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Bishop da Cunha appointed eighth bishop of Fall River, MA

Pope Francis has appointed the Most Reverend Edgar Moreira da Cunha, S.D.V., Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark for the last 11 years, as the eighth bishop of the Diocese of Fall River, MA. He succeeds the Most Reverend George W. Coleman who, according to Church law, submitted his letter of resignation when he turned 75 on Feb. 1.

The acceptance of his resignation and Bishop da Cunha's appointment were announced July 3 in Washington, D. C. by the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, Archbishop Carlo M. Viganò.

At a press conference in Fall River following the announcement, Bishop da Cunha referred to his new mission as "a gift from the Lord" and a new way to exercise his ministry.

"I wish to let all the people of this diocese know that I come among them as a brother among brothers and sisters, with my sincere commitment to give my very

best to build up the Church, to live and practice our faith together," he said. "I hope you know that you can count on me, and I am counting on your prayers, your faith, your support, gifts, talents and generosity."

Bishop da Cunha, a native of Brazil who served in the Archdiocese of Newark since his ordination to the priesthood in 1982, acknowl-

Bishop da Cunha, 60, will be installed as Bishop of Fall River during a Mass on Sept. 24, at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption in Fall River. Details will be announced in coming weeks.

Bishop da Cunha will shepherd a diocese of approximately 302,484 Catholics who worship in 84 parishes and 11 mission churches.

A farewell Mass for Bishop da Cunha will be held Sept. 7 at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

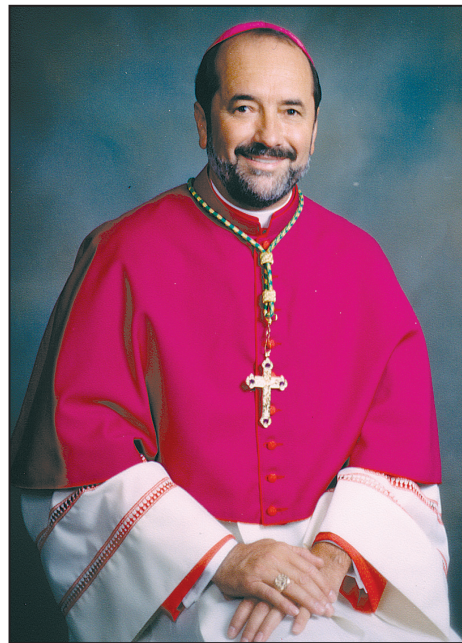
edged he had a lot to learn about his new diocese, and is counting on the local faithful for their support and guidance.

"I could never, in my wildest dream, imagine myself standing here as the future bishop of this diocese," Bishop da Cunha said. "Only God's plan, and God's will, could make it possible. And so, I am convinced that this is all God's plan and God's doing. All the more reason to be glad and rejoice, to celebrate and give thanks to God for his care and fidelity to all of us."

The Diocese of Fall River was established in 1904 and covers 1,194 square miles, encompassing all of Bristol County, Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket and the towns of Mattapoisett, Marion and Wareham in Plymouth County. Bishop Coleman has led the diocese since July 22, 2003.

Born in in Nova Fatima, Bahia, Brazil, on Aug. 21, 1953, Bishop da Cunha is the son of Manoel and Josefa Moreira. He attended local schools in Nova Fatima, including

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Most Reverend Edgar Moreira da Cunha, S.D.V.

Local laity deepens faith through 'Foundations' program

By Al Frank
Associate Publisher

Driven by a yearning to deepen their faith and to better serve their brothers and sisters in the Lord, 47 archdiocesan laity became the latest graduates of the Christian Foundations for Ministry program at ceremonies on June 22 at Holy Cross Parish, Harrison.

Certificates of Completion were conferred by Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda, during a celebration of Evening Prayer at Holy Cross Church in Harrison on the So-

lemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ.

It takes three years to complete an archdiocesan curriculum of three, eight-week courses in topics that include evangelization, Church history, scripture and the Sacraments.

"It's not just 'one little course' and it's very impressive that people are willing to make a major commitment," said Ron Pihokker, director of the archdiocesan Catechetical Office, which sponsors Christian Foundations.

Parishioners who want to become involved in ministry are the primary tar-

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Ron Pihokker, director of the archdiocesan Catechetical Office, and Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda awarded Certificates of Completion to graduates of the Christian Foundations for Ministry program.

Bishop da Cunha

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the minor seminary of the Vocationist Fathers in Riachão do Jacuipé. There he joined the Vocationist Fathers, also known as the Society of Divine Vocations. He studied philosophy at Universidade Católica do Salvador, Bahia, and theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Dartington, graduating with a Master of Divinity degree.

He was ordained to the priesthood for the Society of Divine Vocations, at Saint Michael Parish, Newark, by Bishop Joseph A. Francis, S.V.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, on March 27, 1982. Following his ordination he served as a parochial vicar of Saint Michael and as director of vocations for his congregation.

In 1983, when the archdiocese entrusted Saint Nicholas Parish, Palisades Park, to the Vocationist Fathers, Bishop da Cunha was transferred to serve

as parochial vicar and vice superior of the community while continuing his ministry of promoting vocations. During his time as vocation director, he served on the board of the Eastern Religious Vocations Directors Association. In 1987, he was appointed pastor of Saint Nicholas Parish. In 1992, he was elected secretary of the Council of the Vocationist Delegation in the United States.

From 1994 until 2000, Bishop da Cunha served as novice master and director of the Vocationary, the house of formation that the congregation maintains in Florham Park.

His appointment as Auxiliary Bishop of Newark and Titular Bishop of Ugres was announced by the Holy See on June 27, 2003, the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. He was ordained a bishop on Sept. 3, 2003, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart and was appointed Regional Bishop for

Essex County Oct. 15, 2003 and Vicar for Evangelization on May 4, 2005.

