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Twelve men answer call to priesthood



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On Saturday, May 24, a dozen new priests will be ordained by Archbishop John J. Myers in front of a joyous crowd at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. The class of 2014 includes (left to right, front row) Father Elvio Esteban Batista; Father Jose Robinson Valencia Valencia; Father Archibald Lindo Mabini; (middle row) Father Doroteo B. Layosa II; Father Emmanuel Otuosoruchi Agu; Father Eugenio Palileo de la Rama; (back row) Father Duberley Salazar Gonzalez; Father Sung Gye Hong; Father Nelson Yobani Oyola Garcia; Father Jeong Gyeong Kim; and Father Pedro Repollet. Father Zachary Swantek, inset, was in Rome when this cover photo was taken.

Archdiocese of Newark to ordain

By Al Frank
Associate Publisher

Filled to capacity, the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark will echo with applause after 12 men are called to the sanctuary on May 24, when Archbishop John J. Myers is to ordain them to the priesthood.

During the Litany of the Saints, the men will prostrate themselves before the main altar, at least a year since they performed the same ritual before they were ordained deacons.

This time, the laying of hands will elevate them to the presbyterate, after formation that led to post-graduate theology degrees from Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology at Seton Hall University in South Orange.

The 12 will join some 700 other priests in serving the Archdiocese of Newark's 1.5 million Catholics in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union counties.

Grateful and pleased that the Archdiocese of Newark continues to be blessed by so many vocations to the priesthood, Archbishop Myers said the new priests will add their strengths in ministering to the people of the archdiocese.

"These men have chosen to hear God's call to serve His people as priests, and the call of Pope Francis to address the spiritual and human needs of people with love and commitment to the Gospel," Archbishop Myers said. "I know that the people of this local Church will welcome them gratefully as they begin their ministries as Catholic priests."

Adding a personal note, the archbishop said he considered himself blessed "by the gift of the 163 men who have answered God's call to priesthood since 2001, when I became shepherd of this local Church of Newark. Each of us is called to discipleship of Jesus Christ. We all must seek to do so lovingly, selflessly, courageously and respectfully."

Compared to 31 percent nationally, nine of the priests (75 percent) were born outside the U.S., according to statistics compiled by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University (CARA).

In keeping with the 59 percent Hispanic population of the archdiocese, almost half the Class of 2014 is from that ethnic group - compared to just 15 percent nationally, as reported to CARA.

Father Emmanuel Otuosoruchi Agu

Before entering the seminary, Fr. Agu, 35, was an evangelization and outreach leader in the Nigerian village where he was raised. His father, Romanus, and his mother, Caroline, are farmers. Thanks to their influence, and that of other friends and relatives, he said he always thought he would be a priest.

Entering the seminary, he earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy at the



Lateran Pontifical University in Rome. At the seminary, he earned a master's degree in theology and a Master of Divinity in Pastoral Ministry.

"Seminary is a place where we can learn how to offer who we are, and to allow the grace of God to transform us into what he wants us to become," he said. "As I began to deepen myself in prayer, daily Mass, Eucharistic adoration and devotion to our Blessed Mary, it became clearer to me that God might be offering me His grace to discern a priestly vocation."

He will celebrate his first Mass at the Nativity Parish in Midland Park, where he also served his diaconate.

Father Elvio Esteban Batista

Born in the Dominican Republic, Fr. Esteban, 32, moved to New Jersey 10 years ago with two brothers and a sister. His parents, Julia and Juan, drive school buses and Fr. Esteban worked as a Honda salesman before beginning his studies for the priesthood.



He said a pilgrimage to France in 2009—while he was a student at Saint Andrew's College Seminary at Seton Hall—convinced him of his vocation. Looking back, he said it was a natural outcome in a family that prayed the rosary and read and discussed the Bible daily. Juan Jose, his younger brother, has just finished his second year of theological studies.

Fr. Esteban will celebrate his first Mass at his home parish, Saint Paul the Apostle in Jersey City on ordination day. The next day he will celebrate a Mass at Saint Bartholomew the Apostle in Scotch Plains, where he served as a deacon. Bishop Manuel Cruz is to preach.

Father Eugenio Palileo de la Rama

Born in Queens, NY, 32 years ago, Fr. de la Rama grew up in Jersey City. His parents, Concepcion and Reynaldo, work at the United Nations in New York.



While attending Rutgers University, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science, Fr. de la Rama originally thought he was headed for a career in public service or law.

However, after becoming active in a youth group during his senior year, he signed up to become a lay missionary for a year. As he served in Latin and South America, one year turned into five years and he discerned his vocation while serving with the priests in the various mission postings.

"I never seriously considered it in any way until having gone on mission and seen the priests," he said. "I sought marriage and family life, and yet the Lord, through these amazing priests, was inviting me to service, celibacy and solitude, for the sake of the Eternal Kingdom."

Fr. de la Rama served his diaconate at Saint Theresa in Kenilworth and will celebrate his first Mass in his home parish, Our Lady of Mercy in Jersey City.

Father Nelson Yobani Oyola Garcia

Fr. Oyola came to the U.S. in 2004 from Colombia, where he was born 32 years ago in Villahermosa Tolima.



"I always wanted to be a priest," he said, crediting the Daughters of Charity and the parish priests in his hometown with nurturing his vocation.

"The generosity and love the priests and consecrated religious had for the people gave me a deep desire to want to serve the Lord," he said. "I recall with great love and appreciation my family's support and love, which helped my vocation to grow in my heart."

The son of Luis and Maria, he is the youngest of three brothers. He said the parishes of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Jersey City - where he lived for his first five years in the U.S. - and Saint Francis de Sales in Lodi, became part of his family. He also attended Saint Andrew's College Seminary, where he earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy before beginning his theological studies.

His first Mass will be celebrated at Holy Trinity in Hackensack, where he served as a deacon.

Father Duberley Salazar Gonzalez

Fr. Salazar began his career as a Catholic journalist, a profession he chose while temporarily putting aside a childhood yearning to become a priest. One day, while praying, words of

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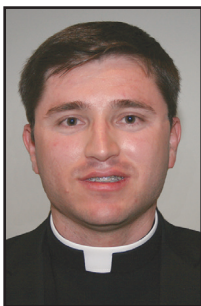
a dozen diverse, faithful priests

Jesus came to mind: "What profit is there for someone to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"

"On that day, God granted me the grace to see clearly what I should do," Fr. Salazar said. He quit his newspaper career and applied to the seminary. After he was admitted, he felt affirmed when he heard Luke's account of the angel's announcement of Jesus' birth to the shepherds. He realized he was preparing to be "a journalist of the biggest and greatest Good News mankind has ever received."

Born in Aranzazu-Caldas in Colombia 31 years ago, Fr. Salazar is the second-oldest of the five children of Jose Guillermo and Maria Dolly, who are farmers.

His master's degree is in pastoral ministry and his first mass will be at Saint Mary in Dumont, where he served as a deacon.



Father Sung Gye Hong

Fr. Hong, 39, who grew up in Seoul, South Korea, had a career in industrial design before discerning his vocation.

"My mother's side of the family was devoutly Roman Catholic," he said, which was unusual in post-war South Korea. Yet, his grandfather served as a lay minister, assisting the western priests who ministered there.

"His faith became a precious seed for the faith of our entire family and for my priestly vocation," Fr. Hong said.

The oldest of two siblings, he earned college degrees at Catholic University of Korea and Seton Hall, where he also received his Master of Divinity degree.

His home parish is Saint Andrew Kim in Maplewood and he served his diaconate at Saint Elizabeth in Wyckoff,



Father Jeong Gyeong Kim

Ever since he was six years old in South Korea, Fr. Kim aspired to follow in his mom's footsteps and play professional tennis; but shoulder surgery wrecked that plan.



"When I gave up my dream to be a tennis player, I asked myself: what do you want to do with your life?" The questioning led to a chat with his parish priest, Fr. Hong Won Kim.

"He taught me a man's worth and a priest's sense of value. Finally, after I graduated from high school, I made a choice for my life and entered the seminary."

Fr. Kim, 33, says he still loves to play tennis – and he is grateful his mother instilled in him the ability to dream, as well as the ability "to accept it when my dream had to be given up. Through this experience, I learned that if I really wanted something, I shouldn't stop trying but should just keep on going with my own, undivided heart."

