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Parish, school contributions near \$1 million

BY ELIZABETH KEPNISS
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"Parishioners were opening their checkbooks and wallets faster than I could announce the collection," said one pastor. In what pastors are calling the largest special collection ever, parishioners and students in Archdiocese of Newark have raised almost \$1,000,000 for the tsunami relief effort (reported as of press time).

After the tsunami devastated countries in South and Southeast Asia on Dec. 26, Most Rev. John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark, authorized an emergency voluntary collection to be taken at all Catholic parishes to assist in relief services.

"I am most proud of the parishioners and students in the Church of Newark and their acts of charitable giving," said the archbishop.

Father Jack Cryan, pastor Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Jersey City, said, "I suggested that people consider what they spent on Christmas gifts and consider giving 1 percent of that amount to the victims."

The need to give and the ability to help can come in all shapes and sizes, and in the case of students from three schools in the archdiocese, all ages.

St. Mary of the Assumption Elementary School and High School, Elizabeth, will combine efforts to raise needed funds. Each student will encourage his or her sponsors to "pave the school hallway with hearts" as they share their concern and support for each other.

Students will receive sponsor sheets asking relatives and friends for \$1 for each name that will be placed on a heart to be hung in the hallways of the schools through the month of February, which is National Heart Month.

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Devastation touches lives in archdiocese

BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Writer

The deadly tsunami that devastated Southern Asia on Dec. 26 sent shockwaves of grief and horror throughout the world, including the Archdiocese of Newark.

As politicians and other prominent figures visited the affected region to survey the destruction first hand, concerned citizens tuned to nightly news to view footage of the disaster and hear survivors' stories, perhaps in an attempt to feel closer to those so desperately in need of emotional and material support.



Father Venantius Fernando

In the archdiocese, two priests, Father Venantius Fernando, a native of Kanyakumari, at the southernmost tip of India, and Father Matthew Fonseka, a native of Jaella, Sri Lanka, have been in touch with their native dioceses, hoping to help in any way possible. Neither lost any immediate family or close friends in the disaster.

Father Fernando, of Christ the King Parish, Hillside, grew up in the Diocese of Kottar, India. He has been in contact with the bishop there, Most Rev. Leon A. Tharmaraj. The bishop faxed him a press release,

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AAA pledge for Feb. 5-6

The 2005 Archbishop's Annual Appeal will begin the weekend of Feb. 5-6 at parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Newark. Carla L. Gonzalez, who was recently named Executive Director of the Office of Development, said, "When you contribute to the AAA, you also help transform what happens in the hearts and minds of those we help."

She emphasized the Gospel-centered nature of the appeal and pointed out how contributions support seminary formation, clergy retirement, evangelization, Catholic education and the work of Catholic Charities in providing food, shelter and counseling for thousands within the archdiocese.

In his letter to the faithful of the archdiocese, Most Rev. John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark, noted that God "has entrusted us with His treasures so that we may share them with those struggling with various obstacles."

For more information, contact your pastor or call (973) 497-4130.



The first annual Christmas food drive was sponsored by the Office of Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark. Shown here at Gate of Heaven Mausoleum, East Hanover preparing to ship food and donations to the Pierre Toussaint Food Pantry, Newark, are Deacon Joseph A. Dwyer Jr., Vice Chancellor for Administration; Msgr. William B. Naedele, director of the Cemetery Office; Sister Linda Klaiss, S.S.J., pastoral associate of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Newark Abbey Church, and Joseph J. Verzi, assistant director of the Cemetery Office.

Faithful combat trafficking evil

BY LIESL FORES
Staff Writer

Following Archbishop John J. Myers' lead, parishes are supporting the movement against the evil of human trafficking.

Last month, the first workshop, sponsored by the New Jersey Anti-Trafficking Initiative and the Archdiocese of Newark, to educate parishes on the reality of human trafficking, particularly in the northern New Jersey area, and how they can become involved in anti-trafficking efforts took place at St. Henry Parish, Bayonne.

The impetus for the meeting was the launching in August of the NJ Anti-Trafficking Coalition, which was announced at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark. The coalition is made up of local and federal law enforcement officials as well as various non-government organizations, including Catholic Health and Human Services Corporation and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark; its mission is to bring awareness to the subject of human trafficking in order to improve responses to and services for victims, and to prosecute perpetrators.

Most Rev. Thomas A. Donato, regional bishop for Hudson County and pastor of St. Henry's, commented that the archbishop's statement regarding human trafficking (see *The Catholic Advocate*, May 19, 2004) was "very profound" and that hosting the first workshop—which will

eventually be held in all four counties of the archdiocese—was "a small way of endorsing that."

"This issue exists in our archdiocese and locality," the bishop stressed.

Avaloy Haynes Lanning, M.S.W., with the International Institute of New Jersey (IINJ—also a member of the coalition), is the project director of the NJ Anti-Trafficking Initiative and was the presenter.

Providing a definition of and background on the global criminal industry of human trafficking, Lanning gave examples of cases that have surfaced in the United States and worldwide, as well as several she has worked on personally, and an overview of the anti-trafficking initiative nationally and in New Jersey.

Lanning alerted participants—mostly pastors and parochial vicars—to the suspected high rate of this modern-day slavery occurring right in the metropolitan area of Hudson County.

According to Lanning, the Garden State has the third most diverse population in the country, with a heavy immigrant sector, and is the most densely populated state in the nation. It also has the third largest migrant farm work population, after Texas and California.

All of this, she indicated, contributes to the alleged high instance of human trafficking in the region, which falls into two main categories:

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Following the path of genuine integration

The Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, issued the following message regarding migrants and refugees. It is reprinted in full here.

1. The World Day of Migrants and Refugees is at hand. In the annual message I usually address to you on this occasion, I would like this time to consider the phenomenon of migration from the perspective of integration.

Many people use this word to denote the need for immigrants to be truly incorporated in the host country, but neither the content of this concept nor its practice is easy to define. In this regard I would like to sketch the picture by recalling the recent instruction, *Erga migrantes caritas Christi* ("The love of Christ towards migrants") (cf. nos. 2, 42, 43, 62, 80, 89).

In this document, integration is not presented as an assimilation that leads migrants to suppress or to forget their own cultural identity. Rather, contact with others leads to discovering their "secret," to being open to them in order to welcome their valid aspects and thus contribute to knowing each one better. This is a lengthy process that aims to shape societies and cultures, making them more and more a reflection of the multi-faceted gifts of God to human beings. In this process the migrant is intent on taking the necessary steps towards social inclusion, such as learning the national language and complying with the laws and requirements at work, so as to avoid the occurrence of exasperated differentiation.

I will not deal with the various aspects of integration. All I desire on this occasion is to go deeper with you into some implications of its intercultural dimension.

2. No one is unaware of the identity conflict that often comes about in the meeting of persons of different cultures. Positive elements do exist in this. By introducing themselves into a new environment, immigrants often become more aware of who they are, especially when they miss the persons and values that are important to them.

In our society, characterized by the global phenomenon of migration, individuals must seek the



Pope John Paul II

proper balance between respect for their own identity and recognition of that of others. Indeed, it is necessary to recognize the legitimate plurality of cultures present in a country, in harmony with the preservation of law and order, on which depend social peace and the freedom of citizens.

Indeed, it is essential to exclude on the one hand assimilationist models that tend to transform those who are different into their own copy, and on the other, models of marginalization of immigrants, with attitudes that can even arrive at the choice of apartheid. The way to take is the path of genuine integration (cf. *Ecclesia in Europa*, no. 102) with an open outlook that refuses to consider solely the differences between immigrants and the local people (cf. Message for World Day for Peace 2001, no. 12).

3. Thus the need arose for a dialogue between people of different cultures in a context of pluralism that goes beyond mere tolerance and reaches sympathy. A simple juxtaposition of groups of migrants and

locals tends to encourage a reciprocal closure between cultures, or the establishment, among them, of relations that are merely superficial or tolerant. We should encourage instead a mutual fecundation of cultures. This implies reciprocal knowledge and openness between cultures, in a context of true understanding and benevolence.

Christians, conscious on their part of the transcendent action of the Spirit, can also recognize in the various cultures the presence of "precious elements of religion and humanity" (cf. *Gaudium et Spes*, no. 92) that can offer solid prospects of mutual understanding. It will, of course, be necessary to combine the principle of respect for cultural differences with the protection of values that are in common and inalienable, because they are founded on universal human rights. This gives rise to that atmosphere of "civic reasonableness" that permits friendly and serene coexistence.

Moreover, if they are coherent with themselves, Christians cannot give up proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to all creation (cf. Mk 16:15). Obviously, they must do so with respect for the conscience of others, always resorting to the method of charity, as St Paul had already recommended to the early Christians (cf. Eph 4:15).

4. The image from the Prophet Isaiah, to which I have several times referred at the meetings with the youth of the whole world (cf. Is 21:11-12), could also be used here to invite all believers to be "morning watchmen." As such, Christians must above all listen to the cry for help that comes from a multitude of migrants and refugees, but they must then foster, with active commitment, prospects of hope that will herald the dawn of a more open and supportive society. It is up to them in the first place to make out God's presence in history, even when everything still seems to be enveloped in darkness.

With this hope, which I transform into prayer to God who wants to gather every nation and every language around him (cf. Is 66:18), I send to each one of you my blessing with deep affection.

Stewardship

Values instilled by parents to last a lifetime

BY ANDREW KACZYNSKI

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Parents' attitudes and actions influence their children's actions and attitudes significantly. Parents pass their values, attitudes and habits—good and bad—on to their children. As children grow into adults, they often adopt their parents' values.

However, the role of teaching Christian stewardship should not fall entirely upon parents. As adults in the Catholic community, we have a responsibility to set a good example to our youth by sharing our time, talents and treasure with the Lord. By our example, pastors, principals and adult community members teach Christian stewardship to the young members of our Church.

Teaching our youth to steward the gifts of God presents the greatest challenge and the greatest reward. If we, as individual adults, practice stewardship, we are not only fulfilling the words of the Gospel and giving meaning to our lives, but we are living examples of Christ to our children.

We are called—adults and children—by Jesus to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, to practice hos-

pitality, to clothe the naked, to care for the sick, to help people who are not free and to be a blessing to others.

Studies indicate that the largest amount of disposable income in the United States is in the hands of our youth—especially teenagers. Children should be encouraged to give a predetermined amount or percentage of their weekly allowance to their parish church or other charities in the community.