He was named Vicar General for the Archdiocese of Newark on June 6, 2013 and has since served as the principal deputy of the archbishop in the administration of the archdiocese. Bishop da Cunha was also a member of the Newark Archdiocesan Board of Consultors, Presbyteral Council, the Clergy Personnel Board; the New Jersey Catholic Conference Board of Bishops and chairman of the conference's Public Policy Committee.

Bishop da Cunha has served on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church and the Committee on Migration. He is currently a member of the Sub-Committee on the Church in Latin America, the Sub-Committee on Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugee and Travelers, and is a Consultant to the Sub-Committee on Hispanic Affairs.



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Edgar Moreira da Cunha, S.D.V., right, is pictured during an audience with Pope Benedict XVI on May 11, 2011. Bishop da Cunha traveled to Italy to attend the beatification celebration of Father Justin Russolillo.

Bishop da Cunha also serves as Episcopal Liaison to the Brazilian Apostolate in the United States. He is Chairman of the Archdiocesan Implementation Team for the New Energies Parish Transition Project in the Archdiocese of Newark.

Statement by Archbishop John J. Myers

Today, with a mixture of great joy and true sadness, I congratulate Bishop Edgar da Cunha on his appointment as Bishop of Fall River.

For some 36 years, Bishop da Cunha has been an integral part of the life of the local Church of Newark—first as a seminarian of the Vocationist Community studying for priesthood at Immaculate Conception Seminary, then as a Vocationist priest and pastor ministering in several Newark parishes, and ultimately, as a brother Bishop assisting me in ministering to all of the people of the Newark Archdiocese.

From my first meeting with him in 2001 shortly after I arrived in Newark as Archbishop, when he was pastor of St. Michael's, just east of the Cathedral Basilica, I saw the heart of a pastor. That quality led me to ask then Pope, now Saint, John Paul II to appoint him as auxiliary bishop in 2003. Bishop da Cunha has continued to share that heart with the people of the Archdiocese of Newark throughout his episcopal ministry and leadership of our Evangelization and New Energies initiatives, and most recently as Vicar General. He knows the people of God, knows the depth of their faith, and he knows the challenges of serving and leading in a Church with many cultural and ethnic traditions.

I am confident that the priests, religious and laity of the Diocese of Fall River will quickly come to appreciate his many gifts as he undertakes his pastoral office among them.

But for those of you who play 'football' (soccer), I must give you fair warning: He may not be Neymar, but watch out for his elbows!

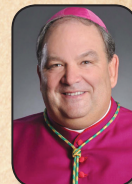
I also want to join all in the Diocese of Fall River in thanking Bishop George Coleman, whom I've known since our time together at the North American College, for his 50 years of priestly service and pastoral leadership in the diocese. May the Lord grant him continued good health and length of days as he enters this new phase of his episcopal ministry.

**Statement by Coadjutor Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda**

With the appointment of Bishop Edgar da Cunha as the eighth Bishop of Fall River, I hasten to congratulate him, rejoicing that Pope Francis has truly provided the Church of Fall River with a shepherd after the Heart of Christ. Having worked closely with Bishop da Cunha these past eight months, I can personally attest to his pastoral zeal and to the palpable love for Christ and His Church that has consistently motivated his service in the Archdiocese of Newark.

I have come to know him as an extremely capable leader who never fails to put the needs of others before his own, and I have quickly grown to admire him for his ability to bring the joy of the Gospel into even the most challenging of circumstances. His life gives daily witness to a real solidarity with the poor and a deep empathy for those who for various reasons find themselves living in a culture that is not their own. If Pope Francis were ever to abandon the tango of his native Argentina for a Brazilian samba, I have no doubt that he would look and sound a great deal like Bishop da Cunha.

The Church of Fall River is getting a shepherd with a proven track record of effective leadership in the areas of parish revitalization, the New Evangelization and multi-culturalism. True to his roots as a Vocationist, he has collaborated well with clergy, religious and laity alike, demonstrating great skill in calling forth and respecting the gifts of others. He will be missed in the archdiocese for his keen pastoral insights, his engaging homilies (in a whole host of languages) and for his unflinching fraternal support of his brother priests, I am grateful that I had the opportunity to learn from Bishop da Cunha these past eight months and I hope that the Church of Fall River will embrace him with the same warm welcome that he so graciously offered to me when I arrived in Newark.



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A Mass of Thanksgiving was held June 29 at Saint Joseph's Home for the Elderly in Totowa for Archbishop Peter Leo Gerety, Archbishop Emeritus of Newark (seated) who celebrated 75 years of priesthood. Archbishop John J. Myers was the main celebrant for the Mass. Archbishop Gerety is seated next to Bishop Emeritus of Paterson Frank J. Rodimer. Other celebrating bishops included, left to right, Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.; Bishop Dominic A. Marconi; Bishop Robert P. Deeley of the Diocese of Portland, ME; Archbishop John J. Myers; Bishop Charles J. McDonnell and Bishop Manuel A. Cruz. Archbishop Gerety will celebrate his 102nd birthday on July 19. See page 7 for more photos.

Laity deepens faith

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get for the course but many are already serving as religious education instructors, Communion ministers or lectors. Those who participate want to deepen their understanding of the Church, Pihokker said.

"They are very committed in their desire to serve the Church in so many capacities," said Sister Rita Fritzen O.S.F., associate director. "Some are already serving and told me this just made their ministry more meaningful."

Among the latter was Dena Sedlak of the Ascension Parish in New Milford.

Sedlak had not taken a religion course since her confirmation and, while drawn to the opportunity to learn more about her faith, she was worried she could not take on more responsibilities. She changed her mind after husband Ronald, and daughter Heather got their certificates.

"When he started I felt I couldn't give three years of my time," Sedlak said, noting her

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Fr. Milliken

full-time job as an import manager, running a household and teaching religious education at Ascension.

