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## First Friends provides hope for undocumented minors



Advocate photo—Melissa McNally

Elijah visited the First Friends office in Kearny for more information on the status of his case. The artwork was created by undocumented detainees who were visited by the organization's volunteers.

By Melissa McNally  
Editor

KEARNY—"My need to come to America was bigger than my fear," said 16-year-old Elijah, whose real name is being withheld. Through a translator, he explained the harrowing journey he took with his 13-year-old cousin from Guatemala to cross the U.S.-Mexico border.

"The main reason I took the trip was to find work," Elijah said. "My plan was to be in America for six years and earn enough money to buy land in Guatemala to build a house for my family."

Although only a teen, Elijah is the breadwinner of the family. The eldest of seven children, his father is ill and unable to work. The money Elijah earned cultivating broccoli was not enough

to support his family. For him, undergoing the dangerous odyssey with smugglers was worth the risk if it meant his family would survive.

After spending almost three weeks in transit, he and his cousin were detained by immigration officials in Texas.

"That is where I suffered the most," he said. Undocumented immigrants are held in severely

cousin became gravely ill and was transferred to a facility in Arizona.

Elijah's uncle in Hudson County contacted First Friends of New Jersey and New York for help.

The Kearny-based non-profit organization has volunteers visit undocumented immigrants held in local facilities and offers non-legal assistance. The organization arranged to have Elijah released into their care and he was reunited with his uncle. His 13-year-old cousin remains in Arizona but First Friends has arranged for her to join her family in the Garden State.

Although they will soon be reunited, the work has just begun. First Friends works with supporting partners, including Catholic Charities and American

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overcrowded temporary holding rooms along the border. Nicknamed "coolers," "ice boxes" or *hieleras*, Elijah stayed there for eight days along with other unaccompanied minors.

"We hardly had any food. Sometimes they just gave us an apple and that was our food for the day," he noted. His young

## After 90 years Salesians leaving Saint Anthony

ELIZABETH — The Salesians of Don Bosco, who have served the Saint Anthony of Padua community for over 90 years, recently announced they will be leaving the parish. The Salesians will return the parish to direct archdiocesan administration.

Very Rev. Thomas A. Dunne, S.D.B., provincial of the Salesians' Saint Philip the Apostle Province, said the community has been struggling in recent years to meet the pastoral needs of its current works throughout the eastern United States and Canada. "As a result," he wrote, "many of our parishes, schools and youth centers have been running with the bare minimum of Salesian personnel."

The provincial also expressed that "the Salesian Community in Elizabeth and throughout the province are grateful to God for the honor of serving the people of this parish in Don Bosco's name. Undoubtedly, we leave pasto-

ral leadership of this parish with some sense of sorrow. However, we fully appreciate the effectiveness of those who have worked with us over the past number of years. This is a good parish that will continue to grow and deepen because of the strong gift of faith that has thrived in Saint Anthony Parish throughout our long association with you," he noted.

In responding to the community's decision, Archbishop John J. Myers stated that the people of the archdiocese, especially the many generations of Catholics at Saint Anthony of Padua, will miss the presence and charisma of the Salesians. "For almost 10 decades the good and faithful priests and brothers of this religious community have fed the people of God of Saint Anthony Parish in both word and sacrament, and strengthened and deepened the faith of generations of Catholics in Elizabeth," he said.

Archbishop Myers assured local faithful that the priests of the archdiocese joining Saint Anthony in August "will both build on the bonds of the Salesians, and create new ones to assist you as you continue your journey of faith."

Saint John Bosco founded the Salesians in 1859 and it is the second largest Catholic religious order in the world with over 40,000 priests, brothers, sisters and lay people working in 120 countries.

Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, originally established in 1893 as a chapel community serving a community largely of Italian immigrants, was established as a parish in 1905. The Salesians of Don Bosco assumed pastoral care of the parish in 1923. Today, the parish remains ethnically diverse reflecting the multicultural backgrounds of Elizabeth's immigrant communities.



Advocate file photo

A group of students chat with Sister Francine Guilmete, F.M.A., on the steps of Saint Anthony in 1977.



## First Friends

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Friends Service Committee Immigrant Rights Program, that offer pro bono legal counsel to undocumented immigrants.

Primarily, First Friends works with adult detainees in state facilities. However, the influx of unaccompanied children has become a humanitarian crisis.

"I didn't think of taking on this initiative but we kept getting calls to help these children," said Sally Pillay, program director for First Friends. "We cannot sit back and not respond. It is our moral obligation to help."

As of mid-June of this fiscal year, U.S. Customs and Border protection has apprehended more than 52,000 children at the border, according to federal statistics. Approximately three-quarters of them originated from El Salvador, Guatemala or Honduras.

Of the children apprehended from January through July 7 of this year, 1,504 have been placed

in New Jersey with guardians or sponsors, according to data from the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families. Unaccompanied minors are especially vulnerable to becoming victims of human trafficking, exploitation and abuse.

With only a three-person

staff, the organization receives a lot of support from faith-based communities. Father Timothy Graff, director of the archdiocesan Office of Human Concerns, has worked with First Friends.

