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A miracle in Teaneck

By **Al Frank**
Associate Publisher

Michael Mencer, 58, well remembers the September day in 1964 when he was walking home from Saint Anastasia School in Teaneck.

His third grade teacher, Sister Mary Augustine, S.C. had just given him a prayer pamphlet and a quarter-sized religious memento. But Mencer could not clearly see either; since first grade, advancing bilateral macular degeneration had taken all but some peripheral vision.

On Sept. 25, the late Dr. Vincent Carter told Mencer's mother Barbara, it was only a matter of months before her third son would be totally blind. She had passed along the diagnosis to the principal, Sister Maria William.

So, when Mencer went to school the following week, Sister Augustine gave him the prayer pamphlet and a relic containing a snippet of the hair of Sister Miriam Teresa Demjanovich. Not long after her death in 1927, many inspired by her deep spirituality, began the cause to canonize the Sister of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, who died of appendicitis at 28.

After leaving school, Mencer remembers perceiving a very bright light as he walked along Queen Anne Road. "I was about two blocks from home, near where my brother used to say the boogey man used to hang out at Halloween - that's how I remember where and how it happened," he said.

"I remember looking up in the sky toward Route 4 and I kind of thought I was looking at the sun, but it didn't hurt my eyes as I stared at it point blank. It was just bright light. All I can say is, when I looked back

down, I could see the hair in the memento. That's how I realized it was a hair."

Arriving at his Kings Court home, he handed the prayer pamphlet and relic to his mother who was immediately struck that her son was not tilting his head to the side so he could see her.

"I was sitting at the kitchen counter and he was looking directly at me," Barbara Mencer recalled. "His eyes were shining. He was changed from a child with a problem to a child who looked so well."

Because the family was in the middle of a move to Cinnaminson in Burlington County, it was not until six weeks later that Mencer's eyesight was declared normal during a visit to the Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia. But his mother's letters to the Sisters explaining what happened remained unnoticed until 1998, so the process of having the Vatican authenticate the miracle did not begin until 2000.

In the meantime, Mencer—who Mr. Carter had already enrolled for home tutoring with the New Jersey Commission for the Blind—enjoyed the rest of his boyhood riding his bike and playing with friends without bumping into trees or dropping balls.

Immediately after Dr. Carter's diagnosis, he rebelled against wearing his new bulky glasses with thick lenses. "I remember thinking, 'I don't need these and I don't know why I am wearing them,'" he said. So he'd only put them on when his mom or dad came into the room.

Other than the drug store glasses he wears for reading, he said his vision remains perfect. However, he has been suffering from cancer since 1986.

With nine medical specialists endorsing Mencer's vision cure as medically unexplainable, a commit-



Michael Mencer

tee of Vatican theologians validated it as a miracle performed by Sister Miriam Teresa and, last December, Pope Francis agreed.

As a result, Sister Miriam Teresa will be beatified during an Oct. 4 Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

"It's a first class miracle," said Barbara Mencer, 85, adding that she regrets a stroke she suffered in May will likely prevent her from traveling to Newark from the Lincoln, Neb. home the registered nurse shares with her son.

It will be the first beatification celebrated in the U.S. and Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, is to come from Rome to preside. He is to be joined by Newark Archbishop John J. Myers, Paterson Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli and Bishop Kurt Burnette of the Eparchy of Passaic.

They represent the local churches with ties to Sister Miriam Teresa. Born in Bayonne, the daughter of immigrants was baptized in the Eastern Rite and educated at Saint Elizabeth College in Morris Township — where her remains are entombed

in the chapel of her community's motherhouse.

During the Mass, Mencer is to carry to the altar a reliquary containing locks of Sister Miriam Teresa's reddish brown hair—similar to the tiny clipping given him 50 years ago and which he still venerates. During an interview, however, he said he is thinking the honor should go to his brother John and sister Susan, who used to act as his guides as he was going blind.

A long-time altar server in his youth, Mencer maintains an avid prayer life, although he regrets his cancer has made it difficult to continue attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion regularly.


After his graduation from Cinnaminson High School in 1974, he worked in a candy factory, at a produce company and as an auto technician. He graduated in 1995 from Indiana University/Purdue University Indianapolis with a degree in biomedical electronics but is now totally disabled. He seeks to speak kindly to others and offer words of encouragement, especially to fellow cancer patients.

"It's kind of hard to explain," Mencer said, when asked about the cure and subsequent developments. "You're thinking how can I pay this back?"

In the years since the miracle, Mencer said he has felt Sister Miriam Teresa's intercession. In 1986, he was diagnosed with testicular cancer and it spread to his lymph nodes and his liver before going into remission four years later after rounds and rounds of chemo therapy. Cancer returned in 2006, and almost attacked his lungs two years later, but treatments have been effective.

"Every time I see a new doctor he says 'I can't believe you're still alive,'" he said, adding that his continuing testimony on behalf of Sister Miriam Teresa must be the only explanation. "I was meant to stay alive."

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Archbishop names Vicars General of archdiocese

Archbishop John J. Myers announced Aug. 29 the appointment of Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Nydegger, currently pastor of Saint Philomena Parish, Livingston, and executive director of the Office of Clergy Personnel, to the curial post of Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia of the Archdiocese of Newark.

He will assume the duties currently fulfilled by Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., whom Pope Francis named Bishop of the Diocese of Fall River, MA, on July 3.

Archbishop Myers also has appointed Rev. Msgr. Michael A. Andreano, K.C.H.S., chancellor of the archdiocese, to the additional curial post of Vicar General. The appointments are effective Sept. 3.

As Vicars General, Msgr. Nydegger and Msgr. Andreano, along with Coadjutor Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda, are the principal deputies of Archbishop Myers for the exercise of administrative authority within the archdiocese. As Vicars of the archbishop, Vicars General exercise the archbishop's ordinary executive power over the entire archdiocese.

In addition to this role, Msgr. Nydegger's duties as moderator of the curia will include day-to-day direction of the administrative agencies and departments of the archdiocese and the supervision of the members of the archdiocesan curia.

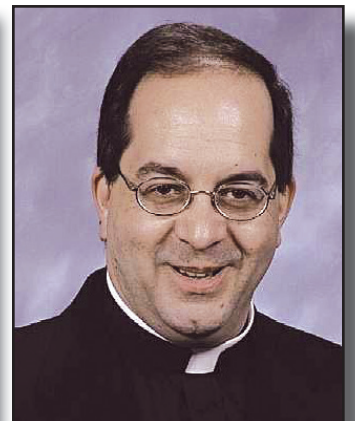
Msgr. Thomas Nydegger, ordained for service to the Archdiocese of Newark in 1992, has served in parish ministry at Immaculate Conception Parish, Secaucus, and Saint Philomena Parish, Livingston. He has also served as Secretary to Archbishop McCarrick; as archdiocesan vocations director; as assistant to the Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia; as vice rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University; as associate vice president for student affairs at Seton Hall University; as a vice chancellor of the archdiocese and director of formation at Immaculate Conception Seminary. St. Pope John Paul II named Msgr. Nydegger a Chaplain to His Holiness in 2005.

Msgr. Michael Andreano, ordained for service to the Archdiocese of Newark in 2000, has served



Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Nydegger

in parish ministry at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Newark, and Holy Family Parish, Nutley. He has also served as Secretary to Archbishop John Myers; as assistant to the Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia; as a vice chancellor of the archdiocese; as archdiocesan director of Pontifical Liturgies; and as interim executive director of Clergy Personnel. In addition, he has served as a member of the arch-



Rev. Msgr. Michael A. Andreano, K.C.H.S.

diocesan Vocations Board, Presbyteral Council, archdiocesan Finance Council, and Advisory Committee on Continuing Education and Ongoing Formation of Priests; and as a member of the Board of Overseers of Immaculate Conception Seminary. A Knight Commander of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Pope Benedict XVI named Msgr. Andreano a Chaplain to His Holiness in 2009.

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WNSW 1430 AM began broadcasting at noon on Aug. 28 with around-the clock coverage of Catholic news, opinion, catechesis and information in an entertaining and interactive programming format. WNSW is the newest station in Relevant Radio's network of 36 stations in 18 states. Many of its signature shows, including "Morning Air," "Go Ask Your Father," "On Call with Wendy Wiese" and "The Drew Mariani Show," are call-in programs that bring to listeners a clear and consistent Catholic message to benefit not only Catholic people, but people of all faiths, helping them to understand the Catholic faith more fully and share it with others.

The Archdiocese of Newark has been instrumental in bringing Relevant



Radio to the New Jersey-New York area. The radio station's offices will be located at the Archdiocesan Center, and its transmission center and antenna are also in New Jersey.

"We are thrilled to be in the nation's number one media market," Father Francis J. Hoffman, executive director of Relevant Radio, said. "We are grateful to the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph for their powerful intercession, and especially to Most Rev. John J. Myers, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Newark and Most Rev. Nicholas DiMarzio, Bishop of the Diocese of

Brooklyn, for their active support in this endeavor. Nor could we have made this acquisition without the extraordinary generosity of our listeners and supporters."

"We are pleased to welcome Relevant Radio into the Archdiocese of Newark and greater metropolitan area. We look forward to working closely with them to bring to all listeners the clear and consistent Catholic message and to share the truth, beauty and goodness of our faith," Archbishop Myers said. "As we continue to broaden our efforts in the New Evangelization to spread the

good news of the Gospel, Relevant Radio will be of tremendous benefit not only to Catholic people but to people of all faiths to help them understand the Catholic faith more fully, and share it with others."