"But at this point in my life, I just wanted to add another layer to my faith and it was well worth it," she said, adding that she most appreciated gaining greater insights into scripture and the sacraments.

"It just went so fast," Sedlak said last week.

"I had 12 years of Catholic education but, coming as an adult, I came to understand and appreciate the traditions I knew

and loved much more," said Jody Guariglia of Saint Catharine in Glen Rock.

There, the course was taught by Aileen Giannelli, a retired Catholic school teacher and principal who holds a doctorate in church leadership from Fordham University.

"I think three years would have been daunting but our instructor was just a delight," said Guariglia, who is involved in a number of parish ministries. "She was so knowledgeable and was happy to share that knowledge, so the weeks just really flew by."

The latest graduates came from seven archdiocesan parishes in Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union counties. Including the nine to graduate this fall, nearly 1,800 parishioners have completed Christian Foundations since its inception.

Founded by then associate director Brother Miguel Campos, F.S.C., the original intent was to prepare ministers for the burgeoning number of Hispanic parishioners, who now comprise 59 percent of the archdiocese of 1.2 million Catholics.



Submitted photos

Dr. Jose Planas, associate director of Catechesis with Hispanics.

In keeping with that tradition, Dr. Jose Planas, associate director of Catechesis, said Hispanic parishioners comprise the majority of the classes, a fact that Archbishop Hebda said he found very impressive.

Father David Milliken, Ascension's pastor, who has taught in the program for 22 years, said it makes a difference in the faith lives of those who participate.

"I think people are eager to learn more about their faith and

the church they belong to," Fr. Milliken said. "They also like the community spirit. We pray together and have class. One student brings refreshments for the group so a lot of sharing goes on and it's really built on good topics."

The program costs \$50 per course. Inquiries from individuals wishing to participate—or pastors wishing to start a program in their parish—may call Sr. Rita at (973) 492-4295.

Archbishop Myers applauds Hobby Lobby ruling

WASHINGTON—On June 30, the Supreme Court ruled that the federal government cannot force owners of closely held for-profit companies to provide birth control coverage to female employees if the owners object to the administration's requirement on religious grounds.

Archbishop John J. Myers applauded the court's decision. "(The ruling) reaffirms that government cannot require individuals—even those who own companies—to check their moral and religious convictions and beliefs at the door when they enter the marketplace. People, even religious people, have the right to operate their companies according to what they believe. As Pope Francis said in his Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 'Business is a vocation, and a noble vocation, provided that those engaged in it see themselves challenged by a greater meaning in life.'"

The 5-4 ruling of *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby*, one of the most divisive cases of the year, recognizes for the first time the religious rights of corporations.

The Green family began what became Hobby Lobby Stores, a retail chain of arts and crafts stores, out of a garage in the family's home in Oklahoma. Another case was brought by the Hahn family, which began Conestoga Wood Specialties, a cabinet-making business, out of a garage in the family's home in Pennsylvania.

The Greens are evangelical Christians who say they strive to operate Hobby Lobby in a manner consistent with biblical principles. Hobby Lobby pays full-time employees at almost double the minimum wage, offers gen-



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erous health benefits, and allows employees time off from work. The Hahns, who are Mennonite, similarly operate Conestoga Wood in a way that honors their faith.

Both the Greens and the Hahns believe life begins at conception, and their religious beliefs prohibit them from facilitating abortion. A mandate from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) would force the Greens and the Hahns to cover certain drugs and devices that the plaintiffs claimed can end life after conception. They were threatened with huge fines if these drugs and devices were not covered by the companies, as required by the federal health care law.

The Greens and the Hahns sued because they contended their rights to free exercise of

religion under the U.S. Constitution and federal law were being violated. They argued that Americans do not give up their freedom when they open family businesses. The Supreme Court heard oral arguments in both cases in March.

After its deliberation, the court held the HHS mandate imposing the coverage of FDA-approved contraceptive drugs and devices violates the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 as it applies to closely held corporations like Hobby Lobby and Conestoga Wood. In doing so, the court recognized that Restoration Act applies to such for-profit corporations, which are capable of exercising religion. Having established this fact, the court then decided the HHS mandate both substantially burdens the exercise of religion

in this case and that the government had failed to satisfy the Restoration Act's least-restrictive-means standard in terms of the exercise of religion. The court suggested "accommodation" for religious non-profit organization as an example of how there are less restrictive means available.

The U.S. bishops have voiced their strong support for families like the Greens and the Hahns. The bishops filed a friend-of-the-court brief with the Supreme Court supporting Hobby Lobby and Conestoga in their challenge to the HHS mandate. The bishops explained that they oppose "any rule that would require faithful Catholics and other religiously motivated business owners to choose between providing coverage for products and speech that violate their reli-

"Reason recognizes that religious freedom is a fundamental right of man, reflecting his highest dignity, that of seeking the truth and adhering to it, and recognizing it as an indispensable condition for realizing all his potential. Religious freedom is not simply freedom of thought or private worship. It is the freedom to live according to ethical principles, both privately and publicly, consequent to the truth one has found."

—Pope Francis (June 20, 2014)

gious beliefs, and exposing their businesses to devastating penalties."

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops stated that "justice has prevailed" in the Supreme Court's decision. "Now is the time to redouble our efforts to build a culture that fully respects religious freedom."

Nation 'must not turn our back' on unaccompanied children crossing border

WASHINGTON—Bishop Mark J. Seitz of El Paso, TX, stated in testimony before the House Judiciary Committee on June 25, that the rise of the number of children crossing the U.S.-Mexico border represents a "test of our moral character" of the nation. "We must not fail this test," he added. "We must not turn our back on them."

Since October, more than 52,000 unaccompanied children, the large majority from the countries of El Salvador, Honduras, and Guatemala, have

crossed into the United States. Many are fleeing violence from organized criminal networks in their communities.

In his testimony, Bishop Seitz provided several recommendations for the immediate care of the children and long-term solutions to the issue.