"Children are trying to escape violence and gangs or simply trying to reunite with their parents already in this country,"



Advocate photos—Melissa McNally  
Rosa Santana, visitation coordinator for First Friends.



Sally Pillay, program director for First Friends of New York and New Jersey

Fr. Graff stated. "We know that when people hear the stories of our immigrant brothers and sisters their views often change. We are no longer talking about statistics but people who have real stories and struggles. They are also our brothers and sisters in Christ."

"The immigration questions are many and complex. But everyone I have talked to agrees that we are working with a system that is broken and needs to be fixed. Now is a time to act," he continued.

The archdiocese has no facilities for undocumented mothers and children and shelters in the area are already full, he explained. If an unaccompanied minor has family in the area, as in Elijah's case, they can stay with them. The children are then given a date to meet with an immigration judge. Fr. Graff estimated that 60-70 percent of the time, the children are granted asylum.

For undocumented children without relatives in America, there are limited options. The Children's Village in Dobbs Ferry, NY, provides a place for them to stay. The Union County Juvenile Detention Center in Linden has 10 beds available for unaccompanied children with no place to go.

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"As soon as the children turn 18, they send them to an adult detention facility. These kids are not criminals," Pillay stressed.

First Friends recently expanded its services to asylum seekers and cases are referred to the organization by Immigration Customs Enforcement and the Office of Refugee Resettlement.

"We are challenged by lack of resources and housing," Pillay said. "We are spearheading a collaboration with faith leaders to help provide shelter for these children who have been through a difficult time."

Pillay and her staff were able to find a temporary home for a minor from Honduras who was being held at the Union County Detention Center. "Faith communities are willing to say 'yes' and take these children in. We want to provide a safe, secure place for these kids. They have already been traumatized by their journey—we don't want them to live in detention."

Managing the unaccompanied children's cases can be overwhelming. Those who wish to help can donate to First Friends' community supported post-release program. All contributions will go toward food, clothing, shelter, transportation and medical needs of children recently released from detention.



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The youth ministry group from Saint Helen Parish, Westfield, recently returned from a week-long trip to Boston where they helped those in need. This was the third year Saint Helen's participated in Catholic Heart Workcamp, a service program for young adults. According to the Workcamp Web site, this year's theme, "A Beautiful Mess," was chosen because "the world is as messy as it is beautiful" and "God's love is constant despite any mess." Youth group members have traveled to West Virginia, Washington D.C. and New Mexico to aid communities. Mass was celebrated the evening before their departure at Saint Helen's followed by a family gathering with a sending-off dinner and special blessing.

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Tom Conboy, director of the archdiocesan Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministries, (left) led Dewey Cannella (center) and Matthew Molinaro (right) on a tour of the CYO Summer Day Camp at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center in Kearny. Cannella and Molinaro will be honored at the annual Archbishop’s Business and Labor Recognition Reception on March 3, 2015 at Mayfair Farms in West Orange. Proceeds from the reception will benefit the programs sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark’s CYO/ Youth & Young Adult Ministries. Business honoree Cannella is vice president of industrial relations for Wakefern Food Corporation. Molinaro is secretary/ treasurer for the Local 1262, United Food and Commercial Workers. Bishop Thomas A. Donato, photo at right, tried his hand at mini golf, one of several activities at the nine-week long summer camp. Youngsters enjoyed the pool on a humid July afternoon and played soccer with camp counselors.





# Time for ‘Panoply of Prayer’

By the Most Reverend John J. Myers  
Archbishop of Newark

**W**e have yet another fragile cease-fire in Gaza. The Egyptians are working with the two sides—Israel and Hamas—to build a form of peace in the area.

This is good news, but as recent and past history has shown, the news may, sadly, be fleeting.

To reach this point, what has happened: more than 1900 Palestinians and Israelis are dead, property is destroyed, economies are disrupted, hatred and distrust is fed. Diplomats, UN representatives, others in governmental and non-governmental roles, and religious leaders now have a harder time trying to create a chance for peace.

Israelis should not have to

live in fear of Hamas’ indiscriminate rocket attacks on civilian areas. At the same time, Palestinians should not have to become human shields for combatants, to live in fear for their lives from air and ground attacks, or to suffer the humiliations of occupation.

While the carnage in Gaza has been occurring, an equally heinous exchange is taking place in Iraq. Thousands of Christians—many of them descendants of the earliest followers of Christ in the Middle East—and other religious minorities are being forced at gunpoint to leave their homes and livelihoods or face death and persecution at the hands of militants. People are killed, churches are desecrated, homes are de-

stroyed. Reminiscent of the pogroms of Russia and the Holocaust in Europe, these militants have singled out homes belonging to Christians and marked them in red paint with the letter “N,” for Nazarat, meaning Christian. As the persecuted reach the outskirts of the city with what few possessions they can carry, other militants strip them of these possessions and vehicles, and force the exiles to walk miles in the sun to temporary safety in other Iraqi cities where Christians are safe—for the time being.

