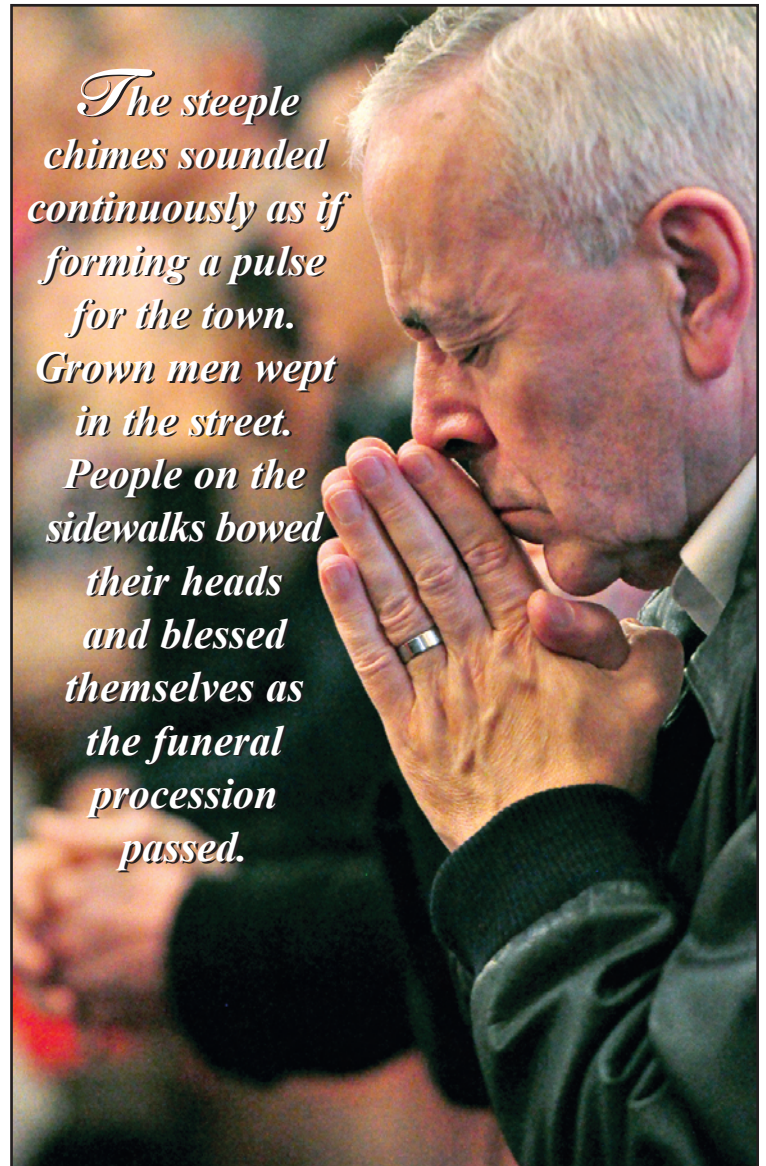
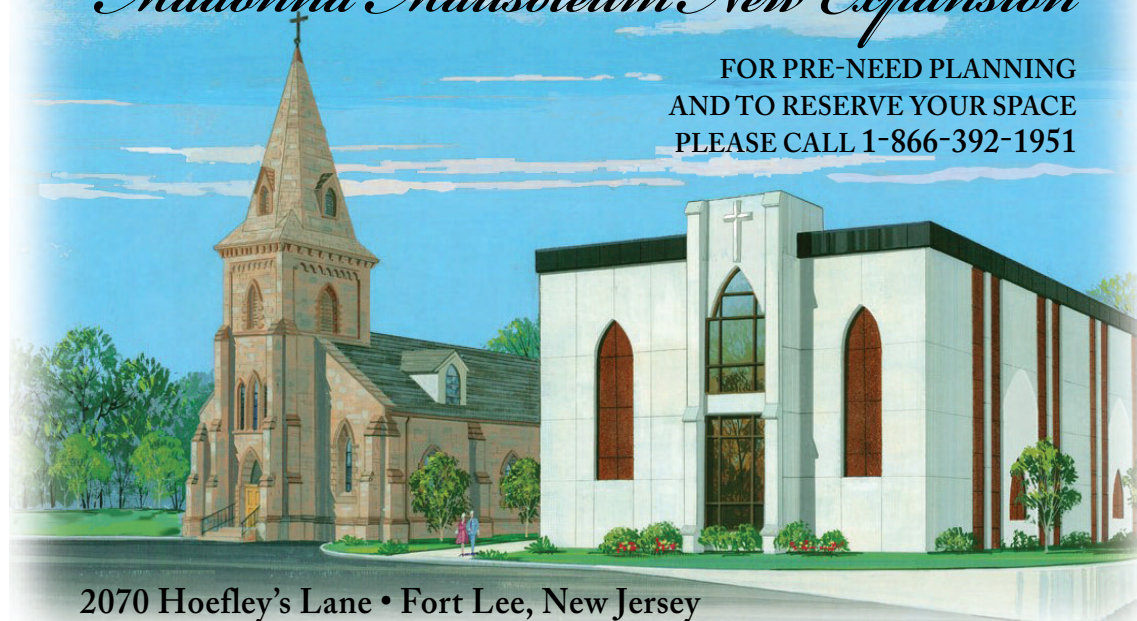