That heart is now fully committed to the priesthood

He will celebrate his first Mass as his home parish, Madonna in Fort Lee, after serving his diaconate at St. Catharine in Glen Rock

Father Doroteo B. Layosa II

Born and raised in the Philippines, Fr. Layosa, 33, was the fourth of six children of the late Cayetano Layosa, a furniture maker, and his wife, Lourdes Saldo. Before coming to the U.S. he studied at Holy Rosary Seminary in Naga City.

His family prayed the rosary every night but it was the example of Monsignor Dominador Galicia that led him to the seminary.

"Mamong Doming" gave Fr. Layosa his first Holy Communion and his first Bible, which remains a constant companion.

"I witnessed his simplicity, humility, great patience and joyful heart in his priesthood and most of all his dedication to prayer," Fr. Layosa said. "He was a dedicated and holy man who loved and served God and his people until he breathed his last. I told him that I would want to be like him."

Fr. Layosa's first mass will be at St. Henry in Bayonne, where he served as a deacon.



Father Archibald Lindo Mabini

Another Filipino, Fr. Mabini joined the Redemptoris Mater seminary after earning a bachelor's degree in agricultural technology at Davao Oriental Science and Technology

back home.

The son of Joana Mabini Rado and Ferdinand Attilio, Fr. Mabini, 31, is the eldest of seven.

During his formation, his fondest memories were of serving missions in Belize and in Saint Croix. "It was a challenging experience, because the sufferings of these people were quite visible," he said, and only confirmed his commitment to the priesthood.

His home parish is now Saint Aedan's: the Saint Peter's University Church in Jersey City. He served his diaconate at Saint Peter in Bellville.



Father Pedro Repollet

Born and raised in Puerto Rico, Fr. Repollet, 45, moved to New York when he was almost 17. Although baptized, he did not practice his Catholic faith even as he enjoyed ever-growing success in real estate sales.

However, a nagging feeling that something was missing in his life was confirmed about 12 years ago when he attended a healing Mass at his home parish, Saint Michael in Newark. "This is the parish in which I had a personal encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist," he said, and it ushered change into his life.

As part of a missionary group, Fr. Repollet first offered his story as a witness in talks and retreats locally and in others cities and outside the U.S. He resisted a feeling he was being called to the priesthood, reasoning he could live comfortably on occasional house sales while continuing the retreats and talks.

"But the Lord was stronger," he said. He decided on the seminary in 2008 after realizing how much the Eucharist had changed him and how he wanted to share that gift with others – as only a priest could.

He served his diaconate at Our Lady of Lourdes in West Orange, much of it under Monsignor Joseph Petrillo, who died in December. "I am very fortunate to have the privilege to learn so much from this parish and the amazing priests who are part of this community."



Father Zachary Swantek

Raised in Clark and a parishioner at Saint Helen in Westfield, Fr. Swantek, 34, earned a bachelor's degree in literature and religious studies at Drew University. Before entering the seminary, he worked as a headhunter for a year and for six years as a sales rep and sales trainer for Cutco Cutlery.

While studying theology in Rome, he served the study-abroad students of the University of Mary (Bismarck, ND) as a catechist and by assisting at Mass and presiding at adoration.

Another ministry was leading Bible study for those jailed in Regina Coeli prison.

"I was nervous at first, because I was assigned to a section of the prison reserved for 'the worst of the worst.' However, some of my favorite experiences in Rome were spent in that small cell, praying with this group of men."

Fr. Swantek's brother, Luke teaches religion in a Catholic high school. Their father, Richard, is a retired information technology specialist; their mother, Linda is a substitute teacher.



Father José Robinson Valencia Valencia

The second of five children, Fr. Valencia, 32, was born and raised in Santa Rosa de Cabal – Risaralda in Colombia. His mother, Maria Claret Valencia, is a housewife; his father, Jose Olmedo Valencia, is a driver.

"Much of who I am and the faith that I have are rooted in my very strong family," he said. "Because of my family's faith I have come to know God and his love and also because of the example and humility of my pastor (Fr. Oscar Gonzalez Villa), a holy man who was able to show Christ to all."

When the pastor suggested the possibility of a vocation, "I felt in my heart something good whenever I thought about serving the Lord as a priest" and Fr. Valencia entered the minor seminary when he was 17. A year after earning a degree in philosophy, he came to the U.S. in 2010, adopting Saint Teresa of Avila in Summit as his home parish.

Fr. Valencia is to preside at his first Mass at Saint Teresa of Avila. He served his diaconate at Assumption Parish, Roselle Park.



Third 'Fortnight for Freedom' to be observed June 21-July 4

WASHINGTON—Catholic dioceses and parishes across the United States are once again encouraged to raise awareness for domestic and international religious freedom concerns during the third annual Fortnight for Freedom, June 21-July 4. The two-week celebration will focus on the theme, "Freedom to Serve," emphasizing the link between religious liberty and service to the poor and vulnerable.

"During the Fortnight, our liturgical calendar celebrates great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power—Saint John Fisher and Saint Thomas More, John the Baptist, Peter and Paul and the first martyrs of the Church of Rome," said Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "This is a time when Catholics can unite themselves in prayer to the men and women throughout history who spread the Gospel and lived out Jesus' call to serve the 'least of these' in even the direst of cir-

cumstances."

Two nationally televised masses will bookend the Fortnight. Archbishop Lori will celebrate Mass at the Baltimore Basilica on June 21, at 5:30 p.m. Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl of Washington will celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington on July 4, at noon. Conference President Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, KY, will be the homilist at the July 4 Mass.

The bishops conference has prepared materials to help dioceses and parishes participate in the Fortnight, including templates and guides for special prayer services, a list of frequently asked questions about religious liberty, one-page fact sheets on current threats to religious freedom in the U.S. and around the world, and a study guide on Dignitatis Humanae, the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on Religious Freedom.

These materials and more information can be found online at www.fortnight4freedom.org and www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/.

Current threats to religious liberty

Pope Benedict XVI spoke in 2012 about his worry that religious liberty in the United States is being weakened. He called religious liberty the "most cherished of American freedoms." Unfortunately, our most cherished freedom is under threat:

- **HHS mandate for sterilization, contraception, and abortion-inducing drugs.** The mandate of the Department of Health and Human Services forces religious institutions to facilitate and/or fund a product contrary to their own moral teaching. Further, the federal government tries to define which religious institutions are "religious enough" to merit protection of their religious liberty.
- **Catholic foster care and adoption services.** Boston, San Francisco, the District of Columbia, and the State of Illinois have driven local Catholic Charities out of the business of providing adoption or foster care services—by revoking their licenses, by ending their government contracts, or both—because those Charities refused to place children with same-sex couples or unmarried opposite-sex couples who cohabit.
- **State immigration laws.** Several states have passed laws that forbid what they deem as "harboring" of undocumented immigrants—and what the Church deems Christian charity and pastoral care to these immigrants.
- **Discrimination against small church congregations.** New York City adopted a policy that barred the Bronx Household of Faith and other churches from renting public schools on weekends for worship services, even though non-religious groups could rent the same schools for many other uses. Litigation in this case continues.
- **Discrimination against Catholic humanitarian services.** After years of excellent performance by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) in administering contract services for victims of human trafficking, the federal government changed its contract specifications to require MRS to provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion services in violation of Catholic teaching.
- **Christian students on campus.** In its over-100-year history, the University of California Hastings College of Law has denied student organization status to only one group, the Christian Legal Society, because it required its leaders to be Christian and to abstain from sexual activity outside of marriage.

Is our most cherished freedom truly under threat? Yes, Pope Benedict XVI recognized just two years ago that various attempts to limit the freedom of religion in the U.S. are particularly concerning. The threat to religious freedom is larger than any single case or issue and has its roots in secularism in our culture. The Holy Father has asked for the laity to have courage to counter secularism that would "delegitimize the Church's participation in public debate about the issues which are determining the future of American society."

Catholic Communication Campaign uses technology to share the faith

WASHINGTON—The 2014 Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign will be taken up in many dioceses the weekend of May 31-June 1. The collection offers an opportunity for Catholics around the country to support evangelization through technology and social media by supporting the production and dissemination of high-quality Catholic content via the Internet, television, radio and print publications.