Young people should be formed to give off the top of their allowances or paychecks, rather than to give what is left over after buying video games, compact discs, movie or concert tickets and the like.

Parents should discuss with their children how they decide what to give back to the Lord each week. Parents and pastors should encourage them to set aside monies for a special mission collection at school or a charity/cause that the child selects. Families might focus on a special need in the parish or community and contribute a portion of their donation to it.

Young Catholics should be encouraged to volunteer their time and talent to the Church and community. While service projects at school or religious education programs are wonderful ways to practice stewardship, our youth should be encouraged to give of themselves, of their own accord.

Young Catholics can work with family members, neighbors, friends and parishioners for a healthy, beautiful environment. They can help save energy around the house and parish. They can encourage family and the parish to recycle paper, glass, metals and plastics. They can be encouraged each week to write down how they have used their time and talent to serve God.

We must celebrate, appreciate and allow the special gifts of the children and youth of our parishes to be shared among us. If we help them to learn how to be good stewards at a young age, they will grow into models of adult Christian stewardship.

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Consecrated Life celebration Feb. 2

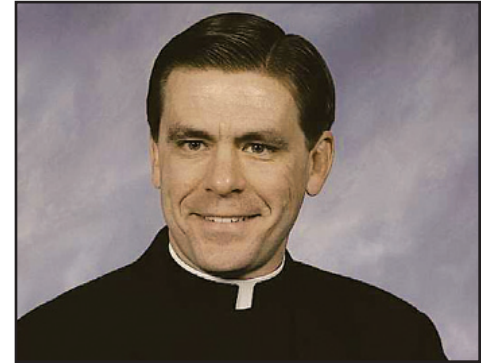
An archdiocesan celebration in honor of World Day for Consecrated Life will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, on Feb. 2 at 7 p.m.

The candle light procession and prayer service, presided over by Most. Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, is open to all clergy, Religious and lay people. Clergy and Religious are encouraged to invite family and friends to join them in the celebration.

The annual event, instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1997 to highlight the place of the consecrated life in the

Church, is an opportunity to educate Catholics on the people who dedicate their lives to serving God, to thank God for their ministry and labors and to offer them prayer and support.

"Through their lives of prayers and dedication to the Church, persons who embrace the consecrated life are a leaven in the Church and challenge all of us to live out the vision of the Gospel and to find its application in contemporary situations. ... The consecrated life is a gift to the Church from Jesus and a gift from the Church to the world," read a statement from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.



Msgr. Robert J. t Fuhrman

World Mission committee appoints Msgr. Fuhrman

Msgr. Robert J. Fuhrman has been appointed a consultant to the Committee on World Mission of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The committee coordinates the Catholic U.S. overseas mission effort and works closely with the Pontifical Mission Societies, mission-sending societies of men and women, lay missionaries and other mission organizations.

Msgr. Fuhrman was appointed co-director of the Pontifical Mission Societies of the Archdiocese of Newark in 1993 and became director in 1997. As such, he oversees the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Society of St. Peter Apostle and the Holy Childhood Association.

He also serves on the national board of the Propagation of the Faith in New York and he served for seven years on the Catholic Medical Mission Board. He is pastor of St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, Saddle Brook.

The Committee on World Mission is under the chairmanship of Most Rev. Daniel F. Walsh, Bishop of Santa Rosa.

Poland pilgrimage plans set

"In the Footsteps of John Paul II," an 11-day spiritual journey to Poland led by Archbishop John J. Myers, will take place May 29-June 8.

Included in the travel package are round-trip flights from New York to Warsaw and Krakow to Newark, accommodations in four and five star hotels, two nights in Warsaw, one in Czestochowa, four in Krakow and two in Zakopane.

Highlights include Mass at the Church of St. Stanislaw Kostka, a visit to St. John's Cathedral and the Polish Parliament, all in Warsaw.

Stops will be made at the icon of the Black Madonna in Czestochowa where Mass will be celebrated, the tomb of St. Faustina Kowalski, Mass at the Shrine of the Divine Mercy and a tour of the Basilica of the Divine Mercy, all in Krakow.

A stop will be made at Wadowice, the birthplace and hometown of Pope John Paul II. There will be a tour of his home, now a museum, as well as the basilica where he was baptized.

On the itinerary too is a stop in the village of Stawisza, hometown of Father Miroslaw Krol, parochial vicar of Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, Harrison.

Returning to Krakow, Mass will be celebrated in Wawel Cathedral where the Holy Father was ordained and celebrated his first Mass.

The \$2,695 price includes daily breakfast and dinner, all transfers, luggage handling, sightseeing, tour escorts and guided tours.

For additional information contact Teresa Frankiewicz at Doma Travel, (908) 862-7660 or email teresa@doma-travel.webmail.com.

Evangelization meetings for March 9, 10

Pastors/administrators and two to three lay representatives from each parish will be invited to attend a meeting on one of two dates at the Archdiocesan Center. The dates scheduled are Wednesday, March 9 and Thursday, March 10. Start time is 7:30 p.m. for each. Two evangelization plans will be presented.

Why Catholic? by RENEW International:

Solidly based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, a flexible adult faith-formation program that offers leadership formation and ongoing pastoral support. Appropriate for catechist formation, RCIA, sacramental preparation, small Christian communities. Why Catholic? outlines a concrete approach to help adults deepen their Catholic faith and connect its teachings to their every day lives. The program offers a total parish experience.

Disciples in Mission by the Paulist National Catholic Evangelization Association:

A pastoral process that integrates the Sunday liturgies, small faith-sharing groups, catechesis, family activities, teen

groups, planning and follow-up activities into a coordinated parish-wide experience of evangelization. Disciples in Mission fosters spiritual renewal by placing the missionary dimension at the heart of the community of faith—thus transforming it by the power of the Gospel.

After the initial presentations, parishes will choose one plan, then the appropriate staff will provide training of leaders for their particular evangelization experience.

Corrections

In October, some 60 busloads from the Archdiocese of Newark took part in a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, not six as stated in the Jan. 5 year-end review story.

Father Lawrence Porter is director of the seminary library at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, Seton Hall University. In a photo in the Dec. 22 issue of *The Catholic Advocate* he was not identified correctly.

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

Pastor

Reverend Antonio F. Da Silva, parochial vicar of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Newark, has been appointed pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Newark, effective Feb. 1.



Administrator

Very Reverend Kevin E. Carter, V.F., pastor of St. Nicholas Parish, Jersey City, has also been appointed administrator of St. Anne Parish, Jersey City, effective Jan. 19 until a pastor is named.

Other

Reverend Dennis E. Reiff, parochial vicar of the Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, Paramus has been appointed moderator of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, effective Jan. 6.

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Pontiff looks back at 2004

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The “enormous catastrophe” caused by the Dec. 26 tsunamis, terrorist acts in Iraq and Europe and continuing violence in Africa cast a shadow over the year 2004, Pope John Paul II said.

While it would be easy to despair and fear for the future, he said, Christians must witness to hope and must rally all people of good will, “strengthening the common bonds of our humanity and ... making them prevail over all other considerations.”

Meeting the diplomatic corps accredited to the Holy See Jan. 10, Pope John Paul prayed for peace and prosperity around the world and made special appeals for the protection of human life, for efforts to reduce hunger, for an end

to violence in the Middle East and Africa and for respect for religious freedom around the world.

“The arrogance of power must be countered with reason, force with dialogue, pointed weapons with outstretched hands, evil with good,” Pope John Paul said.

The pontiff meets at the beginning of each year with the ambassadors from the 174 nations that have full diplomatic relations with the Vatican, as well as with special representatives from the Knights of Malta, Russia, the European Union and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Pope John Paul read only the first and last paragraphs of his long, French-language speech; an aide read the rest of the text.

In addition to natural disasters,

including the tsunamis, the pope expressed particular concern about “the acts of barbarous terrorism which caused bloodshed in Iraq and other countries of the world;” the March 11 terrorist attack in Madrid; the September school massacre in Beslan, Russia; “the inhuman acts of violence inflicted on the people of Darfur (Sudan), and the atrocities perpetrated in the Great Lakes region of Africa.”

The Holy Father said that in the face of the sadness and outrage caused by those events Christians cannot be filled with despair, but must be firm in the hope they draw from the birth of Jesus.

“In Jesus Christ, who comes into the world as the brother of every man and woman and takes His place at our side, it is God



Pope John Paul II observes a three-minute silence during his weekly general audience at the Vatican Jan. 5. The pontiff joined Europe's day of mourning for the victims of the Indian Ocean tsunamis with prayer for the millions of people struggling to survive after the disaster.

Himself who asks us not to yield to discouragement,” but to build the bonds of fraternity shared with every person created by God, he said.

Pope John Paul II told the diplomats that he wanted to focus on four specific challenges: the protection of human life, hunger, peace and freedom.

World News Briefs

Future appointments

Cardinal William Keeler, chairman of the Committee for Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has written to members of the U.S. Senate in anticipation of their being called upon to advise on and consent to presidential nominations for the federal bench, including the U.S. Supreme Court. Cardinal Keeler rejected the view that “nominees who oppose the purposeful taking of innocent human life” are “unfit for judicial office in the United States.”

Clergy are detained

HONG KONG (CNS) — Chinese Church sources reported several instances in which underground Catholic clergy were detained during the Christmas season. On Jan. 3, police detained Xuanhua Bishop Peter Zhao Zhendong, five priests he had ordained two weeks earlier and two other priests involved in the ordination ceremony, Catholic sources told UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand. The 85-year-old bishop and priests were held in a guesthouse in Wei County, where each reportedly signed a document on or near Jan. 8 saying he would not perform his episcopal or priestly ministry, the sources said.

Directory approved

LINTHICUM HEIGHTS, MD. (CNS) — The Vatican has approved the U.S. National Directory for Catechesis and it is scheduled to be published in May,

Catholic educators were told Jan. 10 at a national symposium on the directory. The publication of the new directory will mark “a promising new moment for the Church in the United States,” Bishop Leonard P. Blair of Toledo, Ohio, told the gathering of about a dozen bishops and nearly 200 leaders from diocesan religious education offices across the country. Calling the new directory an important step in “the ongoing renewal of catechesis” in the United States, Bishop Donald W. Wuerl of Pittsburgh said, “It should be a time of great optimism for us.” The directory, adopted by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in the summer of 2003, replaces “Sharing the Light of Faith,” the catechetical directory adopted by the U.S. bishops in 1977 and approved by the Vatican in 1979.

