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## Archdiocese bids farewell to Bishop Thomas A. Donato



By Al Frank
Associate Publisher

ishop Thomas A. Donato, who died Aug. 25, was remembered as a priest who ardently loved the Lord and could barely contain himself in helping others encounter that same divine love.

"He loved the beauty and ideal of Jesus and how Jesus wanted us to love, and he wanted to bring that family and community way of life to everything," said Bishop John W. Flesey, homilist at Bishop Donato's funeral. "That's what it was about for him: friendship, and family, and faith."

He went on to note that his

friend of more than 50 years took "Be Compassionate" (from Luke 6:36) as the motto on his coat of arms. "For Bishop Donato, Jesus was the Compassion of God poured forth on the earth through the power of the Holy Spirit to form us into families of faith and communities of love."

After a weekend of prefatory rites that attracted hundreds to Saint Henry in Bayonne, where he was pastor since 2004, Bishop Donato, 74, was entombed at Holy Cross Chapel Mausoleum in Lyndhurst following the Aug. 31 funeral Mass that brought more than 1,000 to the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

It was there, on Aug. 4, 2004,

that he and Bishop Flesey were ordained as Newark auxiliaries. Bishop Donato was regional bishop for Hudson County, while Bishop Flesey holds the same post in Bergen County.

Archbishop John J. Myers, who presided at the Mass, said: "Bishop Thomas Donato embodied the priestly ideal. He not only represented Christ to people, he also saw Christ in everyone he met. I am grateful that I too came to know this holy man who influenced and helped deepen the faith of so many people in parish ministry, and of many men studying for priestly service for the Archdiocese of Newark."

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## Local faithful make pilgrimage to see pope in Philadelphia

By Melissa McNally Editor

hotel rooms, not a problem," the Instagram caption reads under a photo of smiling Fr. Eugenio Palileo de la Rama, parochial vicar at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Ridgewood, with fellow members of the "zoo crew."

Through creative pre-planning, about 65 local families will make the pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families to see Pope Francis in Philadelphia while staying overnight in the Philadelphia Zoo. About 215 pilgrims are expected to camp at the zoo, including parents and students from Academy of Our Lady in Glen Rock. The group will document their adventures on Twit-

ter and Instagram with the hashtag — #olmczoocrew.

The Mount Carmel group will join about 2 million other pilgrims traveling to Philadelphia to catch a glimpse of Pope Francis on his first trip to the United States. Following visits to Washington D.C. and New York City, the Holy Father will arrive in Philadelphia on Sept. 26 for the World Meeting of Families.

From Sept 22-25, the week-long international event includes prayer, catechesis and celebration that will draw participants from around the globe. Held every three years and sponsored by the Holy See's Pontifical Council for the Family, the event is the world's largest Catholic gathering of families.

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Photo courtesy of FOX News

Principal of Academy of Our Lady Steve Roberts will spend the night at the Philadelphia Zoo along with his three eldest daughters (left to right) Callie, Casey and Meghan during Pope Francis' visit to the U.S.

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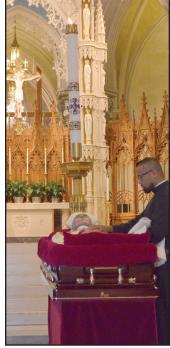
In addition to Bishop Donato's family, the funeral was attended by Cardinal Timothy Dolan, archbishop of New York, some 20 other archbishops and bishops, hundreds of priests, deacons, religious and laity.

The fifth child of Antonio and Rosa Donato, who came to the U.S. from Italy in 1923, Gaetano Aldo Donato was born on Oct. 1, 1940 in Jersey City. He attributed his vocation to the priesthood to his family and the neighborhood around Holy Rosary parish, where he was baptized.

"When I stop to think about my parents, I often remember the simplicity of their lives that has always encouraged me to do what I could for people like you," he told the Gratitude Gala in Hoboken last March, when he was among the honorees

"Little did I know the road I would take as I made a response to my second grade teacher, Sister Jeanette (DeSena, M.P.F.), that I was going to be a priest when I grew up," he said when Saint John Paul II named him a bishop.

"From that point, I always felt that was God's calling to me, and



Advocate photos-Al Frank

this was confirmed more and more through my affiliation with the parish community, priests, religious and laity," he said. "That journey began from the seeds of faith planted within me by my mom and dad and my sisters and brothers, united with the neighborhood that was Holy Rosary parish."

Educated at Holy Rosary Elementary School by Filippini sisters—who sang a tribute in Italian as his coffin was closed before the funeral Mass—Bishop Donato graduated from Saint Michael High School in Jersey City before entering the College Seminary at Seton Hall University, graduating in 1961.

He completed his spiritual and theological formation at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Darlington and was ordained a priest by Archbishop Thomas A. Boland on May 29, 1965. He received his Masters of Divinity degree from Immaculate Conception Seminary, where he served as spiritual director in 2003-04.

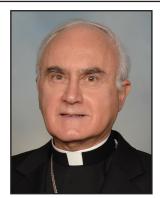
Bishop Donato's parish assignments included Saint John the Baptist, Hillsdale (1965 -73) and St. Vincent DePaul, Bayonne (1973-82). As pastor he served Our Lady of the Assumption, Bayonne (1982-88), St. Paul, Ramsey (1988-2001) and St. Raphael, Livingston (2001-03).

"Everywhere I went to preside at Confirmation or some special event, sooner or later, someone would come up to me and say: 'How is my friend Bishop Donato?'" Bishop Flesey recalled to laughter from the assembly.

He said that is why his choice for the funeral Gospel was from Jn. 15:15 "where Jesus says 'I no longer call you servants, but friends because I have made known to you everything I have heard from my Father.' Bishop Donato befriended people in order to spread the Good News of Christ's love for us all."

Bishop Donato is survived by his sisters, Mary and Rose; his brothers, Costantino "Nino" (wife, Christine), John, and Robert; his uncle Anthony (wife, Donna) and aunt, Toni Ann Sullivan (husband, Michael), and two grand nieces, Gianna and Nicole Sullivan.

Later the family expressed its



Most Rev. Thomas A. Donato

Born Oct. 1, 1940

Ordained priest May 29, 1965

1996 named Prelate of Honor, with the title of Reverend Monsignor

1998-2001 Episcopal Vicar of Bergen County West

2004 appointed Titular Bishop of Jamestown and Auxiliary Bishop of Newark

Also served as: Regional Director of Religious Education for Bergen County North, served three terms on the Archdiocesan Priests' Personnel Board and member of committees in the Offices of Catechetics and Divine Worship

Awards and honors included: a Nubian Union Legend Honoree in 2013; a Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, from Saint Peter's University, Jersey City in 2011; Italian Man of the Year from the Jersey City Columbus Day Parade in 2010.

gratitude. "We could not have been more touched by the presence of our brother's brother priests. We know he was as much a part of their family as ours. Bishop Tom was first and foremost a parish priest. "

Father Michael A. Hanly and Rev. Msgr. Joseph Ciampaglio, re-



Bishops process to the cathedral, including, center, Bishop Kurt Burnette, Eparch of Passaic.

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membered their friend of more than 50 years at the rites celebrated at Saint Henry.

Fr. Hanly said the pancreatic cancer, from which Bishop Donato died, had not taken a toll on the tranquil demeanor everyone knew. "He was the same Tom. He was peaceful."

Msgr. Ciampaglio recalled how two years ago they attended the joint canonization of Popes John Paul II and John XXIII, whose Vatican Council II shaped their years as priests.

"John XXIII was, we believed, to be the pastor par excellence, the warm papa that people could relate to, and I think Tom captured that very meaningfully and elegantly in his own ministry," Msgr. Ciampa-

glio said. "He always saw himself as a pastor and loved relating to the community."

In a 2013 interview coinciding with the launch of Saint Henry's 125th anniversary, Bishop Donato was almost rueful about having to balance his duties as a pastor with those as an auxiliary bishop.

"I'm a priest for 48 years—all but one in a parish—so the thought for me not to be as involved here at times is one of my biggest concerns," he said.

But Bishop Flesey said that worry never should have crossed his mind. "Bishop Donato spent his entire priestly life in the parish. I'm not sure that that 50 years of service has ever been equaled by someone who is also a bishop."



The book of Gospels is placed on Bishop Donato's casket.

#### **Obituaries**

#### Sister Serafina D'Alessio, M.P.F.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 14 at Saint Lucy Chapel at Villa Walsh, Morristown, for



Sister Serafina D'Alessio, M.P.F., 96, who died Aug. 12.

Born and raised in Jersey City, Sr. Serafina entered the Religious Teachers Filippini in 1932, received her habit in 1935, and made her religious profession in 1938. She earned a bachelor's degree in history from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, a master's degree in history from Columbia University, and a doctorate in history from Catholic University of America.

Sr. Serafina taught at Saint Anthony School, Belleville, and Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Newark. She also served as a teacher in New York and Connecticut. She spent the majority of her ministry at Villa Victoria Academy, Trenton, from 1978-95. Once retired from full-time teaching, she tutored students at the school until she became ill and entered Saint Joseph Hall Infirmary in 2005.

Sr. Serafina also spent summers instructing sisters who were earning an Associate of Arts degree at Villa Walsh. From 1964-1969, and 1971-1978, Sr. Serafina worked for the Apostolic Delegation to the Vatican in Washington, D.C.

#### Sister Rita Marie Donnelly, S.F.P.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 20 at Mount Alverno Chapel, Warwick, NY for Sister Rita Marie



Donnelly, S.F.P., 90, who died Aug. 16

Born in Hoboken, Sr. Rita Marie was a Franciscan Sister of the Poor for more than 73 years. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Caldwell University.

Sr. Rita Marie served in a variety of ministries including catechesis, religious formation, pastoral care, administrative assistant in the Provincial Office, and administration and general business. She volunteered in the parishes where she worshiped, in the choir at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Bayonne, and at Guardian Angel Parish, Allendale.

#### Father Peter F. Lennon

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Aug. 24 at Immaculate Conception Chapel at Seton Hall University, South



Orange, for Father Peter F. Lennon, 86, who died Aug. 18.

Born in Jersey City, Fr. Lennon attended Seton Hall Preparatory

School, West Orange, and graduated in 1947. He received his bachelor's degree from Seton Hall University in 1951 and his licentiate in sacred theology from The Catholic University of America in 1955. He was ordained a priest June 4, 1955.

Following his ordination, Fr. Lennon taught at Seton Hall Preparatory School from 1955 to 1960. In 1960, he became an instructor in theology at Seton Hall University until 1965, during which time he received a master's degree in liturgy from the University of Notre Dame.

In 1965, Fr. Lennon became an instructor in psychology and, in 1969, received his doctorate in psychology from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, after which he was promoted to associate professor of psychology. He retired from teaching in 1998.

Although no longer in the classroom, he continued to serve the college, as well as numerous parishes. He served as a weekend parish assistant at: Our Lady of Lourdes, West Orange; Our Lady of Mercy, Jersey City; Saint Paul the Apostle, Jersey City; Saint Venantius, Orange; and Our Lady of Lourdes, West Orange.

Fr. Lennon resided at Saint Catherine's Infirmary at Mount Saint Dominic, Caldwell since 2011.

#### Father Cassian Miles, O.F.M.

A Mass of Christian Burial was Celebrated Aug. 24 at Saint

Bonaventure Parish, Paterson for Father Cassian Miles, O.F.M., 85, who died Aug. 20.



Born in Weehawken, Fr. Miles was a professed Franciscan friar

was a protessed trainerscan train for 60 years and a priest for 54 years. After attending Saint Augustine School and Holy Family High School, both in Union City, he worked as a reporter for the Hudson Dispatch newspaper for three years and then entered Saint Joseph Seraphic Seminary in Callicoon, NY.