The collection funds regional, national, and international grants for communications projects, as well as the creation of sustainable Catholic media outlets for many dioceses. Fifty percent of parishioners' contributions to the campaign stay in each diocese to fund local communication needs.

The 2014 Catholic Communication Campaign focuses on the theme of faith, worship and witness. Technology offers essential tools to aid in the practice of faith, in worship and in opportunities for witness.

"When people think of evangelization, they don't usually think first of communications," said Bishop Joseph J. Tyson of Yakima, WA, chairman of the campaign subcommittee. "But in order to live the faith, someone has to tell us about it. Whether that was our parents, grandparents, a friend, or colleague, we all learned about the faith through communication."

"This collection serves projects that carry out our duty to tell the world about our faith and to strengthen and catechize the faith of our brothers and sisters," Bishop Tyson said. "Many Catholics around the world live in isolation and modern technology allows them to stay in touch with other Catholics and to grow in their faith," he said.

In his message for the 48th World Communications Day, Pope Francis says that technology is a "gift from God." He challenges the Church to use this tool to promote the faith, asking how communication can "be at the service of an authentic culture of encounter?"

The collection funds many projects that answer the call of Pope Francis. In Africa, the campaign funded the Kenya Election Assistance Project, an initiative of the Kenyan Episcopal Conference, which utilized text messaging and other new tools to prevent violence during the 2013 elections. The initiative successfully sent messages through radio, television and online media, encouraging people to address their differences by peaceful means.

The Catholic Communication Campaign also funds Radio Magnificat, the Catholic radio station of Brazzaville in the Republic of Congo. Founded in 2006 by the National Episcopal Conference of Congo, the station broadcasts messages of reconciliation, unity, and peace. The station also works to spread awareness of the fight against poverty. As the first Christian radio station in the country, Radio Magnificat serves Christians of all denominations in addition to its Catholic audience.

Catholic leaders call for nuclear disarmament at Stanford University

WASHINGTON—Nuclear weapons "present an existential threat to mankind," said former U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz to a group of Catholic leaders on April 24. "We need to reduce the numbers of these weapons, identify and take the steps needed to keep them under better control, and ultimately eliminate them." Secretary Shultz and former Secretary of Defense William Perry hosted a Colloquium on Revitalizing Catholic Engagement on Nuclear Disarmament, April 24-25, at Stanford University.

This off-the-record event brought together 40 bishops, policy specialists, Catholic scholars, and young professionals and students to explore policy and moral challenges involved in moving toward a world without nuclear weapons.

"The bishops have made the moral case for ultimate nuclear disarmament; Shultz, Perry, Kissinger and Nunn have made the case for disarmament as a policy goal, a goal embraced by the U.S. and Russian governments," said Bishop Richard E.

Pates of Des Moines, Iowa, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on International Justice and Peace. "My hope is that this colloquium will be the beginning of a process to invigorate and refine the voice of the U.S. Catholic community in the debate on nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament."

Holy Cross Father John Jenkins, president of the University of Notre Dame and, with Bishop Pates, a co-convenor of the colloquium, emphasized the distinctive role of Catholic universities, which "should serve as networks of discussion and sources of knowledge — able to explore and address the practical, technical and ethical issues that arise on the way to a global ban."

Other speakers included Secretary Perry, former Senator Sam Nunn, retired Ambassador James Goodby, Father Bryan Hehir (Harvard), Franciscan Father Kenneth Himes (Boston College), Jesuit Father Drew Christiansen, (George-

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WEEK I July 7-10



Rev. Richard Fragomeni

Rev. Richard Fragomeni, priest of the Diocese of Albany, Professor of Liturgy and Homiletics, Chair of the Department of Word and Worship at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

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WEEK II July 14-17, 6:30-9:30 pm

Spanish Evening Track



Nicanor Sarmiento Tupayupanqui

Nicanor Sarmiento Tupayupanqui, OMI, is a Quechua from Peru. He holds a Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Studies in Missiology and Cultural Anthropology from the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley. His research focuses on the dialogue of faith and cultures called inculturation or contextualization. Currently, he is pastor at Canadian Martyrs Parish in Ottawa, Canada; an online instructor at Instituto Hispano of the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University Berkeley, California; and the Latin American Institute of Missiology of the Catholic University of Bolivia in Cochabamba, Bolivia.

POPULAR PIETY: Cultural Expressions of the Faith and Spirituality of the Hispanic Communities

Popular religiosity, or popular piety (EN: 48), we mean the whole complex of underlying beliefs rooted in God, the basic attitudes that flow from these beliefs, and the expressions that manifest them. It is the form of cultural life that religion takes on among a given people. In its most characteristic form...is an expression of Catholic faith. It is a people's Catholicism (PD 444).

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Founders honored at 21st annual 'Evening of Roses' at SHU



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The Sister Rose Thering Fund founders and board members were joined by Seton Hall University President Gabriel Esteban, back row, fourth from left, and his wife Josephine at the annual Evening of Roses event.

SOUTH ORANGE—The Sister Rose Thering Fund for Education in Jewish-Christian Studies recognized its 32 founders with a special at its 21st annual Evening of Roses fund-raiser.

The Sister Rose Thering Fund is dedicated to advancing the legacy of Sister Rose Thering by fostering understanding and cooperation among Jews, Christians and people of other religious traditions through advocacy and education. More than 350 New Jersey educators have benefitted from educational scholarships made available at Seton Hall University through the

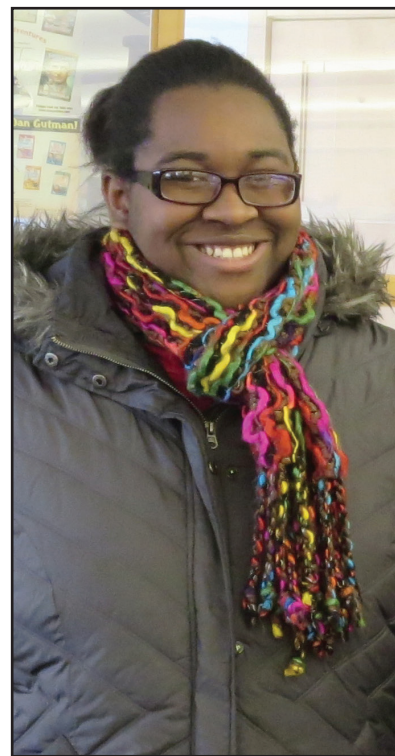
fund, impacting more 150,000 students throughout the state.

"One of Sister Rose Thering's many gifts was an ability to recognize in others their own desire to create a world free of religious prejudice," Deborah Lerner Duane, chairman of the Sister Rose Thering Fund, said.

Honored were: Shirley Aidekman-Kaye, Julia and David Altholz, Jacqueline Berke, David Bossman, Susan Feinstein, Eugene Fisher, Rev. Lawrence Frizzell, Paul Gibbons, Msgr. John Gilchrist, Sister Mary Gomolka, Rabbi Irving and Blu Greenberg, Jerome and

Rita Horowitz, Luna Kaufman, Marlene Jacobs, Murray Lailicht, Jacqueline and Howard Levine, Reverend John Morley, Karan and Kenneth Oleckna, Lois Lautenberg, Pearl Randall Lehrhoff, Marilyn Rosenbaum, Hattie Segal, Howard Tepper, Regina Townsend, Joseph Volker, Robert Werbel and Marcia Robbins Wilf.