"Over the long-term, there must be a concerted effort to address the root causes of this exodus, specifically the rampant violence in the region," Bishop Seitz said. "As part of this effort, humane reintegration prac-

tices and prevention programs investing in youth should complement anti-violence efforts."

Bishop Seitz urged Congress to cooperate on the issue, not to politicize it. "This issue should not be viewed as an occasion for political posturing, but as an opportunity for bipartisan cooperation," he said.

"The Catholic Church is an immigrant church," he added, and more than one-third of Catholics in the United States are of Hispanic origin. "The Catholic Church has a long his-

tory of involvement in child protection and refugee and asylum protection, both in the advocacy arena and in welcoming and assimilating waves of immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers who have helped build our nation. Migration and Refugee Services of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is the largest refugee resettlement agency in the country, resettling one million of the three million refugees who have come to our country since 1975," he stated.

Bishop Seitz suggested that the United States should strengthen protections for children from Central America. Unaccompanied minors who arrive in this country possess legal rights that should be honored. "Often children are scared and are unable to articulate their fears and do not understand what rights they have under U.S. law," he explained. "Moreover, children who come into the care of the U.S. government should be treated humanely and with appropriate child protections."

Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace to 'relinquish' Stella Maris Retreat property

LONG BRANCH — The Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Peace will relinquish the 6.8 acre Stella Maris Retreat Center property on Ocean Avenue in the Elberon section of Long Branch.

Instead of selling it for purposes that may be inconsistent with their philosophy, the Sisters are "investigating how this parcel of land could be held for conservation purposes in line with our concerns and hopes," said Sister Margaret Byrne, C.S.J.P., congregation leader.

"We are deeply concerned for

the fragility of the coastline and have seen the destructive consequences of overbuilding along the oceanfront," Sr. Margaret explained. "There is evidence of climate change with rising sea levels and environmental degradation, and we do not wish to contribute to it. It is our hope that the property will continue to be a place of nurture and harmony."

A firm timetable has yet to be established but the retreat ministry and other programs will continue through Dec. 31, 2015.

Sr. Margaret and Tom Schember, chairman of the board of

trustees for Stella Maris, said the decision stemmed from damage inflicted by Superstorm Sandy, the financial challenges of maintaining and restoring the property and the increasing age

of the sisters.

"For 80 years, the sisters have given the gift of Stella Maris to the Long Branch community," Schember said. "Through their conscientious stewardship, they have cultivated an oasis of peace and prayer for so many. Our hope is to perpetuate this healing ministry through an evolution that will honor the sisters' mission and charisma."

The Sisters of Saint Joseph of Peace, based in Englewood Cliffs, operate education, health care, social justice and humanitarian missions. They are the founding sponsors of Holy Name Medical Center and Holy Name Medical Center School of Nursing, both in Teaneck.

Several of their ministries are located in Jersey City, including the York Street Project, an educational program for women and children; Saint Ann's Home for the Aged; Cusack Care at Saint Joseph's Home for the Blind; and Concordia Learning Center for students with visual impairments or multiple disabili-

ties. The congregation also has a presence on the West Coast, in the U.K. and in Haiti and El Salvador.

Stella Maris was the site of President Ulysses S. Grant's summer residence until 1884 but the mansion was long gone when the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Peace purchased the property in the early 1940s.

The sisters made significant additions to the existing building, including a conference space and chapel in the 1990s. In keeping with another of their congregation's tradition, the sisters and their supporters planted organic gardens and a habitat for birds, butterflies and small animals in 2000.

The garden and outdoor pavilion were devastated by Sandy, along with dunes and nearly 18 feet of shoreline. To slow erosion, a retaining wall will be built in the area where the land now drops approximately 20 feet and prohibits beach access. The building's interior is also in need of major repairs.



Breast cancer survivor gives gifts to patients

NEWARK—Newark resident Elsie Best celebrated five years cancer-free this June. Instead of accepting gifts to celebrate the milestone, she decided to give back. Best and her church group, the Missionary Society at Philemon Missionary Baptist Church in Newark, brought gifts for chemotherapy patients undergoing cancer treatments at Saint Michael's Medical Center.

Patients received gift bags filled with toiletries, warm socks, peppermint candies and bibles. Best also presented the Saint Michael's Medical Center Foundation with a check for \$100 designated for the Cancer Center.

"God kept me here for a reason—to be an advocate for cancer survivorship," Best explained. "I am truly blessed to share this gift and to be able to come back and see all of the wonderful people who cared for me."

Upon her diagnosis, Best sought treatment at the Cancer Center at Saint Michael's and the Connie Dwyer Breast Center. While undergoing treatment, she sat on the Cancer Center's quality improvement subcommittee, representing patients and offering suggestions for improving care. She also attended the breast cancer support group which inspired to her to start her own support group at her church.

"Talking to someone who has been through this before makes it easier to relate," Best said. "We're seeing more and more people find the strength to reach out and be proactive in getting the help they need."



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Elsie Best visits with her former caretakers, left to right, Sallie Jose, RN; Antonia Clemente, RN; Jennifer Sawyer, RN; Geenie Sandhu, RN; and Linda Schneider, RN Manager.

In the future, Best said she plans to continue speaking to those who are undergoing cancer treatment and share her experience, faith and story of survivorship.

To learn more about the Cancer Center at Saint Michael's Medical Center or the Connie Dwyer Breast Center, visit www.smmcnj.org or call (973) 877-5000.



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Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

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Reverend Monsignor Robert E. Harahan, Pastor of Saint Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff, has been appointed Headmaster at Seton Hall Preparatory School, West Orange, and director of the Priest Residence at the school, effective July 1.

Reverend Monsignor Michael E. Kelly, Headmaster at Seton Hall Preparatory School, West Orange has been appointed President of the school, effective July 1.