The addition of new radio station will increase the Relevant Radio potential listener base from 32 million to 48.6 million people. The Relevant Radio mobile App has been downloaded over 50,000 times in the U.S. and in 146 countries around the world. Programming can be heard worldwide via streaming audio at www.relevantradio.com.

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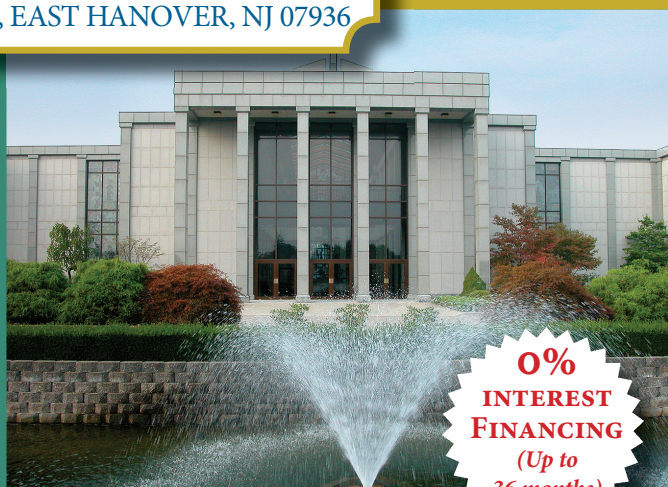
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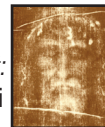
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Application forms are available at your child's school and application can be made at any time during the school year. If a household member becomes unemployed, or the household size or income changes during the school year, parents are encouraged to contact the school so that all children receive the proper benefits.

For the school officials to determine eligibility, the household must provide the following information listed on the application: names of all household members; household income received by each household member; type of income; frequency of income such as weekly, every two weeks, twice a month, monthly or annually; and the signature and the last four digits of the social security number of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct.

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3	25,727	2,144	1,072	990	495	3	36,612	3,051	1,526	1,409	705
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5	36,283	3,024	1,512	1,396	698	5	51,634	4,303	2,152	1,986	993
6	41,561	3,464	1,732	1,599	800	6	59,145	4,929	2,465	2,275	1,138
7	46,839	3,904	1,952	1,802	901	7	66,656	5,555	2,778	2,564	1,282
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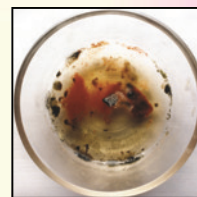


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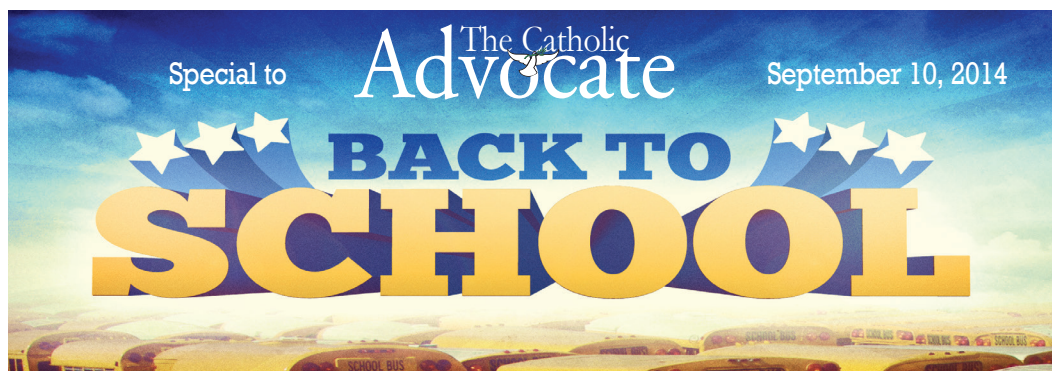
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Archdiocesan Catholic schools on the cutting edge of education

Ann Oro, the new director of K-12 Instructional Technology for the Archdiocese of Newark, explains her role in incorporating technology into the modern classroom.

Q: Tell me a little about your background/experience working with Catholic schools?

A: I have a life-long involvement in Catholic education. I am a graduate of a Catholic grammar school. My sons have completed their elementary and secondary education in Catholic schools. I spent the last 12 years working at Saint Michael School in Cranford. I worked primarily as the computer teacher and spent three years as a middle school math teacher.

Q: What are some of your initial observations about the use of technology in our archdiocesan grammar/high schools?

A: Teachers are excited about bringing learning to their students in many different formats. The access to technology varies by school. The Internet provides opportunities to learn via video, practicing lessons and communicate their ideas. There are many interactive whiteboards, iPads, Chromebooks, and computer labs for our students.

Q: What are some of the challenges of incorporating technology in the classrooms?

A: Some of the challenges relate to helping teachers understand how the equipment they have can enhance their lessons. One of the most important goals will be to provide teachers with clear examples of how

technology is being used within the archdiocese so that they are able to have a vision of what is possible.

Another challenge is cost. There are amazing pieces of software that are free for use in the classroom. I will be partnering with the computer teachers and technology educators at the elementary and high school levels to help teachers understand the wide array of free technology available to benefit their students.

Q: Have you been met with some resistance by less tech-savvy parents or teachers? Are there people who prefer a more "old-school" way of learning? How do you address their concerns?

A: The resistance that less tech-savvy teachers experience oftentimes is directly related to their



Ann Oro

need to take small doable steps. I address their concerns by showing them a small idea that can be used in class. They incorporate the new experience for their students. When they see increased student learning, they are receptive to trying a new small step. The biggest concern that parents have is that they feel that their students already have enough screen time. I address that concern by opening a conversation about the need to practice communication and collaboration with the guidance of

their teacher. As students grow into their life beyond high school, these skills will provide them with confidence and flexibility to excel in their chosen path.

Q: What are the latest products/programs that prove to be most effective in the classroom?

A: Products and programs are continuously changing. The ability to solve problems in groups through Google Apps for Education is one example of an effective product. Students can collaboratively write with a teacher's guidance in editing. Instead of using PowerPoint to create a solo presentation, a group of students can work together whether at school or at home. Websites, like Edmodo, provide students and teachers with a workspace online to share work. There is a renewed interest in providing students with knowledge of computer programming. Last year the first "Hour of Code" event was staged globally in December. Children from Kindergarten through high school participated. There is a great excitement in learning how games are created.



Caldwell University celebrates 75th anniversary and homecoming

CALDWELL—Caldwell University is holding celebrations for its 75th anniversary and homecoming weekend Sept. 18-20.

On Sept. 20, a homecoming carnival and barbecue will be held on the Newman Plaza from noon to 4 p.m. Festivities will include game booths, face painting, pumpkin decorating, a teddy bear clinic, street performers, performances by student bands and organizations, a drum circle and more.

A 75th anniversary photography and print exhibit of materials related to the founding of Caldwell College for Women will be displayed in the Jennings Library on campus. The exhibit is co-sponsored by the university's library, the Caldwell Public Library, the Sisters of Saint Dominic Motherhouse archives and the New Jersey Catholic Heritage Commission. Several free, 30-minute faculty lectures will be presented throughout the weekend.

A "Faculty Favorites" concert will be held in the Alumni Theatre and is open to the public. This debut of the 2014-15 concert series will feature performances by university faculty and recent alumni. General admission is \$20; tickets are \$15 for seniors and students and \$10 for alumni and friends. Caldwell University students attend free.



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Artwork from Caldwell University students will be displayed from Sept. 12 through Oct. 10.

On Sept. 18 at 4 p.m., Father Paul Murray, O.P., a member of the Irish Dominican Province and professor of spiritual theology at the Angelicum in Rome will present a lecture on his recent book, "Scars: Essays, Poems and Meditations on Affliction." He is president of the Spirituality Institute, serves as spiritual director at the Convitto Internazionale San Tommaso, a pontifical college for young diocesan priests from all over the world. A book signing will follow his presentation in the Alumni Theatre lobby.

The university's Department of Art will present the work of graduates from the last 20 years during its "Celebration of Alumni Art, 1994-2014" exhibition in the Visceglia Gallery. The goal of the event is to celebrate the remarkable

creativity, innovation and dedication of the alumni over the last two decades. The diverse artistic work represents the efforts of 30 alumni, part of a vibrant community producing studio and design work in an exciting range of media. The show coincides with the institution's newly granted status as a university.

The exhibition opens Sept. 12, and a reception will take place at 5 p.m. on Sept. 20, in the Visceglia Gallery in the student center as part of the annual homecoming and family weekend. The exhibition will run through Oct. 10.

The works are done in a variety of styles including abstraction, representational, symbolic, psychoanalytic, non-objective and graphic design in media ranging from oils

and acrylic to large and small scale sculpture, mixed media, photography and video.

"Every one of these artists has passed through my classroom," Professor Kendall Baker said. "I think I can speak for all of the art department faculty when I say that it has been greatly rewarding after having encouraged their creative visions to see them developing their own styles and approaches as they continue their investigations."

Caldwell launched the bachelor of fine arts degree in 1974, the first in New Jersey. More than 75 students are pursuing a major in art at the university. The gallery is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information about homecoming events, visit www.caldwell.edu/homecoming.

Union Catholic welcomes new faculty



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Pictured from left to right are John Rotondo, Coleen Curry, Cheryl Rossi, Nancy Peralta, Kelly Kahney, and Ya Wen.