"Sister Rose personally selected each of the founders, seeing in them a passion as strong as her own. Our founders have, for 20 years, committed themselves to advancing Sister Rose's legacy. We are proud of the way in which they continue to foster understanding and cooperation among Jews, Christians and people of other religious traditions through advocacy and education," Lerner Duane said. "We



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East Orange native Akilah Love, a junior at Immaculate Conception High School in Montclair, was selected as the first campaign winner in the GenHERation pilot program. GenHERation is a female empowerment startup for millennial girls founded by Katlyn Grasso, a junior at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. The program provides girls the opportunity to work with national corporations and non-profit organizations to implement their own advocacy campaigns to address community issues. Last month, Akilah submitted a proposal to GenHERation's

American Heart Association challenge to raise awareness about CPR in her community. During the month of April, Akilah worked with a GenHERation Project Manager and an American Heart Association grassroots director to develop an organization that educates high school students about the importance of CPR. Akilah will also receive an educational gift card and community service hours for being an active GenHERation member. Currently, GenHERation is running a pilot program with more than 200 girls in the Northeast. For more information, visit www.genheration.com.

are also enormously grateful to the community, which continues to acknowledge and support the work of the Sister Rose Thering Fund through volunteer activities on behalf of the Fund, and its generosity as we raise the necessary dollars to provide scholarships for educators who enroll in Seton Hall's Jewish-Christian Studies program."

The annual reception included greetings from Seton Hall President Gabriel Esteban, remarks by founders Bossman, Kaufman and Rosenbaum and

musical selections from Voices in Harmony and Voices of Livingston. The conductors included Cantor Perry Fine of Beth Shalom in Livingston, Cantor Erica Lippitz of Oheb Shalom Congregation in South Orange, and Cantor Sharon Brown Levy of Temple Emanu-El in Livingston. Linea Rondael of Saint Joseph Parish, Maplewood, accompanied the musicians. The program co-chairs were Ann Burgmeyer and Marilyn Rosenbaum.

The Sister Rose Thering Fund for Education in Jewish-Christian Studies was created and named in honor of Sister Rose Thering, O.P., Ph.D., in recognition and appreciation of her dedication to improving Jewish-Christian relations through teacher education, especially at the elementary and secondary school levels.

The goals of the fund's programs are to reduce prejudice born of ignorance and misperception, to promote means for the conveying the richness of the Jewish and Christian traditions accurately and without bias and to foster cooperation among Jews and Christians in areas of common social welfare.

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Student helps bring music to local hospice patients

SADDLE RIVER—In a community service project that has exceeded all expectations, an eighth grade student, with the help of her church's Knights of Columbus, has organized the donation of CD players for every patient room at Holy Name Medical Center's residential hospice, Villa Marie Claire. The CD players, along with a CD music library, were presented to hospice administrators on April 14.

Cathy Yakomin's association with Villa Marie Claire began last year when, as a CCD student and confirmation candidate at Saint Gabriel the Archangel, Saddle River, she chose to volunteer at the Villa as part of her community service project, creating handmade decorations for every holiday. During that time, she learned from Lyn Borek, volunteer coordinator and Cathy's project mentor, that music is highly beneficial to hospice patients. Excited about the prospect of bringing live music to Villa Marie Claire, Cathy and an eighth-grade friend performed a concert duet (flute and clarinet) of Christmas and Hanukkah songs in December. When Borek mentioned that she would like to provide CD players in each of the 20 patient rooms, Cathy made it happen.

After getting price estimates and pulling together a proposal, Cathy consulted Saint Gabriel's Msgr. Frank Del Prete, who brought her request for funding to Bruce Walenczyk, a councilman in Saddle River and Grand Knight of Saint Gabriel's Knights of Columbus 11889. "We brought Cathy's proposal to the Knights and it was unanimous," Walenczyk said. "The villa is a beautiful facility, so welcome in the community. We were delighted to have the opportunity to support Cathy's project."

With \$610 from the Knights, Cathy ordered 20 mini boom boxes, which she had researched online. The units are radios, as well as CD players, and are compatible with devices such as iPhones and MP3 players. "We were looking to get new CD players but this was above and beyond what we expected," Borek noted.

Charles Vialotti, M.D., medical director, expressed his appreciation for the donation. "One of the most relaxing things we can offer our patients is music therapy," he said. "Nothing is more soothing. It's such an important adjunct to the care we give, and Cathy's efforts have been an inspiration."

A student at Woodcliff Mid-



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Cathy Yakomin is pictured with members of the Knights of Columbus and Villa Marie Claire staff. Back row left to right: Mike Vaupotic, Charles Vialotti, Ron Porto, Joe Lamela, Bruce Walenczyk, Bill Deegan, John Halliwell, Tom Parkes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Jay Bouton, Jerry Clark, and Msgr. Frank Del Prete. Front seated: Lyn Borek, Cathy Yakomin and Sister Regina O'Connell.

dle School, Cathy said the CD project took about a month to accomplish. She chose to concentrate on music and holiday decorations because those things "not only make patients happy, they make their families happy, too." Heading off to Pas-

sack Hills High School in the fall, she said her commitment to Villa Marie Claire will continue. She is contemplating the possibility of involving others in her community service as she en-

courages new friends to join her in concerts at the hospice.

For more information about volunteering at the hospice call (201) 833-3188 and ask for the volunteer coordinator.



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Saint Benedict's Preparatory School recently received a grant from Elizabethtown Gas to further transform its science, technology, engineering and mathematics curriculum. Four years ago, Elizabethtown Gas provided funding that allowed the Newark school to install interactive, touch-screen whiteboards in three classrooms. The recent grant will allow the school to acquire additional learning tools to continue to meet the growing interests of students. Pictured left to right are Brian MacLean, vice president of operations, Elizabethtown Gas; Michelle Tourto, dean of faculty, Saint Benedict's Preparatory School; Paul Thornton, director of planned giving, Saint Benedict's Preparatory School; Kevin Lynott, director of government and community affairs, Elizabethtown Gas.

St. Michael's hosts golf outing to benefit cancer center

NEWARK— Saint Michael's Medical Center will host its annual Golf Outing on Monday, June 2, at the Cedar Hill Golf and Country Club located at 100 Walnut Street, Livingston.

Golfers can register as individuals or foursomes and should arrive between 10:30 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be served at 11 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m. and a chance to win a "Hole-in-One" Cadillac. After golf, guests are invited to enjoy a cocktail hour beginning at 6 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner, as well as a silent auction, 50/50 raffle and door prizes. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

Last year's event garnered over 100 golfers and guests, raising \$61,000 for programs and services at Saint Michael's Medical Center. Proceeds from this year's event will specifically support the Connie Dwyer Breast Center at Saint Michael's.

"We are thrilled that the funds raised will go to the Breast Center," said Connie Dwyer, founder of the Connie Dwyer Breast Center. "This will enable us to continue creating public awareness and promote the importance of regularly scheduled mammograms to our surrounding communities, while providing us with additional resources to enhance our services."

The comprehensive, state-of-the-art facility provides expert diagnosis and treatment of breast disease, breast cancer prevention, early detection, and educational outreach programs in northern New Jersey. With a mission to provide advanced breast care, the Center reaches out to more than 1,500 women annually through a series of free educational sessions and breast cancer screenings at the hospital and in the community, with outreach performed at churches, schools, community centers and other local organizations.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities, pricing or to register for the golf outing, call Maria Pinho at (973) 690-3508 or e-mail mpinho@smmcnj.org.



The Catholic Cemeteries Office of The Archdiocese of Newark will host outdoor Memorial Day masses Monday, May 26, at 11 a.m. Mass will be held rain or shine. Canopies with seating will be provided. Mass will be held at all seven Archdiocesan cemeteries:

Holy Cross Cemetery

340 Ridge Road
North Arlington, NJ 07031
(201) 997-1900
Main celebrant: Most Reverend John J. Myers
Homilist: Reverend Joseph Mancini

Maryrest Cemetery

770 Darlington Avenue
Mahwah, NJ 07430
(201) 327-7011
Main celebrant: Most Reverend Bernard A. Hebda
Mass will be held in the Maryrest Chapel Mausoleum.

Gate of Heaven Cemetery

225 Ridgedale Avenue
East Hanover, NJ 07936
(973) 887-0286
Main celebrant: Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.
Mass will be celebrated in the Gate of Heaven Chapel Mausoleum.

Saint Gertrude Cemetery

53 Inman Avenue
Colonia, NJ 07067
(732) 388-0311
Main celebrant: Most Reverend Manuel A. Cruz

Holy Name Cemetery

823 West Side Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07306
(201) 433-0342
Main celebrant: Most Reverend Thomas A. Donato

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

125 Central Avenue
East Orange, NJ 07018
(973) 678-3757
Main celebrant: Reverend Philip J. Waters, O.S.B.

Christ the King Cemetery

980 Huron Road
Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417
(201) 891-9191
Main celebrant: Most Reverend John W. Flesey, S.T.D.