Official visits Holy Land

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (CNS) — Though it appears the number of pilgrims to the Holy Land increased over the past year, the Palestinian economic situation remains difficult, said Archbishop Brendan O'Brien of St. John's, Newfoundland, president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. “It is still difficult, and some families here have difficulties paying tuition for studies at Bethlehem University and other schools. The economic situation has not changed dramatically,” said Archbishop O'Brien, who was in the Holy Land for an annual meeting on the problems faced by the region's Christians. Archbishop O'Brien said there

seems to be a sense of hope among Palestinians that newly elected Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas will be able to improve their situation.

Cardinal Schotte dies

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Belgian Cardinal Jan Schotte, who served the Holy See for more than three decades, died in Rome Jan. 10 at the age of 76. The Vatican did not give a cause of death. In a telegram of condolence to a member of the late cardinal's family, Pope John Paul II said Cardinal Schotte left his mark as an example of someone who lived his life for Christ, dedicated to his priestly and religious vocation. The late cardinal addressed social issues “in full faithfulness to the Gospel and Church teachings,” the pope said in his written message released Jan. 11 by the Vatican. Pope John Paul was scheduled to preside and deliver the homily at the cardinal's Jan. 14 funeral Mass in St. Peter's Basilica. Cardinal Schotte died while still holding several Vatican posts, including president of the Vatican's labor office, which is responsible for overseeing the city-state's work force.

End the embargo

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II has called for an end to the U.S. embargo against Cuba so that adequate conditions for the Caribbean island's development can be met. The pope made his comments Jan. 8 in an address to Cuba's new ambassador to the Holy See.

Mass attendance steady

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate said Mass attendance by self-identifying U.S. Catholics “remained fairly unchanged” between 2000 and 2004 despite the clergy sexual abuse crisis that intervened.

In a report released Jan. 10, the Georgetown University-based independent Catholic research agency said there is a long-term decline in Mass attendance by Catholics, but that trend “is best explained by generational change and not any large segment of the Catholic population changing their patterns of Mass attendance.”

CARA said it has conducted 10 national polls between September 2000 and September 2004 in which people who identified themselves as Catholic were asked a variety of questions, including, “Aside from weddings and funerals, about how often do you attend Mass?”

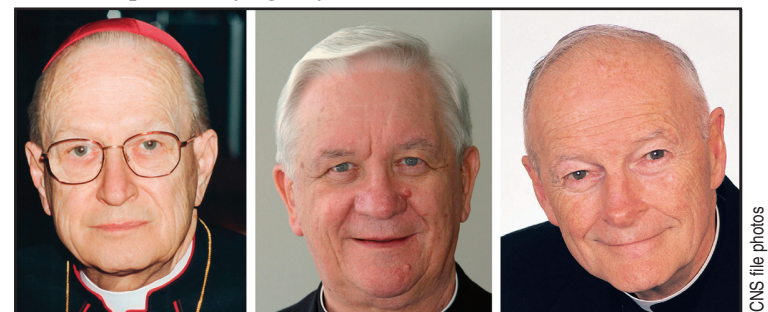
In September 2000, 33 percent of the respondents said they attend Mass “at least once a week.” In September 2004, 31 percent gave that response. In the intervening polls, five produced responses in the 32-34 percent range and three produced responses of 35 percent or higher.

When the responses of those who attend Mass less than weekly are factored in, the average proportion of Catholics attending Mass on any given weekend rises from the average 31-34 percent range of weekly participants to about 40 percent, CARA said.

The number of Catholics CARA polled in each survey ranged from a low of 498 in May 2002 to a high of 2,083 in February 2002, but most of the polls reached about 1,000 Catholics.

In the September 2004 poll, CARA found that among Catholics born before 1943 — labeled “pre-Vatican II” because they came of age before the Second Vatican Council in the early 1960's — 52 percent said they attended Mass at least weekly and 21 percent said they did so once or a few times each month.

Among the “Vatican II” generation — born between 1943 and 1960 and coming of age in the years of the council and its immediate aftermath — self-reported weekly Mass attendance dropped to 38 percent, with another 28 percent saying they attended once or a few times each month.



Three U.S. cardinals could retire this year because of their age. Left to right, Cardinal Edmund C. Szoka, 77, who has been in Vatican service since 1990, has been the oldest active U.S. cardinal since July 2003. Cardinals Adam J. Maida of Detroit and Theodore E. McCarrick of Washington will turn 75, the age at which Church law says a bishop must submit his resignation to the pope.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament is addressed in bishops' booklet

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. Bishops Conference Committee on Liturgy has issued a resource booklet encouraging and explaining adoration of the Eucharist outside Mass.

Titled *Thirty-One Questions on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*, the 41-page booklet highlights the importance of eucharistic adoration and its relation to the Mass. It explains the difference between adoration of the Eucharist in the tabernacle and the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Appendixes include the texts of Church regulations on worship of the Eucharist outside Mass, the reservation and exposition of the Eucharist, eucharistic processions and eucharistic congresses.

"Eucharistic adoration extends holy Communion in a lasting way and prepares us to participate more fully in the celebration of the eucharistic mystery," the booklet says.

"Pope John Paul II calls worship of the most holy Eucharist outside Mass 'an important daily practice (that) becomes an inexhaustible source of holiness,'" the booklet adds.

It highlights the social dimension of eucharistic adoration as well, quoting the words of Pope Paul VI: "Devotion to the divine Eucharist exerts a great influence upon the soul in the direction of

fostering a 'social' love, in which we put the common good ahead of private good, take up the cause of the community, the parish, the universal church, and extend our charity to the whole world because we know that there are members of Christ everywhere."

It points out that Church law recommends an extended solemn exposition and adoration of the Eucharist annually in all churches and oratories. In an appendix it cites Church regulations that say an extended solemn exposition requires the consent of the local bishop and should take place "only if suitable numbers of the faithful are expected to be present." A common form of extended exposition in parishes is the Forty Hours devotion.

The booklet also points out that the exposition of the Eucharist is a "public celebration" accompanied by liturgical rites, not something done simply for private devotion. Adoration can take place before the Eucharist, whether it is exposed

in a monstrance or ciborium or reposed in the tabernacle, it says.

"Eucharistic adoration is prayer before the Blessed Sacrament housed within the tabernacle. Eucharistic exposition is the ritual by which the Blessed Sacrament is displayed outside the tabernacle in a monstrance or ciborium for public veneration by the faithful," it says.

"What distinguishes the reverence given to the exposed sacrament from adoration before the tabernacle is the communal nature of reverence to the exposed sacrament," it adds.

It notes that perpetual adoration of the Eucharist, a practice that has become popular in a number of U.S. parishes in recent years, does not require perpetual exposition of the Eucharist. When a parish wishes to have the Eucharist exposed for an extended period of time, this is subject to the approval of the local bishop and regulations he may establish to govern the practice, it says.



Thirty-One Questions on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
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CRS commits \$25 million

Catholic Relief Services (CRS), headquartered in Baltimore, announced a commitment of \$25,000,000 for emergency relief and long-term rehabilitation programs to assist people across the south and Asia region devastated by the Dec. 26 tsunami.

The amount represents one of the earliest and largest such commitments to date for the tsunami relief efforts.

"We must brace for the commitment this emergency asks of us and be as generous as we can," said Ken Hackett, CRS chief executive. Lack of fuel in certain areas, due to the destruction of gas stations by the tsunami, has made access and transportation especially arduous.

CRS's \$25,000,000 funding for relief and rehabilitation will focus primarily on India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Thailand, but is likely to address the effects in Burma, Somalia and Madagascar.

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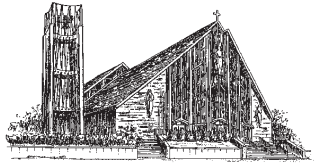


January 21

St. Joseph the Carpenter Parish, Roselle, Healing Mass followed by laying on of hands, 7 p.m. Call (908) 241-1250.

January 23

St. Antoninus Parish, Newark, 16th anniversary Mass for Father Jim Ferry, 10 a.m.

**January 26**

Holy Family Parish, Nutley, St. Lucy Filippini Sodality monthly meeting, 8 p.m. in St. Joseph's Center.

January 28

St. Agnes Parish, Clark, Brownie Troop 165, will hold a soup contest at 7 p.m. in the school gym. Entrants will bring in homemade soup and their own ladle. Prizes will be awarded. To register or for ticket information call Carol Seib at (732) 388-8321.

**February 2**

Holy Spirit Parish, Union, Holy Hour for Life, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Call (908) 687-3327.

St. Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills, lecture on "Rethinking the Purpose of Business in Light of Catholic Social Teaching," with Deacon William Toth, 7:30 p.m.

**February 5**

St. Agnes Parish, Clark, Mardi Gras celebration, 7-11 p.m. at Gran Centurions, Clark. Cost \$47.50; call (732) 574-0023 or (732) 388-7852.

Ascension Parish, New Milford, Mardi Gras celebration, 8 p.m.-12 a.m.. Cost \$35. Call Marguerite at (201) 385-0159 or Theresa at (201) 692-3759.

February 6

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Irvington, annual SOUPer Bowl Sunday food drive. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at 285 Nesbit Terrace.

**February 19**

St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, Lenten choir prelude concert and Mass, 4:30 p.m., free, call (973) 922-0994.

Schools make plans for CSW

The 13 Catholic grammar schools in Jersey City will celebrate Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 30-Feb. 5) as a means of sharing the message of hope and faith in every child's future and to promote a strong foundation of confidence, faith and service.

Visitation School invites families to attend a parish Mass. Students will participate in a series of weekly sessions focused on developing anger management and conflict resolution skills.

The school will host an annual education fair. The week will culminate with "100 Years of Popular Music," a special assembly presented by Arts Horizon.

St. Joseph School has scheduled an International Day celebration. Teacher Appreciation Day allows students from Grade 8 to teach classes and Student Appreciation Day enables teachers to teach other grade levels.

The community service project will continue with students helping countries and victims affected by the recent tsunami disaster with collections. The week will conclude with Mass.

Resurrection School will begin with a family Mass. Highlighting the week will be the annual International Night to celebrate the diverse student population of the school.

At **Our Lady of Mercy School** students, parents, grandparents and faculty will be celebrated as well as a very special visitor, Father Neil Olano, director of the Balay Dayonan Residence in the Philippines. Father Olano will share his experiences of living in a house with indigent deaf and mute expressing their desire for an education.