When will those cities become the next targets? And what will happen if the northern portion of Iraq becomes firmly in control of the militants? Will Syria and Jordan, and the religious minorities there, face the same peril?

The Holy Father, Pope

Francis, has called for prayers, dialogue and peace. “Violence isn’t overcome with violence,” he said. “Violence is conquered with peace.” He has called all of Rome’s representatives in this area of the world to a meeting to determine how to support those forced to flee, and to show solidarity not only with the Christians facing persecution, but also with all who are suffering physically and spiritually. It is my hope that other religious leaders and secular leaders will join in this pilgrimage for peace.

Yes, the current disastrous wars have ideological, religious and economic bases; some think solutions to these may not be possible, although I firmly do not believe that. The God I worship, whose teachings I follow and who, in my role as bishop and shepherd, I have called others to embrace, tells me that this is the time for a movement of prayer and solidarity with all our brothers and sisters, and

with all people struck by this dramatic and tragic situation. Government must work firmly, swiftly and forcefully to stop bloodshed and create a calm moment for peace. To support them, we must pray. I offer as a prayer some words recently penned by His Beatitude Louis Rafael Sako, Chaldean Catholic Patriarch of Iraq, whose people are now being victimized and oppressed: “Lord, peace is the foundation of life; Grant us the peace and stability that will enable us to live with each other without fear and anxiety, and with dignity and joy.”

Politicians and countries view the world, and options for acting, in terms of risk. You and I, however, have no option. I ask you to join the persecuted people in Iraq, Syria, Israel and Gaza in this prayer. It will be answered, as was the prayer of deliverance that Daniel spoke on the banks of the Tigris some 2600 years ago.

## Child refugees on our southern borders - What would Jesus do?

*“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.”*  
Matthew 18:5

*Lord, when did we see you a stranger and welcome you?  
Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.*  
Matthew 25:40

By Deacon Patrick Brannigan  
Special to The Catholic Advocate

**F**or many months, Jesus has been walking across our border with Mexico but too few of us are recognizing Him in the faces of children fleeing violence, persecution and hunger—fleeing homelands where there are more gang members than police. Catholic bishops across the nation have called the plight of these children a test of the moral character of our nation—a test that we must not fail. Pope Francis has said that we face a humanitarian emergency that requires us to welcome and protect these children.

Throughout this crisis, our hearts have been torn as we watched the desperate plight of these children walking in hope and being met with a mixture of compassion and at times scorn and hostility. One might ask how such a massive tragedy occurred. Why is there such pov-

erty, disorder, crime and death in Central America?

We do not know all the answers. We do not have all of the pieces to solve this painful puzzle but certainly the resolution is not the duty of government alone. Society as a whole has responsibility as well.

The burden on Christians is great. We must be the working hands and feet of the compassionate Jesus who fed the multitudes with loaves and fishes, who healed the blind and crippled, who calmed the raging seas. By doing what Jesus would do we can help to protect, feed and heal these children and in doing so help to calm the seas of political rhetoric.

America has always been a light to the world—the land of hope, freedom and prosperity. So why should we be surprised that the poor, the suffering, the persecuted would want to come to America. When the potato famine struck Ireland—her children crossed an ocean to reach this great land.

How do we as Christians move from feel good compassionate thoughts to real help for these suffering children? What should we do?

We should start with prayer. Before every major event in His life, Jesus prayed. In our prayer, we should remember the words of the prophet Ezekiel who in a time of great desperation gave hope to the people of God by assuring them that God would breathe His Spirit into them and take away their hearts of stone to give to them new hearts—ears of love and compassion. Once again, we should ask God to continue sending His Spirit and to take away the hearts of stone that have been breathing scorn and hostility. If we open our eyes, we can see that His Spirit already is at work throughout the nation in parish centers and Catholic Charity programs working to protect and care for these children.

But a more important thing that we can do is to be witnesses and signs to the world. In the early days of the Church, the disciples did so many signs that people would bring their sick to the road side just so Peter’s shadow would fall upon them. The gentiles said: “You can tell who the Christians are by their

love for one another.” The signs of the disciples and the loving witness of the early Church brought people to accept Jesus and the challenge of living as Christians. Today, we have an opportunity to be witnesses for Christ by supporting these parish and Catholic Charities efforts with our money and with our personal labor to help the child refugees at our borders.

Our witness today should be the showering of unconditional compassion on the young strangers on our borders—that’s what Jesus would do.

One of the most misunderstood roles in the Scriptures is the role of the prophet. Some think of prophets as people who could foretell or predict the future. Today, that’s our common use of the word prophet. However, one of the most important responsibilities of a prophet—even in the face of death—was to call home the people of God when they had strayed from the great commandment of loving God and neighbor.

Today, God calls each and every one of us to a prophetic role. The modern prophet does not preach on a soap box—he modern prophet has a more subtle role—the role of touching those we meet with our

words. Christians are called to remind family, friends, neighbors and co-workers that we are facing a moral crisis that requires love more than legislation, lawyers and border guards. The call to look beyond our own self-interest and to care for strangers is counter cultural in our individualistic society. But that is the Christian call. That is why we need to begin with prayer.