Cardinals gather to raise funds for Catholic University

By Melissa McNally
Editor

NEW YORK, NY—America's Catholic cardinals will gather in Manhattan on Friday, May 30, to raise money for college scholarships at the 25th American Cardinals Dinner at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, and John Garvey, president of The Catholic University of America, will serve as co-hosts for the dinner. All proceeds from the event will benefit Catholic University scholarship funds.

Prior to the gala, Cardinal Dolan will serve as the principal celebrant and homilist at a 4:30 p.m. Mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral at 5th Avenue between 50th and 51st streets. Visiting cardinals, bishops, and clergy will concelebrate the Mass, which will be open to the public. The reception at the Waldorf at 301 Park Ave. will begin at 6:15 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Nine American cardinals are expected to attend the dinner, including those who currently serve or have served as archbishops of U.S. dioceses and as members of the Catholic University of America board of trustees.

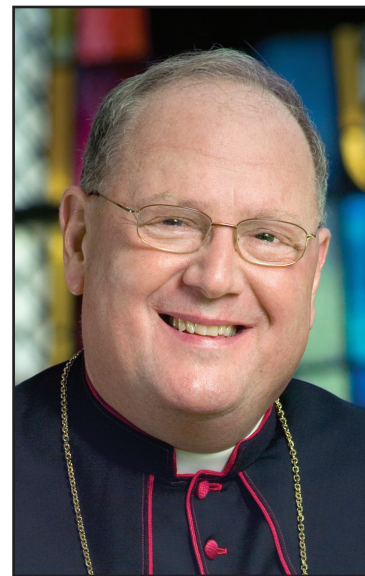
Also expected to attend the dinner are Most Rev. Carlo Maria Viganò, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, and Most Rev. Allen Vigneron, Archbishop of Detroit and chairman of the Catholic University's board of trustees.

Since its inauguration, the annual event has raised more than \$29.5 million to support scholarships for Catholic University students.

"A lot of students are struggling to find the means to attend a Catholic University," Garvey said. "We are generous with providing financial aid; 40 percent of our students are awarded scholarships. Last year we raised \$1.7 million at the Cardinals Dinner. This year we hope to raise \$3 million."

In commenting on both the University and the Cardinals Dinner, Archbishop John Myers, who earned his doctorate in Canon law at the University in 1997, said: "Although Catholic University began as place for graduate study, it is now a premier center nationally for undergraduate and graduate study, professional certification in specific fields, and cultivation of the arts. The University provides a fitting place for men and women to study and further the treasure of human knowledge within the light of Christian faith. Through this annual dinner, we hope to both focus on the achievements of Catholic University, and help ease the financial struggles of students through scholarship awards."

The Catholic University of America, founded in 1887 by the U.S. Catholic bishops with the support of Pope Leo XIII, is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States. Established as a graduate re-



Cardinal Timothy Dolan

search center, the University began offering undergraduate education in 1904 and today is home to 12 schools and 21 research facilities. Catholic University is the only American university with ecclesiastical faculties granting canonical degrees in three disciplines.

Garvey believes that Catholic colleges are important in the formation of young faithful. "The most active Catholics were educated at Catholic institutions.

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Robotics team head to national championships

NEW PROVIDENCE—The Panther Power Robotics Team at the Academy of Our Lady of Peace is taking their award-winning invention on the road.

After competing on the regional level and then taking home second place at the state finals, the group of 4th through 8th graders is heading to the FIRST Lego League North American Open Championships at Legoland in Carlsbad, CA, May 16-18.

Each year, FIRST Lego (for inspiration and recognition of science and technology) gives the competing teams a challenge. This year's challenge was "Nature's Fury." Each team is responsible for researching the given topic. The Panther Power Robotics Team researched nature, weather and storms. They conducted science experiments and interviewed experts in the field, such as police, EMTs, an emergency room nurse and a meteorologist.

In speaking with the police chief in New Providence, the students learned that first responders are given 4-foot wooden sticks to assist them in storms or flooding. In the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy,



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Panther Power team members are pictured with the "The Stickler of Safety." Back row: Robert Greeley, Thomas Ericksen, Matthew Ruane; middle row: Michelle Maita, Matthew Mazzuca; second row: Kyle Hue, Angie Maita, Therese Ruane; and Hannah Kurian in front.

the team's research determined that the sticks could mold, warp or break. The team developed an innovative solution—The

Stickler of Safety, or SOS

Made of PVC pipe, the device can help first responders gauge flood water depths, as well as locate obstructions in the water or open manholes. The students received input on their design from local police and the borough council. The chief was so impressed he told the students there should be one in every patrol vehicle. The Panthers even won a grant to make 25 more SOSs to donate to police and first responders.

The students and their coach worked vigorously to raise money for the trip to California—holding fund-raisers and pretzel and ice cream sales. They are also continuing to prepare for the competition by making last-minute tweaks to their innovation. "It has changed a little and improved greatly," Coach Alys Tyler said. "They are talented and truly care about keeping our first responders safe."

Our Lady of Peace is one of only two Catholic schools in the country heading to nationals. Once there, the team will compete against 76 other schools from the United States, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Korea.

Women encouraged to 'be not afraid' at annual conference

By Melissa McNally
Editor

Faith-filled women from the Archdiocese of Newark gathered April 26 at Seton Hall University, South Orange, for the annual Women's Day of Reflection sponsored by the archdiocesan Women's Commission. The event featured keynote speakers, Holy Hour with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Mass celebrated by Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda.

In his welcome letter to attendees, Archbishop John J. Myers expounded on the event's theme, "Be Not Afraid: Rejoice in God's Mercy."

"'Be not afraid' is at the heart and mission of the Women's Commission of the archdiocese—to strive to bring the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church, especially regarding women, to the attention of the people of our archdiocese and to support them in their mission to lead Christian lives. I am grateful to each of you, strong women of faith, for your commitment to say 'yes' to God, 'yes' to the Church and her teaching and 'yes' to Jesus' invitation to be not afraid," Archbishop Myers noted.

Helen M. Alvaré, professor of law at George Mason University in Arlington, VA, ad-



Helen M. Alvaré

Women Speak for Themselves."

"The government is promoting the idea that sexual expression is good for women. The idea of marriage and family isn't what it used to be," she said.

Alvaré stressed that it is the nature of all people to be relational and live in communion with others. The unconditional love of family and a stable home life are keys to a well-functioning society. "Family life can be a fragile thing. The loss of a marriage or relationship feels like a loss of self. You feel as though there is no one to understand the

itation Mission. The community provides emotional and practical resources while allowing mothers to respond with courage and dignity in one of life's most difficult moments.

"Walking into the Women's Day of Reflection was like walking into a big hug; there is a warmth in the whole event," Sr. Maris said.

She acknowledged God's unconditional love for us all, even sinners. "Mercy is kindness and courage for those who sin. Our sins and weaknesses can be the point of conversion; allow Jesus to radiate through them. God's mercy is abundant and constantly sustains us. No sin is above the mercy of God," she explained.

Sr. Maris echoed Alvaré's belief that we are all made for



Sister Maris Stella, S.V.

world. "Hope is not a thin wish or wearing rose-colored glasses, it is a way of seeing and understanding what's going on around you. God has not put us down in darkness, He has given us Jesus. God has given us the capacity for reason."

In her talk, Sister Maris Stella, S.V., discussed God's grace and her ministry to pregnant women. She graduated from the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, and served as a naval officer for five years working on ships and overseas logistics.

Sr. Maris entered the Sisters of Life in 2006. The order is a contemplative/active religious community of women founded for the protection and enhancement of the sacredness of every human life. She serves vulnerable pregnant women in the Vis-

love and to share our gifts with others. "There is an ache in our hearts to love. Some people feel unworthy of love. Mercy speaks to us and tells us that we are beloved and cherished."

Working with pregnant women has placed Sr. Maris "in close contact with the mystery of love." She has witnessed women transform their lives and become closer to God.

"Christ wants to breathe new life into the place where there is darkness. He is not afraid of human weaknesses and is drawn to them. Jesus has preferential love for the weak and wounded," Sr. Maris explained. "The moment we fall is the crucial moment in our life. Sin is never the end of the story. God can use any and everything and transform it into something beautiful."