SCOTCH PLAINS—At the start of the 2014-2015 school year, Union Catholic High School wel-

comed six new faculty and staff members. Coleen Curry is teaching U.S. history and religion, as well as

serving as the moderator of campus ministry. She is "excited to meet the other teachers and learn from them."

Kelly Kahney served as part-time administrative assistant in Union Catholic's main office and is looking forward to "being a part of the Union Catholic community and working with such wonderful people." Nancy Peralta, who is in her 11th season as freshman volleyball coach, has joined the faculty as a physical education/health/driver's education teacher. Peralta appreciates teaching at a Catholic because she believes that "a faith-based environment places a greater emphasis on values that create a lifelong, responsible person."

Cheryl Rossi, who teaches psychology and English classes, echoes Peralta's beliefs. "My faith is very important to me and guides my life and life choices. I believe that my values will be the basis for my teaching," Rossi said.

John Rotondo, Class of 2007, is the director of Union Catholic's fall plays, and teaches writing and Spanish classes while serving as a forensics coach. Rotondo is a screenwriter/playwright and is thrilled to be "coming back home to Union Catholic."

Ya Wen is the high school's first-ever ESL teacher. "People here are very friendly, easygoing and helpful," she said. "You just feel comfortable in this community. Students and teachers are happy to study and work here." For information, visit unioncatholic.org.

Benedictine Academy celebrates centennial



ELIZABETH—Benedictine Academy, a Catholic college preparatory high school for young women, will kick off the celebration of its 100th anniversary this month with several special events designed to encourage students, parents, alumnae and the community to participate in honoring the academy's important milestone.

Events include the 9th annual golf outing at Maplewood Country Club on September 15, from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. On September 21, Bishop Manuel A. Cruz will celebrate an

opening Mass of Thanksgiving at Holy Spirit Parish, Union, at 2:30 p.m. with a reception in Holy Spirit Parish Hall following the liturgy. A centennial lecture featuring author and *America* editor-at-large Father James Martin, S.J., will be held September 24 at the Kean University STEM Building in Union at 7 p.m.

Additional centennial celebration activities are planned for 2015 with a grand finale gala dinner and auction to be held in April. Information and ticket information for all events is available at www.benedictineacad.org or by calling 908-352-0670 ext. 106.

"We are thrilled that we can celebrate 100 years of serving the community and helping young women advance in so many ways, and at the same time observe this momentous occasion in our history," Academy President Sister Germaine Fritz, O.S.B., 1954 alumna, said. "Our mission is to provide college-preparatory education to young women of various ethnic, socio-economic and religious backgrounds."

Immaculate Conception announces events for 100th anniversary

LODI—Immaculate Conception High School, located at 258 South Main St., has planned a yearlong celebration in honor of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the school. The festivities began with Mass on September 5 at the Felician Sisters' convent chapel.

Additional events will include "Reconnect and Renew: Reunion 2015" that will feature the opening of a time capsule buried 50 years ago.

Other alumni gatherings and an alumnae mission trip to Saint Croix with Immaculate Conception graduate Dr. Susan Diverio are in development.

Next month, the school will host Mission and Heritage Week and lunch with the Felician Sisters on October 2. The 100th Anniversary Alumnae and Friends Memorial Mass will be held November 2 at 11 a.m. A Christmas homecoming celebration is planned for the holiday season, including a tree lighting and concert on December 7 at 3:30 p.m. The year-long celebration will culminate with a gala on October 22, 2015 at Il Villaggio's in Carlstadt.

Since 1915, Immaculate Conception High School has served young women from a variety of socio-economic, cultural, and religious backgrounds who seek a challenging college-preparatory education in a Catholic Christian Franciscan environment.

Constituents, neighbors and friends of Immaculate Conception are invited to attend all the events. For more information, including sponsorship opportunities, contact Nadine Mooers, director of institutional advancement at (973) 472-7231. Alumnae are encouraged to call or stop by the office for a free 100th anniversary car magnet and/or lapel pin.



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In early July, cross-country athletes from Immaculate Heart Academy, Washington Township, and Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell, visited the Little Creek Naval Base in Virginia to train with the U.S. Navy SEAL and Special Warfare Combatant-Craft Crewmen scout team. While there, they completed the SEAL physical screening test, obstacle course, beach runs, dune runs and water training. The group of athletes worked on various life skills and focused on team building, leadership and communication.

The athletes were chaperoned by John Downey, the academy's athletic director and cross-country coach; Jessica Bunone, assistant coach; Matt Joyce, the school's track and cross country-coach; Paul McGinnis, Immaculate Heart's social studies teacher; and Bergen Catholic track and assistant cross-country coaches Bill Magee and Bill Leonard.

Additionally, the group made a \$500 donation to the UDT-SEAL Association, a non-profit Veterans Support Organization whose members are U.S. Navy personnel who have served, or are presently serving in the Naval Special Warfare community. Founded in 1960, Immaculate Heart Academy was the first regional high school for girls in the Archdiocese of Newark. For more information, visit www.immaculateheartnj.com.

Holy Angels teacher honored for service

DEMAREST—Academy of the Holy Angels teacher Laura Kraytem was named Educator of the Year by Operation Smile during the 24th Annual Operation Smile International Student Leadership Conference held this year in Limerick, Ireland.

Operation Smile, which was co-founded by Kathleen S. Magee, alumna of Holy Angels, provides corrective surgeries at no cost to children all over the developing world who are born with cleft lip and other types of facial deformities. Since its foundation in 1982, Operation Smile volunteer professionals have treated over 222,000 patients, making it one of the most successful medical charities in the world.

This year's conference took place from July 13-20 at the University of Limerick and was attended by over 550 high school and college students from more than 20 countries and who participated in educational and leadership workshops designed to prepare them for their

own volunteer missions.

Immediately following her participation at the conference, Kraytem traveled to Malawi where she spent two weeks at an Operation Smile mission working as a student sponsor and educator. She described her primary role there as educational. "So many children are burned by the fires used to cook. We teach them what to do with a burn, and how to prevent them and what to do to treat dehydration. This kind of education is truly lifesaving. We touched over 144 lives in two weeks," she said.

Kraytem is the moderator of the academy's Operation Smile Club which has more than 150 members, many of whom have traveled on mission trips around the world. Last year she served as a student sponsor on a mission to Jordan which inspired her to become even more involved.

"I saw my students transformed on so many levels that I wanted to offer them more opportunities



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Laura Kraytem, right, is pictured with academy senior Ruby Kang who also attended the conference in Ireland. Kang will serve as the club's vice president and will participate in a mission trip to Vietnam this coming year.

for involvement beyond their club meetings at school," she explained. Kraytem began attending NJ Regional Operation Smile meetings with her students and helped to organize the first "Rock The Smile, Battle of the DJ's" event in Newark.

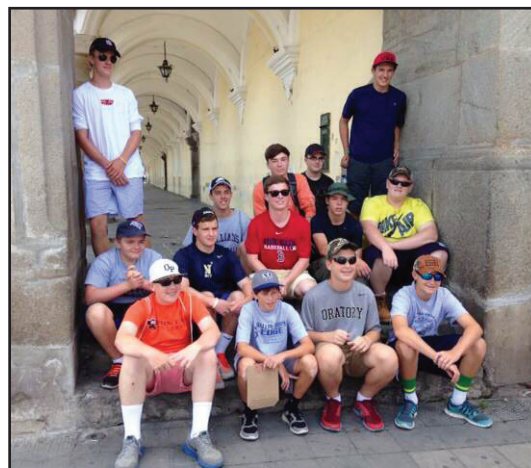
"I was touched by the award because it meant Operation Smile recognized my passion for supporting my students to do great things," Kraytem said. "I know that if I can

lift their awareness level to action and tie action to moral responsibility the world will be a better place. This is the gift Academy of the Holy Angels gave to me and now I want to give to them."

Academy of the Holy Angels is located at 315 Hillside Ave., Demarest, and is an all-girl, Catholic college preparatory high school. For more information, visit www.holyangels.org.



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This summer, a group of students from Oratory Preparatory School, Summit, volunteered with the From Houses to Homes program in Guatemala. The students spent a week helping to build homes for a disadvantaged community in the highlands of the Central American country. From Houses to Homes aims to strengthen the community by building lasting, healthy homes, improving access to health care and education and inspiring participation between the poor and society. Andrew and Patrick Budisak, left, are pictured with a child who will live in a newly constructed home. Oratory Prep is a Catholic boys' school of 320 young men from grades 7-12. For more information, visit www.oratoryprep.org.

Aquinas Academy debuts new technology upgrade

LIVINGSTON— At Aquinas Academy, 388 South Livingston Ave., students from grades four through eight will take part in the inaugural year of Aquinas Academy's Chromebook 1:1 Initiative.

The initiative began with an in-depth analysis of the school's existing computer network and its limitations. Sister Lena Picillo, O.P., academy principal, has made the school's technology resources and STEM curriculum priorities for development. In past years, iPads were placed in every classroom along with SMART Boards and laptops.

"None of these updates could have happened without our pastor, Rev. Msgr. Tom Nydegger," Sr. Lena said. "He allowed us to install new switchboxes, access points, and other necessary items to make this updated network handle the increase in wireless technology we will experience with all fourth through eighth graders using their Chromebooks every day. I don't pretend to under-

stand it all, but I'm thrilled."