Reverend David Santos, Parochial Vicar of Saint Bartholomew Parish, Scotch Plains, has also been appointed Associate Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Newark, effective July 1.

PASTOR

Reverend Andres Codoner-Contell, Parochial Vicar of Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, Union City, has been appointed Pastor of Saint Columba Parish, Newark, and Administrator of Saint Augustine Parish, Newark, effective July 1.

Reverend James M. Manos, Pastor of Saint Thomas More Parish, Fairfield, and Dean of Essex West, Deanery 15 has been appointed Pastor of Saint Luke Parish, Ho Ho Kus, effective August 1.

Reverend Manoel Oliveira, Pastor of Saint Benedict Parish, Newark, has been appointed Pastor of Saint Mary Parish, Plainfield, effective July 1.

Reverend Robert A. Pachana, Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Bayonne, has been appointed Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, West Orange, effective August 1.

Reverend James J. Weiner, Pastor of Saint Luke Parish, Ho Ho Kus, has been appointed Pastor of Saint Elizabeth Parish, Wyckoff, effective July 1.

Reverend James P. Whelan, Pastor of Saint Lawrence Parish, Weehawken, has been reappointed to a second six-year term, ending February 1, 2020.

ADMINISTRATOR

Reverend Marc-Arthur Francois, Parochial Vicar of

Saint Patrick & Assumption/All Saints Parish, Jersey City, has been appointed Administrator of the parish, effective July 1.

Reverend Elky Reyes, Parochial Vicar of Saint Aloysius Parish, Newark, has been appointed Administrator of Saint Benedict Parish, Newark, effective July 1.

DEAN

Reverend Philip J. Waters, O.S.B., Pastor of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Newark, has also been appointed Dean of the Essex-Central Newark Deanery, Deanery 20, for a term of five years, effective July 1, 2014 through July 1, 2019.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Reverend Kajetan Klein has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Hedwig Parish, Elizabeth, effective June 24.

Reverend Miroslaw Kusibab, Parochial Vicar of Epiphany Parish, Cliffside Park, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Garfield, effective June 18.

Reverend Jose M. Parcon,

Parochial Vicar of Holy Redeemer Parish, West New York, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint John Parish, Orange, effective June 18.

SUMMER PAROCHIAL VICAR

Reverend Almas Archangelus has been appointed Summer Parochial Vicar of Epiphany Parish, Cliffside Park, effective July 1 through August 31.

Reverend Dedert V. Duarte has been appointed Summer Parochial Vicar of Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, effective May 30 through August 26.

Reverend Anthony Onyekwelu has been appointed Summer Parochial Vicar of Immaculate Conception Parish, Secaucus, effective July 22 through September 6.

Reverend Jose Rivera has been appointed Summer Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Victories Parish, Harrington Park, effective May 31 through September 5.

Reverend Shamus Simon has been appointed Summer Parochial Vicar of Saint Mary Parish, Nutley, effective July 1 through August 31.

CHAPLAIN

Reverend Yuvan A. Alvarez,

Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, North Bergen, has also been appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Fatima Council #15958, North Bergen, effective immediately.

RELEASE

Reverend Luis Orlando Gonzalez, Pastor of Saint Columba Parish, Newark, has been released from ministry in the Archdiocese of Newark to service in the Missio Sui Iuris of the Grand Turks and Caicos Islands for a period of three years. He is also being appointed Chancellor of the Missio Sui Iuris and Pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Divine Providence, Providenciales, effective July 1.

Reverend Luis P. Gonzalez, Pastor of Saint Mary Parish, Plainfield, has been released from ministry in the Archdiocese of Newark to service within the Diocese of Cadiz y Ceuta, Spain, for a period of three years, effective July 1.

RETIREMENT

Reverend Monsignor Donald E. Guenther, Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, West Orange, has been granted retirement, effective August 1.

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Saint Dominic Academy Glee Club heading to Rome

JERSEY CITY—Saint Dominic Academy recently announced that members of the Academy's national award-winning Glee Club will perform at the Vatican during Mass celebrated by Pope Francis on January 1, 2016 for the 40th International Congress of Pueri Cantores. The trip is sponsored by the official tour operator of the American Federation, Classic Performances by Corporate Travel.

Saint Dominic Academy is a member of Pueri Cantores, the official student choral organization of the Catholic Church sanctioned by Saint John Paul II. In an address to Pueri Cantores International, the former Pope said, "Dear 'young singers,' may your singing help you to make your life a song of praise to God....With your voices, your youth, with your lives, you proclaim Jesus, the Saviour....You are the little messengers of beauty. The world needs your singing, for the language of beauty moves hearts and contributes to the encounter with God."

As a member of Pueri Cantores, the Saint Dominic Academy Dominoes (Chamber Choir) participated in the New York Regional National Catholic High School Inaugural Season Choral Festival held, April 5 at Saint Malachy's—The Actor's Chapel located in Times Square, NY. They were one of five Catholic high schools to participate in this event.

Also in April, the Glee Club attended Fiestaval, a national music festival in Myrtle Beach, SC. They were acknowledged by Judge Mike Alverson, formally the director of the United States Naval Academy Band, as "among the most professional high school choirs he had ever heard, comparing favorably with most college women's choirs."



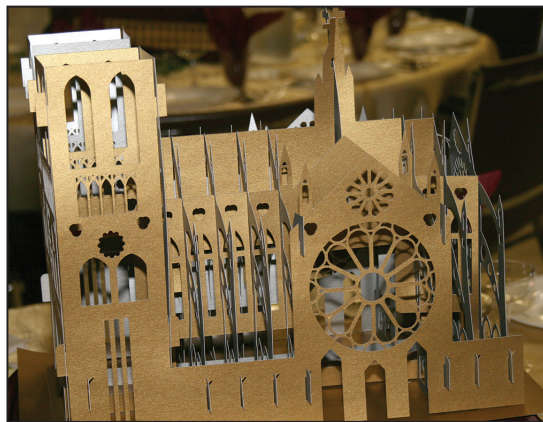
Archbishop Gerety celebrates 75 years of priesthood



Father Stephen F. Concannon of the Diocese of Portland, ME, and former secretary of Archbishop Gerety gave the homily at the celebratory Mass. "Peter Gerety was blessed by God with many gifts. He shared those gifts generously in his service to Jesus Christ and his Church," Concannon said.