Advocate photos—Russ DeSantis

dressed the struggles of modern Catholic women in her talk "Marriage, Family and Christian Hope." Alvaré is a consultant to Pope Francis' Pontifical Council for the Laity, a consultant for ABC News, and is the chair of the Conscience Protection Task Force at the Witherspoon Institute in Princeton. She co-authored and edited the book, "Breaking Through: Catholic

world alongside. The losses and hurt people experience affect their extended community. Sexual and family identity is important to the whole community."

People are not meant to be "isolated nomads," she explained, and family is the image of "God himself." The Church cannot impose beliefs, but can provide reflection illuminated by scripture. When speaking to oth-

ers who do not share the Church's point of view on family and relationships, Alvaré proposed that Catholics lead by example.

"We have to share our truthful experiences and be living witnesses. Let your own life do a lot of the teaching. Personal witness is invaluable," she explained.

Alvaré said she believes faithful women should have hope in an increasingly secular

May 16

Respect Life Office, Archdiocese of Newark, Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, for men and women suffering from a post-abortion experience, through May 18, at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, Kearny, cost: \$150 (includes all retreat materials and meals), call (973) 497-4350 or e-mail rileyche@rcan.org.

May 19

Shrine of St. Joseph, Stirling, "Recovering Joy: Art of Prayer in Stressful World," with Father Laurence Freeman O.S.B., 7- 8:30 p.m. and May 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., cost: \$45 in advance, \$55 at the door; for religious \$30 (includes refreshments and lunch), call (908) 647-0208 or contact Jay Stewart at stewart.jaybird@gmail.com.

May 21

Lumen Center, Caldwell, "Come to the Well" retreat day, includes presentation, reflection, payer and discussion, 9:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m., cost: \$30, call (973) 403-3331 ext. 25 or e-mail lumencenter@caldwell.org.

May 22

Holy Trinity Parish, Hackensack, 15th annual carnival, May 22 and May 23 at 6-11 p.m., on May 24 at noon-11 p.m., May 25 at noon-9 p.m., (201) 343-5170.

June 3

Lumen Center, Caldwell, "The Compassion of God," with Kathleen Detlet, D. Min., supper at 5:30 p.m., presentation at 6:15-7:45 p.m., cost: \$25, call (973) 403-3331 ext. 25 or e-mail lumencenter@caldwell.org.

June 5

St. Catharine Parish, Glen Rock, caregiver support group, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., call Annette Gallagher at (201) 612-4660 or e-mail parishfamilylife@stcatharinechurch.org.

June 7

Office of Family Life, Archdiocese of Newark, "A Day of Comfort and Hope," one-day retreat for bereaved parents, at Notre Dame Parish, North Caldwell, includes specially-designed activities, discussion,

fellowship, meditation and Mass, pre-register by May 25, call (973) 497-4327 or e-mail mccormja@rcan.org.

June 13

National Blue Army Shrine, Washington, celebration of Our Lady's apparition at Fatima in 1917, confessions start 10:30 a.m., Rosary procession at noon, guest speaker Father Matthew Mauriello at 12:30 p.m., Mass at 1 p.m. celebrated by Father James P. Miara, call (908) 689-1700 or visit www.wafusa.org.

June 16

LIFENET, "True Love Waits" program for high school students, five sessions through Friday June 20 from 4-6 p.m., at Immaculate Conception Parish, Montclair, cost: \$50 per child, call (973) 497-4500 or e-mail lifenetcf@verizon.net.

June 23

St. Mary the Assumption High School, Elizabeth, 9th annual golf tournament, at Glenwood Country Club, Old Bridge, shotgun start at noon, registration at 10 a.m., cost: \$150 per person (includes lunch, golf with cart, dinner



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The seven-member forensics team from Saint Dominic Academy's 7th grade won a third-place team trophy at the Forensics Tournament held at Hudson Catholic Regional High School, Jersey City, April 12. Forensics Team members include, left to right, Courtney Malden, Cassidy LoCascio, Caitlin Aristizabal, Yahyness Berry, Skye Archibald, Kayla Baquiran and Parskevi Iordamlis.

and prizes), call Joanne Shigo at (908) 352-4350.

June 26

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, summer directed retreat by the ocean, at the Upper Room Spiritual Center, Neptune, June 26-June 29 or July 3-July 6, cost: \$250 (includes meals, private rooms and private daily meetings with a spiritual director), call Anna at (973) 338-9538.

June 27

Shrine of St. Joseph, Stirling, "Listen to Your Heart" guided weekend retreat, begins Friday at 5:30 p.m. through Sunday June 29 at noon, facilitators include Father Peter Krebs, S.T., Ph.D., Sister Anita Constance, S.C., and Kathleen Detlet, D. Min., cost: \$225 (\$100 deposit due May 31), call (908) 647-0208 or e-mail peterkrebs@stshrine.org.



Nuclear disarmament

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town), Scott Sagan and Sidney Drell (Stanford), and Stephen Colecchi (USCCB).

The colloquium was the kick-off of a larger project intended to empower a new generation of Catholic bishops, scholars, professionals and students to address the ethical and policy challenges of reducing and eliminating nuclear weapons. It will convene symposia for ethicists and policy experts, publish articles in scholarly and popular journals and reach out to students and young professionals through a social media site that

emphasizes the religious and ethical dimensions of nuclear disarmament.

The Hoover Institution and the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University hosted the colloquium. The project is sponsored by the University of Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies in collaboration with the USCCB's Office of International Justice and Peace; Georgetown University's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs; and Boston College. The project is made possible with the support of the Nuclear Threat Initiative.

Cardinals gather

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More than 90 percent of our undergraduates are Catholic. Sixty five percent of students who have attended Catholic high school attend weekly Mass. The university has recently been keeping track of students who go on to explore vocations. We average 10 men and women per year who are interested in religious life after graduation."

Each year a different diocese or archdiocese hosts the black-tie event; this is the third time the dinner has been held in New York City (the second dinner in 1991 and the 12th dinner in 2001). In recent years the dinner has been held in Phoenix, Atlanta, Houston, Boston, Las Vegas, Miami, Minneapolis-Saint Paul, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., and Chicago. Next year's fund-raiser will be held in Saint Louis.

Obituaries

Sister Lucy Teti, M.P.F.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 21 at Saint Lucy Chapel, Villa Walsh, Morristown for Sister Lucy Teti, M.P.F., 82, who died April 14.

Born in Union City, Sr. Lucy entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1949. She received her habit in 1950 and made her final religious profession in 1953. She was awarded her bachelor's degree in elementary education and her master's degree in administration and supervision from Seton Hall University, South Orange.

She began her teaching career in the primary grades and then graduated to the intermediate and junior high levels. Sr. Lucy taught at Saint Joseph School, Lodi; Our Lady Queen of Peace School, Maywood; Saint Francis Xavier School, Newark; Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Orange; Saint Rocco School, Newark; Holy Family School, Nutley; Our Lady of the Assumption School, Bayonne; and Our Lady of Libera School, West New York.

Sr. Lucy was principal at Holy Family School, Nutley, from 1966-1972. Her last years in ministry (1992-2013) were spent in Dunmore, PA, where she assisted in multiple areas. After retiring in 2006, she helped wherever she was able. She also served as superior for 18 years in various convents.



Sister Virginia McGlynn, S.S.N.D.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held April 23 in the chapel at Villa Notre Dame in Wilton, CT, for Sister Virginia McGlynn, S.S.N.D., 90, who died April 16.

A native of Rochester, NY, Sr. Virginia was a Catholic school educator for 46 years and had been a professed member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame for 68 years. She was introduced to the order when she entered first grade at Saint Boniface School, and years later she recounted that she became certain she was drawn to a religious life as a fifth-grader there.

She entered the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 1942. As a novice she was given the religious name Mary Alvera and professed her first vows in 1945. She professed her final vows in 1951.

Sr. Virginia is a 1959 graduate of Seton Hall University, South Orange, where she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She earned a master's degree in elementary education at Fordham University, NY, in 1969.