Assistant Principal Maureen Wehrfritz researched a number of products and chose the Chromebook because it matched the teachers' needs at an affordable price. Each Chromebook is approximately \$235. There is also an educational management system installed on each laptop, allowing teachers to manage and interact with the students in classroom technologically.

Teachers have had the summer to become familiar with their Chromebooks and plan for how they will incorporate the new technology into the curriculum.

"The Chromebooks will allow our students to become even more active learners than they already were," Sr. Lena explained. "We will be able to teach 21st Century skills on a one to one basis and customize learning as needed for individual students. Student engagement is critical to academic achievement."

Aquinas Academy, founded in



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Christopher Lynum, incoming 5th grader at Aquinas Academy, works on his new Chromebook.

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lege to deliver the school supplies to our Catholic grammar schools was a humbling experience," she recalled. "Seeing the excitement and joy in the teachers' faces as they opened the boxes was a very special moment for me." Photo at left: Janice Britt and Antonio Matias of Our Lady Help of Christians. Photo Above: Sacred Heart School's Advancement Director Rosemary Sekel; student Reasha Nair; recent graduate Karissa Gabot; and Vice Principal Elvira Gabot.

To help prepare students for the new school year, the Archdiocesan Office of Development and Stewardship collected school supplies that were donated to Saint Augustine School, Union City; Sacred Heart School Jersey City; Our Lady Help of Christians School, East Orange; and Good Shepherd Academy, Irvington. Georgina Greck, donor service representative in the Office of Development, delivered the items to local schools. "Having the privi-

Alumni program launched to revitalize local schools

By Laura Cristiano

Special to The Catholic Advocate

One of the new and exciting programs that is being undertaken by the Schools Office this year is joining the Catholic Alumni Partnership, or as it is commonly called, C.A.P. This program is designed to put Catholic elementary schools back in touch with their alumni, many of whom they lost track of decades ago.

The program was founded by a retired hedge fund multimillionaire, Robert W. Wilson, and his philanthropic foundation The Wilson Trust. Wilson, though he was not a

man of faith, realized that the most dedicated, resourceful and trustworthy employees in his company all had one thing in common: they were graduates of Catholic schools. For that reason, he generously gave to the Archdiocese of New York's scholarship funds.

In 2010 Wilson decided to go a step further. He developed a program, which later became C.A.P., where he funded the research of Catholic school alumni in five dioceses in the tri-state area. For his spokesperson he picked talk show host Regis Philbin, who is a proud graduate of both Catholic elementary and high school. They took to the airwaves to let graduates know

their elementary schools wanted to find them, and needed their financial support.

Volunteers combed through old school records, many recorded on dusty cards in school basements, to gather the last known names and addresses of graduates. Through modern technology, there are companies that can find, with a good degree of accuracy, where these people are today, even if their names are different or if they are living in another state.

The results of the program were nothing short of miraculous. Alumni felt very attached to their Catholic elementary schools. They realized that the foundations that they had for their success in life was due to the values, work ethic and education instilled in them in our Catholic schools. They were put in touch with their schools via alumni newsletters, and gave generously during an annual appeal.

When these newly found alumni were asked why they had never given back to their alma maters before, the answer was surprisingly simple. In short, their schools had just never asked.

Now in 2014, the Archdiocese of Newark is entering the next cohort of the alumni program. Even though Wilson passed away this past December, his charitable trust lives on, and is going to partly fund the program in the Archdiocese of Newark. It is the hope of Dr. Margaret Dames, Superintendent of Schools, that the program is as successful in



Laura Cristiano

Newark as it has been elsewhere. Dames was formerly the Superintendent of Schools in the Bridgeport Diocese when the program was launched there in 2010, and she saw first-hand how it revitalized the schools in the diocese.

There will be some upcoming meetings this fall in New York City to discuss procedure for garnering records, as well as the best way to contact alumni. One of the key components is up-to-date Web-sites that are fully integrated with social media, in particular Facebook and Twitter.

The Schools Office staff is excited, and can't wait to dive in to this new initiative.

Laura Cristiano is Director of Marketing for Schools in the Archdiocese of Newark.



Cutting edge

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Many children took these lessons to heart and have continued the tutorials. Some teachers are working with their students in a blended learning environment where teacher instruction is paired with practice in an on-line environment. Other teachers are investing a "flipped classroom" in which students view short videos in the classroom or at home to understand a basic concept so that there is more time for learning through projects that are based on those introductory ideas.

Q: What do you think the "modern classroom" will look like in the next few years?

A: I believe that the "modern classroom" will begin to look more personalized. Students will be able to pick up a pencil, an iPad, a piece of paper, or a Chromebook depending upon what tool will help them learn best. I look forward to seeing the creative audio and video that students can produce to help themselves and others in the classroom learn. The modern classroom provides students with an opportunity to use online spaces to share the results of their work so that their families around the world can share their learning. Technology tools will continue to allow all students to solve problems and share their work with the world so that others can benefit from and build on their knowledge.



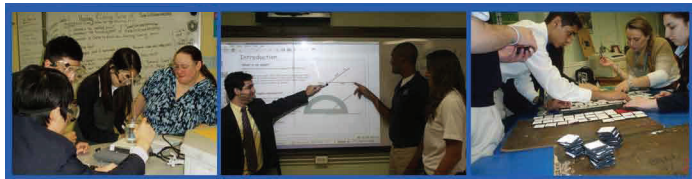


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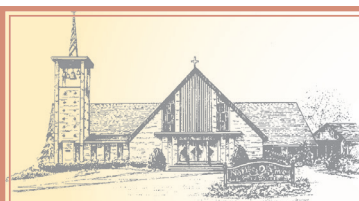
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St. Peter's University fights hunger with Campus Kitchen

JERSEY CITY—Saint Peter's University will celebrate the opening of the university's Campus Kitchen on Sept. 11, the national day of service, in the convent at St. Aedan's: The Saint Peter's University Church.

Campus Kitchen is a student-led community service project that provides free, healthy meals to local residents by using donated food that would otherwise go to waste. With the launch of the program, Campus Kitchen at Saint Peter's will provide

nutritious meals for Jersey City residents in need.

This new program was made possible through collaboration with the Campus Kitchens Project, a national organization that empowers student volunteers to fight hunger in their community; Sodexo, Saint Peter's campus dining provider; Sodexo Foundation, which provided a \$5,000 grant; and Rebuilding Together, a national non-profit organization, which provided assistance



Photo by the Campus Kitchen Project

Volunteers prepared meals of donated food for the needy at the Campus Kitchen at Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA.

with the renovations for the space.

"The Campus Kitchen at Saint Peter's has been a vision for the University community for a number of years and we are extremely pleased that is now becoming a reality," Erich Sekel, associate director of campus ministry, said. "Our students realize the need in our greater community and have expressed frustration with the amount of food waste they witness. We have been blessed to have students in the driver's seat when it comes to this initiative. Feeding the hungry is one of the primary Corporal Works of Mercy and

we are eager to continue our work in this area with such a unique and important program."

Restaurants and supermarkets often unnecessarily dispose of food—a leading contributor to why 40 percent of food grown in the United States is never eaten. Campus Kitchen will enable the students to reclaim this food and package it into individual meals to be delivered to the homeless, the elderly, families and children. There are currently 38 schools in the country with a Campus Kitchen and only one in New Jersey, located in Atlantic City.

College of Saint Elizabeth to host open house

MORRISTOWN—The College of Saint Elizabeth is hosting a campus-wide open house on Sunday, Oct. 5, for students of all ages and academic interests. To discover more about the college's undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs, sessions will be held in the Annunciation Center.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., visitors interested in the Women's College undergraduate programs will have the opportunity to meet admissions counselors; learn about academic and extracurricular opportunities; listen to a panel of current students; meet faculty and student life staff; take a campus tour and attend a financial aid workshop.

Co-ed adult undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs are the focus of a 10 a.m. to noon session. Attendees will learn about adult continuing studies programs, as well as the 10 master's and two doctoral programs. Representatives from admissions, individual academic programs and financial aid will be available.

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Bishop da Cunha reflects on the 'joy of being a priest'

By Melissa McNally
Editor of The Catholic Advocate

For Most Reverend Edgar Moreira da Cunha, S.D.V., an unassuming “farm boy” from rural Bahia, Brazil, becoming a bishop was never the path he envisioned. “I just wanted to be a priest,” he recalled.

Now bishop-elect of the Diocese of Fall River, MA, his journey will take him from the sprawling, bustling Archdiocese of Newark with over 1 million Catholics to a diocese with more than 300,000 faithful. “Where the Church needs me, where the Lord needs me- that is where I will go and do my best,” he said.

Appointed the eighth bishop of Fall River on July 3 by Pope Francis, Bishop da Cunha will be installed at a Mass Sept. 24 at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption in southeastern Massachusetts.

The weeks prior to the big event have been busy. New portraits have been taken, an updated coat of arms has been commissioned and interviews with local news media have been scheduled. Amid the buzzing atmosphere, Bishop da Cunha remains grounded and intends to share his “gifts and joy” with the people of his new diocese.

“I hope that I will encourage their faith and participation in the Church,” Bishop da Cunha explained. “I want to bring the best out of them, too; to bring their gifts and their talents to build up a community of faith.”

Leaving the Archdiocese of Newark after more than 30 years will be bittersweet for the former auxiliary bishop. “I’m going to take with me the memories of so many friends I have made in this archdiocese,” he recalled. “I will miss so many faithful and dedicated people that I have met. I’ll remember the celebrations at so many parishes in the archdiocese; just the goodness of the people in general.”