In Scripture, one of the most familiar counsels from Jesus was “Do not be afraid.” Today, Jesus tells us that again—not in the strong wind, earthquake and fire in which Elijah sought God on Mount Horab but in His soft whisper that touches our hearts and souls.

So, be not afraid of God’s call to each of us to remind those we meet that it is the Lord Himself standing at our borders. Do not be afraid to call, write or email your member of Congress to tell them that on that glorious day when you will meet the Lord, you hope to hear: “Welcome good and faithful servant, when you welcomed these strangers—these children—you welcomed me.”

Deacon Patrick Brannigan is executive director of New Jersey Catholic Conference.

Detailed information on pragmatic actions that can be taken related to the crisis of child refugees can be found at the website for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: <http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/index.cfm>.



# Felician College student teacher honored

LODI—For the third consecutive year, a Felician College School of Education student has been named a New Jersey Distinguished Student Teacher. Out of 66 nominees from every student teaching program in the state, Karen Heintz-Marron, a Ridgewood resident, was one of only 15 to win the award. Karen graduated with her Master of Arts in Education degree in May.

"This is a very prestigious award. There are many colleges who have never had a winner," Dr. Rose Rudnitski, Dean of the School of Education, said. "We are honored to have had a Felician student win the award three years in a row. Karen is exceptional. Every faculty member who has had her in class has said it. All of us believe this award is well deserved. We are very proud of her."

Dr. Karen Pezzola, one of Heintz-Marron's instructors, agreed with Rudnitski. "It was obvious right from the beginning that Karen was going to be a distinguished future teacher," Pezzola said. "She was knowledgeable, passionate, committed to her work, and already actively involved in the school system as a substitute teacher. She has lots of drive and has taken nothing for granted. It was a pleasure having her as a student. I often thought of Karen more as a colleague because she was so knowledgeable."

Heintz-Marron was nominated, along with fellow classmates Alysia Arcona and Jessica Delahanty, by her instructors at Felician College. Each school is allowed up to three nominations to submit for the award. "We discussed as a group who we

thought in our program were the best representatives of who we are as a college and who we are as the School of Education. By consensus, we agreed that these three individuals were who we wanted," said Dr. Michelle Anderson, assistant professor of education.

Each nominee was required to submit a resume, a philosophy of education and letters of recommendation from their professors. After the scores were received, reviewed and verified, a selection committee appointed by the New Jersey State Department of Education and the New Jersey Association of Colleges for Teacher Education then chose the 15 award recipients.

When asked what makes Heintz-Marron a distinguished student teacher, Anderson said, "Karen stood out to me from the

beginning. I remember thinking when I had her in class that I would want to be a student in her classroom. She just has natural teacher instincts and is always striving to make things better. Her attitude and willingness to adapt and change to meet the needs of different students puts Karen ahead of the rest."

"It was an honor to be nominated for the Distinguished Student Teacher of New Jersey award and a very nice surprise to find out I had won," Heintz-Marron said. "The education program at Felician College is great. The instructors definitely prepared me for the real-world experience of being in a classroom. The program is rigorous, well-planned and nurturing. After the first day in the classroom as a student teacher, I knew this was the profession for me. All the teachers I know who are employed, graduated from Felician College. I took that as a very good sign and decided Felician was where I needed to go. I am very glad I did."

Felician students begin gaining experience from the very first day of class. "From the time our students say they want to be a teacher, we have them in the classroom," Anderson explained. "Each semester they get a taste of what it's like to be a teacher. We give them urban experience, suburban experience, Catholic school experience, special education experience, so by



Karen Heintz-Marron

the time they are a junior or senior, they have a good idea about what area and kind of student they want to teach."

When asked how she would define the education program at Felician College, Anderson described the experience as "caring and compassionate."

"It is one of our goals and is within our strategic plan to create, not only competent, but caring and compassionate teachers," she added. "It is part of our accreditation process through the Teacher Education Accreditation Council and we have the data to prove that we are accomplishing this goal."

## Students experience Summer College at Caldwell University

CALDWELL—Fifty-three high school seniors had the opportunity to experience university life at an intensive science math summer college program at Caldwell University. The students were selected for the three-week Summer College at Caldwell from a pool of highly competitive applicants. All of the students selected were the first generation in their families to attend a college or university.

Now in its fourth year, the program was made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

"The students came to us enthusiastic and open to the opportunities that the program offered," said Professor Brenda Peterson, program director and assistant director of nursing at Caldwell. "We were excited to see what they would learn and how they would apply their knowledge."