Sr. Virginia's first ministry was at Saint John the Evangelist School in Leonia, where she taught for 14 years (1945-1959). In 1959, she returned to Rochester and remained in ministry there for the next 42 years.





Advocate photos- Al Frank

About 500 guests packed the main ballroom of the Fiesta in East Rutherford for the 9th annual Knights of Columbus Pride in Our Priests banquet on May 8. About 150 active and retired priests of the archdiocese were feted. "We have nothing but admiration and support for our priests," said dinner chair Don Ulisse of Our Lady of Victories in Harrington Park. "For them it's like home coming. Some see old friends they haven't seen since seminary." In the above photo, Archbishop John J. Myers chats with Herbert Meyer, past deputy of the New Jersey State Council Knights of Columbus. Father Joseph Scarangella, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Montclair, bottom left, entertains students, Johan Betancourt and Dhanush Canisius, from Saint Andrew's Hall, the College Seminary at Seton Hall University.

Children's literature author to receive honorary degree from Caldwell College

CALDWELL—Caldwell College will celebrate its 72nd annual commencement Sunday, May 18 at 11:30 a.m. in the George R. Newman Center on campus. A graduation Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. in the Newman Center.

Walter Dean Myers, a critically acclaimed author of literature for young people, will receive an honorary degree.

Myers is the New York Times best-selling author of "Monster," the winner of the first Michael L. Printz Award, the 2012-13 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature, and the in-

augural New York City Literary Honoree. He has more than 110 books to his credit, has received almost every major award in the field of children's literature and is considered one of the preeminent writers for young people.

Steven Gallagher, of Fairfield, will represent graduate students while delivering one of the commencement speeches. David Reeth, from Highland Lakes, will provide the undergraduate commencement remarks.

Gallagher, who was a police officer in North Caldwell for over 26 years, is now a social studies teacher in Cedar Grove

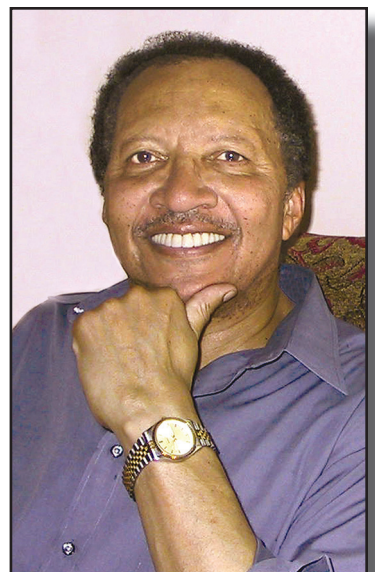
and will receive his master's degree in education administration. Reeth will receive his bachelor's degree in business administration. He has been president of Caldwell's Student Government Association for the past two years and has received a number of honors including the 2014 Caldwell Trustee Recognition Award from the Caldwell College Board of Trustees and the 2012 New Jersey Collegiate Entrepreneur of the Year award.

Caldwell College will award undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees. President Nancy H. Blattner, Ph.D. will pres-

ent doctoral students with their Ph.D.s, graduate students with their Master of Arts or Master of Business Administration degrees, and undergraduates with their Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, or Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees.

Caldwell College was granted university status by the Office of Higher Education in New Jersey in December 2013. The college will officially operate as Caldwell University beginning July 1.

The ceremony can be viewed live online via a link that will be



Walter Dean Myers

found on the college Web site (www.caldwell.edu) at 11:30 a.m. on May 18.

Diverse graduates awarded degrees at Assumption College for Sisters

MENDHAM—On Saturday, May 10, Assumption College for Sisters held commencement exercises at the Chapel of Mary Immaculate. Father Joel Macul, O.S.B., delivered the invocation and celebrated Benediction at the ceremony's close.

Sister Francis Raftery, S.C., delivered the commencement address. Sr. Francis holds a doctorate in education from New York University, a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Catholic University of America and a bachelor's degree from New Jersey City University.

In her career as educator, she has taught at both elementary and secondary levels before assuming the presidency at the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, where she served for 16 years. The College honored her with the Seton Award in 1991 and she was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Seton Hall University in 2004.

In 2011, the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education honored Sr. Francis with the Sister Rose Thering Award, given for her support of educa-



Certificates were awarded to, left to right, Amanda Bathalon, S.C.C.; Sister Brigitte Hanley, F.M.A.; Sister Lindsay Durham, F.M.A.; Ana Simon, S.C.C.; Sister Mary Amata Reifsnnyder, S.C.C.; and Sister Theresa Khong, FMA

tional and community programs and activities that combat bias, bigotry and intolerance.

Sister Francis has actively served on many boards in the fields of education and health care. She currently serves as coordinator of patient relations at Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Paterson.

Five graduates, all of whom are from developing nations, received Associates in Arts degrees. Graduates include: Sister Mary James Thuy Dinh,

F.M.S.R.; Sister M. Rustica Kayombo, O.S.B.; Sister M. Antonia Mtega, O.S.B.; Sister Lucia Thiep Ngo, F.M.V.; and Ana Simon, S.C.C. The international students have received scholarships to continue their studies for bachelor's degrees at colleges in New York, New Jersey, Ohio and Minnesota.

In addition, six students were awarded certificates in theological studies. Certificates were received by: Amanda Bathalon, S.C.C.; Sister Lindsay Durham,



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Assumption graduates include (first row) Ana Simon, S.C.C.; (second row) Sister Lucia Thiep Ngo, F.M.V.; Sister M. Antonia Mtega, O.S.B.; Sister Mary James Thuy Dinh, F.M.S.R.; and (third row) Sister M. Rustica Kayombo, O.S.B.

F.M.A.; Sister Brigitte Hanley, F.M.A.; Sister Theresa Khong, F.M.A.; Sister Mary Amata Reifsnnyder, S.C.C.; and Ana Simon, S.C.C.

Sister Elizabeth Caello, M.P.F., Class of 1974, was recognized as Assumption's Alumna of the Year. Sr. Elizabeth's ministry in Catholic school education spans several dioceses and archdioceses including Philadelphia, Newark, Trenton, Camden, Cleveland and Albany.

Sr. Elizabeth is principal of Saint Bartholomew Academy,

Scotch Plains. She was elected this year by the Religious Teachers Filippini as provincial councilor and serves as director of ministries.

Assumption College for Sisters is a two-year liberal arts college for religious women, founded in 1953 by the Sisters of Christian Charity. Each year, the college offers 20-25 scholarships to Sisters from developing nations. Sister Joseph Spring, S.C.C., is president of the college. For more information, visit www.acs350.org.

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Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

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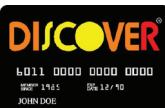
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am pleased to share with you the highlights of the financial performance of the Archdiocese for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2013 and June 30, 2012.

As you can see, despite strains that we continue to experience in the national and regional economy, I am happy to report that you, the people of this local Church of Newark, are most generous to your local parish and the wider Church.

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

During this most recent fiscal year, although the total amount of income from our traditional sources to fund programs and support the work of the Church—Assessments, Annual Appeal, Investment Income and Interest and Endowment Revenue—rose slightly, the Operating Expenses—the actual money needed to operate parishes and schools, to support social service programs, and to train and form seminarians for the priesthood—exceeded Revenue by some \$7 million. We are thankful that during this period we were able to meet these needs through a judicious reduction of some unrestricted assets.

As always, the single largest area of expense continues to be support for the pastoral work of the Archdiocese in parishes and other ministries and outreach, followed by education and healthcare and social services. As you can see in the Program Services Detail of this Highlights report, we have sought to maintain roughly the same degree of



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His Holiness, Pope Francis, and Archbishop John Myers enjoyed some very friendly conversation during an audience at the Vatican on May 2 for The Papal Foundation. The Archbishop has served as a Trustee of the Foundation, a national organization that raises funds to support charities close to the heart of the Holy Father, since 2002, and has chaired its Investment Committee since 2010. This audience capped more than a week of meetings and celebration in Rome, including the canonizations of Ss. John Paul II and John XXIII and the annual Rector's Dinner for the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

support in each area from last year. Although the cost of maintaining parishes and schools continues to rise, these core program areas have undergone significant change and challenge in recent years. They remain the principal avenues through which we, this local Church of Newark, bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ directly to the Catholic community.