Bishop da Cunha’s faithful ministry began back home in Brazil as

one of 12 brothers and sisters. “We are all a product of our environment in some ways. The family that you are a part of influences the rest of your life,” he reflected. “I had a very large family but a very loving and united family. We are still, to this day, very close. The faith of my parents was very important in my life as well as the influence of the priests and Vocationist community.”

He attended local schools in Nova Fatima, Bahia, including the minor seminary (or Vocationary) of the Vocationist Fathers in Riachao do Jacuipe. There he joined the Vocationist Fathers, also known as the Society of Divine Vocations and studied philosophy at Universidade Catolica do Salvador, Bahia.

The Vocationist priests were a very important part of Bishop da Cunha’s spiritual development. “I was baptized by Vocationists. From the time I was born and in my parish, all I knew were the Vocationists. They awakened the idea of vocation within me,” he said.

While studying at Immaculate Conception Seminary, then located at Darlington in Mahwah, he resided there Mondays through Fridays and stayed with the Vocationist community at Saint Michael Parish, Newark, on weekends. He graduated from Immaculate Conception with a Master of Divinity degree and was ordained to the priesthood at Saint Michael Parish on March 27, 1982. Following his ordination he served as a parochial vicar of the parish and as director of vocations for his congregation.

A year later, he was transferred to Saint Nicholas in Palisades Park to serve as parochial vicar and vice superior of the local community. In 1987, then just 33 years old, he was appointed pastor of the parish staffed by Vocationist.

“It was a big surprise to be appointed pastor of Saint Nicholas Parish because the former pastor died suddenly. I was not prepared or planning to be a pastor at that time,” Bishop da Cunha recalled. Prior

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Coat of Arms

The Most Reverend Edgar Moreira da Cunha, S.V.D., D.D. Bishop of Fall River

By Very Rev. Michael M. Walters, JCL, V.F.

As a diocesan bishop, Bishop da Cunha joins his personal coat of arms to those of the Diocese of Fall River on the right half of the shield (the left side as seen by the viewer —directions in heraldry are made from the perspective of the shield carrier, from the back).

The shield is complemented by the episcopal hat and cross with the scroll bearing the motto. The clerical hat, a gallerio, was once the ordinary headgear of clerics. The color for bishops is green with six tassels on each side. The cross behind the shield is a processional cross usually carried before the bishop in church.

The top part of the shield represents the Society of Divine Vocations, the religious order to which Bishop da Cunha belongs. Founded in Italy in 1920 by Blessed Father Justin Russolillo, the order began ministry in Bahia, Brazil in 1950. The circle represents the world and the triangle represents the

Trinity; they are interlaced, which signifies the Vocationist mission to bring the world to God and God to the world. The colors, silver and gold, were chosen to represent the precious nature of the Christian vocation.

The symbol is placed on a blue field, which is the color of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a reminder that Bishop da Cunha's vocation began with his baptism in Immaculate Conception Church in Gaviao, Bahia; that he studied for the priesthood at Immaculate Conception Seminary, and that he spent his years of ministry as priest and bishop in the Archdiocese of Newark, which is under the patronage of the Immaculate Conception..

The Fall River arms are silver with a blue wavy line, which represents water and alludes to the name of the diocese. The arms are dominated by a red cross which symbolizes redemption. In the center of the cross is a six pointed star, a symbol of the Blessed Virgin Mary who is called the "Morning Star" in the Litany of Loreto and in honor of whose Assumption the cathedral is dedicated. The arms represent the graces which flow from the Church into the lives of the people of the Diocese.



The personal side of his shield represents influences that have shaped the bishop's life and ministry. The bottom represents Bishop da Cunha's birthplace in Brazil, where he received his first formation in the faith from his family and through the sacraments of the Church. The colors of Brazil's flag are green and yellow with a globe with a banner inscribed *Ordem e Progresso* (Order and Progress). The phrase is not repeated in the arms but the representation alludes to them. The green of the flag is represented

Bishop da Cunha has chosen as his motto *Sufficit tibi gratia mea* (my grace is enough for you) which is taken from Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (12:9). These words remind Bishop da Cunha that God's grace will see him through the challenges that all Christians face in the modern world, especially as he begins his ministry as the chief shepherd of the Church of Fall River.

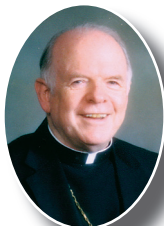
by the indented green line which also refers to the motto of the bishop's home state of Bahia, *Per Ardua Surgo* (By Work Grow). The indentations resemble steps which remind us that growth in the Christian life is sometimes accomplished by enduring difficulties.



Archbishop John J. Myers

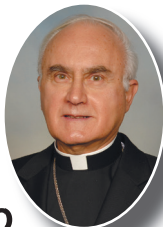
For some 36 years, Bishop da Cunha has been an integral part of the life of the Local Church of Newark—first as a seminarian of the Vocationist Community studying for priesthood at Immaculate Conception Seminary, then as a Vocationist Priest and Pastor ministering in several Newark parishes, and ultimately, 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 Parish 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.



Most Reverend John W. Flesey

I would describe Bishop da Cunha as intelligent, compassionate, and hard working. The bishop is a talented linguist. He has an excellent sense of humor and a joyful heart rooted in the Good News of our salvation in Jesus Christ. I will miss him as a colleague and a friend, but I am delighted that the people of the Diocese of Fall River will be led by such a good shepherd.



Most Reverend Thomas A. Donato

The news of Bishop da Cunha's appointment to Falls River Diocese is a reason to celebrate. I am happy that Pope Francis recognized the abilities of such a great priest. During all his years working within the Archdiocese he has proven himself to be a Minister of God, working for God's people. In any position that he has filled as priest, pastor, Auxiliary Bishop, and as Vicar General, he has won the esteem of priests, religious and laity. I pray God's blessings of wisdom and courage for Bishop da Cunha as he undertakes his new responsibilities. I will miss my friend, but hopefully our friendship will grow along new avenues of grace.



Coadjutor Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda

I have come to know Bishop Edgar da Cunha 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 unfailing 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.



Most Reverend Manuel A. Cruz

Our loss is Fall River's gain. While we are sad to see Bishop da Cunha leave, we also know that he will be a great blessing to the people of the Diocese of Fall River. Certainly, he goes with our deep gratitude for his extraordinary service and leadership here in the Archdiocese of Newark, and with a promise of our continued prayers and support for him. May God bless him and grant him wisdom and strength as he shepherds the good people of the Diocese of Fall River. May our Blessed Mother watch over him and guide him always.

*In his own words...***Bishop da Cunha's statement on his Episcopal ordination to the Archdiocese of Newark**
September 3, 2003

As this beautiful celebration unfolded in this majestic cathedral here this afternoon, one question kept coming to my mind: "What am I doing here?" And the voice of God within me said: "I called you and brought you here."

I say this with the hope that it becomes as clear to all of you as it is to me that this is all God's doing. And I thank him for it. I wish to thank the Holy Father for entrusting this important mission to me, I thank Archbishop Myers for his support, and his trust and confidence in me, and I look forward to working with him, I thank all my brother bishops from the Archdiocese of Newark and throughout the country, for their support, for their prayers and for their presence here today. I thank my brother priests, my family, my religious community of the Vocationist Fathers. The Vocationist Sisters, our dear parishioners and staff of Saint Michael parish, parishioners of Saint Nicholas parish, confreres and staff from Florham Park, friends who came from other parishes and towns from throughout the archdiocese and the state.

I want you all to know how important it is for me and for the Church that you are here today. Your presence, your faith, your prayers and your friendship are all deeply appreciated. We are making history here today and you are part of this historical moment; the first Brazilian to become a bishop in the United States and the first Vocationist to become a bishop.

I say this with the humility of one who is absolutely certain that it is not my own merit that made this happen, but the goodness of the Lord. He made this happen. He brought me here. His hand is at work in all this. All I had to do was say 'yes.'

*In his own words...***Statement by Bishop da Cunha on his appointment to Fall River**
July 3, 2014

First of all, I want to thank God for calling me to serve in a new position here in Fall River. I see this new mission as a gift from the Lord and an opportunity to exercise the ministry to which he has called me.

I also wish to express my sincere thanks to our beloved Holy Father, Pope Francis, for his confidence in entrusting now to me the pastoral care of this local church, the Diocese of Fall River, my new home. I see this as a gift from God, an opportunity to use the gifts God graciously gave me to serve the faithful people of this diocese.

I am grateful to Bishop Coleman for his kind welcome and brotherly love, and for all the good work he has done here among God's people during his whole life, and especially during the last 11 years as the shepherd of this local church.

I wish to greet all my brother priests, and to tell them that I am eager to know them and to work with them for the kingdom of God and the service of God's people. I extend my heartfelt greetings to all deacons, men and women in consecrated life, seminarians and all the faithful of this great diocese in this corner of Massachusetts. I wish to greet all chancery staff and to let them know that I am looking forward to coming to know them and to work closely with them. I count on their talents and expertise and look forward to learning from them.

I know I have so much to learn from all who live, work and minister to God's people in the Diocese of Fall River. I have to learn the geography and the history of this diocese. There is much to learn about the ethnic groups that make up the faithful of the diocese, their faith, their traditions and learn from them how to celebrate all this with them. I'm willing to learn from them and to celebrate our faith together.