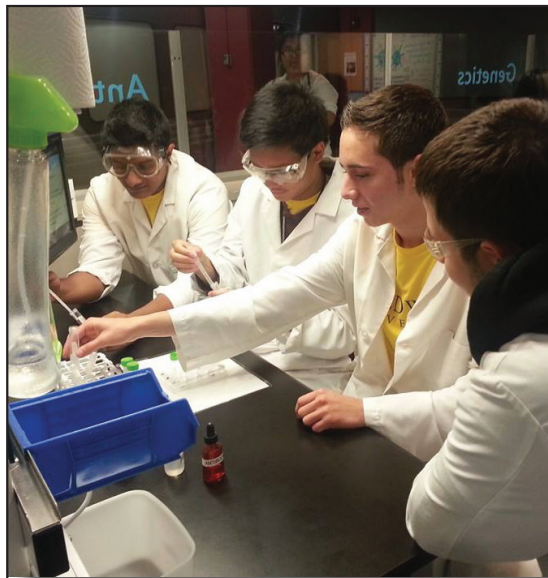
"It was great first college experience," said Lourdes Abreu, a student at Passaic County Technical Institute.

Every part of the program was "amazing" and "this school is amazing," said Adriana Rodas from Alexander Hamilton Preparatory in Elizabeth.

Among their many projects, they researched super foods, sustainable farming, water quality and planet environmental health in the labs, outside on campus or on various field trips. Adriana and Lourdes agreed that they loved the ecology class.

They used some of the most up-to-date technology including 3D design and the university's Aquos interactive digital boards, watched a real time surgery via "Live From Surgery" at the interactive theater at Liberty Science Center, studied the physics of motion in preparation for a field trip to the Jackals baseball game and visited Duke Farms to learn about sustainable technology.

Dr. George Jenkins, assistant professor of den-



Submitted photo

Exceptional high school seniors from around the state of took part in a three-week science math summer college at Caldwell University.

tistry at Columbia University, was a guest speaker who shared his story of growing up in Newark and how he and his two friends made a friendship pact to beat the odds and succeed in life. Jenkins and his friends formed the well-known group "The Three Doctors" and speak to young people from underprivileged backgrounds and encourage them to pursue their goals.

Each morning, students were offered SAT preparation classes and career services.

"It was great to meet students from other schools in New Jersey and they had amazing teachers," Adriana said. The resident assistants were fantastic, said Lourdes. "They knew we had a lot to do," but still tried to build in fun time.

The students showcased their final projects at a celebration Aug. 1 with an audience of 200 including teachers, principals, area legislators and family members. They "exceeded all expectations" in presenting "a research-driven technologically-based scientific presentation," Peterson said.

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# Sacred Heart youth group on a mission in Colorado



HAWORTH—Last September, Boulder County Colorado experienced what is now known as the “Thousand-Year Rain.” Within a couple of days, the area received over 13 inches of rain turning streams and rivers into torrents that tore through towns and forever changed the lives of thousands who lived near the waterways.

At that same time last year, Father Stephen Fichter, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, and VITA (*veritas, integritas, tolerantia and amicitia*) youth group minister Susan Jansson started to plan their annual mission trip. The previous year, the teens spent a week at the Jersey Shore helping Superstorm Sandy clean-up efforts. With images and news stories coming in from the area, they set their sights on Colorado for their fifth trip.

On June 22, after a year of fund-raising and planning, 32 high school teens and seven chaperones departed for an intense week. Through the help of Catholic Charities in Denver, the teens were connected with people in the Loveland area still trying to recover from the devastating floods. Hauling debris, building fences, gardening and painting filled their work days.

The volunteers were impressed by the resilience of the people in Loveland and how they care for their neighbors. Many of the residents were elderly and enjoyed just having the company of the youth group.

“Very often, when we travel to areas of complete destruction what we find is the power of the human spirit and the true meaning of our Lord’s command to ‘love thy neighbor as thyself,’” Fr. Fichter said. “I am so proud of our teens and commend them for being strong missionaries of hope and love.”



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## Mother Seton celebrates 50 years with gala

CLARK—Mother Seton Regional High School will celebrate a 50th Anniversary Gala Evening of Celebration and Recognition on September 18 at 6 p.m. at The Gran Centurions, 440 Madison Hill Rd., Clark.

Six women with long-standing bonds and over 200 years of combined service to the school will be honored. Sister Regina Martin Keane, S.C., principal from 1975 to 2014, will be honored posthumously. Born in County Roscommon, Ireland, she entered the Sisters of Charity in 1957 and was a member for 56 years. Sr. Regina died on Christmas Day last year.

Other honorees include Sister Jacquelyn Balasia, S.C., Sister Theo Furniss, S.C., Joan Barron, Maureen Serzan Connell and Marge Egan. The evening will feature an open bar, hors d'oeuvres, pasta and carving stations and dessert. A silent auction will follow the festivities.

Founded in 1963, the four-year girls' Catholic regional high school is staffed by the Sisters of Charity of Convent Station and lay faculty members. The modern two-level building is located on a 27 acre campus.

Alumnae, family, and friends are invited to attend. For more information, visit [www.MSRGala.org](http://www.MSRGala.org). To purchase tickets, call the school office at (732) 382-1952 or e-mail [gala@motherseton.org](mailto:gala@motherseton.org).



Sister Regina Martin, S.C.