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Sister Mary Doris, R.S.M., 85; attended Moscow conference

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 14 at Emmaus House, Ocean Grove, for Sister Mary Doris Wiswell, R.S.M., 85, who died Jan. 10.

Entering the Sisters of Mercy in 1946, Sr. Doris (Agnes Wiswell) ministered as teacher, administrator, spiritual director, and community leader. She was also the co-foundress, vice-president and treasurer of Emmaus House Inc., a holistic treatment center for women religious.

She received her early education at Saint Joan of Arc Elementary School, Fairview, and attended Georgian Court University, Lakewood. She earned a master's degree from

Brown University, Providence, RI.

Sr. Doris had been involved in the education of religious congregations regarding alcoholism, addictions and on-going renewal in the United States, Canada and Central America. In 1989, she attended the Soviet/American Conference on Alcoholism, which was held in Moscow. Two years later she participated in the sixth International Conference at the Vatican entitled "Contra Spem in Spem—Drugs and Alcohol against Life."



Father Donald A. Cooper; longtime chaplain for the New York Giants

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 28 at Saint Luke Parish, Toms River, for Father Donald A. Cooper, 85, who died Feb. 22.

Born in Englewood, Fr. Cooper attended Seton Hall University, South Orange, and Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington. He was ordained May 30, 1953. His first assignment was to Corpus Christi Parish, Hasbrouck Heights.

Fr. Cooper was assigned to the following archdiocesan parishes: Immaculate Conception, Montclair; Saint Pius X, Old Tappan; Guardian Angel, Allendale; Saint Mary Star of the Sea, Bayonne; Saint Catherine, Hillside; Sacred Heart, Rochelle Park; and Our Lady of Good Counsel, Washington Township.

A lifelong New York Giants fan, Fr. Cooper attended games over a period of many years, from the Polo Grounds in New York to the Meadowlands. He served as chaplain for the Giants on several away games, including visit to Dallas and Washington.

Sr. Mary Berard D'Amato, O.S.F.



A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 27 at Assisi House, Aston, PA, for Sister Mary Berard D'Amato, O.S.F., 89, who died Feb. 23.

Born in Jersey City, Sr. Mary Berard was a member of Holy Rosary Parish and a graduate of Mount Saint Dominic High School. She entered the Franciscan Sisters of Ringwood (a congregation that later merged with the Sisters of Saint Francis of Philadelphia) in 1940 and professed her first vows in 1942.

She earned a bachelor's degree from Saint John's University, NY. Sr. Mary Berard ministered in elementary education both as teacher and principal and in 1997 was named Teacher of the Year in the Diocese of Paterson.

Sr. Mary ministered for 12 years in the Archdiocese of Newark. She was principal of Saint Ann School in Hoboken from 1965-1966. She was also principal of Assumption School in Emerson from 1966-1968 and taught there from 1970-1972 and 1978-1984. From 2011-2012 she lived at Saint Anne Convent, Jersey City, where she served in local house ministry.


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