Father John D. Dennehy was among several archdiocesan priests who concelebrated.



Little Sisters of the Poor, who operate Saint Joseph's Home for the Elderly, assembled replicas of Notre Dame Cathedral that were placed on dining tables for a reception following Mass. Archbishop Gerety was ordained in Notre Dame, Paris, on June 29, 1939, by Cardinal Jean Verdier.

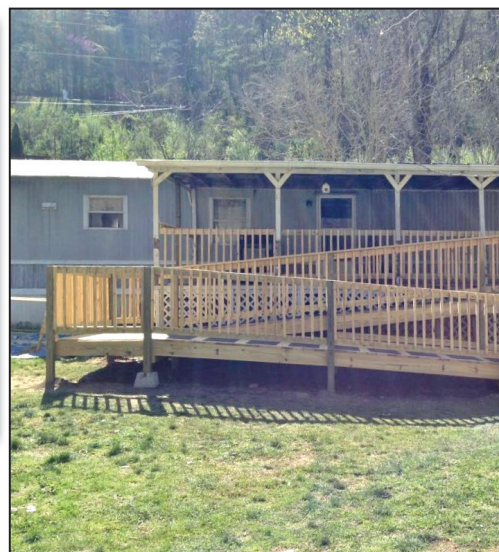


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Bishop Robert P. Deeley, left, of the Diocese of Portland traveled to the Garden State for the Mass. Archbishop Gerety was named the eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Portland Sept. 15, 1969. He served as coadjutor bishop for the diocese from March 1966 to February 1967.



About 30 members of Saint Mary High School, Rutherford, opted for an alternate spring break experience by volunteering their time and talent to the Christian Appalachian Project. The program has an active partnership with the Catholic Volunteer Network, which began in the Archdiocese of Newark in 1963. While in Kentucky, the group built a 60 foot ramp (right) and back deck for a family of nine that lives in a small trailer. During the week-long experience, participants not only worked to help enhance the lives of those less fortunate, they developed a more intimate relationship with Jesus. The students returned with a deeper, richer appreciation of their faith. This effort was led by Kimberly Suchy, a faculty member and department head at Saint Mary High School and was supported by Principal Richard Bayhan.



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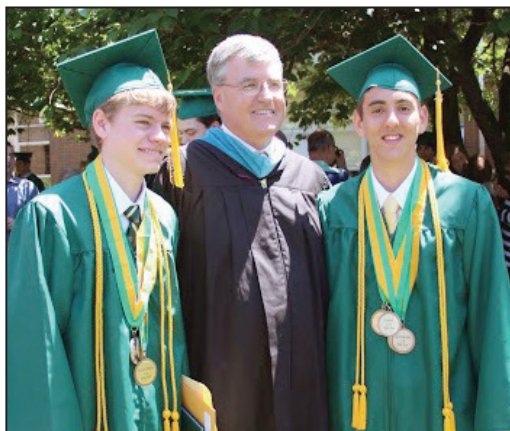
2014 Graduations

Special to *The Catholic Advocate* July 15, 2014



Coadjutor Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda, assisted by Father Sal DiStefano (right), chaplain of Oratory Preparatory School in Summit, celebrated the Baccalaureate Mass May 31 at Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills. Archbishop Hebda delivered the homily at the Mass for the 58 graduates and their parents.

On June 7, 50 students graduated from Academy of Our Lady, Glen Rock, at a ceremony held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Ridgewood. The academy, a Middle States accredited school and National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, offers academic programs for Pre-K (starting at 2 years old) through eighth grade. Almost \$600,000 in scholarships were awarded to graduating students.



On June 1, Saint Joseph Regional High School in Montvale graduated 115 young men at its 49th annual commencement. Graduates earned over \$17 million in scholarship offers. Principal Barry Donnelly, center, is pictured with salutatorian Christopher O'Bryne, left, and valedictorian Christopher Ambrogio, right. The Saint Joseph Medal Winner was Christopher Farrell of Ridgfield Park, and retired Lieutenant General Ralph Jodice (Class of 1973) delivered the commencement address.



The Academy of the Holy Angels conducted its 134th commencement on June 1 at the school's Demarest campus. The academy graduated 143 seniors, all of whom will be attending four-year colleges this fall. Graduating students accumulated over 24,000 hours in community service and were awarded over \$20 million in scholarships and grants. The guest speaker was Regina Gonzales Peron, J.D., Class of 1993. Graduating senior Lydon Kersting, who will be attending Princeton University, delivered the senior commencement speech. Christina Sivulka was chosen by her classmates to deliver the senior response. She will be attending George Washington University in the fall.



Immaculate Heart Academy in Washington Township graduated 201 students at a June 1 commencement on campus. Kaleigh O'Boyle was valedictorian and Danielle Cole was salutatorian. Emmy Award-winner Tracey Wigfield, Class of 2001, was the commencement speaker.

St. Anthony High School elects new leadership

JERSEY CITY—On June 23, the board of trustees of Saint Anthony High School announced that Robert Matthew “Bob” Hurley Sr., a Jersey City native, was named president of the institution. Hurley has mentored and coached students, student athletes, faculty members and staff for 42 years at the urban private school.

As president, Hurley will continue to be involved in designing and implementing a range of fund-raising and development programs to provide enrollment growth and financial stability for the school.

In addition, he will be responsible for approving all personnel matters and provide financial approval authority at Saint Anthony. Former principal Roy Corso retired at the end of the academic year.