# St. Peter's University students 'GO' forth in service

JERSEY CITY—"It's jarring for most people to go into an impoverished home in a developing country," Dwayne Paul said. "The reaction is to reflect on all the 'stuff' they have at home."

As assistant director of campus ministry for faith and global justice at Saint Peter's University, Paul witnessed this effect during two recent Global Outreach (GO) service trips. For the first time in the program's history, Paul and Global Outreach students visited Mexico from May 22-30 and the Dominican Republic from June 3-11.

"Both trips went really well," explained Paul, who has been running the program for more than a year. GO team members volunteer annually for either a domestic or international service trip to work with the poor and marginalized people of a selected country. Inspired by Ignatian spirituality and the mission of the university, participants strive to work for justice; learn through mutual sharing of a cultural experience, understanding and identity; and grow personally, spiritually and intellectually in the Jesuit tradition.

In Mexico, the group started out on the Mexican Pacific Coast, partnering with the organization Human Connections, which provides alternative, educational tours to mostly United States and Canadian tourists to provide direct contact between tourists and local artisans.

"We visited three families of artisans that, for various reasons, had internally migrated from different parts of Mexico," Paul said. "We ate with them, heard their migration stories and learned about the things that they make and sell."

The group also volunteered at two sites in Guadalajara. The first was with an organization called CANICA, which works with families who come from different parts of Mexico, such as Jalisco, so their children can receive cancer treatment. The second was with Gardénias Tapatías, an organization that provides relief for the indigent populations of Guadalajara that, at this point, are mostly migrants from the southern states of Mexico and Central America.

"Perhaps the most powerful moment of the trip was when we accompanied the team at Gardénias to give food to folks who were making their way north. The students were incredibly moved to hear people's stories

and share in this moment with them," Paul said. That moment has definitely left a lasting impression on our students. Given that most of the group, myself included, were either an immigrant or the child of immigrants, it resonated with us in a way that is hard to describe," he added.

In the Dominican Republic, the GO team volunteered at a community center called El Centro de Promoción Padre Pedro Gonzalez in the town of Nagua. There, they performed activities with local youth and conducted a census that was largely focused on measuring poverty and religion. They also

painted the center.

Both trips were held following a successful Ecuador service trip to Quito's Working Boys Center in March. There, students worked with young Ecuadorians studying trades, as well as adults pursuing Spanish literacy.

"I always hope that the trips lead to a student thinking about becoming a long-term volunteer somewhere," Paul said, adding that, for those unable to give a year abroad, the program inspires greater civic engagement. "I hope people come back and think about what needs to be done at home."

For more information on the Global Outreach program at Saint Peter's University, visit  
<http://saintpetersglobaloutreach.blogspot.com>.



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Global Outreach students are pictured at the 'center of the world,' on the equator in Ecuador.

## Local laity and clergy to receive papal honors

Archbishop John J. Myers's personal nominees for induction into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem has been recently approved by the Order's Grand Magisterium in Rome.

The following individuals will be inducted into this noble Order of the Church during an investiture Mass for the Eastern Lieutenancy of the Order, at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, on September 27 with additional special ceremonies throughout that weekend.

Those granted the title of Lady of the Holy Sepulchre (L.H.S.) include: Liliana Soto-Cabrera; Mary Evelyn (Lynn) Gully; Denise Rover; and Liza Walsh. Those granted the title of Knight of the Holy Sepulchre (K.H.S.) include: Father Bryan Adamcik; Father Joseph Bejgrowicz; Father Christopher Ciccario; Michael Critchley; Father Thomas Dente; Dr. A. Gabriel Esteban; Father Joseph Ferraro; and Father Michael Ward.

An authentic Order of Knighthood, membership in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is one of the highest papal awards which can be conferred on laity and clergy alike. These honors are granted to those who have done meritorious work for the Church and are approved for nomination by their bishops.



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## Holy Angels excels in collegiate exams

DEMAREST—The Academy of the Holy Angels recently received results of the 2014 Advanced Placement Exams that were given last spring. The College Board Advanced Placement Program enables students to take college-level classes and earn college credit for them when they achieve passing scores.

Holy Angels administered 401 exams in eighteen different subject areas to its 174 students who achieved an overall passing rate of 94 percent. A Holy Angels record was achieved when 85 of its students were named AP Scholars by the College Board.

Of these students, 35 were named AP Scholars with Distinction, having scored an average of 3.5 or higher on at least five exams. An additional 19 students were named AP Scholars with Honor, which requires attaining a 3.25 average on four or more exams; and 31 students were designated as AP Scholars, which requires scoring a 3.0 or higher on at least three advanced placement exams.

This success was well deserved, according to academy Principal Jennifer Moran. "Holy Angels is dedicated to academic excellence and enabling each student to reach the fullness of her potential. We encourage our students to work diligently in all their courses of study and we are delighted with the results of their effort and the love of learning that it produces."

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The community of Saint Michael Parish, Cranford, recently collected diapers, wipes, toys, clothing, and more for babies at Saint Clare's Home for Children in Elizabeth. Saint Clare's offers transitional care to infants and children who have specialized medical needs. Now in its 25th year, the donations filled five pews of the church and four delivery vans were used to haul the gifts. Almost 6,000 diapers were collected along with 14,418 wipes, 56 stuffed animals, and over 800 items of clothing.