I wish to let all the people of this diocese to know that I come among you 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. 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.

I could never, in my wildest dream, imagine myself standing here as the future bishop of this diocese. 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. Thank you.

Bishop 'furthered God's kingdom' through evangelization

By Liliana Soto-Cabrera

In my personal haste for evangelization, I often experienced exhaustion after several months of working, once to the point that Bishop da Cunha said to me, "Liliana, you are not the Messiah." Bishop da Cunha always kept me grounded. It wasn't that he didn't want me to continue working with zeal but that he always wanted me to re-center that there was One greater than us in charge.

In the nine years we worked together in the Office for Evangelization, Bishop da Cunha was always open to new ideas to further God's kingdom in this great archdiocese as was the evangelical thrust of Saint John Paul II. Saint John Paul II called for a new ardor, methods and expression of evangelization, Bishop da Cunha followed suit.

As Vicar for Evangelization, he implemented an array of faith filled committees and projects and endeavors to further the New Evangelization. He leaves behind the groundwork for future projects.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to have worked under a humble, prayerful, respectful and wise leader. The new flock he will shepherd, I am sure will recognize these same qualities.

Liliana Soto-Cabrera is coordinator for the Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization.



The bishop of many firsts

By Father Alexander M. Santora

Long before Pope Francis called us to live simply, the Darlington Class of 1982 witnessed it first hand through one of our classmates. Moving into the huge seminary residence in Mahwah in August of 1978, each seminarian was assigned two rooms. The first days were spent moving in and decorating the rooms simply furnished with a desk, chair, bed, bureau and night stand by hanging curtains and frames, finding the right couch or lounge chair.

I remember visiting the rooms of Edgar da Cunha the first time. It was almost exactly the way he found it: spartan. And it stayed that way. Growing up among thirteen siblings, Edgar probably relished the space all to himself so why clutter it. In the 36 years since he came to the U.S., Edgar has always lived simply wherever he was ministering. We all pitched in to help him learn English but especially the women religious who eventually lived on the fourth floor of the residence. It was very touching at the annual deacon farewell, to hear Edgar speak English so beautifully and thank the Sisters for their patient tutoring.

Gaining confidence to speak English—though he already knew Portuguese, Italian and was learning Spanish—Edgar was a diligent student, who could hold his own in class discussions. He was a good athlete who enjoyed jogging, playing basketball and soccer. He was the first Vocationist to study at Darlington. Though his family was back in Brazil, he found a family among his Vocationist Fathers, Brothers and Sisters back at Saint Michael's and Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Newark, where he would return weekly on his day off.



Edgar had a quiet demeanor, was very prayerful and very sociable. He brought those qualities to the many roles he held in the Vocationist community, which made him well-suited to become the first Brazilian-born bishop in the U.S. 11 years ago this month. As vicar for Essex County, Evangelization and New Energies, he engaged people in a very gentle way and tried to find common ground. All that experience made him a natural to become Vicar General.

Now he almost comes full circle. He will become the first Brazilian-born bishop of Fall River, Massachusetts, which has a large Portuguese-speaking population and be able to model for them and the rest of his diocese that he knows first-hand what it is like to be an immigrant. As an aside, his diocese also covers all of Cape Cod and I would happily swap to spell one of his pastors there to get away in the summer to say, Hoboken.

The Catholics of Fall River will find that they have a shepherd like our beloved pope and he has lived a life of simplicity since his first day of seminary.

Father Alexander M. Santora is pastor of Our Lady of Grace and Saint Joseph Parish, Hoboken.

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to becoming pastor, he served as administrator where he gained confidence in his leadership abilities.

"After six months as administrator, I felt like I knew how to run a parish and minister to the people. Everyone was very supportive and encouraging. They even wrote letters asking for me to be appointed pastor. It's a natural thing- you learn as you go along. We don't come out of the seminary with all the skills of being a pastor, the administrative part, because we are taught the theology. You learn that hands-on through practice. I just kept on working with the people and we did wonderful things," he explained.

While at Saint Nicholas, he continued to promote vocations. Although much has changed over the decades, encouraging faithful laity to pursue religious life remains "very challenging," according to Bishop da Cunha.

"Young people have so many other options, distractions and secular influences in their lives. Many families are having fewer children so they are less inclined to encourage their children to be

priests and religious. The challenge to recruit vocations to the Church is an important aspect of what we do. Thank God the priesthood seems to be increasing in our country," he said.

Bishop da Cunha cites the Archdiocese of Newark's high ordination class numbers as a sign of hope for the priesthood. "In the last few years there seems to have been a turnaround. Here in Newark we have been fortunate not only with our own local seminaries, but to have people come from other countries. That's something that we just have to keep praying for and encouraging," he explained.

The increasing diversity of the local Church is something Bishop da Cunha has witnessed first-hand over the years. In 2000, he was appointed pastor of his beloved Saint Michael Parish, a vibrant, inner-city community with a large number of immigrants.

"For the Church here in Newark, the immigrant presence has really been a blessing and an asset. They have brought their faith and their tradition that has strengthened many of our parish communities. Obviously,

ly, there are problems and concerns about the immigration laws in our county; but for us as Church, our interest is evangelizing, in serving and ministering to them and be a welcoming place where they can feel at home," he explained.

Bishop da Cunha described being appointed pastor of Saint Michael as "coming home" to the community that first welcomed him as a seminarian. "I knew a lot of the people there. I had so much help and support from priests and the community. It made our work enjoyable and successful. I always enjoyed working with people and evangelization; preaching the Gospel, has always been the joy I find in my ministry."

His commitment to evangelization continued when he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Newark and Titular Bishop of Ugres by the Holy See on June 27, 2003. He was ordained a bishop on September 3 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, and appointed Regional Bishop for Essex County one month later. He was then appointed Vicar for Evangelization on May 4, 2005.

At that time, there weren't many programs that focused on energizing the faith of the local Church. "Archbishop John J. Myers asked me to chair the evangelization task force

which led to the establishment of the Office of Evangelization and many programs were a result of that."

Along with coordinator Liliana Soto-Cabrera, the archdiocesan office developed creative ways to enliven the Catholic community. "It was such a great experience to dive into that effort of evangelization and work with so many good people that were very helpful in bringing about all the programs we were able to implement in the archdiocese. The programs have helped a lot of parishes and people in their evangelization efforts. We established foundations for many parishes to build on and do their own work," he explained.

Bishop da Cunha hopes his enthusiasm for ministry will serve as inspiration for those considering the priesthood. "Being a priest is not an unhappy life. There is joy in serving God, the Church and people. You can be a happy person in the priesthood even though there are sacrifices and challenges like in any walk of life. The joy of being a priest is sometimes very rewarding," he noted.

As far as Bishop da Cunha's legacy in the Archdiocese of Newark, he has simple aspirations. "I hope people remember that I was there when they needed me and that I served them well."

A look back: Bishop da Cunha



During novitiate in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, in 1974



Ordained deacon at Saint Michael parish, Newark, on May 22, 1981



On vacation in Brazil, 1980



With seminary classmates Mike Matvenko and Keith Northridge, around 1980



In Branch Brook Park, 1981

through the years



At Saint Michael's
Christmas party, 1981



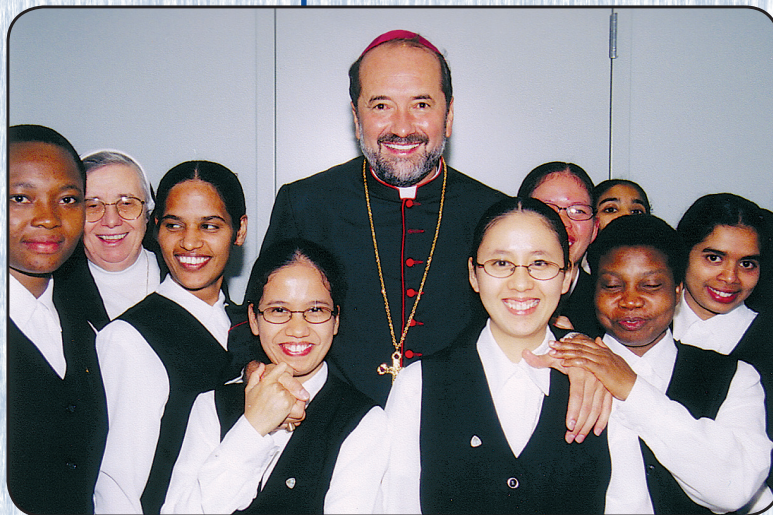
In India with Vocationist
seminarians, 1996



Appointed pastor of
Saint Michael's, 2000



Day of ordination to priesthood with
his brother Manoel Luis, his mother
Joefa, and his sister Leda in 1982



With novice sisters at his
episcopal ordination, 2003



Celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination, 2007



Soles for Faith Catholic running team 5k run that he founded in 2010



With Cursillo Movement leaders, 2011



New Energies meeting at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, 2008



Year of Faith Archdiocesan Pilgrimage in Washington D.C., 2013



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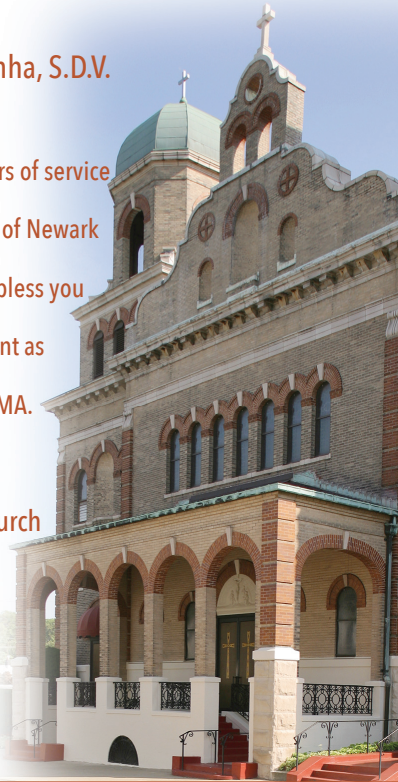
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Bishop of Fall River, MA.