“We all know Bob not just as a great coach, but also as someone who deeply loves Saint Antho-

ny High School,” Tony Marano, chairman of the board, said. “We have all benefited from his counsel and knowledge in any number of ways through the years. At this time we needed someone who has a history with the school and an appreciation of its various constituents. We concluded that Bob fit the bill. He plans to focus on maintaining and enhancing the values and reputation of the school.”

“I’m very excited by this new opportunity to help maintain and improve the school where I’ve spent 42 years of my life,” Hurley said. “Since two of my children attended the school, I obviously have very strong feelings about Saint Anthony. I believe we can continue to make improvements that will help bring the school and its students to their full potential.”

On July 1, the board announced the appointment of



Robert Matthew Hurley Sr.



Chad E. Broussard

Chad E. Broussard as Head of School. Broussard will be responsible for directing the academic activities of Saint Anthony High School and will work with Hurley to assume many of the responsibilities for financial and personnel management. He will also serve as a member of the school’s board of trustees.

Broussard has 13 years of

experience as a teacher and administrator in Louisiana, Texas and New Jersey. Most recently, he served as a supervisor in the Plainfield public school system.

A native of Louisiana, he received a bachelor’s degree in mass communications from Xavier University and a master’s degree in education leadership and policy studies from the Uni-

versity of Texas at San Antonio. He also attended the Harvard University Graduate School of Education National Institute for Urban School Leaders.

Hurley is confident the newly-elected Head of School will bring positive changes to his beloved high school. “Chad Broussard is a teacher and leader of great quality and experience who can bring, through his background in education and supervision, a new dimension in educational excellence to the students of Saint Anthony High School as we prepare our young men and women for success in college and life.”

Saint Anthony High School was founded in 1952 as a parish high school. It became a private Catholic high school in 1992 under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Newark. For more information visit www.stanthonyhighschool.org.

Academy of Holy Angels announces new president

DEMAREST—Melinda Hanlon, former principal of Holy Savior Academy in South Plainfield, was recently named president of the Academy of the Holy Angels. She began her career as an educator in the Glen Rock public schools system working as a speech and language pathologist and as a member of the Child Study Team. She has dedicated the past 20 years to Catholic education serving as a teacher, assistant principal and principal in Catholic schools.

Hanlon holds a bachelor’s degree in speech pathology from East Stroudsburg University, PA, and a Masters of Arts in communication sciences and disorders from Montclair State University. She also earned a master’s degree in educational leadership and administration from the Catholic School Leadership Program of Seton Hall University where she is a candidate for a Doctor of Education degree.

“I am so pleased to join the Academy of Holy Angels community where academic excellence is pursued and service to



Melinda Hanlon

others is the very core of our philosophy,” Hanlon said. “I look forward to working with our dedicated and gifted administration, faculty and staff as together we prepare our Angels to be the true leaders for tomorrow’s world.”

The Academy of the Holy Angels, founded in 1879, is a private, Catholic college-preparatory school educating young women in the tradition of the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

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New Jersey’s adoption law has changed with regard to adoptees’ access to full birth record information. In the future, the names of all birth parents who placed a child for adoption in New Jersey will be made available to adoptees upon request unless the birth parents file a form with the State indicating that they do not want contact with the child. Birth parents who were assured anonymity previously are able to request continued privacy but to do so, they must complete and submit a form with the State no later than December 31, 2016.

For adoptions finalized prior to August 1, 2015:

- Adoptees will be able to obtain an original birth certificate without involvement of the courts beginning January 1, 2017.
- Birth parents have until December 31, 2016 to file a request with the State of New Jersey indicating that they want no contact with the child they gave to adoption. If a birth parent files such a request, the State Registrar will redact the birth parent’s name from any documents provided to adoptees. If they fail to file such a form – their identity will be revealed to the adoptee upon request.
- All birth parents who request redaction will be required to update medical history information every 10 years until the birth parent reaches the age of 40 and every five years thereafter.

For adoptions finalized after August 1, 2015:

- Long-form birth certificates will be available to adoptees without redaction of a birth parent’s name.
- Birth parents, who give a child to adoption after August 1, 2015, will be able to file a form with the State indicating that they wish to have no contact with the adopted child or whether they are willing to have direct contact or contact through an intermediary. In all cases, in the future, birth parents will need to file with the State information about their medical history.

Obituaries

Father Lawrence W. Cull

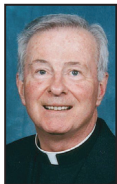
A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 19 at Saint Paul Parish, Ramsey, for Father Lawrence W. Cull, 71, who died June 14.

Following his ordination in 1969, Fr. Cull became parochial vicar at Saint Paul Parish through 1983. He went on sabbatical for a year after this assignment, and was parochial vicar at Ascension Parish in New Milford, from 1984-1985. Fr. Cull became pastor at Holy Rosary Parish, Edgewater, from 1985 to 1989 and was dean of Southeast Bergen (Deanery 6) for three years.

Fr. Cull was assigned as pastor at Saint Michael Parish in Cranford, from 1989 to 2001, and was Episcopal vicar at Union Region Deaneries 22, 23 and 26 for four years. He was named pastor at Saint Paul Parish in 2001 and served there for a decade. While in Ramsey, he served as chaplain for the police department and the Knights of Columbus Rev. Patrick F. Pindar Council No. 3962.

His ministries included marriage tribunal, adult education, retreat and counseling. He also cele-

brated monthly Mass for members of Alcoholics Anonymous. While retired, Fr. Cull celebrated Mass at Saint Mary Parish, Barnegat.



Sister Mary Alicia Mullins, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 19 at Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, for Sister Mary Alicia Mullins, S.C., 87, who died June 15.

A native of Jersey City, Sr. Mary Alicia entered the Sisters of Charity on Oct. 1, 1950 and was a member for 63 years. She graduated from Seton Hall University, South Orange, with a bachelor's degree in nursing, and from the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., with a master's degree in nursing administration.