Fr. Miles spent most of his religious life involved with communications work, while living at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish-Friary in New York City. In 1970, he was appointed assistant director of communications for Holy Name Province, serving in that capacity for 15 years during which he published a weekly provincial newsletter, "This Week." From 1985 to 1988, he was the director of communications and secretary of the province.

Fr. Miles did retreat work for the Worldwide Marriage Encounter program and provided counseling services and taught adult education. He served as spiritual assistant to the Secular Franciscan Order and was a senior associate friar in residence at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Wood-Ridge, from 2005 to 2009.

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### Statement by Archbishop John J. Myers on Pope Francis' call for absolution



uring this upcoming Holy Year for Mercy His Holiness, Pope Francis, has called on all Roman Catholic priests around the world to bring forgiveness, healing and reunion with the Church to women and men bearing "in their heart the scar of the agonizing and painful decision" of participating in an abortion. I greet the Holy Father's words most heartily, for they echo what priests in this local Church of Newark have long practiced to bring Christ's love, healing and reconciliation to post-abortive women and men.

Sadly, all too often news coverage of the sin of abortion focuses only on the politics of the issue. For their own reasons, journalists tend to downplay the very real long-term human pain and anguish that grip

and consume people who participate in or help make possible the ending of human life this way. The news stories rarely if ever speak of the pain of separation from the Family of Faith that so many post-abortive women and men experience, that so many feel they never can overcome. For this reason, the Holy Father's words bring not only comfort, but hope.

Shortly after I arrived in the archdiocese in 2001, I granted to all priests ministering within the archdiocese the authority to absolve and welcome back to the Church anyone who had participated in any way in an abortion and who had sought reconciliation.

It was a practice that I began more than 25 years ago when I was first named a bishop in Illinois. It is a practice that is central to priestly ministry—to act as Christ would toward someone who is hurting.

For my brother priests and me in Newark, this Christ-and humanity-loving gesture of mercy— to end a self-imposed separation from God and faith, to forgive a sad mistake, and to bring someone to healing—will not end at the conclusion of the Holy Year of Mercy. It is our mission every day.

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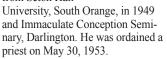
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#### Father George S. Macho

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 28 at Saint

Luke Parish, Toms River, for Father George S. Macho, 87, who died Aug. 23.





Fr. Macho was first assigned as parochial vicar at Saint Paul the Apostle Parish, Irvington. He served there until October 1967, when he accepted a commission as chaplain in the United States Navy.

After serving several commands across the world, he attended graduate school and earned a master's degree in pastoral education.

Fr. Macho was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (with Gold Star Second Award); Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star; National Defense Service Medal; Coast Guard Commendation Medal; Meritorious Unit Commendation; Coast Guard Unit Commendation; Sea Service Ribbon; Coast Guard Ribbon; Overseas Ribbon. He retired from the Navy in February 1990, with the rank of captain.

Following military retirement, Fr. Macho attended the Institute for Continuing Theological Education at the North American College in Rome. He was assigned to Madonna Parish, Fort Lee, as parochial vicar. He also served as administrator and pastor of Nativity Parish in Midland Park.

## Immaculate Conception welcomes 57 incoming freshmen

MONTCLAIR—Immaculate Conception High School welcomed its largest class in nine years according to Kathleen Badillo, newly appointed vice principal and director of enrollment. Fifty-seven freshmen arrived on Sept. 3 and were introduced to their new principal, Michele Neves.

Neves came to the school from Trenton Catholic where she spent five years as Head of School and Paterson Catholic where she served as Assistant Principal. She joined a new leadership team consisting of Celia Triggs Honohan, who was appointed president of Immaculate Conception by Archbishop John J. Myers last October; Assistant Principal and Advancement Director Patrick Dyer, and Badillo.

"Parents respond to what Immaculate has to offer: a faith-filled education where their children prepare for college," Neves said. "It also helps that we are located in Montclair, a beautiful town that offers our students partnerships with cultural institutions such as the Montclair Art Museum and the Montclair Public Library both within walking distance of our school."

This summer, Immaculate underwent substantial upgrades to its WiFi and security systems and is awaiting the arrival of new lockers which will replace the lockers dating back to the 1920s. "Thanks to our very loyal alumni, we are able to make much-needed improvements to our academic, technology, athletic and arts programs," Honohan said. "One program we are very excited about is robotics which will be led by Marva Burke, area coordinator for science and mathematics."

## Paramus Catholic to unveil new music conservatory

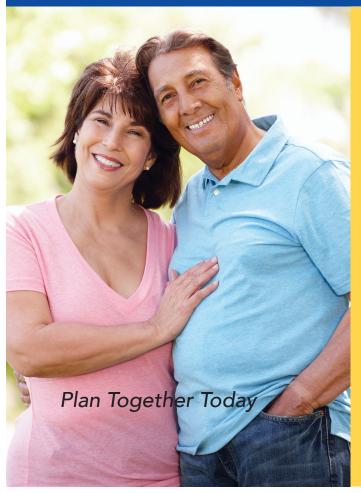
PARAMUS—Paramus Catholic High School has received a makeover with the addition of a new Music Conservatory. An official ribbon cutting/blessing ceremony to unveil the new music conservatory will take place Sept. 10, at 2:30 p.m.

The conservatory has more than 3,000 square feet dedicated to the music program. The suite includes classrooms, rehearsal space, and a 120-seat amphitheater. The rehearsal space is adjacent to three practice rooms. Two new practice rooms are being used as solo and small group ensemble rehearsal space. Another new practice room houses approximately 10 keyboards and serves as a "piano lab."

"Our students are beyond excited about the addition of an area on campus musicians can call their home," Paramus Catholic President James P. Vail said. "We are continuing to supply our students with the latest resources to give them the opportunity to make their dreams a reality, and this is just one more example of our dedication to student needs."

Construction started on April 30 with a ground breaking ceremony attended by about 200 students, administration, faculty, staff and alumni. Dr. Margaret Dames, Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Newark, and Paramus Mayor Richard LaBarbiera also attended, along with representatives from Neglia Engineering, Cibco Corp., and WESKetch Architecture.

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#### September 11

Felician College, Rutherford, performance of "100 Famous Views of Otzi," 8 p.m., through Sept. 26, call (201) 355-1465 or visit www.felician.edu/theater.

#### Office of Human Concerns.

Archdiocese of Newark, Amistad Workshops to empower immigrants and prevent human trafficking, through Sept. 13, in English at St. Mary Parish, Newark, and St. Nicholas Parish, Jersey City, call Father Timothy Graff at (973) 497-4341.

#### September 12

Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Archdiocese of Newark, "The Shepherd's Mass" discussion series, with Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda, at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange, 7 p.m., call Father Estermino Chica at (555) 655-6027.

#### September 13

#### **Sacred Thread Ministries**,

Berkeley Heights, open house

at Long Hill Township Senior Center in Gillette, 3-5 p.m., call Pat Hughes at (908) 608-3160 or (908) 419-5460.

#### September 14

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, Summit, after school activities for K-6, through Dec. 18, after school adventures for pre-K available Sept. 28- Nov. 6, call (908) 522-8186, e-mail aventures@oakknoll.org.

#### September 16

Caldwell University, 27th annual golf outing, at Cedar Hill Golf and Country Club, Livingston, registration at 10:30 a.m., barbeque lunch at 11 a.m., shotgun starts at 1 p.m., dinner/prizes at 5:30 p.m., call Beth Gorab at (973) 618-3204 or e-mail bgorab@caldwell.edu, visit www.caldwell.edu/golf2015.

#### September 17

**Loyola Jesuit Center**, Morristown, 24th Annual Fr. Harvey Haberstroh, S.J. Memorial Golf

Classic, at Suburban Golf Club in Union, includes brunch, on-course refreshments, cocktail reception and dinner, awards ceremony held after tournament, e-mail retreathouse@loyola.org, call (973) 539-0740 or visit www.loyola.org.

#### September 18

St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Cresskill, night of worship and reflection with composer and worship leader Curtis Stephan, 7 p.m., call Adrian Soltys at (201) 567- 2528 ext. 313 or e-mail asoltys@sttheresecresskill.org.



#### September 19

Caldwell University, Homecoming and Family Day, includes barbecue, carnival, soccer game and mini-university sessions, call Colette Liddy at (973) 618-3209 or visit www.caldwell.edu/alumni/homecoming.

#### Office of Family Life,

Archdiocese of Newark, support group for fathers whose children have died, at Notre Dame Parish, North Caldwell, 10 a.m., (973) 497-4327, or e-mail mccormja@rcan.org.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Wallington, 35th anniversary of Share & Care social services association, 7:30 p.m., \$25, call Mary Jane Kowalczyk at (201) 939-8576 or Ginny Topolski at (201) 715-2087.

#### September 20

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, Career Resources Ministry workshop, at 1 p.m., call Carol Shea at (201) 447-4215.

Our Lady of Mercy, Jersey City, anniversary liturgy, 1:15 p.m., reception at Casino in the Park, cost \$50, (201) 434-7500.



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#### Around the Archdiocese



#### September 21

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, first stop on national tour of the Major Relics of St. Maria Goretti, 9 a.m. −II p.m., tour runs through Nov. 13, visit www.mariaGoretti.com for more information.

#### September 27

Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, "Stop and Pray during the Day," for the legacy of the Sisters of Charity, (973) 290-5325 or visit www.SCNJ.org.

**Margaret Anna Cusack** Care Center, Jersey City, 12th Annual Generations Benefit

Luncheon, at Casino in the Park, 12-3 p.m., call (201) 653-8300, ext. 2454 or visit www.cusackcarecenter.org/about-us/happenings-cusack/generations2015.

#### September 23

**Our Lady of Mount Carm-**

el, Ridgewood, bereavement support group, Wednesday evenings at 7:30- 9 p.m. through Nov. 18, call Drew Rodney at (201) 214-4637 or e-mail

drewrod@optonline.net.

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** Parish, Wallington, "Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother," eight-part study featuring Dr. Edward Sri, Wednesdays at 7 p.m., through Nov. 18, \$30, call Eileen McGuire at (201) 835-2516 or Chris Zembicki at (973) 546-9043.

#### September 30

Immaculate Conception Parish, Mahwah, "The Way of Love: The Battle for Inner Transformation," with Dr. Ronda Chervin, 7:30 p.m., (201) 327-1276 or visit www.iccmahwah.org.

Holy Spirit Parish, Union, bereavement support group, eight consecutive Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., (908) 687-3327.

#### October 1

**Don Bosco Preparatory** High School, Ramsey, open house, 6:30- 8:30 p.m., (201) 327-8003 or e-mail admissions@donboscoprep.org.

#### October 2

St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Cresskill, annual feast in honor of patron saint, 5-10 p.m. and Oct. 3 3-10 p.m., call Adrian Soltys at (201) 567- 2528 ext. 313 or e-mail

asoltys@sttheresecresskill.org.

#### October 3

Saint Mary by-the-Sea Retreat House in Cape May Point, 6th Annual Sole Sisters 5K Run and I Mile Walk sponsored by the Sisters of Saint Joseph, call I-800-482-6510 or visit www.stmarybythesea.org.

#### October 11

Serra International, District 22, Communion Brunch, Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange, at 11 a.m., brunch to follow at Seton Hall University, call Rosemarie lantosca at (973) 762-7947 or Rose Marie Deehan at (963) 762-6180.

#### October 16

Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center, Kearny, Gennesaret Weekend for people with life-changing illnesses, through Oct. 18, call Hilare Reinold at (732) 566-7237 or Peggy Walsh at (908) 499-7677.

#### Other

Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark, bereavement support group facilitator and ministry training program, eight-session program begins in late September and continues into November. call (973) 497-4327 or e-mail mccormja@rcan.org.