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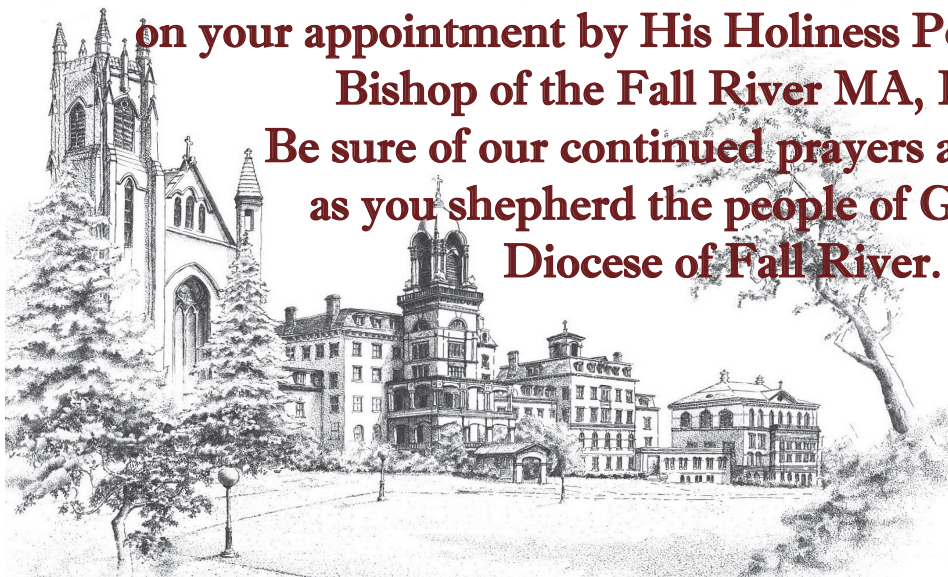
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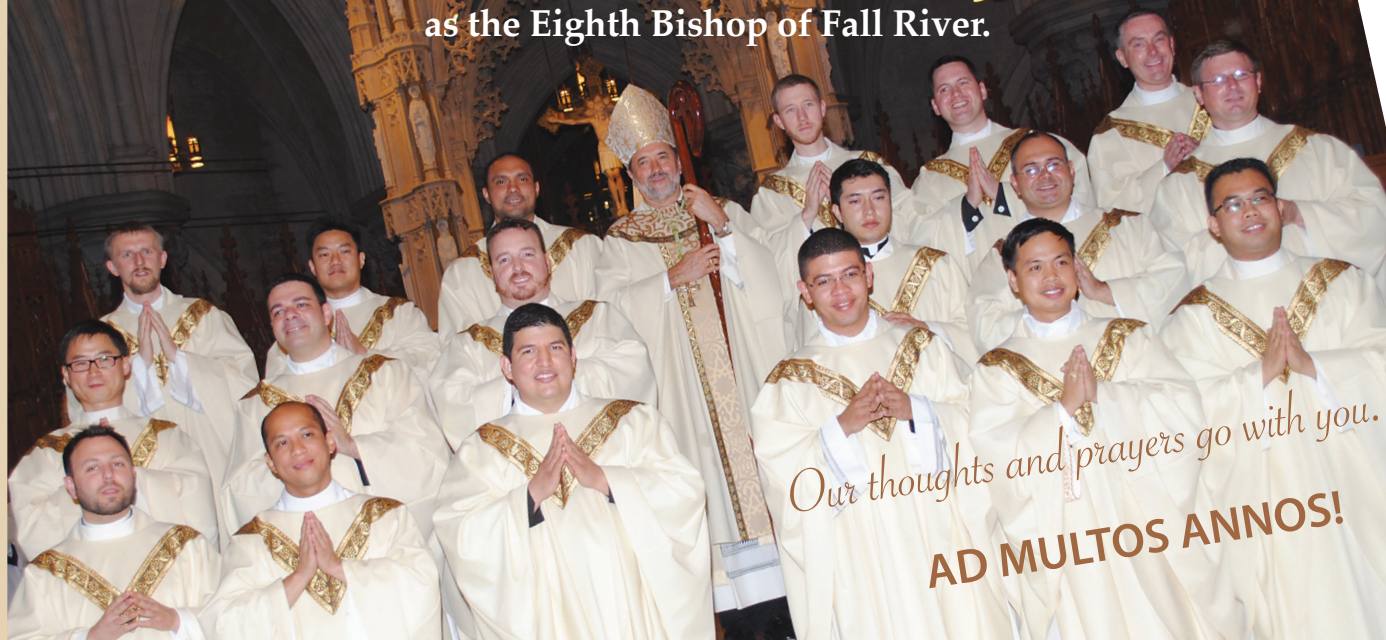
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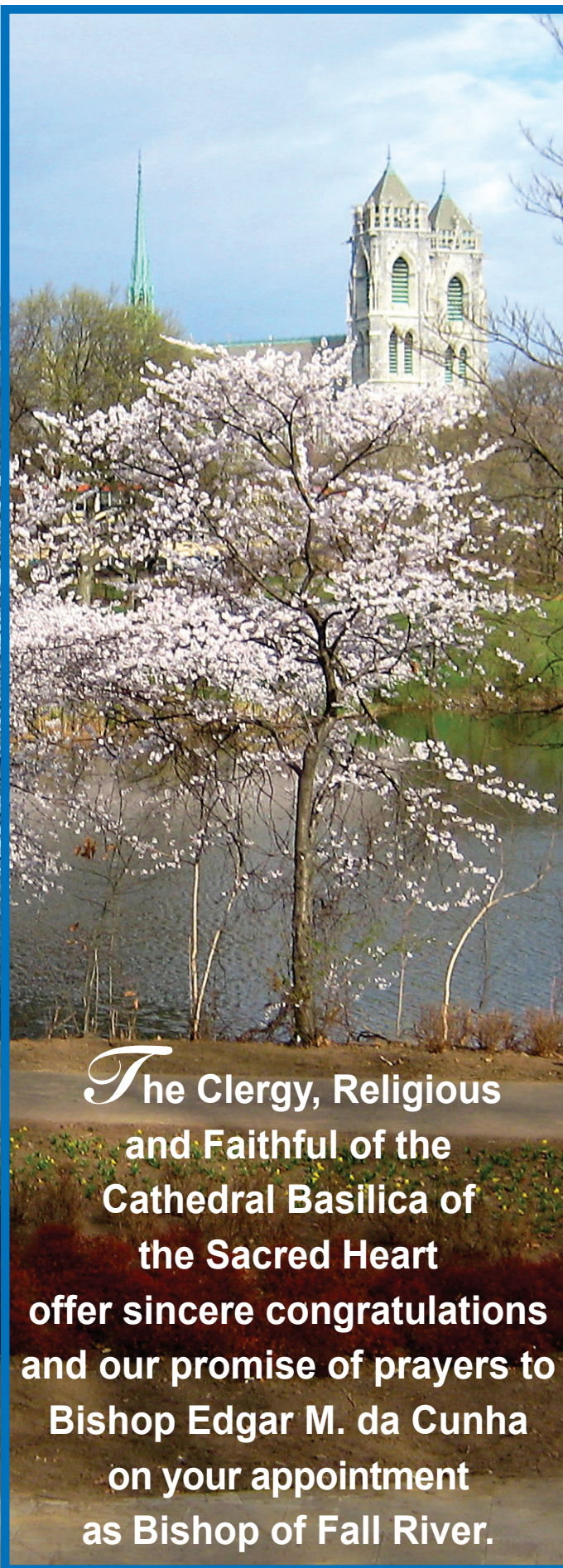
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*We celebrate your installation as
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Matthew 5:16

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Bishop da Cunha,

Not too many years ago we saw you as a young man, arriving in America from Brazil, to further pursue your dream in the Church and the Holy See. Assigned to St. Michael's Parish, Newark, being ordained a priest for the Society of Divine Vocations, you wholeheartedly befriended us and became our best friend as well as our spiritual advisor.

Your appointment to Auxiliary Bishop of Newark convinced us we were watching a "rising star" in our beloved friend and pastor. As we watched you grow, we enjoyed every step you took in the quest of your dreams.

Although your appointment as Bishop of Fall River, MA makes us very happy for you, it is "bittersweet" for us. Our loss their gain. We know our friendship will endure over the miles. We are confident in you, our friend who we know will eventually reach the pinnacle of his chosen dream!

Our love, thoughts and prayers go with you. In GOD's hands you leave us! In GOD's hands you go! GOD bless you and watch over you always.