Our Lady of Czestochowa School has created a theme for each day of Catholic Schools Week. Clothing and other items will be collected for the needy and students will make goody bags for seniors.

The Academy of Saint Aloysius has planned a Teacher Appreciation Day, a pep rally for the basketball team and Big Sister/Little Sister Day. An open house will take place Feb. 1 at 7 p.m.

For more information contact the Archdiocese of Newark at (973) 497-4260.

Local Highlights**Healthcare Workshop**

For clergy and others involved in healthcare ministry, there will be another conference at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, Feb. 1 at 10 a.m. Presenter is Dianne Marie Traflet, J.D., S.T.D., associate dean and assistant professor of pastoral theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary, on the topic "The 'Why' of Suffering." Registration is \$25. Call the Office of Clergy Personnel (973) 497-4220. Continental breakfast and luncheon will be served.

Open Houses

St. Agnes School, Clark, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. in the gym for parents of children in Pre-K through eighth grade. For additional information or to RSVP call the school at (732) 381-0850.

St. Michael School, Cranford, Jan. 30 from 10 a.m. to noon. Tours available and Principal Sandy Miragliotta will be available to answer any questions. Call (908) 276-9425 or go to www.stmichaelscranford.com.

Fundraisers

St. Therese School, Cresskill, a casino night, Saturday, Feb. 5, 7 p.m. at Ondine's, Closter. Admission includes 25 game chips, 25 game prize tickets, open bar, a cocktail hour, hot and cold buffet, Viennesse Hour and games for prizes. All prizes valued \$75 and higher. Make check payable to St. Therese School Casino Night and send to the school at 220 Jefferson Ave., Cresskill, 07626.

The Youth Ministry of St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, will hold an international coffee and desert night, featuring professional dance instructions, Jan. 22 from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the Continental Dance Club, Bloomfield. Cost \$25 per couple, \$13 for singles. No walk-ins. Reservations required. Call Deacon Joseph Francione (973) 992-0994.

The Alumnae Association of Marylawn of the Oranges Academy, South Orange, will hold a casino night from 7 to 11 p.m. in the auditorium on Jan. 29. Proceeds will go towards a new media center.

Spiritual

The Shrine of St. Joseph, Stirling, will present "Turning from Violence: What Does St. Francis Tell Us?" on Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m., with author and artist Don Kuhn. The program will combine dialogue, reflection and prayer. Free.

The Office of Family Life Ministries will host a marriage encounter weekend Jan. 28-30. Call Sal and Sylvia Vassallo, (973) 857-8184 or 1-800-823-5683.

The Office of Family Life Ministries will offer a Spanish-language workshop designed to train leaders to strengthen families in faith formation through a series of home visits, at Most Holy Rosary/St. Michael Parish, Elizabeth, on Feb. 8, 15, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Cost: \$50. Call Reina Basualdo, (973) 497-4326.

The Institute of Christian Spirituality of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology presents "Finding the Work You Love," Jan. 22 and 29, 9:30 a.m.-noon, at St. Peter the Apostle Parish, River Edge. Call Diane Carr, (973) 761-7491 or email carrdian@shu.edu.

Bereavement

Office of Family Life Ministries will sponsor a support group for fathers whose children have died, Feb. 19, at Notre Dame Church (Parish Center), North Caldwell, 10 a.m. Pre-registration requested. Call (973) 497-4327.

Retreat

Carmel Retreat, Mahwah, "Mary: Woman and Mother," Jan. 30, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Cost \$25, includes

lunch. Also on Jan. 30, 5:30-9:30 p.m., Sunday Night Movie: *Shadowlands*, dinner, movie and discussion. Cost \$25. Call (201) 327-7090.

Annulments

The Office of Family Life Ministries will sponsor an annulment information evening in Spanish with canon lawyer, Father Joseph D'Amico, on Feb. 1, 7:30 p.m., at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark. Call Reina Basualdo, (973) 497-4326.

Entertainment

The Knights of Columbus, Washington Township, will host a Super-bowl party Feb. 6, 5 p.m. Admission is limited to 60. Cost of entertainment, food and beverages is \$20. Tickets can be purchased in the Members Room weekday afternoons between 3 and 6:30 p.m. Call (201) 664-0422.

St. Vincent's Nursing Home Auxiliary will hold a St. Valentine Day luncheon at Victor's Chateau, Little Falls, Feb. 10, noon. There will be professional entertainment as well as a 50/50 raffle and an on-premise raffle. Cost \$25. Call Jeannie Battista, (937) 239-7797.

Felician College is sponsoring an evening of "golden oldies" on Feb. 12, 7 p.m., in the John J. Breslin Theatre in the Main College Building, Lodi Campus. Cost \$20, includes refreshments. Call (201) 559-6072 or email malliam@felician.edu.

Classes

The Felician Reading Center will offer reading improvement courses for primary and intermediate students, Jan. 31-April 30. Preliminary testing will be conducted through Jan. 20 at the center by appointment. Call Sister Mary Dellphine at (973) 773-0328.

Health and Fitness

Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, an introductory yoga class will be held Jan. 3-Feb. 7, 5:15-6:30 p.m. Other yoga classes will be held through Feb. 10 at various times. The hospital will host a program to help individuals stop smoking on Jan. 23, 7-9 p.m., cost \$60. There will also be free blood pressure screenings on Jan. 3, 5-7 p.m., Jan. 7 and 21, 1-3 p.m. Call (201) 227-6250.

Concert

A choral concert given by the Cathedral Choir to mark the 150th anniversary of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception will take place in the Cathedral Basilica on Jan. 23, 3 p.m. The program will include instrumental and choral music based on Marian themes. All are welcome, a free-will offering will be taken. Call (973) 484-2400 or visit www.cathedralbasilica.org.

How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all credible complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the archdiocese immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Office of the Chancellor of the Archdiocese at (973) 497-4009.

Today's Question: Why are we forbidden to receive the host in the hand and, then, dip it in the chalice presented by a eucharistic minister? How did this practice come about with the Vatican II reforms? What does the Church suggest regarding communion under both species when one is concerned about spreading a cold or the flu? – Joseph Whitten, St. Joseph Parish, Jersey City

“Intinction” was introduced with the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) as an alternate way of receiving both species, drinking from the cup being the preferred form as it most clearly showed the “take and drink” mandate of the Sacrament. Intinction seemed a more practical procedure at the time, inasmuch as bishops, priests and deacons were the only ones distributing communion, and only on the tongue.

Since that time, the Church has expanded permissions for communion in the hand, communion under both kinds, and the use of extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Although the Church still teaches that Christ is completely present, “body, blood, soul and divinity” under either the consecrated bread or the consecrated wine, the fullness of the sign value of this sacrament is celebrated when receiving under both kinds.

No one, except a bishop or priest, is allowed to self-communicate. This includes deacons, as well as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, who first receive communion from the priest before they distribute it to others. If a person were to receive the host in

What's the Matter?

By Msgr. Richard J. Arnholz



the hands and then proceed to the cup minister to dip the sacred species into the precious blood, he/she would be self-communicating. In the U.S., then, intinction is generally not used because it takes away the option of communion in the hand.

Also, for a person to place his hand into a cup that others will be placing to their lips poses more of a health risk than receiving from the cup. Studies have shown that the practice of the minister wiping both sides of the rim of the communion cup with a purificator, then turning the cup after each communicant, along with the alcoholic content of the consecrated wine, has generally provided sufficient hygiene to prevent transmission of germs from one person to another.

Of course, both as sign value and common courtesy, those with heavy colds or the flu should refrain from drinking from the cup.

The Catholic Advocate welcomes questions from its readers about our Catholic faith and how it is practiced. Email your questions or comments to us at advnews@rcan.org.

Helping the helpless reclaim their lives

The Archdiocese of Newark, as has the Catholic Church worldwide, is opening its heart and pocketbook to the victims of last month's tsunami that struck Southern Asia.

A natural disaster of unprecedented and almost incomprehensible proportions, the death and destruction have evoked relief efforts on an equal scale.

Within a few short days after the horror of what happened became evident, Archbishop John J. Myers authorized special collections in the parishes and schools to go to the Tsunami Relief Fund at Catholic Relief Services. Prayer also came in abundance from the pews and classrooms of the Church of Newark.

Students at St. Mary of the Assumption School, Elizabeth, are encouraging sponsors to “pave the school hallway with hearts.”

At St. Anne School, Fair Lawn, the young people are donating their spare change.

While mourning those who lost their lives to the furious wall of water, it is imperative that the living have the means to rebuild their lives. It will be a long process with the Catholic Church playing a major role.

Parishes provide needed ‘space’

BY FATHER MIROSLAW K. KROL AND FATHER MARIUSZ KOCH, C.F.R.

Msgr. Gilchrist in his regular column, “Voices,” so often brings refreshing insights into the daily life of our Catholic faith here in the Archdiocese of Newark. However, in his writing on “language parishes” (*The Catholic Advocate*, Dec. 8) we feel he misinterprets an aspect of our Catholic history in the United States.

Without denying the reality of changing times and changing needs, the contribution of the “national” or “language” parishes to the Church should be applauded and not viewed merely as a reality that was “permitted only reluctantly.”

These parishes were—and are—the necessary “space” for religious assimilation into the American Church and a means by which the spiritual life in the Church in the U.S. has been and continues to be enriched.

Our Holy Father has continually encouraged cultural integration of faith. Pope John Paul II reminds us, “For Christians, the migrant or refugee is not merely an individual to be respected in accordance with the norms established by law, but a person whose presence challenges us and whose needs become an obligation for our responsibility.” (From *Go in Peace: The Gift of Enduring Love* by Pope John Paul II, Loyola Press, 2003, p. 73) The pope reminds us that these people are to be seen as “a sacrament of Christ's presence: I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” (ibid.) It is for this reason, among others, that canon law provides for personal non-territorial parishes, to create a place for welcome in the name of Christ.

In light of the above, the following are offered for reflection:

- 1) Pastoral decisions of the 19th century denying an immigrant's cultural and religious rights, forced millions of Eastern Rite Catholics into the Orthodox Church,
- 2) In more recent years, millions of

Hispanic immigrants whose language and cultural needs have been neglected have entered Protestant churches in the U.S. The same is true of Haitians and other traditionally Catholic groups.

3) While it is true that language is an important reason for the establishment of ethnic parishes, nonetheless there are also the wider and more important cultural expressions of religious faith that are important to immigrants and many of their descendants.

4) Priests who serve in ethnic parishes not only provide for spiritual and liturgical needs but for a whole range of immigration and assimilation issues.