## The Family. The Call to Authentic Love and Joy A Day of Prayer and Inspiration

with reflection on the upcoming canonization of Louis and Zélie Martin. parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux

#### **SEPTEMBER 19, 2015**

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

#### **Immaculate Conception Seminary, Lewis Hall**

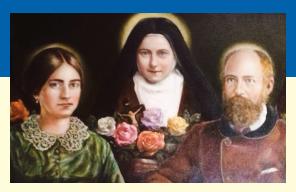
\$25 registration fee. The day will include Mass, Scriptural Rosary, Continental Breakfast and Lunch.

#### **Featuring**

Rev. Frederick L. Miller, S.T.D., Spiritual Director, St. Andrew's Seminary, South Orange, NJ

Rev. Paul S. Manning, S.T.B., M.Div., Vicar for Evangelization, St. Paul Inside the Walls, The Catholic Center for Evangelization, Madison, NJ

Marcia Reina, parishioner, St. Teresa of Avila, Summit, NJ



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#### PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

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J.G.

#### THANK YOU ST. JUDE

A special prayer of thanksgiving to St. Jude for answering my prayer. All glory to God for His mercy and grace in the lives of His faithful. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. Triune God-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit-pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, continue to pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, always pray for us. May we be forever grateful for the intercession of St. Jude in our times of need. Amen. Published in a true spirit of gratitude to Almighty God. Thank you, St. Jude.

S.J.

#### PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, You who solve all problems, who light all roads so that I can attain my goals. You who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me, and that in all instances of my life, You are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things and to confirm once again, that I never want to be separated from You, even and in spite of all material illusion. I wish to be with You in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. Amen. Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. Published in gratitude of grace attained and for many requests

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#### Reverend Jose Maria Martinez, O.A.R. has been appointed Pastor of Saint Augustine Church, Union City effective September 1, 2015.

#### Reverend Steven Dumais,

**S.D.B.,** has been appointed Pastor Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Orange, effective Aug. 15.

#### **Reverend Monsignor Frank**

**Del Prete** has had his appointment as Pastor of Saint Gabriel the Archangel Parish, Saddle River, extended to July 1, 2022.

#### **PAROCHIAL VICAR**

#### **Reverend Clement Krug**

C.Ss.R. has been appointed Parochial Vicar of Saint James Parish, Newark, effective July 25.

#### **IN RESIDENCE**

#### Reverend Gerard J. Sudol has been appointed to residence at Our Lady of Czestochowa Rectory, Jersey City, effective July 29.

#### ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY/MINISTRY

#### Reverend Justino Cornejo has

been appointed to the Presbyteral Council, effective Sept. 17, for a three-year term.

#### **Reverend Matthew Dooley has**

been appointed to the Presbyteral Council, effective Sept. 17, for a three-year term.

#### Very Reverend John

Paladino, V.F. has been appointed to the Presbyteral Council, effective Sept. 17.

#### Reverend Marc Vicari has

been appointed to the Presbyteral Council, effective Sept. 17, for a three-year term.

#### Reverend Joseph A.

**D'Amico** has been elected to the Presbyteral Council as an At-Large Representative, effective Sept. 17, for a three-year term.

#### Very Reverend John F.

**Gordon, V.F.** has been elected to the Presbyteral Council as an At-Large Representative, effective Sept. 17, for a three-year term.

#### Reverend Monsignor Timothy J. Shugrue has been

elected to the Presbyteral Council as an At-Large Representative, effective Sept. 17, for a three-year term.



#### **Reverend Robert Wolfee**

has been re-elected to the Presbyteral Council as an At-Large Representative for a three-year term.

#### Reverend Thomas P. Quinn has been appointed to the

Board of Trustees of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark effective immediately and will extend to Dec. 31, 2017.

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### Relics of beloved Saint Maria on display at Cathedral Basilica

NEWARK—On Monday, Sept. 21, the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart will be the first stop on a national tour of major relics of Saint Maria Goretti—the "Little Saint of Great Mercy."

The tour, designed as an introduction to the observance of the Extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy, will run from Sept. 21 through Nov.13 and visit locations in 16 states and 25 dioceses across the country.

It is the first time the relics of Saint Maria have traveled to the United States, and only the second time that they have been taken on pilgrimage outside of Saint Maria's native Italy.

The cathedral doors will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. The schedule includes veneration and Mass. Presentations on the life and virtues of Saint Maria Goretti, the youngest person (at the age of 11) to be canonized by the Church, are also planned for the day.

"We are profoundly honored and blessed that the people of this archdiocese, and indeed, all people in the state of New Jersey, have an opportunity to honor and draw near to this remarkable saint whose greatest virtue was her unyielding forgiveness," Archbishop John J. Myers said. "Forgiveness and mercy are at the core of Christian belief—what we believe and teach every day.

"It is also important to note," Archbishop Myers continued, "that the Archdiocese of Newark is doubly blessed to be the first stop on the pilgrimage of Saint Maria's relics. Like so many millions of immigrants to the United States in the early part of the 20th Century, members of Saint Maria's family left Italy to start new lives in the United States. They settled in New Jersey, and some members of the family still live within the environs of the archdiocese."

Born into poverty, Saint Maria's father died when she was nine years old. It was then her responsibility to raise her five siblings while her mother worked the fields. Aside from caring for her family, the young girl had to cook and clean for her neighbors—Giovanni Serenelli and his son, 20-year-old Alessandro, who assisted Maria's mother on the farm.

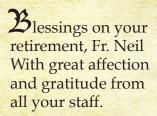


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After months of sexually harassing Maria, Alessandro brutally stabbed her numerous times following an attempted rape. She died the next day. Her last words were, "I forgive Alessandro Serenelli ... and I want him with me in heaven forever."

During his imprisonment Maria appeared to Alessandro and forgave him. That act of mercy and forgiveness filled Alessandro with contrition. From that moment on, he lived a life of holiness, eventually becoming a Franciscan lay brother.

On June 24, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared Maria Goretti a Saint of the Catholic Church. More than 50,000 people attended the ceremony, which was the first canonization to take place in Saint Peter's Square.





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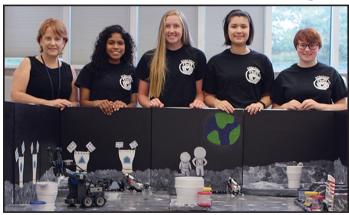
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## Immaculate Heart's Team Artemis go to the moon

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
—The Robotics Team at Immaculate Heart Academy was recently selected as a top 30 finalist in the Google Moonbots competition, a Google Lunar XPRIZE® Challenge. The high school's Team Artemis was selected from a field of more than 250 teams, from 25 countries. As a finalist, the Immaculate Heart team won a free Vex IQ Clawbot robot that the team members programmed for a chance to be named one of three winners.

To take part in the competition, the team, led by Sharon Tassely Mistretta, Robotics Club moderator and technology teacher, constructed a 6 ft. x 6 ft. lunar landscape as a platform for their robot, built and programmed the robot and documented its game strategy to the Google organization.

As part of Phase II of the Google Moonbots competition, the Robotics Education & Competition Foundation provided the team with four additional robots to be donated to "an independent organization or institution that looks after socially vulnerable children."



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Team Artemis includes, from left to right, moderator Sharon Mistretta, Rebecca Coronel, Megan Twiss, Carmela Stone, and Olivia Cantarella.

Team Artemis chose Sacred Heart School in Jersey City for the donation. The high school's campus ministry program volunteers regularly with Sacred Heart School, and Team Artemis also worked with the school through a special Phase I activity.

On Aug. 18, Team Artemis presented the four Vex IQ Clawbot robots to students at Sacred Heart School; the team will return in the fall to teach students how to build and program them.

On Aug. 20, Team Artemis conducted a STEM Outreach Event, a requirement of Phase II of the competition. The team invited the public to view the lunar landscape and the programmed game performed by the Vex IQ Clawbot robot. Team members provided a detailed explanation of the concepts that were studied and implemented during this process.

"The only time that you should separate the subjects of science, technology, engineering and math is when you are explaining the acronym," Mistretta said at the outreach event. "It becomes evident as you work with the Vex Robot that robotics is the glue that holds STEM together."

This was the inaugural year for the Immaculate Heart robotics club, an extracurricular activity added as part of Immaculate Heart's STEM program, introduced in the 2014-15 school year.

The Google judges held a live webcast to interview the team and witness the robot in action on Sept. 3. Google judges will review the results of all 30 teams and announce the three winning teams by Sept. 15.

"The prize is a trip to Japan for the team to witness the real Google XPrize Robots that are being constructed by teams such as NASA," Mistretta said. "This is a very exciting competition for our Robotics 'Go Team,' who are all very interested in technology majors in college and engineering careers in the future."

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## Using social media to thwart Planned Parenthood



Cheryl A. Riley

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By Cheryl A. Riley Associate Director Respect Life Office

hen I received an e-mail containing this in the subject line, "This is a very scary video of how Planned Parenthood traffics in body parts from aborted babies," I got a sick feeling in my stomach. I was afraid to watch this video, but I knew I had to. I had to see it for myself, because I couldn't believe what I was reading. Can this really happen? In our country? Land of the free and the brave. People are actually selling baby body parts?

I braced myself for the worst and began watching the video. There it was right in front of me on the screen. A doctor from Planned Parenthood taking bites of her salad, sipping wine as she negotiates prices of body parts. I was angry at first,

but then realized that maybe this is a good thing. Maybe the exposure of the truth about what Planned Parenthood is doing will take their organization down.

Maybe their funding will be cut off, and we can put an end to Planned Parenthood once and for all. I had to think positively, because the video was so disturbing to watch.

I decided to share the video on social media. I thought, "I have to get this out there. I have to show people what's going on." I put the video link on my personal Facebook page and did not receive one comment, like or share. Nothing. It was as if I didn't post it.

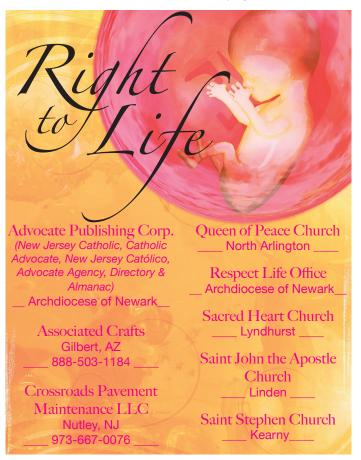
I was so frustrated at how people will not acknowledge what's going on. How is this not breaking news? Why aren't people demanding answers?

Then came the news of the death of Cecil the innocent, beloved lion.

supposedly safe in the Hwange National Park in Zimbabwe. Although I am an animal lover, I could not believe what I was reading and seeing. Now everyone is up in arms? Over a lion? There are five videos released about Planned Parenthood showing explicit footage of human body parts being pulled apart with tweezers, and we are not responding. What about our youth? Do they value an animal's life more than a human's? Nobody wants to touch the "a word" with a 10-foot pole. It's too controversial.

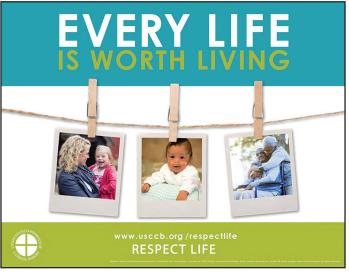
I was not about to give in. I had to reach my social media family. I had to make them see what was going on. I wanted my kids and their friends to be outraged. After all, don't all lives matter? I would post one of the videos again, but this time I attached a few pictures of my granddaughter with it. I put in the following caption:





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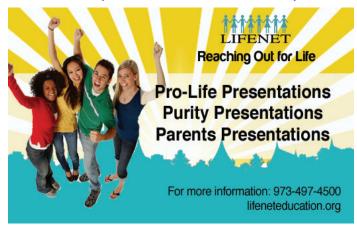
"With the breaking news of Planned Parenthood selling baby body parts, I ask how can anyone think this is not a baby? The only difference is size. Look at my Bella. She was once as tiny as those babies being aborted! I will continue to fight to save one baby at a time!"