Through the New Energies Parish Initiative, we have been successful over the past ten years in reaffirming our commitment to parish life and Evangelization. With the implementation of the Lighting the Way initiative in 2014, we reaffirm both my personal commitment and that of the Archdiocese to Catholic elementary schools and the children and parents whom we serve in these schools. It is my prayer that this new start for Catholic elementary education will lead to a stronger and—ultimately—larger system of Catholic schools as

we work to make them more affordable and accessible.

I am blessed to serve as the shepherd of this local Church of Newark, and I thank you for all of the support—both financial and spiritual—that you are always ready to give to me in my ministry. I know full well the depth of the faith and the love that you express for this local Church. I also know that your generosity always will be there, thus enabling us to continue to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ both in Word and in deed in the year ahead.

With kindest personal regards,
I remain,

Sincerely in the Lord,

✠Most Reverend John J. Myers
Archbishop of Newark



ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK CHANCERY OFFICE
CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION
Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2013 and 2012.



Assets

	2013	2012
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 20,176,522	\$ 14,050,654
Accounts and loans receivable, net (Notes 3 and 8)	11,199,809	16,920,004
Contributions receivable, net	226,345	962,857
Prepaid expenses and other assets	2,006,644	1,728,526
Investments:	378,556,138	353,724,405
Property held for sale	8,795,637	
Property and equipment, net	30,558,616	30,800,768
Total assets	\$ 451,519,711	\$ 418,187,214



Statement of Activity and
Changes in Net Assets

	2013	2012
Change in unrestricted net assets:		
Operating support and revenue	\$ 37,488,391	\$ 36,901,757
Operating expenses	42,732,456	35,727,361
Increase (Decrease) in unrestricted net assets from operation	(5,244,065)	1,174,396
Non operating revenue	16,689,372	(3,467,848)
Increase (Decrease) unrestricted net assets	11,445,307	(2,293,452)
Increase (Decrease) in temporary restricted net assets	6,759,317	(1,289,389)
Increase (Decrease) in permanently restricted net assets	174,337	167,725
Increase (Decrease) in net assets	18,378,961	(3,415,116)
Net assets, beginnng of the year	170,423,485	173,838,601
Net assets, end of the year	\$ 188,802,446	\$ 170,423,485

Liabilities and Net Assets

	2013	2012
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 8,268,172	\$ 6,376,921
Accrued subsidies to affiliates and other obligations	7,858,967	8,013,927
Conditional asset retirement obligations	1,080,350	1,143,986
Custodial funds	243,743,835	224,018,369
Obligation due under split-interest agreements	1,765,941	1,683,526
Liability for post retirement benefits		6,527,000
Total liabilities	262,717,265	247,763,729
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted net assets	51,966,475	40,521,168
Temporarily restricted net assets	41,533,206	34,773,889
Permanently restricted net assets	95,302,765	95,128,428
Total net assets	188,802,446	170,423,485
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 451,519,711	\$ 418,187,214

Statement of
Cash Flows

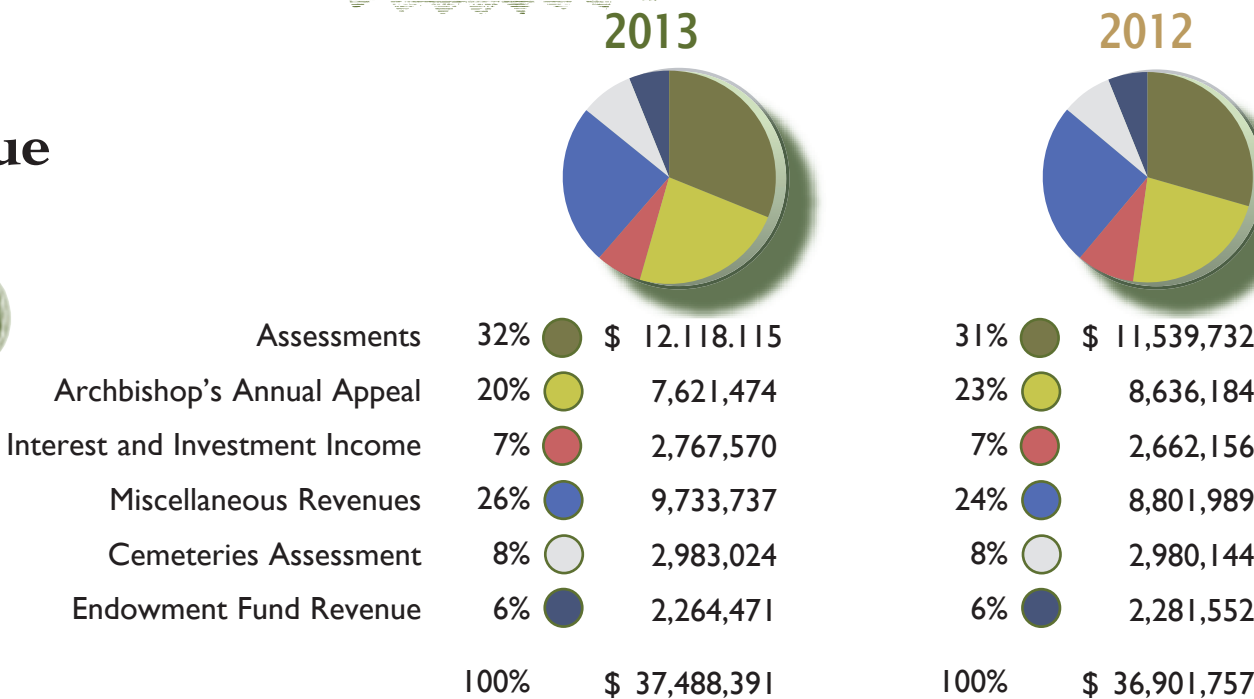
	2013	2012
Net cash provided (used) in operating activities	\$ (2,739,409)	\$ 513,417
Net cash provided (used) in investing activities	8,665,199	7,701,270
Cash flow provided by financing activities	200,078	166,267
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	6,125,868	8,380,954
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year	14,050,654	5,669,700
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year	\$ 20,176,522	\$ 14,050,654

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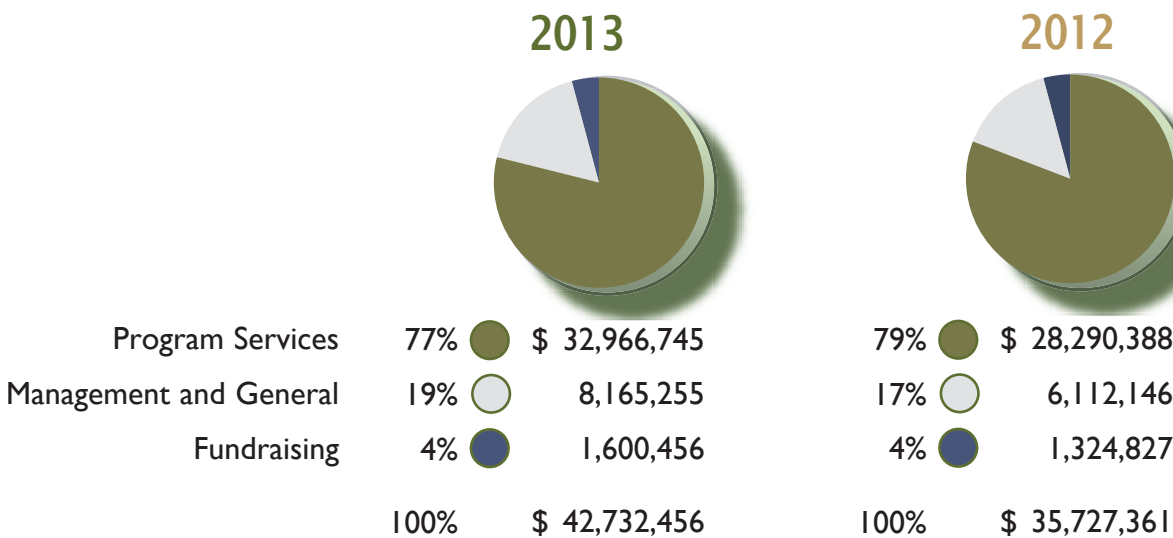
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Support and Revenue



Operating Expenses



Program Services Detail