5) While the European immigrant experience seems largely an event of the past, in the case of Polish and Slovak immigrants the numbers are increasing. Many young immigrants from Poland now live in our area. If they lose their spiritual homes in the “Polish” parishes, there is a great danger of being lost to the secular culture.

6) Although there are many reasons for churches being empty, one reason is a lack of evangelization and zeal for the faith. The Holy Father calls us to a new evangelization, to be accomplished by personal outreach in our neighborhoods. Many new immigrants need to be invited!

A recent article in *USA Today* describes the Catholic Church in the U.S. as a church in decline, citing a decrease in Mass attendance in the past 20 years from 44 percent to 33 percent. This trend does not apply to most Polish Catholic immigrants, and we cannot allow it to develop.

The immigrant Church has always been for America a sign of hope.

Father Krol is parochial vicar of Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, Harrison, and president of the Polish Clergymen's Society. Father Koch is a Friar of the Franciscan Renewal at Most Blessed Sacrament Friary, Newark, and spiritual director of the Polish Clergymen's Society.

Respect Life

It's not a parade

BY MSGR. RICHARD MCGUINNESS

Director of the Respect Life Office

A “parade” is a celebration of something good—a holiday or a special event. A “procession” is a group of people who walk together to honor Christ, the Eucharist, Mary or one of the saints. A “march” is a group of people brought together to try to bring about a change, or to gather support for the protection of human rights.

This year on Jan. 24, to remember the anniversary (Jan 22) of the Roe vs. Wade decision of the Supreme Court, hundreds of thousands of people will gather in Washington, DC and will march in a prayerful way to show respect for human life from the first moment of conception until natural death.

We invite people of every faith and political party to join in the March for Life. We hope by this march to call attention to the millions of unborn children who were aborted since the Supreme Court's illogical

and infamous decision. We mourn for the children who might have grown up to be leaders in government, science or education, had not their lives been snuffed out before their birth.

Perhaps the sight of thousands of people, mothers and fathers, children and college students, coming from many states at great cost to themselves, on a cold winter day, will manifest to the world our determination to continue marching until a genuine respect for all human life becomes, once more, the law of the land.

This year, there will be another group represented. Men and women who have been hurt by abortion and who regret their decision will also be marching. They too, want the truth to be heard.

The truth will be heard and eventually good will triumph over evil! Come join us on Jan. 24!

For information on parishes running buses to Washington, DC call the Respect Life Office at (732) 388-8211 Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The 'great places': Church of Our Saviour, NYC

Of the 19,500 Catholic parishes in the United States, it's a safe bet that none had a more spectacular aesthetic renovation last year than the Church of Our Saviour, Park Avenue and 38th Street in Manhattan. That's why I've chosen Our Saviour as the first in what I hope will be an occasional tour, in this column, of Catholic "great places."

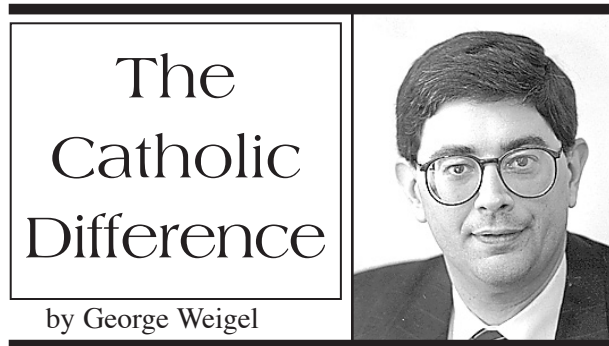
Our Saviour was chartered in 1955 and completed in 1959. One clerical legend has it that the late Cardinal Francis Spellman wanted a Park Avenue church to rival the Anglican St. Thomas (on Fifth Avenue), which boasts perhaps the most magnificent stone reredos in America. Another New York tale says that "Spelly" resented the fact that the only Park Avenue church was in the hands of the Jesuits.

Whatever the truth of the matter, Our Saviour became, sadly, the archdiocesan great white elephant. Debts mounted, bills went unpaid, the fabric started to erode, and some began to wonder whether the church shouldn't be abandoned despite its prime location—four blocks south of Grand Central Station in the middle of the capital of the world.

Then, six days after 9/11, a man with no small plans came to Our Saviour as pastor: Father George Rutler—convert from Anglicanism, graduate of Dartmouth, the Pontifical Gregorian University and Rome's Angelicum, EWTN personality, and one of the wittiest correspondents in the universal Church.

What had been a parish of midtown daytime transients and weekend dowagers quickly began to attract flocks of 20- and 30-year-olds. Children were once a rare sight at Our Saviour; last year, 52 baptisms and almost 50 weddings were celebrated there.

The parish had never produced priestly vocations; it now has more seminarians than any other in the archdio-



cese. Substantial funds were raised to cover overdue structural renovations, and the parish, long beset by deficit budgeting, was put into the black.

But Father Rutler wasn't through. At the Metropolitan Museum, he had seen a medieval reproduction of an icon of the *Christos Pantokrator*, Christ the Universal King, and it occurred to him that Our Saviour would benefit by something like it. But not just any something.

For what Father Rutler commissioned, and what has now been sensationally completed by an Irishman and a Korean (converted by Father Rutler, of course), is a 24-foot-tall image based on the great icon at St. Catherine's Monastery on Mount Sinai. What I once wrote of the St. Catherine's icon is just as true, now, of the luminous apse of Our Saviour:

"The *Christos Pantokrator* is an image of Christ in a typical iconographic pose, full-face toward us, the

Lord's head surrounded by a golden corona or halo, his left arm clutching a jeweled Bible to Himself (the Word of God, the second Person of the Trinity, holding the Word of God, the Holy Scripture), His right hand raised in a gesture that is both greeting and blessing, the thumb and ring finger touching (in acknowledgment of the two natures united in the one Person of Christ), the index and middle fingers crossed (in acknowledgment of the instrument of salvation).

"The colors are impressively rich: gold and ivory, lavender and vermillion. But it is the Holy Face—majestic, calm, strikingly masculine—that draws us into the icon and into an encounter with the Lord Himself.

"It is one face, for Christ is one. Yet the iconographer, by painting a face with two subtly different expressions, has drawn us into the mystery of God Incarnate, the Son of God come in the flesh. For all its humanity, we see—perhaps better, we sense—that, while this is a truly human face, it's unlike any face we've seen before.

He is in time, in one dimension of His face, but beyond time, in another. He is like every other human person, i.e., a person of time and space and history; but He is also transcendent,

eternal. We meet Him in His humanity; he draws us into His divinity."

The white elephant of Park Avenue has become a vibrant center of Catholicism and an embodiment of the unity of truth and beauty.

George Weigel is a senior fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, DC.

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The cold reality of a bygone era had its merits

There is a white patina of snow covering the world outside of my window. It is not deep, thank the Lord, but just enough to make the streets, houses and trees glisten. My radio tells me that it is not so very cold, and that this winter scene should be gone by noon.

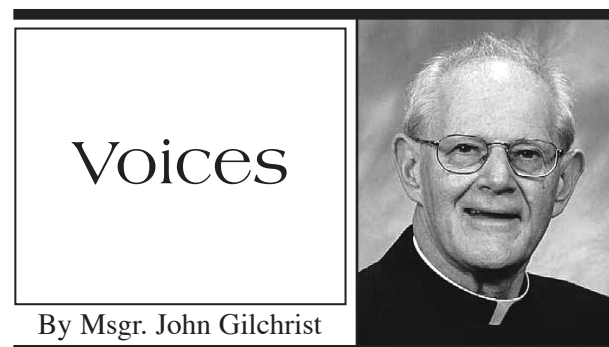
Let me be very honest. I hate the cold. I once saw a depiction of hell in a museum where the artist depicted naked people up to their necks in ice. He portrayed my worst nightmare of eternal damnation.

It goes back to my childhood. At Christmas everyone loves those scenes of a white landscape and horses pulling sleighs and happy children throwing snowballs. It is all very picturesque. But, friends, let me give you reality.

Towns were smaller in those days. Central heating was not a part of everyday life. A big black coal stove provided heat in most homes. It was located in the kitchen and someone—a mother or father—had to get up in the dark to feed coal to the monster.

For those who had central heating in some railroad apartments the fire had to be banked (covered with a thin layer of ashes) at night. In the morning someone had to run down to the basement and feed the fire with wood (usually broken boxes or cut tree stumps) and then shovel coal into the fire until the steam rose up to the proper floor.

Since the heat came up one room at a time most children took turns dashing from a warm bed to the one room in the house that had heat.



Hot water was a scarce commodity. There was just one water heater in the kitchen. Most people took a bath on Saturday night and washed themselves in a basin or sink each day. Showers were an unknown luxury.

Breakfast was a special joy in a warm kitchen. The sturdy milkman left the milk outside the door. On cold days the cream rose four inches high above the bottle. Horses and buggies were not unknown to deliver the milk or vegetables.

If it snowed there was no such thing as a "snow day." Everyone—teachers and students—trudged off to school through the snow. The school building was always nice and warm. It took a while for everyone to divest himself or herself of snowshoes and caps, mittens, scarves and coats. Then we began class with the Pledge of Allegiance, the read-

ing of the 23rd Psalm and the Our Father.

At lunchtime we went home. All schools were neighborhood schools. There were no cafeterias. Soup and sandwiches were waiting at home. But we had to be back in school in an hour. On cold days we ran home as fast as we could.

After school most of the older kids had jobs in stores and businesses. Some delivered papers even before they went to school in the morning. Yes, there were sleighrides and snowball fights and skating on the pond.

But dark came quickly, and homework absolutely had to be done—usually with all the kids sitting around the dining room table.

And one more thing: there was a constant in those days. On Sundays—in wind, snow, rain or cold—people could be seen walking to church. The Masses were jammed, and after Mass the bakery stores were filled with customers.

Yes, I hate the cold. I worked at too many jobs for too many years in the cold to say that I enjoy it.

But I also miss the people and the world we knew. Today if there are a few flakes of snow or even a threat of snow and the whistles blow, there is no school. And if it is Sunday even the threat of rain can empty the pews in church.

People may have it "good" today, but they will never know our world now past—or its robust life—and its pervasive love for God. I guess we were too simple to see the world as complicated in those days. We took each day as it came and did what we had to do.