This time the response was different. As soon as I posted a photo of little Isabella, it became real. It was all about the visual. To look at Isabella, you cannot help but get a

knot in your stomach to think that there are some who believe she could have been ripped from her mother's womb and sold.

What about the men and women who are experiencing trauma from their own involvement in abortion? We need to be sensitive to them and offer post abortion healing and encourage them to attend a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat, rather than have them suffer alone in silence.

We live in a desensitized society. It takes a lot for us to get our feathers ruffled, especially among our youth. They need to see it and hear it. Social media is a great tool for that. It allows us to share the good. It's only through God's love and mercy that we can change people's hearts and save one baby at a time.



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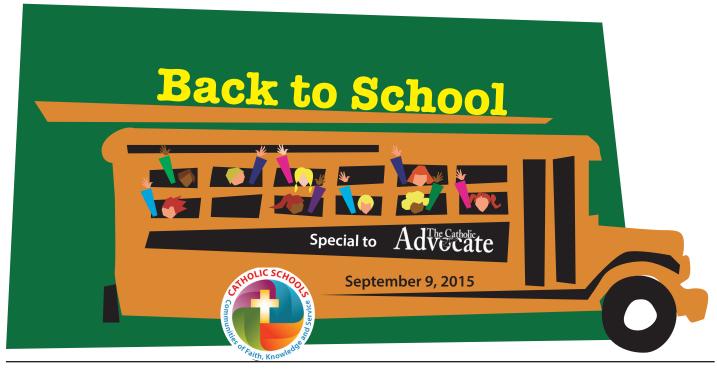


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### Oak Knoll students aid communities at home and abroad

SUMMIT—Students from Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child recently put words into action by serving those less fortunate during a week-long service trip to Appalachia.

Five Oak Knoll students journeyed to the poverty-stricken region of eastern Kentucky from July 26 to Aug. 1 for the school's first solo ser-

vice trip to Appalachia. In previous years, Oak Knoll students traveled to the area with students from the Delbarton School.

Stacy Nolan, theology teacher at Oak Knoll, accompanied the students as they completed service projects, including repairing a damaged home, visiting seniors in an assisted-living facility and working



Nathalie Beauchamps helped repair a bathroom ceiling in a Kentucky home during the service trip.



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Students from Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child completed a variety of service projects during a recent seven-day trip to Appalachia. Left to right, Nathalie Beauchamps, Allison Palmeri, Carmen Ruiz, Sarah-Jane Matthews and Tara Halter.

at a local food bank.

"Through their service the students reflected the core values of the Oak Knoll School while demonstrating all they've learned about the importance of service and outreach," Nolan said. "The students maintained an impressive balance between completing work projects and getting to know the people we served. I truly believe that this is what rounded out the experience."

Nolan said the balance was never more evident than when students visited a disaster relief center opened after flash floods ravaged the community. "The girls walked up and down the aisles of the distribution center assisting the families as they gathered supplies and food," she explained. "Some of the most impressionable moments came from the conversations they had with the families."

Oak Knoll students also completed maintenance projects at a home including staining the deck, fixing gutters and repairing a bathroom ceiling, staining and sealing the home's front porch and overhangs.

The students then visited a

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### Students aid communities

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nursing home and spent time with residents playing board games and chatting while painting their nails.

The girls, who stayed at the Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center in Louisa, KY, also sorted through donated items to be sold, with proceeds benefitting local services.

ed include Nathalie Beauchamps, Allison Palmeri, Tara Halter and Sarah-Jane Matthews.

Service is a core part of the mission and educational philosophy at the Oak Knoll School. While community service hours are not required, each student participates in service throughout the region and beyond.

Oak Knoll senior Mackenzie

## "Through their service the students reflected the core values of the Oak Knoll School."

—STACY NOLAN, THEOLOGY TEACHER AT OAK KNOLL

Carmen Ruiz, who was on her first trip to Appalachia, said it was an eye-opening experience.

"It was hard for me to accept the fact that only a day's drive from my home we would find such destitute poverty," she said. "I think this trip changed the way I view the reality of poverty. Poverty does not exist in the same exact way from place to place."

Ruiz said it was gratifying to interact with the people the students were helping, including the family whose home they repaired.

"Completing the various house repairs gave us all a sense of accomplishment, but the opportunity to talk and get to know the family we were serving truly made the most impact. Their kindness, hospitality and welcoming attitudes made the project infinitely more rewarding." she said.

Rohde and her mother Deborah recently returned from a life-changing trip to Haiti delivering donated items to orphanages.

Throughout the trip, organized by the Salesian Sisters of Saint John Bosco, the pair visited orphanages in Port- au-Prince in May and distributed more than 200 pounds of supplies graciously donated by friends and family of the sisters.

During the four-day trip volunteers visited four orphanages, primarily for girls aged three to 16.

Rohde, from Franklin Lakes, described the time in Haiti as one of the most rewarding experiences of her life and something she will never forget.

"While I thought I was mentally prepared, I was still shocked when I arrived to see the devastation," she said.



Mackenzie and her mother helped deliver more than 200 pounds of supplies to orphanages in Port au Prince.



Mackenzie Rohde, along with her mother Deborah, recently visited various orphanages in Haiti in a trip organized by the Salesian Sisters of Saint John Bosco.

teers at each orphanage.

"What surprised me the most was that even in these harsh conditions, the girls were smiling constantly and happier than one would ever expect considering their situations," Rohde explained.

Despite the children's happiness and outgoing affection, Rohde realized their plight and said the trip helped her to be grateful for all her blessings at home.

"I was able to reflect on how fortunate I am being able to go to such an amazing school with not only a great education, but with people who care about me and respect me," she said.

Leaving the children was the hardest part, she recalled, though she plans to return one day, hopefully with new beds and pillows for the girls.

"Each girl attached to me as I tried to leave and that was one of the hardest things I've ever had to do," she said. "Although we didn't speak the same language, it was not

a problem at all because our hugs and smiles made up for the language barrier."

Among the donated items the volunteers brought were vitamins, which Rohde highlighted, because the girls they visited had a diet that mostly consisted of rice and beans, along with the occasional fish.

"It was hard to see a nine-yearold girl look like she was only four due to the lack of nutrition," she said.

Deborah Rohde said her daughter was a magnet for the young children they visited during the trip, which was part of the Rohdes' eight years of doing volunteer work with the Salesian Sisters.

"It was hard for Mackenzie to even take a step without the girls' arms wrapped around her," she said

Like her daughter, Deborah Rohde was touched by the children's display of love, which she described as a testament to the resiliency of the human spirit.

## Seton Hall 'servant leaders' visit Ireland

SOUTH ORANGE—As servant leader ambassadors, a group of students from Seton Hall University travelled to Limerick, Ireland, one of the country's largest and most impoverished cities. From July 2-12, 11 students built an international bond between the university and the European city.

On this second visit to Mary Immaculate College in Limerick, students were given the opportunity to develop leadership skills by serving others. The program has also traveled twice to the Alpha Boys' School in Kingston, Jamaica, and the Lakota Sioux Reservation in Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

Students who visited Limerick worked to refine their leadership skills and foster civic engagement. Activities were geared towards each student's major and/or area of interest. Volunteers assisted in a soup kitchen, met with Limerick Mayor Liam Galvin, worked with a local youth service organization and with a local organization that empowers individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism.

The group was guided by Christopher Kaiser, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Seton Hall.

"We want to continue to build servant leaders," Kaiser said. "It is our goal to help develop servant leaders with an ethical mission."

Kaiser was inspired by the university's mission statement and aims to foster a new generation of servant leaders. "In a diverse and collaborative environment Seton Hall focuses on academic and ethical development. It is all about

putting the mission of Seton Hall University in action."

Limerick is the third largest city in Ireland and also the poorest in the country. The city has the highest suicide rate, homeless rate, most drug use recorded, and most people on the Dole (Ireland's welfare system). "We asked ourselves why Limerick is suffering," said Kaiser. "A servant leader is someone who recognizes the needs for the people and does the best to be a leader within that community."

Teagan Sebba, political science major and president of the Student Government Association, worked in Moyross with the Franciscan Friars in the area to run a summer camp for local youth. The neighborhood has a history of drug dependence, violence and instability. When Sebba would drive to Moyross, she recalled seeing destroyed homes that were intentionally set on fire in hopes that the government would rebuild them.

"The kids that we looked after were some of the roughest I have ever dealt with, but their tough exterior was only to match their environment," Sebba said. She provided the children companionship, bonding with them and playing games. "The hardest part personally, was leaving after the week," she said.

Following each day of service, the students would participate in a two-hour reflection. One of the most poignant experiences for Clayton Collier, a senior journalism major was the opportunity to meet his Irish relatives for the first time. He traveled to the Northwest-



Servant leadership ambassadors from Seton Hall University volunteered this summer in Limerick, Ireland. From left to right: Jean McArthur, Brenda Knight, Jessica Lomonaco, Michael McCarthy, Michelle McKenzie, Tyler Lucas, Teagan Sebba, Leah Hafitz, Sierra Spriggs, Isabella Hansen, Alexandra Bock, Clayton Collier, Shannon Beaton, Christopher Kaiser and Maureen Kaiser, Also helping out (bottom row) are the daughters of Christopher and Maureen Kaiser, from left, Courtney and Caleigh.

ern area of Ireland in Galway and Mayo counties.

"We stopped at their bed and breakfast/pub, where we drew a family tree on a piece of scrap paper to figure out how exactly we were related," Collier explained. After a trip to their boathouse, the relatives brought him to their 200 year old farm where they looked at old family photos and discussed family history.

When the students met with the mayor of Limerick, they discussed the city's future, Collier recalled. "It was fascinating to hear about

their plans to revitalize the area and validating to hear specifically how our volunteer work would benefit the area," he said.

Each student left the experience forever changed, and with the hope of a return visit. "I'm truly grateful to Seton Hall, and particularly the Student Leadership Program for providing me with the opportunity," Collier said.

Kaiser stressed that authentic leaders make the effort to serve others. "You might not have all of the treasure in the world, but you have time and talent," Kaiser said.



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Loyola Jesuit Center, a sacred space for spiritual growth, prayer and reflection in Morristown, recently hosted a young adult BBQ and outdoor Mass as the finale to a series of "Seekers Retreats" held over several months in partnership with Charis Ministries, the dioceses of Metuchen and Newark and the Jesuit Collaborative. More than 30 young adults from different parishes throughout the dioceses, enjoyed swimming, food, music, making new friends and fellowship. The outdoor Mass was celebrated in Loyola's gardens by Father Edmund A. Luciano, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Metuchen. A listing of upcoming young adult retreats can be found on Loyola's web site at www.loyola.org.

## Roselle Catholic celebrates a decade of summer service days

ROSELLE—For the 10th consecutive year, students, faculty, alumni and friends of Roselle Catholic High School came together in the spirit of service and community, for the first three days of summer vacation

Ten different sites were the recipients of the volunteers' generosity. One quarter of the student body took part in the summer services days, although volunteer hours are not required for graduation.

Roselle Catholic has an on-going relationship throughout the school year with most of the volunteer sites, including the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, the Community Foodbank of NJ, and several area grammar schools. Other sites are a service day tradition, including Saint Bonaventure Center at Trinitas Hospital and Raphael Life House in Elizabeth. Kean University's "Be the Change" community group and the Greater Newark Conservancy were newly added to the service day options.