She was a staff member and assistant administrator of Nursing Service at Saint Joseph Hospital & Medical Center in Paterson, where she ministered for over 20 years. She also served as administrator at Saint Vincent Hospital, Montclair.

Sr. Mary Alicia was a patient representative at Saint Elizabeth Hospital, Elizabeth; evening supervisor at Saint Vincent Nursing Home, Montclair; and staff member at Mother Seton Residence, Montclair. She later volunteered

at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center. She moved to Saint Anne Villa in 2012 where she resided until her death.

Sister Therese Martin Hanily, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 17 at Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, for Sister Therese Martin Hanily, S.C., 100, who died June 12.

Born in Newark, Sr. Therese Martin entered the Sisters of Charity on March 19, 1933 and was a member 81 years. She graduated from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, with a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

Sr. Therese Martin served as a teacher at Our Lady of Grace School, Hoboken; Saint Rose of Lima School, Short Hills; Saint Patrick School, Newark; Saint Antoninus School, Newark; Star of the Sea Academy, Long Branch; and Holy Cross School, Harrison. She retired to Saint Anne Villa in 1992 where she resided until her death.



Principal of Academy of Our Lady retires

GLEN ROCK — Patricia Keenaghan, who has served Academy of Our Lady for 16 years, recently announced her retirement. Heather E. Schnaars will take over as principal of the school.

On June 20, the last day of school, the Home School Association hosted a reception for the former principal following the closing liturgy. Alumni, faculty, parents and students joined in presenting her with a special memory book and spiritual bouquet.

During the 2006-2007 school year, Keenaghan was named Principal of the Year by the Archdiocese of Newark. In September 2013, the United States Department of Education named Academy of Our Lady a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. The following month, Keenaghan oversaw the school's joint anniversary celebrations; 90 years for Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, and 60 years for Saint Catharine Parish, Glen Rock. This past spring, she led the way for re-accreditation by Middle States Association.

Keenaghan inspired many after-school programs including student council, newspaper club, quiz bowl, home economic, Latin club, French club and Christian heroes club. The academy also boasts a strong sports program due to her support.

"The academic accomplishments of the students are due to the supportive, dedicated faculty who made so much possible and were also instrumental with implementing a service learning aspect to the curriculum," Keenaghan explained.

Students are given many opportunities for service and this commitment to serve others became ingrained in the school's culture over the past decade. The academy wrote letters to veterans, sent care packages to soldiers, provided comfort to patients with congenital heart defects and participated in the Saint Jude Mathathon.



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Academy students, parents and faculty celebrated with Keenaghan at her retirement reception on June 20.

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Gifted and talented scholars and artists in grades six through eight from Saint Joseph the Carpenter School in Roselle recently visited Trilside Nature Center, Mountainside, to learn about aquatic life. The trip was fully funded through a grant from the Target Corporation. Students learned firsthand about the wide variety of organisms that thrive just under the surface of lakes and ponds. Using dip nets, students caught, studied and released a variety of marine animals. After returning to school, students spent the afternoon learning about the Japanese printmaking technique Gyotaku and creating a series of beautiful prints.



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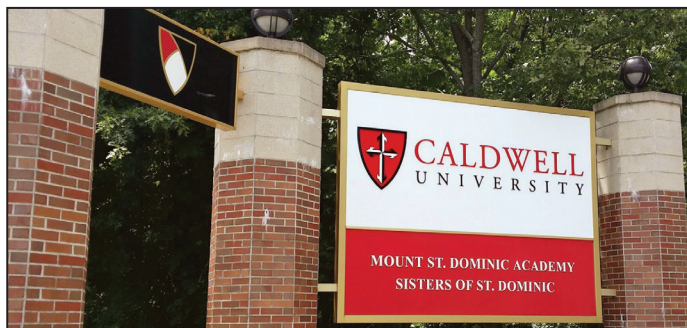
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Caldwell University begins new chapter

CALDWELL—After 75 years, Caldwell College is now Caldwell University. The university officially rolled out its new name and logo on July 1.

"It is a new day and thrilling for all of us, especially for everyone who worked on the rigorous process to get us to this point," said President Nancy Blattner.

Blattner received official notification from the New Jersey secretary of higher education Dec. 9 that the college's petition to change its name had been approved. The institution waited to officially launch its new status at the start of the 2014-15 fiscal year to prepare marketing and signage materials.

The new branding campaign, which focuses on "a defining moment," is featured in radio, newspaper and online advertising, said Joseph Posillico, vice president of enrollment management and communications, who led the effort.

"This is certainly a defining moment in many ways for Caldwell," said Blattner. "We are celebrating our 75th

anniversary; we have added two new doctoral programs in educational leadership, and our strong master's programs are graduating students who are doing outstanding work in their fields. In the fall we will be greeting our largest freshman class and we will have the most students we have ever had living on campus."

Among the benefits of the name change: "students who want to go on to graduate school or who graduate from one of our master's or doctoral programs, there is prestige in graduating from a university," Blattner said.

"The university is still committed to its Catholic identity and Dominican heritage and its core values of respect, integrity, community and excellence," she added.

Celebrations for university status and the 75th anniversary will be held Homecoming Weekend on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 19 and 20, and throughout the academic year.



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On June 26, the New Jersey Catholic Conference along with the Anti-Poverty Network, AARP and other advocacy groups spoke in favor of S-1899 which restored benefits to many New Jersey residents under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Father Timothy Graff, left, director of the Archdiocese of Newark's Office of Human Concerns, spoke at the press conference along with Adele H. LaTourette, director of the New Jersey Anti-Hunger Coalition. The bill passed later in the day and is now waiting Governor Chris Christie's signature. The bill requires the state Department of Community Affairs to make administrative changes to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Budgetary resolutions are being considered to assure that \$3.2 million is available for food stamps for about 177,000 families.