Life may have been hard, but we lived it to the brim. *Msgr. Gilchrist is pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison.*

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Vatican to address fishermen's plight

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In an effort to respond to the needs of thousands of fishermen left destitute by the Dec. 26 tsunamis, the Holy See called for a special meeting of the Apostleship of the Sea in late January.

National and regional Apostleship of the Sea representatives from six of the 12 countries affected by the tsunamis planned to attend the meeting in Rome. As of Jan. 12, a date for the meeting had not been set.

Together with members of the Pontifical Council for Migrants and Travelers, the apostleship representatives will determine what concrete help they can offer affected fishing communities in India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Malaysia and Bangladesh.

Millions of people have been left homeless by the deadly tidal waves, with people belonging to fishing communities along the coastlines of the Indian Ocean being the hardest hit.

The Apostleship of the Sea, which operates under the Pontifical Council for Migrants and Travelers, is an international network of chaplains and volunteers who serve the pastoral and social needs of seafarers and their families.

Fishermen "already represent the poorest sector of the apostleship," said Archbishop Agostino Marchetto, secretary of the Pontifical Council for Migrants and Travelers.

Often "they are not treated very well" and "operate outside of ordinary labor laws" and protections, he told Catholic News Service Jan. 11.

Many in the fishing community who managed to survive the tsunamis lost their homes, vessels and all the equipment they need to make a living, the archbishop said.

"We would like to do something concrete for them and answer their requests," he said.

On Feb. 2, the Apostleship of the Sea's special fishing committee will meet in Rome to further the goals set in the January meeting.

"We want to give not just what they had, but to create something new," and somehow improve their quality of life, the archbishop said.

Though some fishermen have been left traumatized by the tsunamis and perhaps fearful of the sea, Archbishop Marchetto said there are those who immediately want to get back to work.

"What is astonishing to me is the hope that rises once again in people even after a disaster of this size,

that people survive, recuperate, start again and want to win the eternal battle against the bad things that happen in life," he said.

However, in southern India, some fishing families that have managed to work since the tsunamis, cannot sell the fish they catch, reported UCA News, an Asian church news agency based in Thailand. Many people are refusing to eat fish and other seafood from tsunami-hit areas for fear that the fish have been contaminated by the human corpses dragged out to sea.

In India's Kerala state, where seafood has been a large part of people's diet, many are turning their backs on seafood. Some restaurants have removed fish items from their menu. The lack of demand for fish also has driven prices down.

In the Catholic fishing settlement of Valiyathura, wholesaler Mohammed Haneefa said before the tsunami, city markets sold about 20 tons of fish a day. Now sales amount to less than a ton per day.

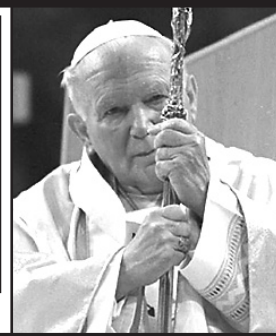
"This has never happened before. A fear psychosis is gripping the people," he said.

"We would like to do something concrete for them and answer their requests."

— Archbishop Agostino Marchetto

The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II



God's dominion over human events

We continue today with our reflection on the liturgy of evening prayer. The passage we just heard from the Book of Revelation offers the theme of God's dominion over human events. In the resurrection of Jesus, the Father guarantees that at the end of time good will triumph. The martyrs are associated with Christ's victory; they have chosen the way of the cross to witness their faith and love for him.

The canticle from Revelation presents this truth in a splendid vision. God the Father and Jesus Christ, surrounded by the divine court, judge the history of the world according to good and evil, showing it the ultimate goal of salvation and glory.

I am pleased to greet the English-speaking pilgrims present at this audience, especially those from Finland, New Zealand and the United States of America. Upon you and your loved ones, I invoke the Lord's blessings of health and joy. Happy new year.

Spiritual light shines brightest in time of crisis

Readings: Is 8:23-9:3; Ps 27; I Cor 1:10-17; Mt 4:12-23

Modern technology gives us the illusion that we have overcome darkness. No longer is the working day limited to the hours of daylight, nor do we need to fear so many of the uncertainties of darkness as in former times.

Therefore, it may be more difficult for our generation to grasp the symbolism of the contrast between light and darkness. Yet the Church insists that we recognize the limitations of merely scientific efforts to dispel darkness, whether by electricity or by complex "information systems." For human beings to know who they are and where they should be going, more is needed than physical and intellectual illumination.

At least as important are principles of the moral order!

Isaiah, an intelligent youth of aristocratic background living in Jerusalem, received his call to be a prophet in 741 B.C. Because the temple was the favored place for divine revelation and the application of God's law to daily life, the inhabitants of Jerusalem were more fortunate than those who lived on the frontiers of the Land of Israel.

Yet the birth of an heir to the Davidic throne will bring light and joy even to these benighted people. Pusillanimous King Ahaz of Judah is told of the coming child to be named Emmanuel (Hebrew for "God is with us"), whose progress through early childhood would be a reassuring sign of God's protective presence during a time of military danger to Judah (Is 7:1-16).

Judah survived because the king took Isaiah's advice to have faith in God rather than to enter an

Sunday Readings

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Jan. 23, 2005)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



alliance that would place the kingdom in the crossfire between the "superpowers" Egypt and Assyria. His patience won the day!

As Isaiah's message became part of the written heritage of his long prophetic career, the title "Emmanuel" came to be linked to the hope for a more enduring experience of the divine gifts that bring peace.

"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace" (Is 9:5, immediately after the passage proclaimed on this coming Sunday).

How many petty rulers in our days have learned the lesson that Isaiah taught Ahaz? In the age of missiles and

warfare by remote control, patience is more necessary than ever before! How many great leaders turn to a personal teacher for guidance?

But Jesus came, not merely to supply answers to human problems, but to draw persons into deeper union with his heavenly Father. As Emmanuel (Mt 1:23, citing Is 7:14) he called very ordinary people from the simple tasks of their trade. "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Mt 4:19).

Peter, Andrew and others became learners (disciples), not in a specific program with special techniques but in an intimacy wherein Jesus shared his person as well as his wisdom. Following him, they slowly became acolytes, bearing his light to the world.

They drew people into a network of relationships centered on Jesus. Indeed, they would build a community grounded on divine mercy and forgiveness, learning to find

harmony in prayer that would renew again and again the experience of Emmanuel. "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Mt 18:20). As fishers, shepherds

and light-bearers, they would make disciples of all nations.

No fear has overwhelmed those who have encountered Emmanuel, because he promised, "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28:20).

Father Lawrence Frizzell is Director of the Institute of Judaeo-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University.

More is needed than physical and intellectual illumination.

March for Life to be Jan. 24

The 32nd annual March for Life will take place in Washington, DC on Monday, Jan. 24.

Every year, thousands of people from all over the country and abroad converge on the U.S. capital to protest the 1973 Supreme Court decision of Roe versus Wade, which made abortion a constitutional right, and to petition legislators to ban abortion.

A pre-march rally will begin at noon on the grounds

of the Washington Monument.

Related events include a Jan. 23 Vigil Mass for Life in the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC at 8 p.m., celebrated by Cardinal William Keeler.

On Jan. 24, there will be a concelebrated Eucharistic liturgy, with main celebrant Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, in the Great Upper Church at 7:30 a.m. There will also be a com-

plimentary breakfast of coffee and doughnuts for pilgrims from 6-8 a.m. in the lower level of the Basilica.

A rally for life and youth Mass will be held at the MCI Sports Arena from 9-11:30 a.m. Doors open at 7 a.m. and early arrival is suggested; seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

After the march to Capitol Hill and the Supreme Court, individual visits may be made to senators and representatives.

For more information call the March for Life national office at 202-LIFE-377, or visit www.marchforlife.org or www.usccb.org/prolife. For bus transportation from parishes in the Archdiocese of Newark call the Respect Life Office at (732) 388-8211.

In New Jersey, also on Jan. 24, a Rally for Life, sponsored by the New Jersey Committee for Life, will take place at the State House in Trenton from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information call (908) 753-5311.

Mass, prayer scheduled

Several events throughout the Archdiocese of Newark have been planned in conjunction with this year's 32nd annual March for Life in Washington, DC.

Knights of Columbus Star of the Sea Council 371, Bayonne, will take part in the march in the nation's capital.

A bus will leave from 30th Street and Avenue C at 6 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 24. Among those taking part in the trip to Washington will be Sister Diane Driscoll, S.S.J. and students from Holy Family Academy, Bayonne.

The first stop will be at St. Cecilia Parish, Kearny, for a 7 a.m. Mass for the Unborn. Refreshments will be available after Mass. Those interested in attending the march should call past Grand Knight Jack Olsen at (201) 339-6659.

The Rahway Knights of Columbus will mark Right to Life Day on Saturday, Jan. 22, with 11 a.m. Mass at St. Mary Parish, Rahway.

For additional information call Bill Davis (732) 388-0038 or Frank DePaolo (732) 396-4576.

St. Stephen Parish, Kearny, will have eucharistic adoration on Saturday, Jan. 22 from 1 to 4 p.m.

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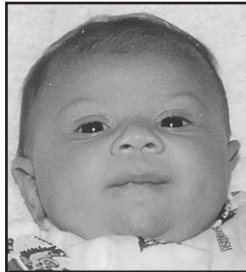
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Faith flourishes at inner-city church

BY BRIAN FORES

Staff Writer

For six years, Father Michael Walters has labored in one of the poorest cities in the Archdiocese of Newark, ministering to the needs of parishioners at Holy Spirit and Our Lady Help of Christians, East Orange, [Holy Spirit Parish, Orange, was merged with Our Lady Help of Christians in the early 1980's].

Though he has had to manage the parish finances with very little, Father Walters has been continuously renewed by the depth and richness of the faith of his congregation—a faith that has only been strengthened despite poverty, crime, and a “gang culture” that pervades the local area.

“I went away for Thanksgiving—it the first time in years that I had been away at a holiday,” Father Walters recounted. “I was with a former classmate in North Carolina at his parish, celebrating Mass, and I remember thinking, ‘This is nice, but it’s not home.’ When I came back, it was like a homecoming. I had only been gone for one Sunday, but I really missed the place.”

Of the roughly 1,000-family parish, three-quarters are of Haitian heritage, according to Father Walters. Luckily, he speaks French, which he learned while studying at the American College, Louvain, Belgium. “People say I’m fluent in French. I don’t consider myself to be, but people tell me I am,” he said laughingly.