Participants also volunteered with Bridges, a Roselle Catholic outreach to homeless that distributes sandwiches, toiletries and clothing on the streets of New York City.

Coincidentally, most of the sites involved some aspect of gardening, whether helping to spruce up the yards of the transitional houses of





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Raphael House, or planting seedlings for the community gardens in Newark. The students learned about the concept of "food deserts," common in inner city areas, where fresh fruits and vegetables are not readily available. Community gardens in these neighborhoods not only answer that need, but also bring together members of the community. At the end of each day, all of the volunteers assembled in the gym to reflect on their experiences.

Roselle Catholic has been ad-

ministered by the Marist Brothers of the Schools since its inception in 1959. Service has become a part of the culture of the school.

"As it is every year, (summer service days) was a resounding success, due to the efforts of a lot of people," Maureen Hagan, director of Campus Ministry, said. "Our students show over and over again that young people are generous of heart and spirit. When given the opportunity to reach out to help, they respond enthusiastically."





The Visceglia Gallery at Caldwell University will present the "A Rising Tide: 4 + 4" Sept. 9 through Oct. 2. The opening reception will be held Sept. 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. The '4 + 4' equation at the center of this exhibition represents the four artists who were each asked to identify a second artist with whom they share certain affinities in their artwork, studio process or shared inspiration. The four pairs of artists are: Suzanne Laura Kammin + Babette Herschberger; Catherine LeCleire + Irena Pejovic; David Rios Ferreira + Felipe Baeza; and Anker West + Stacy Smith. These four pairs of artists explored with their respective partners how they would develop a shared approach to their portion of the gallery and adjacent outdoor spaces. Whether exploring subject matter, formal concerns, philosophies of seeing, developing a design for presenting their artwork, the process was a very dynamic one.

Left, "The Real Thing", 2015 by Suzanne Laura Kammin. Right, "Tidbit #52", 2012 by Babette Herschberger

## At the ballgame with Marist alum George R.R. Martin

BAYONNE—A group of Marist High School students, friends and staff had the opportunity to meet famed alumnus, author George R.R. Martin, Class of 1966, at a book signing during the Staten Island Yankees game Aug. 8. "It isn't every day that you have the opportunity to meet such an influential individual," said current student Jose Nieto.

The signing began at 6:30 p.m. but the group arrived at the ballpark



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Marist High School alumnus Michael Missaggia, Class of 1967, reconnects with author and fellow alum George R.R. Martin after 20 years.

hours earlier to ensure they were among the first in line. "We knew that only the first 400 people into the stadium would have the opportunity to meet Mr. Martin," said Director of Marketing and Admissions Tiffany McQueary. "We went to the game to

show our support for him and how proud we are to call him an alum of our school. What better way to do that than to be the first people in line."

Martin signed the high school's book set of "A Song of Ice and Fire" and a Marist t-shirt that will be on display at the school. He also gave some advice to aspiring fiction writer, senior Adrienne Romero.

"Mr. Martin told me that he had a language arts teacher when he went to Marist who was a mentor and huge inspiration for him," Romero said. "He said that he hopes there is a teacher at Marist now who is doing the same thing for me and that I should never stop writing."

Born and raised in Bayonne, Martin is an acclaimed novelist. short story writer, screen writer and producer in the fantasy, horror, and science fiction genres. His series of epic fantasy novels "A Song of Ice and Fire," was adapted by HBO for its award-winning dramatic series "Game of Thrones." As of April 2015, the books have sold more than 60 million copies worldwide and have been translated into at least 45 languages.

Head of School Alice Miesnik with Martin.

## Caldwell University softball athlete honored CALDWELL—Recent Cald fornia Baptist University to pursue a

well University graduate and softball player Alyssa Calderon has been selected the 2015 Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference Woman of the Year. Calderon is one of 147 female student-athletes to be named a Woman of the Year honoree by conferences and independent schools across all three divisions.

Now in its 25th year, the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Woman of the Year award recognizes graduating female student-athletes for excellence in academics, athletics, community service and leadership.

An accomplished student, Calderon was named to the Capital One Academic All-America first team on May 28. She also was included on the Academic All-America third team in 2014, making her Caldwell's first two-time Academic All-American, Calderon also received the Division II Athletic Directors Association Academic Achievement Award three times. She graduated in May with a degree in psychology and will attend Calimaster's degree.

On the field, she is a four-time all-Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference honoree at catcher who received Daktronics All-American honorable mention this season. As a senior Calderon batted .405 with 14 doubles, seven homers and 38 runs batted in. Earlier this month, she led the Cougars to the CACC Tournament championship and was selected the tournament MVP.

An All-American and the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference Player of the Year in 2013, Calderon holds the Cougars' all-time records for RBIs (188), doubles (65) and total bases (406). She also ranks second at Caldwell in home runs (25), third in hits (248) and slugging percentage (.619), eighth in triples (nine) and ninth in batting average (.378). During her four years, the Cougars won two title championships and participated in four NCAA Division II East Region Tournaments.

On campus, Calderon was a member of Caldwell's Student-Ath-



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lete Advisory Committee. She also volunteered with the softball team at the team's free clinic for local youth softball players and participated in a Midnight Run to bring food and supplies to the homeless in New York City.

The Woman of the Year selection committee will next choose the top 10 honorees in each division. These top 30 honorees will be announced in early September. The

selection committee will announce the top nine finalists (three from each division) at the end of September. The NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics will vote from among those nine finalists to determine the 2015 Woman of the Year.

The top 30 honorees will be honored and the 2015 NCAA Woman of the Year will be named at the annual ceremony in Indianapolis on Oct 18

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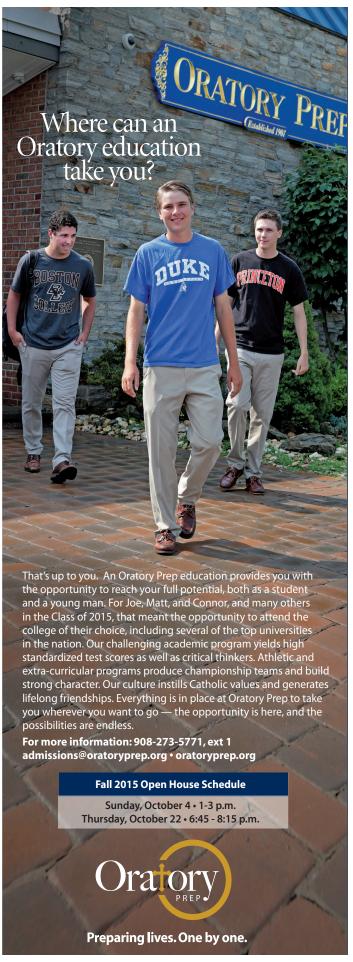
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Bergen Catholic High School bergencatholic.org	1 October 29 October 10 March
Paramus Catholic Regional High School paramus-catholic.org	4 October 14 October 20 January 4 May
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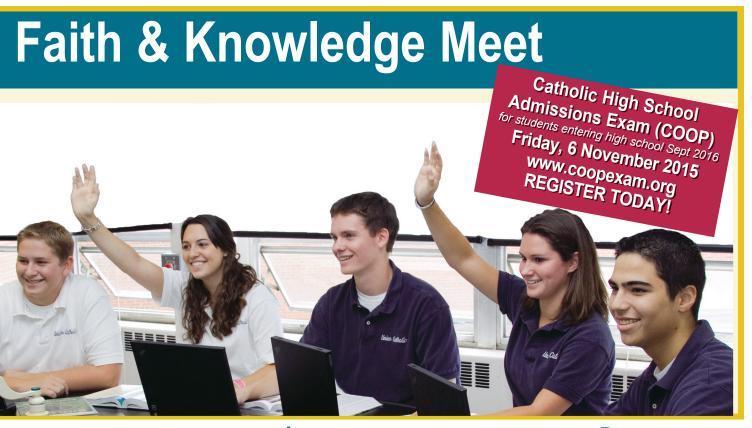
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Hudson Catholic Regional High School hudsoncatholic.org	18 October 28 October 10 April
Saint Anthony High School stanthonyhighschool.org	29 September 11 October 10 May
Saint Dominic Academy stdominicacad.com	4 October 8 October 3 May
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Roselle Catholic Regional High School rosellecatholic.org	18 October 29 October 21 January 24 January
Union Catholic Regional High School unioncatholic.org	7 October 20 April
Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child oakknoll.org	3 October 14 November 9 December
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Christ the King Preparatory School ctkprep.org	18	September October May
Saint Benedict's Preparatory School sbp.org	14	October November December
Saint Vincent Academy svanewark.org	20	October October November
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4	31,525	2,628	1,314	1,213	607	4	44,863	3,739	1,870	1,726	863
5	36,933	3,078	1,539	1,421	711	5	52,559	4,380	2,190	2,022	1,011
6	42,341	3,529	1,765	1,629	815	6	60,255	5,022	2,511	2,318	1,159
7	47,749	3,980	1,990	1,837	919	7	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307
8	53,157	4,430	2,215	2,045	1,023	8	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455
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The information provided by parents on the application will be kept confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility.

The school will advise parents of their child's eligibility within 10 working days of receipt of the application. Any parent dissatisfied with the eligibility determination may contact the school to request an informal conference or may appeal the decision by requesting a formal hearing. Parents may call the school for further information on the program.

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Our Lady Help of Christians School	East Orange	St. Michael School	Cranford
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Our Lady of Mercy Academy	Park Ridge	St. Nicholas School	Jersey City
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St. Augustine School	Union City	St. Mary of the Assumption High School	Elizabeth
St. Joseph School	Jersey City	Visitation Academy	Paramus
St. Joseph the Carpenter School	Roselle		

## Saint Vincent Academy to host orientation

NEWARK—Saint Vincent Academy, Newark's only Catholic college-preparatory high school exclusively for young women, will usher in the new school year with a welcome and orientation program for nearly 300 students on Sept. 11.

A number of current Saint Vincent students will return to school following summer experiences in one or more challenging academic or career exploration programs, including the Newark Museum Explorers Program, the Accounting Careers Awareness Program at Rutgers University, the New Jersey Medical School SMART Program, and the W. E. B. Du Bois Scholars Institute at Princeton University.

One rising junior's business plan was the winner of the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship summer program in Newark and will compete nationally in the fall.

The 2015-16 school year is the renewal year for Saint Vincent's accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. As part of the renewal process, and following a year of faculty self-study, Middle States representatives will conduct a four-day visit in October.

Every member of the school's 2015 graduating class was accepted and planned to attend college, earning \$10.5 million in merit-based awards and scholarships in addition to need-based aid. Among colleges graduates will be attending this fall are Rutgers University, Saint Peter's University, Seton Hall University, Dartmouth College, and Villanova University.





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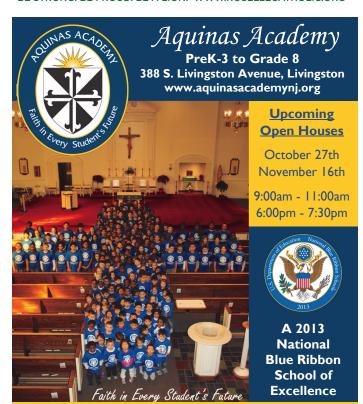


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## Archdiocese welcomes 15 new principals

By Laura Cristiano

n 2015-2016 the Archdiocese of Newark has 67 elementary schools and 29 high schools in the four counties it serves: Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union. Many of those schools are led by veteran principals who have been in their buildings for several years. This year, there are also several new faces as some of our long-term principals have recently retired.