## Seton Hall Prep debuts newly aligned administration

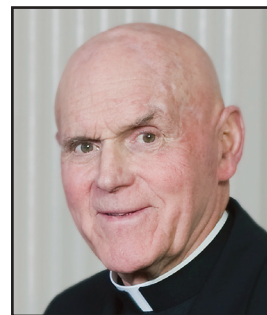
WEST ORANGE — Rev. Msgr. Michael E. Kelly, who has been headmaster of Seton Hall Preparatory School since 1980, will begin the upcoming school year in the new role of president, following his July appointment by Archbishop John J. Myers. The archbishop also announced that Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Harahan would become the new headmaster, the sixth in the school's long history.

This new administrative structure, introduced by the National Catholic Educational Association, is common among Catholic preparatory schools throughout the nation.

Msgr. Kelly had served the longest tenure as headmaster in the history of the school that was founded in 1856. As president, he will work closely with the board of trustees focusing on the Prep's Catholic identity, broadening programs in institutional advancement, enhancing the school's alumni and community relations and refining the school's long range strategic plans.

Msgr. Harahan, a Bloomfield native, was ordained in 1974 and spent three years as an assistant at Saint Francis Xavier in Newark and as a teacher at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington. He earned a licentiate in Sacred Theology from Catholic University in 1980 and a doctorate in Sacred Theology from Rome's Lateran University in 1983. In 1990 Archbishop Theodore McCarrick appointed him rector of the college seminary and dean of the School of Theology at Seton Hall University, a post he held until 1995. Prior to his appointment as headmaster, he had been pastor at Saint Theresa of Avila Parish in Summit and Saint Elizabeth of Hungary in Wyckoff.

In addition to assuming the normal leadership



Rev. Msgr.  
Michael E. Kelly



Rev. Msgr.  
Robert E. Harahan

roles associated with his position as headmaster, Msgr. Harahan will work alongside two assistant headmasters overseeing the areas of academic services, student activities, athletics and admissions, as well as supervising the evaluation and professional development of the school administrators, teaching faculty and support staff.

Since July 1, Msgr. Harahan has spent time learning about the varied aspects of his new surroundings. "Campus ministry, Griffin Bridges, the whole academic program, the things that the teachers are involved in, the social service aspects of life here, the diversity of the faculty and the student body—it's an exciting and dynamic place to be," he said.

Msgr. Harahan has served on the board of the Scholarship Fund for Inner City Children and during his tenure in Summit had re-opened a school that had previously closed. "I've always liked being around schools, around education. Coming to a school with a strong Catholic identity and a strong Catholic mission is really a great challenge."

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## September 7

**Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart**, Newark, Mass of Farewell for Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, 3 p.m., reception to follow in Chancery auditorium, (973) 484-4600.

## September 10

**Metropolitan Tribunal**, Archdiocese of Newark, annulment information evening, at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, 7:30 p.m., (973) 497-4145.

## September 13

**National Blue Army Shrine**, Washington, celebra-

tion of Our Lady's apparition at Fatima in 1917, confessions start 10:30 a.m., Rosary procession at noon, Mass at 1 p.m. celebrated by Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of the Diocese of Scranton, call (908) 689-1700 or visit [www.wafusa.org](http://www.wafusa.org).

## September 18

**Mother Seton Regional High School**, Clark, 50th Anniversary Gala Evening of Celebration and Recognition, at The Gran Centurions, 6 p.m., call (732) 382-1952 or e-mail [gala@motherseton.org](mailto:gala@motherseton.org).

## September 21

**Serra Clubs** of the Archdiocese of Newark and Paterson, sixth annual communion brunch, Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange, at 11 a.m., followed by brunch in the Bishop Dougherty Student Center of Seton Hall University, \$30 for

adults/\$15 for students and children over 12, contact Ray Van Dyke at (973) 761-0070, [rpvand814@aol.com](mailto:rpvand814@aol.com), or Rose Marie Deeham at (973) 762-6180, [rjdeehan@gmail.com](mailto:rjdeehan@gmail.com).

## September 22

**Sisters of Mercy of the Americas**, Watchung, 20th Annual Golf Classic to benefit retired Sisters, at Trump National Golf Club, Colts Neck, call (908) 756-0994 ext. 4006 or e-mail [mfritz@mercymidatlantic.org](mailto:mfritz@mercymidatlantic.org).

## September 28

**Margaret Anna Cusack Care Center**, Jersey City, 11th Annual Generations Benefit Luncheon, "Celebrating Partners in Caring," at Casino in the Park, noon-3 p.m., RSVP by September 12, call (201) 653-8300 ext. 2161 or e-mail [info@cusackcarecent.org](mailto:info@cusackcarecent.org).

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## Official Appointments



**Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:**

### PASTOR

**Reverend Eugene Diurczak**, Pastor of Holy Family Parish, Linden, had his pastorate extended for one year only, ending January 31, 2016.