Father Max Osias, parochial vicar for three years, and ordained into the Diocese of Port Au Prince, Haiti, is a key figure in ministering to the largely Haitian congregation. “It’s always good to be able to speak to someone who knows the language and culture,” Father Walters said, adding, “He’s a very spiritual and joyful person, very easy work with.”

The remaining parish population is primarily African-American, many of whom were original parishioners from Holy Spirit, as well as new members from the Caribbean islands and various African countries.

The English Mass, Father Walters said, tends to be more “Gospel oriented” in terms of the music. “In fact, our choir refers to itself as a Gospel choir, and uses the hymnal *Lead Me, Guide Me*, which was created for African-Americans.

“Our worship tends to be longer than most mainstream American parishes—the English Mass goes for an hour and a



The main altar of Holy Spirit and Our Lady Help of Christians, still decorated with flowers for Christmas. The center aisle includes a sloping floor, to give an unobstructed view of the altar, inviting the faithful to prayer.

half, and the Haitian Mass goes for two hours,” he said.

During the Creole Mass, parishioners like to dance during the offertory procession, which Father Walters has no problem with, as long as it is “done properly and respectfully.” He said that he’s fine with different expressions of faith, as long as they are not contrary to the spirit of the liturgy.

Father Walters enjoys the longer Mass. “The atmosphere is comfortable, you don’t feel rushed. As a celebrant, that’s a great thing, you can get into the flow and not have to watch the clock.

Bear in mind,” he added, “that after the Mass is over, people take a half-hour just to say goodbye!”

He attributes much of this different style of worship to the African-American experience of the Church. “Especially for many African-Americans, they spend all day at church. I would think this attitude of ‘put in your hour and leave’ is unusual for them.

“And the same can be said of the Haitian community. Though they are coming from a much more Catholic background, they are coming from a situation where the church was the center of community life—something that’s been lost today. That’s why this

parish is a great place, because nobody’s in a hurry to leave. The attitude is ‘This is where they want to be right now!’”

Marie Ange Pierre, a long-time parishioner and parish council member, attributes that success to the efforts of Father Walters. “Whatever things happen, you can talk to him. If somebody is hurting, Father Mitch makes everyone sit down and patch things up. He doesn’t divide us; he tries to put us together,” said Pierre.

She added, “It’s difficult for Father Mitch. It’s a poor parish; people don’t always contribute a lot. We try to work the very best we can with him. People come to church, but they don’t always take responsibility.”

Holy Spirit and Our Lady Help of Christians, East Orange

Fortunately, Father Walters said that there are signs that his efforts are not in vain—collections are up significantly since last year and participation has also increased. These signs are hopeful, as the church and school buildings are each about a century old, and both in need of repair.

Grace Gay, a parish trustee, noted, “We’re trying to get work

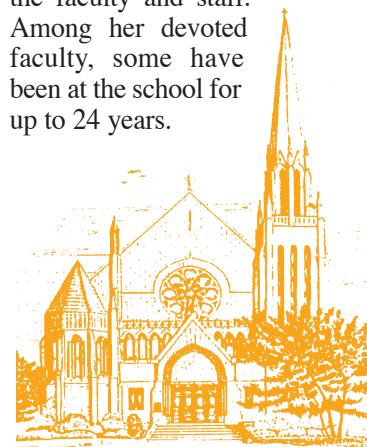
done on the inside of the church. The biggest problem is that the walls need to be repaired because of water damage. Our pews also need to be refurbished,” she said.

Despite the obvious concerns for the parish itself, Barbara Hampton, a parishioner of Holy Spirit since childhood and parish council member, said the well-being of the entire local community is an important issue for parishioners. “We did a lot to feed the poor during the holidays, and collected toys for needy children.” In fact, the parish collects food for the community throughout the year.

Deacon Sidney Huff said that it is not enough to simply feed the poor. In an area affected by unemployment, crime, drugs and gangs, he said it is essential to not judge people based on their circumstances, understand the issues that affect their lives, and above all, “listen to people.”

The parish is also blessed with a grammar school, with 340 students in Pre-K through Grade 8, which has been in existence since 1883. That kind of longevity for a Catholic school today, especially in such a poor area, is nothing short of astonishing.

Sister Patricia M. Hogan, O.P., principal, has steadfastly led the school for the last 26 years. She said there is a “very big mixture” of people at the school, with some 16 different nationalities represented in both the faculty and staff. Among her devoted faculty, some have been at the school for up to 24 years.



Sister Patricia said that the academic program is designed to “meet the students where they are,” whether ahead of or behind the curve. The school also has successful basketball programs for boys and girls, as well as girl scouts and newly formed boy and cub scout programs.

The principal pointed out that while many of the students are not

Meet the Pastor



Fr. Michael M. Walters

Age: 49

Date of Birth: June 1, 1955

High School: Roselle Catholic High School, Roselle

College/Seminary/Graduate

School: Seton Hall University,

1973-77, A.B. in Religious

Studies; Catholic University of

Louvain, Belgium, 1977-81, S.T.B.

and M.A. in Religious Studies; St.

Paul University, Ottawa, 1989-

1991, J.C.L.

Date of Ordination: July

17, 1981

Heroes: Msgr. Edward

Larkin, Archbishop Emeritus

Peter L. Gerety

Favorite Saint: Thomas

Becket

Favorite Food: “Anything

that doesn’t eat me first”

Favorite Subject in

School: History

Favorite Movie: *Becket*

Last Book Read: *All the*

Pope’s Men by John L. Allen

Proudest Moment:

“Ordination and becoming

pastor here”

Occupation if I Weren’t a

Priest: Lawyer

Catholic, there is nonetheless a very Catholic atmosphere at the school. “We have a prayer group that meets twice a month, each grade takes a turn at preparing the liturgy for the monthly Mass, and we recite the Rosary every day.”

When asked what he thought made Holy Spirit and Our Lady Help of Christians a special parish, Father Walters responded, “I think it’s the spirit of the place—it’s a welcoming community, a community that believes in the centrality of the Church. It’s a place where faith is not just talked about, but lived.

“Look around, and see the neighborhood, look at all the things that are problems in this area. But still, people come to church, they get excited about their faith, they say, ‘Okay, we’ve got problems, but we can surmount them.’”

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Answering the call to ministry

BY LISA HADDOCK

Special to The Catholic Advocate

As Mary Ryan distributes the Body of Christ at Holy Trinity Parish, Westfield, she feels a special connection to the suffering Savior.

"You only need to look to the cross, and you see a very broken, very disabled Lord," said Ryan, who became an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist in May 2001.

The 51-year-old Ryan knows disability. Diabetes left her blind 24 years ago. Eleven years ago, the mother of four lost her 15-year-old son to a heart ailment. And three years ago, her husband suffered a debilitating stroke.

In the face of these obstacles,



Mary Ryan

Ryan is upbeat. Her husband is walking again and speaking better. And her blindness is a mere

annoyance. "I know I am very blessed in that [attitude]," she said.

Over the past 24 years, Ryan has been involved in a variety of ministries, including retreats, pastoral council, Pre-Cana, speaking engagements and the archdiocesan apostolates to the deaf and disabled (Catholic Charities).

Yet when she felt called to be an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, she resisted for months. "The call wouldn't let me go," said Ryan, a parishioner at Holy Trinity for 39 years.

When she spoke with her pastor, Msgr. Joseph P. Masiello, he assured her, "We are not a church of exclusion."

Those words inspired her to

take on the responsibility, which she does with Keith Gibbons, a fellow parishioner who is in formation to be a deacon. As Gibbons holds the ciborium, Ryan extends one hand. The communicant places his or her hands into Ryan's. Using her free hand, Ryan places the host into the communicant's hands.

But she doesn't want to be known as "the blind eucharistic minister"—despite the extra effort required to do the job. Defining a

disability as anything that limits a person's independence, she said, "I think ... we all have disabilities."

People don't want to be pigeonholed by disability, race, ethnicity or gender, Ryan noted. "We'd all rather be defined perhaps in Christ's dictionary ... simply and honorably as servant," she suggested.

She advises anyone feeling a call to ministry to answer it. "It brings you into complete membership in the body of Christ."

Spiritual fulfillment in prayerful music

In an effort to enrich the musical, spiritual, emotional and social development of children in the Hoboken metropolitan area, Our Lady of Grace Parish has launched the Hoboken Choir School for Children.

The program, which began recently, provides children between the ages of 8 and 16 a musical education, including free individual professional vocal training, regardless of previous musical experience or religious background. Rehearsals are scheduled

on Saturdays at 3 p.m. or optional and additional times at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings.

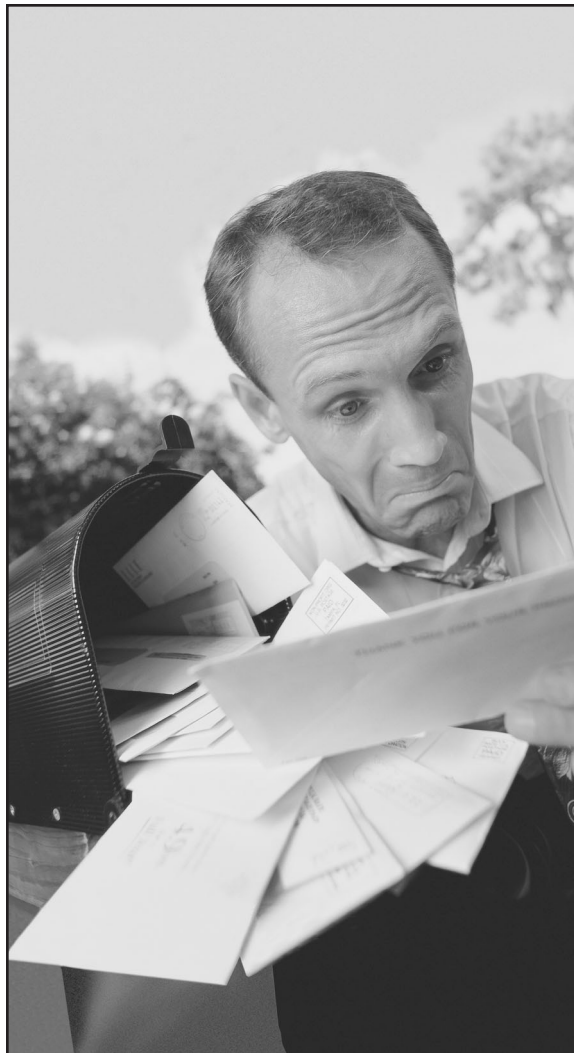
"This is a wonderful opportunity for children of all ages," explained Father Ken Herbster, pastor.