Many of our new principals are no strangers to Catholic education. They have served as principals and administrators in other dioceses, and/or were Catholic school teachers who went through administration training programs such as the Catholic School Leadership Program at Seton Hall University. All totaled, there are 15 new principals this year, and each has an interesting background.

In Bergen County, Kimberly Harrington, the new principal at Vis-

itation Academy in Paramus, stated in her welcome letter to parents, "My completion of the Seton Hall Leadership Program has prompted me to make the transition from the classroom to administration so that I may continue to help schools in the archdiocese provide a nurturing, safe, challenging, and faith-filled education. Catholic schools will prepare your children, our students, for the vastly changing 21st century challenges that lay ahead of them."

Faith is something that all our Catholic school principals share. James Carlo, the principal at Transfiguration Academy in Bergenfield, recently shared his faith journey with school parents, "In addition to my academic work in the field of education, I am soon to complete a second master's degree in systematic theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology at Seton Hall University."

Some of our new principals came from great distances. Benja-



min Ronquillo, of Our Lady of the Lake in Verona, recently moved from Florida. He has 13 years of experience in Catholic education. He has served as a second grade teacher, technology integration specialist and acting principal. He has been involved in school sports programs as a coach and athletic director.

Other principals made a shorter trip. For Brother Patrick Winbush, O.S.B., it's just a walk across the grounds of the Benedictine monastery to his office as assistant headmaster of Saint Mary's School in Newark. The Benedictine community in Newark recently was given

jurisdiction over Saint Mary's Parish and School by the archdiocese.

Two high schools, Saint Mary High School in Rutherford and Immaculate Conception High School in Montclair have new principals, Tara Brunt and Michelle Neves respectively. Brunt, is a career Catholic educator with nearly four decades of experience in secondary education and administration in the Archdiocese of Newark and Diocese of Paterson. Neves was the unanimous choice of the Immaculate Conception search committee.

"She understands the sense of family we have here," President of Immaculate Conception Celia Honohan stated. "Both of us are committed to Immaculate's mission to deliver a Catholic, college preparatory education to high school students in a faith-filled environment."

No matter if our principals are in the city or suburbs, a high school or an elementary school, the common thread is that a faith-filled environment with excellent academics is what the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Newark have to offer.

Laura Cristiano is the Director of Catholic School Marketing for the Archdiocese of Newark.



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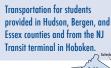
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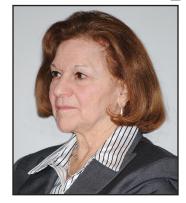
## Catholic schools: developing 'faith-filled learners'

By Dr. Margaret A. Dames

s we prepare for the successful beginning of another school year, I am pleases to share recent accomplishments of our Catholic schools and the dynamic changes taking place in the Archdiocese of Newark.

We have completed our first year of implementing "Lighting the Way," our multi-year strategic plan to strengthen schools in the archdiocese and ensure they remain available, accessible and affordable for every family desiring a Catholic education for their children.

Currently we are forming our 67 elementary and 28 high schools into a community of faith-filled learners. We are empowering boards, made up of outstanding and talented clergy and laity, to collaborate with the School's Office, Human Resources and the Finance Office to advise principals in the area of personnel, finance, marketing, development, strategic planning and facilities. Under this new gov-



ernance structure, every principal and every pastor contributes a voice to Catholic education in the archdiocese. As Archbishop John J. Myers stated, "It is our hope that with Lighting the Way we can plan for a future where we can promise our children an unparalleled experience found only in Catholic education.

"Lighting the Way" has allowed us to begin a renaissance of Catholic education in the archdiocese. It has created a system of schools where the uniqueness, strengths and needs of each school are addressed with a respect for the school's culture and traditions. Simultaneously, it has strengthened leadership, fundraising, technology, academics and finance at the school level.

Indications that these goals are being met are:

- This year is the first in more than two decades that we have not closed any K-12 Catholic schools.
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With these initiatives in place in 95 Catholic schools, totaling 32,411 students, it is easy to see why Catholic schools following the academic guidelines of the Archdiocese of Newark exceed the New Jersey Common Core Curriculum Standards and achieve success in the following areas:

Academics: All Catholic high schools are college preparatory. Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools is the accrediting agency for archdiocesan Catholic elementary and secondary schools.

Standardized Test Scores: Catholic elementary school students as a group outperform other students in the U.S. School mean scores continue to be higher than the main scores of schools throughout the U.S. In many grades the average Catholic school student is achieving at or above the top quarter of their national peers.

**Technology:** As a tool to enhance teaching strategies, technology is fully integrated into the curriculum. Schools have computer labs and technology teachers. Students are able to use laptops, notebooks, tables and desktops. SMART Boards and Tables, as well as interactive

white boards are available resources for our students.

College Matriculation: Nearly all Catholic high school students graduate and continue on to post-secondary education. Of the Class of 2013, more than \$297 million in academic scholarships were awarded and 97 percent are pursuing a college education.

Student Diversity and Faith Background: Our schools educate a diverse group of students. Elementary enrollment breakdown includes 39 percent Caucasian, 22 percent Latino and 16 percent African American. On the high school level 44 percent Caucasian, 15 percent Latino, and 19 percent African American. Approximately 20 percent of elementary school students and over 25 percent of high school students are non-Catholic.

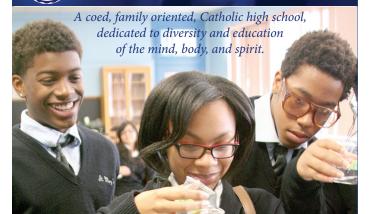
Administration and Teaching Staff: More than 90 percent of the teaching staff is highly qualified, laity who are state certified or are in the process of obtaining state certification.

Catholic Urban School Partnership: This is an inner city elementary schools' partnership to revamp and repair facilities, to assist students with scholarships and to grow an endowment to guarantee these school's future sustainability.

We point with pride to the achievements of our schools, but no single result is more important than the formation of a community of faith-filled learners. In the words of Pope Francis, "Knowing what is to be learned doesn't necessarily tell us why we learn it or what it is good for, but in the reflective encounters among men and women in the planning process, it is possible that the purpose of education can be accomplished; for the goal of education is formation, the shaping of a life."

Our schools must continue to collaborate and to be academically second to none, and to bring faith to life and life to faith.

Dr. Margaret A. Dames is the Superintendent of Schools/ Secretary for Catholic Education for the Archdiocese of Newark.



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### Pilgrimage to Philadelphia

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of Families has sought to strengthen the bonds between families and to witness to the crucial importance of marriage and the family to society. This year's theme is "Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive," emphasizing the impact of the love and life of families.

The meeting consists of a Theological Adult Congress, and a concurrent Youth Congress, followed by the Festival of Families and the papal Mass.

On Sunday, Sept. 27, Pope Francis will conclude the event by celebrating a public Mass on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

The site of the Mass is 1.7 miles away from where the "zoo crew" will rest their heads that weekend. Cathy Hunt, director of religious education at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, started laying groundwork for the travel plans last September.

Rev. Msgr. Ronald J. Rozniak, pastor of Mount Carmel, suggested that the parish organize a pilgrimage to Philadelphia. While brainstorming, a member of the staff recalled visiting the Philadelphia Zoo and staying overnight with a Girl Scout troop. During the program, called a "Night Flight," participants hike the zoo after hours, meet animal keepers and learn from experts about animals from across the globe.

"I thought it was a great idea," Hunt recalled. "Pope Francis calls for us to honor the earth and care for the world. Staying at the zoo ties in nicely with the pope's message."

The Philadelphia Zoo has been "gracious and wonderful," Hunt noted, while accommodating the large group. The zoo has even organized a light show and will give boxed lunches to the guests spending the night in sleeping bags.

Hunt will bring her 5th grade son Sean and her husband Tim along. "When you go on a prayer trip together, you are different when you get home," she explained. "It is so exciting to share that experience with other families from your parish. We will become closer to our faith and closer to each other. I feel privileged to be able to experience this."

Melissa Peters, assistant catechetical leader at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, will be joined by her brother, boyfriend and friends. "It is a once in a lifetime experience to see the pope in the United States," she said. "It will be great to celebrate Mass along with 2 million people who believe the same things you do."

Many other parishes from the Archdiocese of Newark, including Saint Theresa of Avila in Summit and Saint Phillip the Apostle in Saddle Brook, will make the pilgrimage to Philadelphia.

Cecylia Dorothy Kowalczyk from Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, Linden, will make the trip along with her husband and 19-year-old daughter Ewa. The parish is sending two bus-loads of families to celebrate Mass with Pope Francis on Sept. 27.

"We are all excited to go," Kowalczyk said. "Every January, my daughter and I go to the March for Life in Washington D.C. and are really inspired by everyone there. It's important for young people to support the family."

Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Bergenfield will have three buses making the trek to Philadelphia. Harold Arjona plans to attend with his three children, wife and grandmother. "It's a huge honor in my lifetime to see the pope," he said. He is also looking forward to more "en-

lightenment and fellowship" at the World Meeting of Families.

Arjona believes witnessing Pope Francis' interaction with the people first-hand will serve as a teaching tool for his young children. "We live in a different time. We are in a critical point in Catholicism where it's important for my kids to understand what we truly believe. It's important for them to see that it's not just our family that is Catholic," he said.

Even non-Catholics' enthusiasm for the Holy Father can serve as an evangelization tool, according to Arjona. "I've heard people say 'we love your pope.' Well, he's your pope, too."

## Schedule: 2015 Apostolic Journey of Pope Francis to the United States of America

Here is the schedule for Pope Francis' September 2015 Apostolic Journey to the United States of America as released by the Vatican on June 30, 2015. All times listed are Eastern Daylight Time.

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 (WASHINGTON, DC)

• 4:00 p.m. Arrival from Cuba at Joint Base Andrews

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 (WASHINGTON, DC)

- 9:15 a.m. Welcome ceremony and meeting with President Obama at the White House
- 11:30 a.m. Midday Prayer with the bishops of the United States, St. Matthew's Cathedral
- 4:15 p.m. Mass of Canonization of Junipero Serra, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 (WASHINGTON, DC, NEW YORK CITY)

- 9:20 a.m. Address to Joint Meeting of the United States Congress
- 11:15 a.m. Visit to St. Patrick in the City and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington
- **4:00 p.m.** Depart from Joint Base Andrews
- 5:00 p.m. Arrival at John F. Kennedy International Airport
- 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St. Patrick's Cathedral

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 (NEW YORK CITY)

- 8:30 a.m. Visit to the United Nations and Address to the United Nations General Assembly
- 11:30 a.m. Multi-religious service at 9/11 Memorial and Museum, World Trade Center
- 4:00 p.m. Visit to Our Lady Queen of Angels School, East Harlem
- 6:00 p.m. Mass at Madison Square Garden

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26** (NEW YORK CITY, PHILADELPHIA)

- 8:40 a.m. Departure from John F. Kennedy International Airport
- 9:30 a.m. Arrival at Atlantic Aviation, Philadelphia
- 10:30 a.m. Mass at Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia
- 4:45 p.m. Visit to Independence Mall
- 7:30 p.m. Visit to the Festival of Families Benjamin Franklin Parkway

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27** (PHILADELPHIA)

- 9:15 a.m. Meeting with bishops at St. Martin's Chapel, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
- 11:00 a.m. Visit to Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility
- 4:00 p.m. Mass for the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families, Benjamin Franklin Parkway
- 7:00 p.m. Visit with organizers, volunteers and benefactors of the World Meeting of Families, Atlantic Aviation
- 8:00 p.m. Departure for Rome

## NJ transportation agencies detail plans for papal visit

NEWARK and CAMDEN— New Jersey Department of Transportation Commissioner Jamie Fox and NJ Transit Executive Director Veronique "Ronnie" Hakim, along with representatives from the State Police, NJ Transit Police, NJ Turnpike Authority, South Jersey Transportation Authority, and Camden County, detailed plans for the upcoming papal visit to New York and Philadelphia.