With much affection and fond memories,
Rosemarie Giannetta and Mina Yanuzzi



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Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.,*

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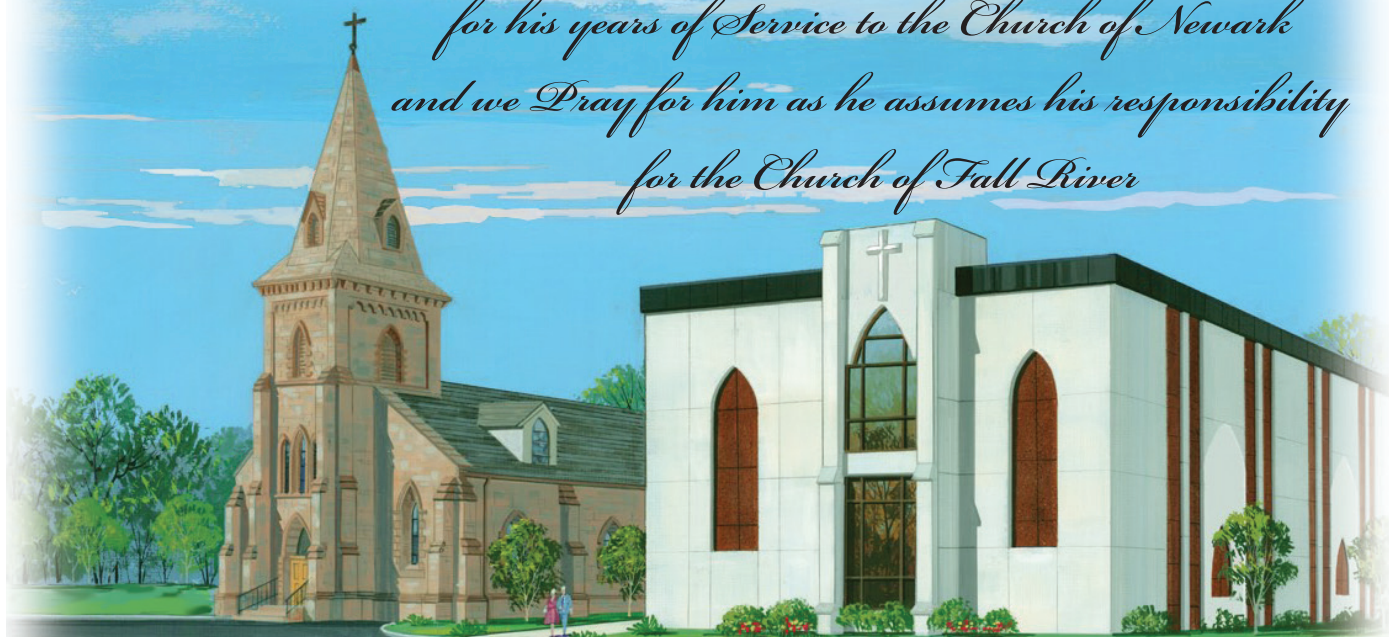


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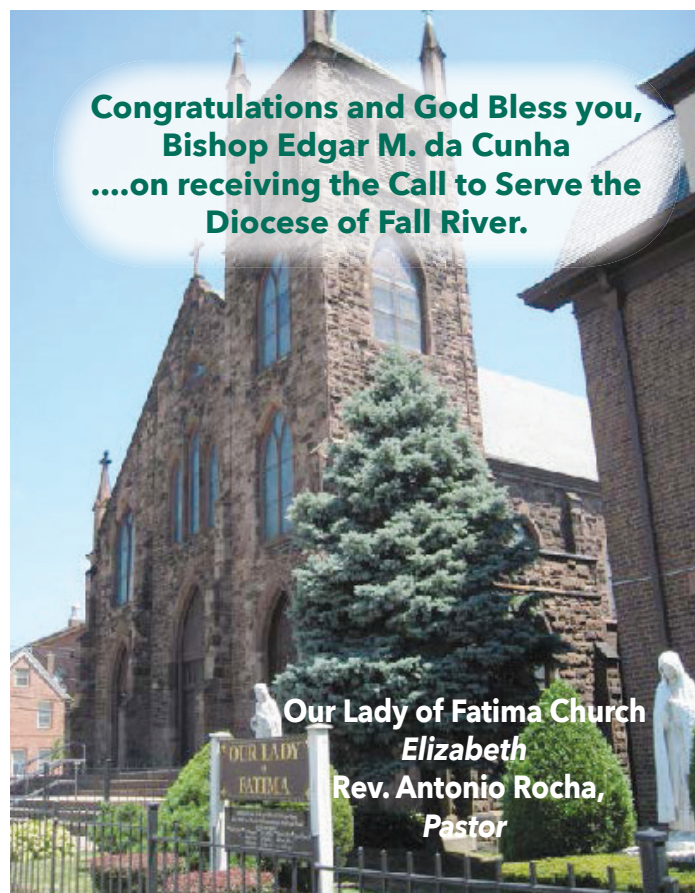
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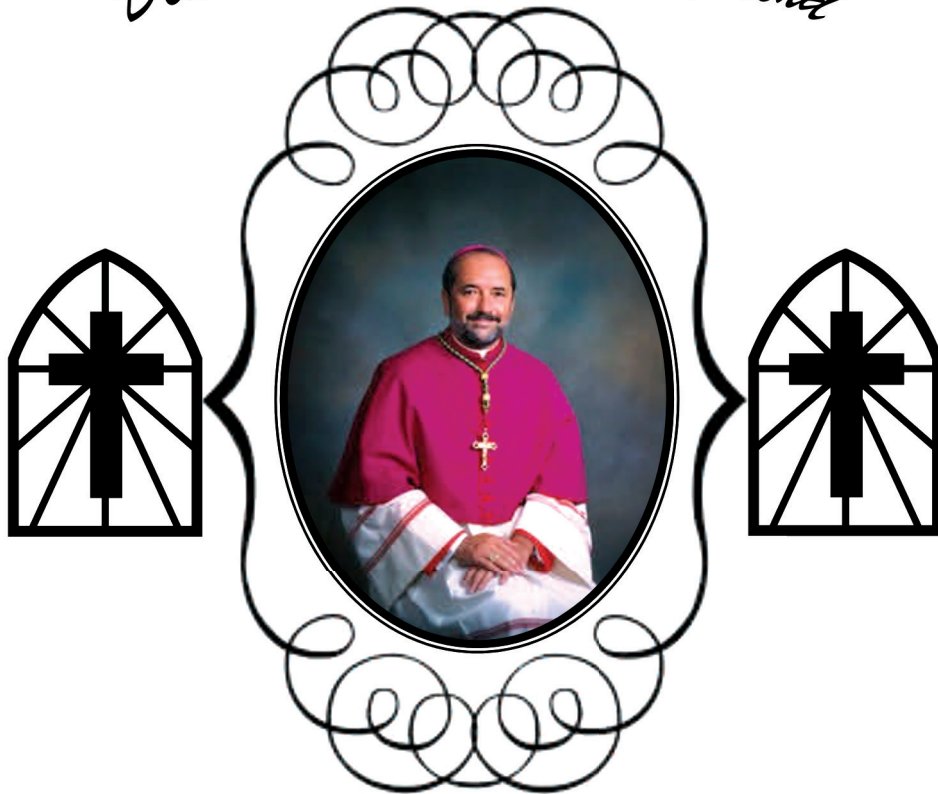
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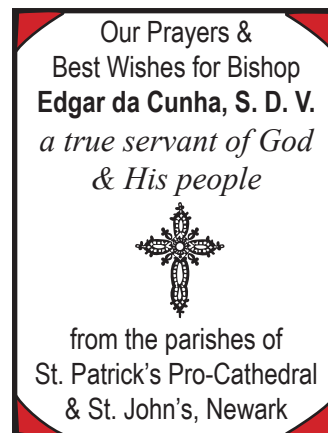
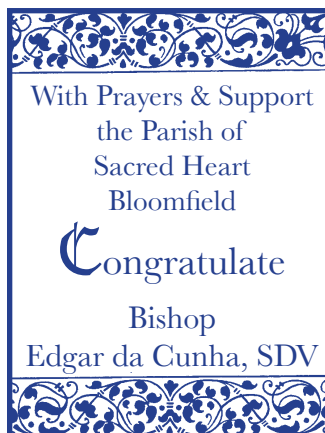
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We will miss your smile, and kind, gentle spirit.

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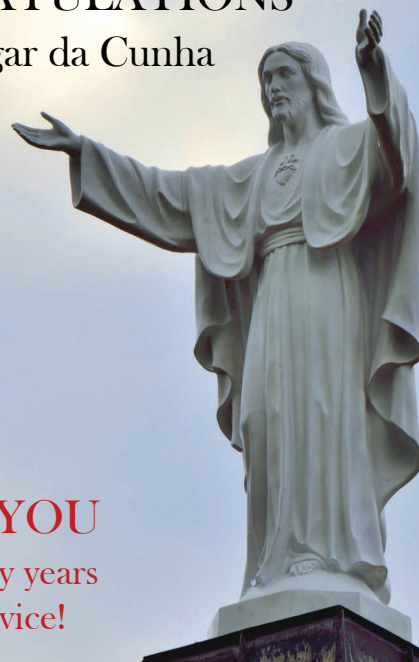
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Bishop Da Cunha

You have always shown kindness and wisdom; those same qualities are sure to be much appreciated by the Diocese of Fall River.



The priests, deacons, sisters and parishioners of St. Bartholomew the Apostle rejoice with you!

May God bless you
Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha
as you lead the
Fall River Diocese



Thank you for all you've done for us
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*May the Holy Spirit guide and bless you.
May you always be a shepherd according
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