**Reverend Richard A. Villanova**, Pastor of Saint Anne Parish, Garwood, has had his pastorate extended for one year only, ending February 1, 2016.

**Reverend Gustavo Buccilli**, associate priest of the Society of African Missions, has been appointed Pastor of Christ the King Parish, Jersey City, effective July 25, 2014.

**Reverend Marek Chachlowski**, Parochial Vicar of Saint Joseph Parish, West Orange, has been appointed Pastor of Saint Thomas More Parish, Fairfield, effective September 1.

### PAROCHIAL VICAR

**Reverend Tadeusz Mierzwa** has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus, Parish, Linden, effective July 11.

### PAROCHIAL VICAR

**Reverend Grace Arachi** had been appointed Summer Parochial Vicar of Saint Paul Parish, Ramsey, effective June 26 through August 3.

### CHAPLAIN

**Reverend Peter O. Iwuala**, Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield, has been appointed Chaplain at Hackensack University Medical Center, Hackensack, with residence at Blessed Sacrament/Saint Charles Borromeo Rectory, Newark, effective July 17.

**Reverend Sabinus Iwuchukwu, S.D.V.**, Parochial Vicar of Saint Michael Parish, Newark, has also been appointed part-time Chaplain at Saint Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, effective August 21.

**Reverend John J. Paladino**, Pastor of Saint Bartholomew Parish, Scotch Plains, has also been appointed Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Father John S. Nelligan Council #5730, Scotch Plains, effective immediately.

## Obituaries

### Sister Mary Celeste Conti, S.C.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 17 at Saint John Parish, Lakehurst, for Sister Mary Celeste Conti, S.C., 83, who died July 14.

Born in Bayonne, she entered the Sisters of Charity on October 2, 1948, and was a member for 65 years.

Sr. Mary Celeste graduated from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She served as a teacher at Sacred Heart School, Bloomfield; Epiphany School, Cliffside Park; Saint Joseph School, Jersey City and Saint Anne School, Jersey City. She was in ministry to the elderly at Huntington Drive, Manchester, since 2010.

### Father Roy J. De Leo

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 25 at Saint Genevieve Parish, Elizabeth, for Father Roy J. De Leo, 70, who died July 19.

Ordained in Newark on May 31, 1969, Fr. De Leo was a graduate of Seton Hall University and also earned a Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree from Catholic University of America, a Master of Systematic Theology degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, a Master of Public Administration from Seton Hall University and a Certificate of Church Management from Immaculate Conception Seminary.

He served as a parochial vicar at Saint Michael Parish in Cranford, Sacred Heart Parish in Haworth, Saint John the Baptist Parish in Jersey City and Saint Anne Parish, Garwood. Fr. De Leo served for 21 years at Saint Genevieve's in

Elizabeth before retiring in 2011.

He was the chaplain for the Msgr. Walsh Council #5437 Knights of Columbus in Garwood and for the Cranford Fire Department. He taught at Union Catholic High School from 1978 to 1990. He was also a charter member and an officer of the Board of Trustees of the Interfaith Council for the Homeless of Union County.

### Sister Patricia Ryan, S.S.N.D.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 31 in the chapel at Villa Notre Dame, Wilton, CT, for Sister Patricia Ryan, S.S.N.D., 90, who died July 28.

In 1946 she became the third daughter in her family to enter the School Sisters of Notre Dame. As a novice she was given the religious name Mary John Paul, and she professed her first vows in 1949.

She earned a bachelor's degree in education from Fordham University in New York in 1959 and a master's degree in English from Boston College in 1969.

Sr. Patricia spent the first five years of her ministry as an elementary school teacher at Saint Joseph's School in New York City and then taught at Madonna School in Fort Lee, New Jersey from 1954-1956. She continued in education ministry throughout Maryland and Florida. She ministered for 25 years at Notre Dame Preparatory School in Baltimore.

In 2001 she moved to Wilton, where she spent the remainder of her life. When she came to live at Villa Notre Dame, two of her sisters were there to welcome her. She served her community of sisters by coordinating medical records there until she retired to prayer and presence in 2009. She moved to Lourdes Health Care Center in 2012.



Christina Trinidad, a junior at Saint Dominic Academy in Jersey City, recently participated in the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar held at Monmouth University. Inspired by a comment made to him by Dr. Albert Schweitzer, legendary actor Hugh O'Brian started the seminar in 1958. The event's mission is to "inspire and develop our global community of youth and volunteers to a life dedicated to leadership, service and innovation" and lists volunteerism, integrity,

excellence, diversity and community partnership as core values. The three-day seminar included workshops, reflection, a parents program, and several keynote speakers. An academic leader, Christina is a member of the National Honor Society, student council, peer ministry and participates in several academy activities. "I was honored to have been chosen to attend the program. It was one of the greatest experiences of my life so far, and I cannot wait to apply to be a part of the junior staff next year. It was amazing to be surrounded by other teens who also want to make a difference in their communities. I learned what it truly means to be a leader," she said.