"Safe and secure transportation for people travelling through the state of New Jersey is vital to the success of this event," Fox said. "It will take all of us working together to make that happen."

"Representatives from New Jersey's four transportation agencies, along with our partners at the New Jersey State Police and local law enforcement, have been working together for months to put plans in place to accommodate the unprecedented amount of people that will be utilizing our transportation network," he added.

The World Meeting of Families,

the host of the Philadelphia events, has estimated as many as 2 million people may attend the public Mass on Sunday, Sept. 27 at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. They expect 50 percent to arrive by car and approximately 10,000 charter buses to bring people to the event.

Only buses registered with the World Meeting of Families will be allowed to park in the limited spaces available in Philadelphia and Camden. Buses may register on the World Meeting of Families Web site. This massive influx of vehicles combined with the closing of the Ben Franklin Bridge into Philadelphia is likely to cause paralyzing gridlock in the region.

New Jersey's transportation agencies are recommending people avoid unnecessary travel. Expect congestion and delays along the I-95 corridor between Delaware or points south and New York City and points north.

For those planning to attend any of the papal events, be prepared. Pedestrians will be allowed to cross the

Ben Franklin Bridge, however it is about a five-mile walk from Camden across the bridge to the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the public Mass.

It also is important to understand that there will be no parking for private cars or buses in Camden.

The Ben Franklin Bridge between Camden and Philadelphia will be closed at 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25 through noon Monday, Sept. 28. Because of the bridge closure, the state Department of Transportation will be closing I-676 westbound from Exit 3 to the bridge, as well as Route 30 westbound from Airport Circle (Route 38/Route 130) to the bridge.

These closures will undoubtedly result in congestion and delays on all of the state highways in the region, particularly in Camden, Burlington and Gloucester counties, as well as the interstate highways and toll roads. The following roadways

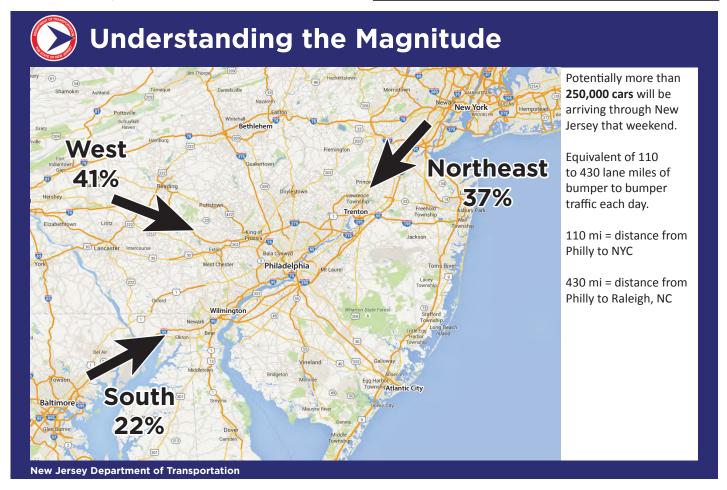
are expected to be affected by the increased traffic: I-295, as well as Routes 38, 42, 45, 47, 55, 70, 73, 90, 130, 168 and 322.

It is likely that there will also be congestion and delays to I-95, I-195 and US 1, and the New Jersey Turnpike and the Atlantic City Expressway will experience much heavier volume.

For motorists looking to cross into Philadelphia to celebrate Mass with Pope Francis, the Department of Transportation and the state's other transportation agencies will utilize detour and electronic message signs to divert traffic onto northbound and southbound Route 130 to access other crossings into Philadelphia.

"This will not be your average travel week," Hakim said. "I cannot stress enough that the system will be pushed to capacity. We have a finite cadre of assets at our disposal as well as a constrained system."

For more transportation-related information related to the papal visit, go to http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/commuter/events/papal.shtm.



## President, First Lady to welcome Pope Francis to White House Sept. 23

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS)—President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama will welcome Pope Francis to the White House Sept. 23.

"During the visit, the president and the pope will continue the dialogue, which they began during the president's visit to the Vatican in March 2014, on their shared values and commitments on a wide range of issues," said a statement released March 26 by the Office of the Press Secretary at the White House.

Those issues, it said, include "caring for the marginalized and the poor; advancing economic opportunity for all; serving as good stewards of the environment; protecting religious minorities and promoting

religious freedom around the world; and welcoming and integrating immigrants and refugees into our communities."

The statement added, "The president looks forward to continuing this conversation with the Holy Father during his first visit to the United States as pope."

Last year, in their first encounter, Pope Francis received the president at the Vatican for a discussion that touched on several areas of tension between the Catholic Church and the White House, including religious freedom and medical ethics.

During an unusually long 50-minute meeting, the two leaders discussed "questions of particular relevance for the church in (the U.S.), such as the exercise of the rights to religious freedom, life and

conscientious objection as well as the issue of immigration reform," the Vatican said in statement afterward.

While in Washington, Pope Francis will address a joint meeting of Congress Sept. 24, making him the first pope to do so.

The Archdiocese of Washington said it would host the pope for his visit, but did not announce dates. On his flight from the Philippines to Rome in January, Pope Francis said he would canonize Blessed Junipero Serra at Washington's Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

On March 18, the United Nations announced Pope Francis will visit there the morning of Sept. 25 to address the U.N. General Assembly. The pope also will meet sepa-

rately with U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and with the president of the General Assembly. The pontiff also is scheduled for a town hall gathering with U.N. staff.

In a statement, Ban noted that the pope's visit came during the United Nations' 70th anniversary, in which its members would make decisions about sustainable development, climate change and peace. He said he was confident the pope's visit would inspire the international community to redouble its efforts for social justice, tolerance and understanding.

During his pontificate, Saint John Paul II visited the United States seven times—two of which were fuel stopovers—making the country his most frequent foreign destination after his native Poland. He addressed the U.N. General Assembly in 1979 and 1995; Blessed Paul VI did so in 1965 and Pope Benedict XVI addressed the assembly in 2008, during his one U.S. visit as pope.

#### Lessons from South America:

## How to greet and understand Pope Francis

By Cindy Wooden Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—People make special preparations for welcoming a special guest, and watching what worked and did not work in Ecuador, Bolivia and Paraguay may help people preparing for Pope Francis' visit to the United States.

Some of the plans, however, will require common-sense adjustments, especially because the U.S. Secret Service is likely to frown on certain behavior, like tossing things to the pope—a phenomenon that occurs much more often with Pope Francis than with any previous pope. At the Vatican, the items tend to be soccer jerseys and scarves; in Ecuador, it was flower petals—lots of them.

Watching the pope July 5-12 in South America it is clear:

• Pope Francis loves a crowd. He walks into events with little expression on his face, then lights up when he starts greeting, blessing, kissing and hugging people. Persons with disabilities, the sick and squirming babies come first.

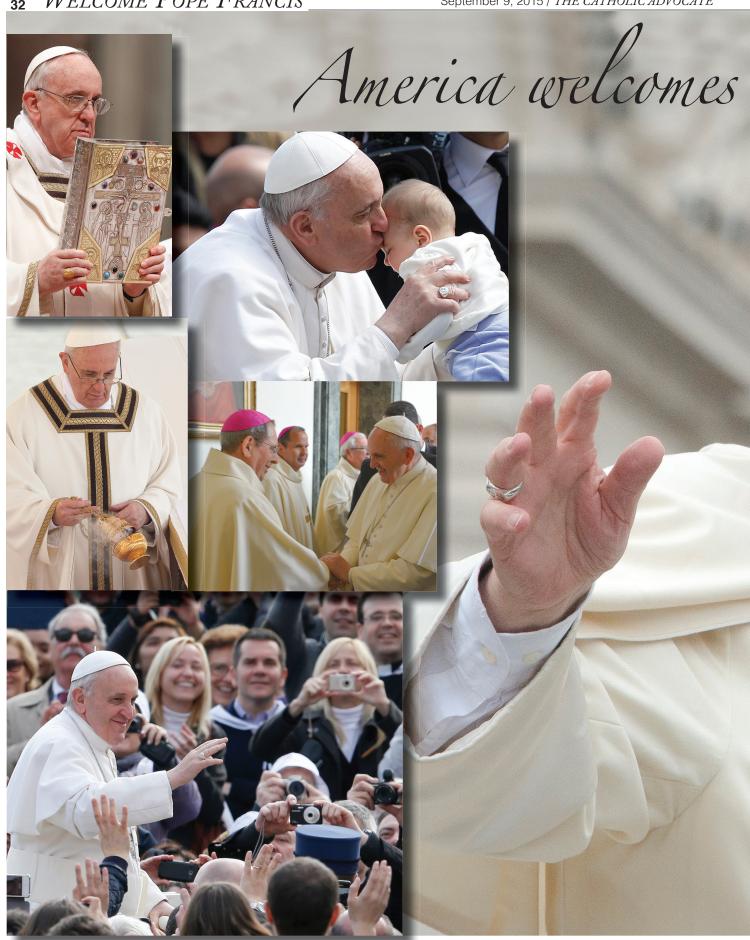
- The pope does not mind being embraced, but he does not like people running at him. As a nun in Our Lady of Peace Cathedral in La Paz rushed toward Pope Francis July 8, the pope backed up and used both hands to gesture her to calm down and step back. In the end, she did get a blessing from him, though.
- At Mass, Pope Francis tends to be less animated. His focus and the focus he wants from the congregation is on Jesus present in the Eucharist. At large public masses on papal trips, he sticks to the text of his prepared homilies, although he may look up and repeat phrases for emphasis.
- A meeting with priests, religious and seminarians is a fixture on papal trips within Italy and abroad; in Cuba and the United States, the meetings will take place during vespers services, Sept. 20 in Havana and Sept. 24 in New York. At vespers, like at Mass, Pope Francis tends to follow his prepared text.

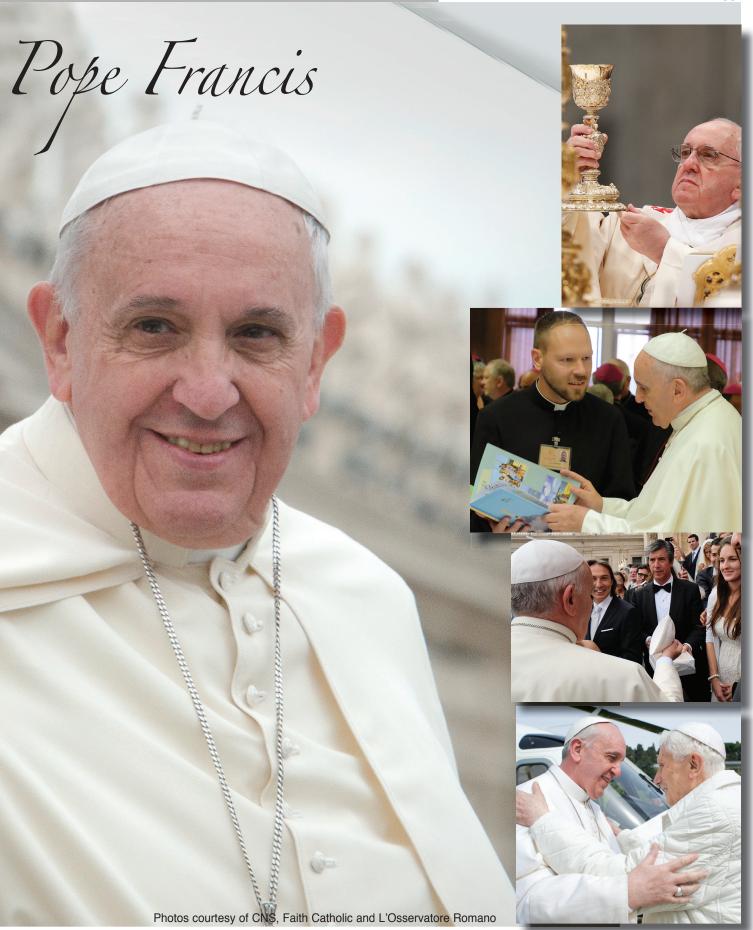
However, when the gathering takes place outside the context of formal liturgical prayer, he never follows the prepared text, even if he may hit the main points of the prepared text as he did in Bolivia July 9.

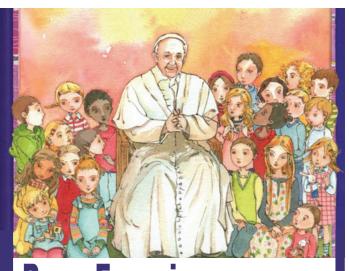
- Pope Francis has said he needs a 40-minute rest after lunch and his official schedule always includes at least an hour of down time. However, like his "free" afternoons at the Vatican, the pope often fills the breaks with private meetings with friends, acquaintances or Jesuits. In fact, his trips abroad have always included private get-togethers with his Jesuit confreres, although in South America one of the meetings—in Guayaquil, Ecuador—was a luncheon formally included in the itinerary. But he also spent unscheduled time with Jesuits at Quito's Catholic university the next day. In Paraguay, he made an unscheduled visit to 30 of his confreres in Asuncion and then went next door to their Cristo Rev School to meet with more than 300 students from Jesuit schools.
- In South America, Pope Francis specifically asked that his meetings with the bishops be private, informal conversations -- similar to the way he handles the regular "ad

- limina" visits of bishops to the Vatican to report on the state of their dioceses. For the "ad limina" visits, he hands them the text of a rather general look at their country and Catholic community, then begins a discussion. When he makes a formal speech to a group of bishops, his words can seem critical, but, in fact, the tone tends to be one of addressing his "fellow bishops" and his words are more of a collective examination of conscience than a scolding.
- · Pope Francis' speeches in general—whether to presidents, civic and business leaders, young people or even, for example, the prisoners in Bolivia—acknowledge what is going well and being done right, then seek to build on that. It's a combination of a pat on the back and a nudge forward. While Bolivia's Palmasola prison is notorious for its difficult conditions and while the pope pleaded for judicial reform in the country, he also told the prisoners: "The way you live together depends to some extent on yourselves. Suffering and deprivation can make us selfish of heart and lead to confrontation.'









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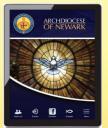
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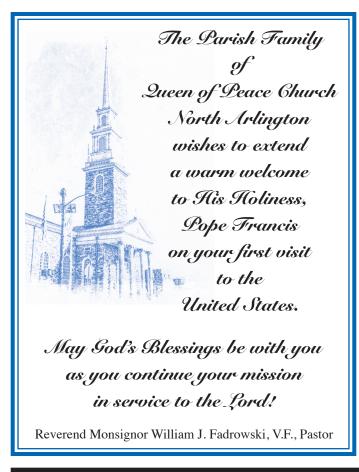
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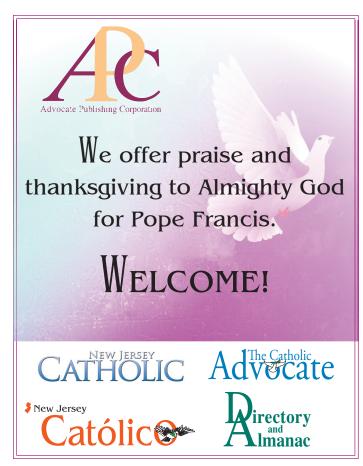
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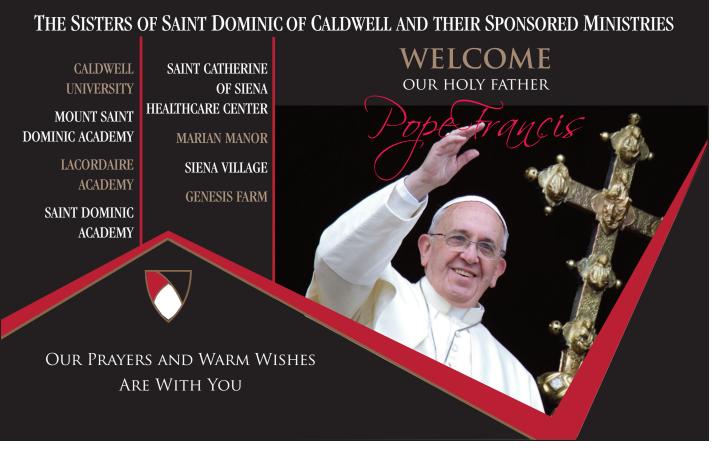
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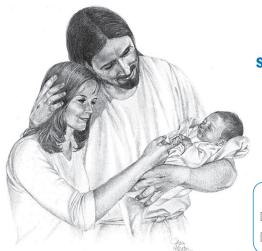
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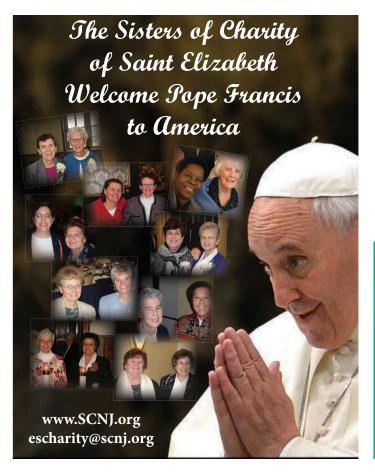
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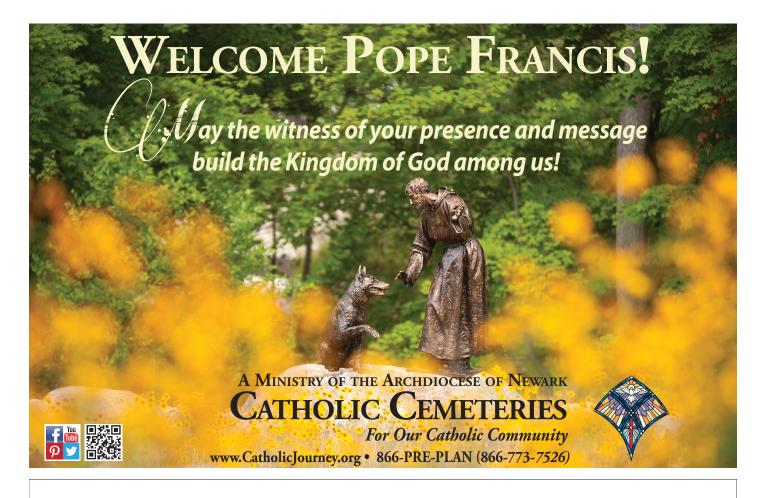
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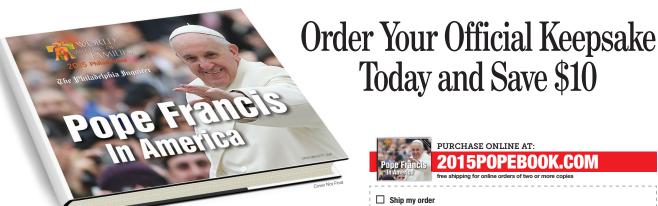
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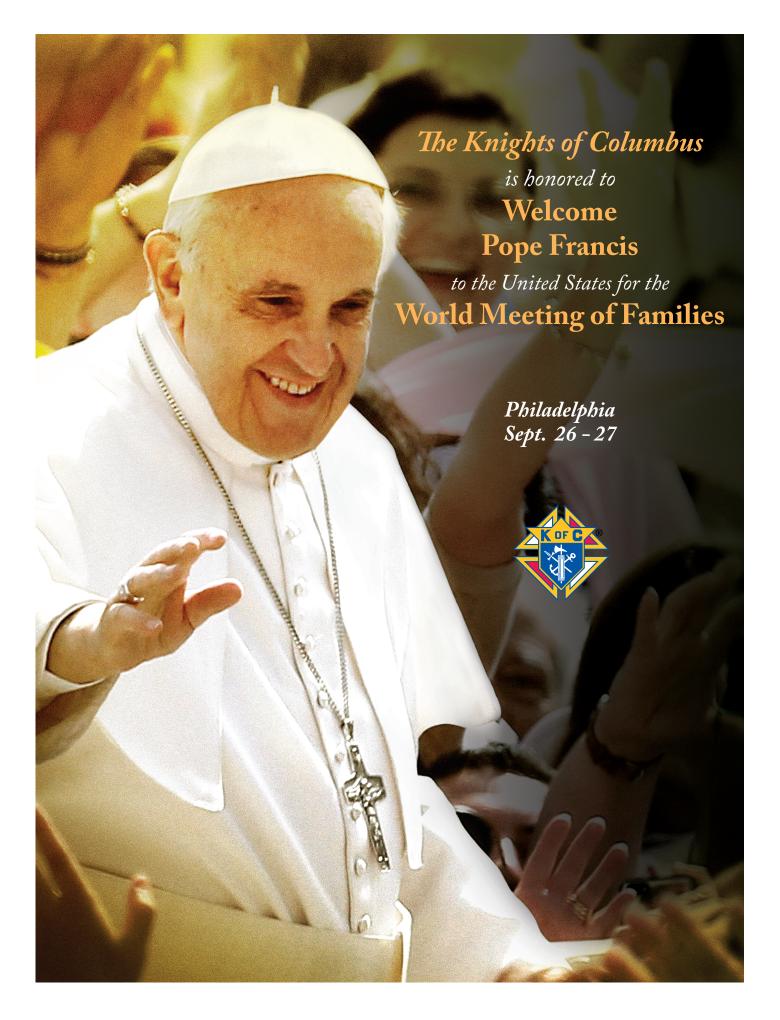
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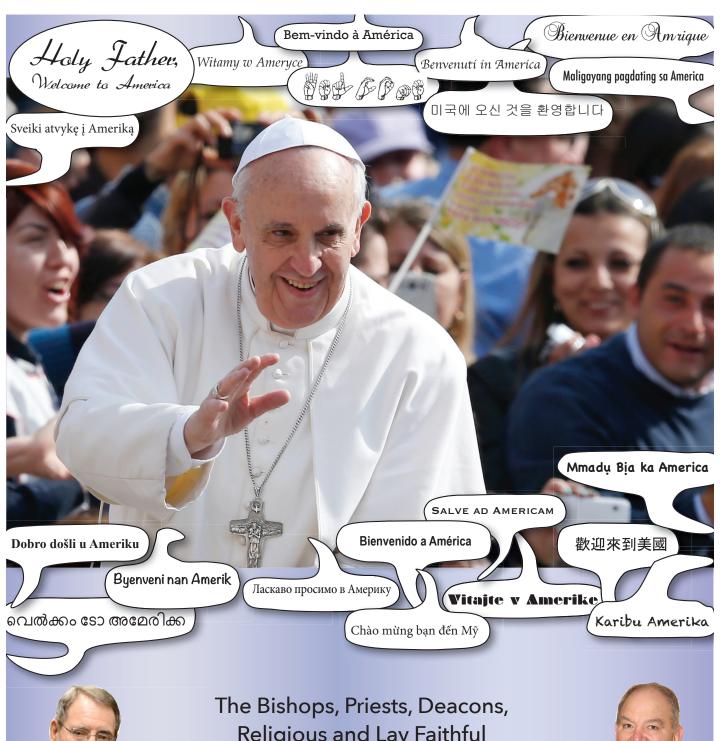


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