The school is directed by Andrew Cyr and Andrea Moore. Cyr is the parish director of music and adjunct music faculty for the School of St. David in Manhattan.

Moore, a soprano, recently finished her graduate work with the Yale Opera at the Yale University

School of Music, where she completed her master's degree in music in vocal performance as well as an artist diploma.

"Children will receive a musical education, develop a broad repertory of sacred music, gain confidence in their own personal development and learn to work together in a group environment," said Cyr. For more information, call the Music Office at (917) 930-6106 to arrange an appointment with Cyr or pick up a form at the rectory.



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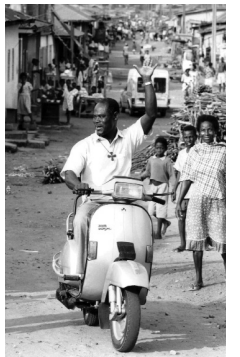
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Trafficking

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trafficking and sex trafficking.

The facilitator discussed how to identify possible victims and stressed that people need to know that there are resources in the vicinity that they can utilize if they encounter such a situation. A 24-hour hotline has been established—(866) 999-9007—and Catholic Charities recently opened the Bishop Francis Center for Immigration Services in Newark, providing refuge and services to victims.

Father John J. Cryan, pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish and administrator of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, both in Jersey City, said that he believed the information being offered at the workshop was “important enough to be here.” With 90 percent of parishioners being Filipino, said Father Cryan, “I’m very interested in anything that has to do with addressing the immigration population.”

Remarking on individuals being trafficked into the U.S. from many different countries, he emphasized, “We have to make sure the environment of our parishes is open to immigrants.”

Elaborating on this point, Carmel Galasso, program coordinator for Catholic Charities’ Hudson County Parish Access Center, suggested that victims of human trafficking may “feel safe” coming to the Church for aid.

Father Robert A. Antczak, pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Jersey City, noted the incoming wave of immigrants, particularly from African countries. He pointed out, “We want to be clear on what’s happening.”

He said that “exposure is the best thing at this point,” and explained that by doing things like making human trafficking awareness an issue within the parish council and publicizing relevant material in the weekly bulletin, they can provide resources to parishioners “so they know what to do if they come across this situation.”

Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Jersey City, Msgr. Charles G. Stengel said he was only aware of the problem of human trafficking “in a very general way” before the archbishop’s letter on the topic, adding, “It’s something that we have to be thoroughly knowledgeable about.”

Urging parish leadership to “take advantage of the outreach of Catholic Charities in its joint effort” with the anti-trafficking initiative, Father James J. Reilly, administrator of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Kearny, and member of the Governor’s Advisory Council on Volunteerism and Community Service for New Jersey, called Catholic Charities “a gift ... to the people in the state.”

With this crucial participation, Father Reilly asserts that “the role of the Catholic Church is broadening,” and commended that archbishop for getting the archdiocese involved in the undertaking.

The initiative, he said, is “a call to action for Catholics to be aware and know where to go for help.”

Lanning advised attendees to “take the information back and make it available” to parishioners. She also suggested coordinating workshops within parishes and communities, and reaching out to resources such as Catholic Charities, IINJ or the Parish Access Center.

For more information on the NJ Anti-Trafficking Initiative call Lanning at (201) 653-3888, ext. 139.



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Father James J. Reilly (speaking), administrator of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Kearny, and other priests from parishes in Hudson County participate in a workshop on human trafficking in order to learn more about the issue and educate parishioners on what they can do to assist in efforts to aid victims.

St. Stephen to honor chaplain hero of WWII

St. Stephen Parish, Kearny, will celebrate the annual Mass honoring Father John Washington who was among four chaplains who gave their lives on Feb. 3, 1942 when the *USAT Dorchester* was torpedoed and sank in the North Atlantic.

Father Washington had been assigned to St. Stephen Parish before the war.

Most Rev. Thomas Donato, Regional Bishop for Hudson County, will celebrate the Sunday Mass at noon Feb. 6.

Also taking part will be an honor guard of veterans from all branches of the armed services.

Catholic War Veterans from across the state will also be at the Mass as well as an honor guard from the Kearny Police Department, Boy Scout Troop 305 of the parish and the Fourth Degree Color Guard of the Knights of Columbus, Father Washington Assembly.

As the ship was sinking, the chain of command broke down and the four chaplains, Father Washington, two Protestant ministers and a rabbi, oversaw distribution of life vests to 900 sailors.

When it was discovered there were not enough vests, the chaplains gave their own vest to four sailors. As the ship went down the chaplains were seen with their arms around each other praying.

In 1948, the U.S. Post Office issued a stamp in memory of the four chaplains.

Last year the Hallmark Channel produced a movie, *No Greater Glory*, based on a book by Dan Kurzman, which documented the incident.

At last year’s Mass, the street in front of the parish rectory was renamed Father Washington Way.

The Mass is open to the public. For additional information call the rectory at (201) 998-3314.

Generosity shown by students, parishioners

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“The Our Hearts Are With You project will be a visible sign that reminds all students of the importance of reaching out over the miles of ocean separating us. Monetary donations are crucial for the rebuilding process and to provide needed medical supplies,” said MaryAnn Mancini and Janet Malko, principals of the elemen-

tary and high school, respectively.

In Fair Lawn, students at St. Anne Elementary, are Making a Change, by donating their spare change to the relief fund. Second grade teachers, Mrs. Andrea LoBue and Mrs. Lois Wallace, started a coin collection in the foyer of the school with a large jar.

“The jar will remain in the school foyer through the end of the month so the students can see

the progress being made by their efforts and watch the jar fill-up,” said the principal, Loretta Stachiotti.

Sunday, Jan. 23 at 3 p.m., the choir of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, will dedicate a concert to the disaster victims, according to John Miller, director of music ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark.

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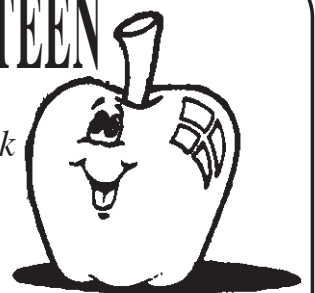
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Teaching respect at OLS, S.O.

BY TRISH FITZPATRICK

Special to The Catholic Advocate

Ask any child at Our Lady of Sorrows (OLS) School, South Orange, what the “3 R’s” stand for and they will quickly tell you: Respect for Self, Respect for Others, and Responsibility for Your Actions.

This mantra, repeated throughout the school, is the brainchild of principal Valerie Oliva.

“You cannot respect others unless you respect yourself. Today we see that people do not take responsibility for their actions and in society there is such a lack of accountability,” Miss Oliva said. We seek to remind students of these basic principles as they navigate their way through life.”

The slogan is everywhere throughout the school and there is even a song echoing the concept written by music teacher Sister Regina Bernard, S.C.

No assembly is complete without mention of the 3 R’s. Karen Judge, an OLS graduate and mother of three boys in the school said, “Having the school reinforce the lessons of respect and responsibility mirrors what we try to do in our Catholic home and we are grateful for the emphasis on these values.”

Oliva is a product of Catholic education, attending St. Thomas, Bloomfield, Mt. St. Dominic Academy, Caldwell and Seton Hall University, South Orange, where she earned her M.A. in educational administration.

Before coming to OLS she served as principal at Sacred Heart School, Bloomfield.

Another of her new initiatives is called the Make a Difference program. The goal, in her words, is to “put religion and God’s message into action.”

Throughout the year each grade is charged with developing a service project as a concrete expression of the faith. The project is effective on many levels involving team building and development of consensus in addition to the actual service provided.

The seventh grade is working on a response to the tsunami disaster in Southern Asia. The first project of the year, led by the eighth grade, involved re-stocking the food pantry.

Fourth graders visited St. Ann’s Villa, Convent Station, to present the retired sisters with place-mats they had designed and created.

Oliva serves as music minister at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Jersey City. Because of that connection, the OLS school in Jersey City was the recipient of Christmas stockings created by the second grade.

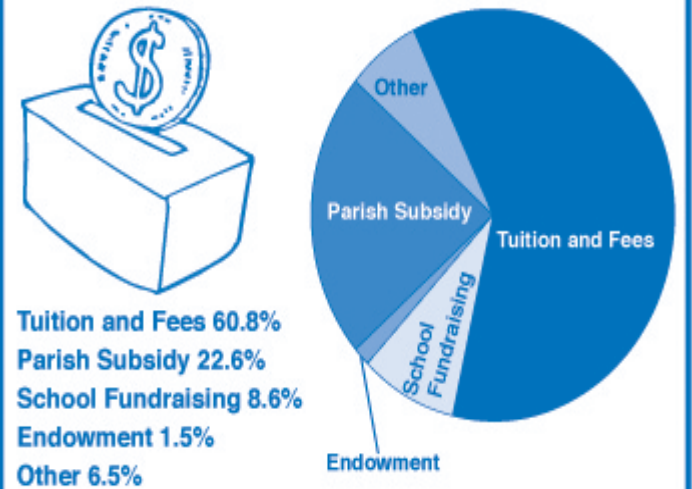
As their project, earlier this year, the fifth grade collected supplies for the troops in Iraq and has established pen pal relationships with servicemen and women.

As the year progresses each grade will take their turn. Oliva sees both the 3 R’s and the Make a Difference program as two good ways to make religion come alive for students: “It becomes something that is more than just a subject in school but is a way of life.”

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A quick take on issues and statistics

Income Sources for Catholic Elementary Schools



Source: Balance Sheet for Catholic Elementary Schools (NCEA), 2004.

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Alexandra Latessa, a junior at Immaculate Conception High School, Lodi, was selected to attend the Pre-Medical Honors Program at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ).

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Mexico mission inspires two communities

St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Summit, and San Martin de Caballero Parish, Iztapalapa, Mexico, have developed a relationship over the past few years. The exchange of prayer, culture and material resources has enriched both communities.

Following is an interview with Dave O'Brien, St. Teresa's director of parish ministry and the Mexico mission coordinator.

Q. Who came up with this idea?

A. Five years ago Msgr. Robert E. Harahan (pastor of St. Teresa) mentioned the idea of a sister parish. I knew from working at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark that other churches were doing this, so I told Msgr. Harahan I would take on that project when I joined the staff.

Q. When did it actually start?

A. I spent my first year here looking for the right situation. I figured God had something lined up, so I needed to wait until it presented itself.

Q. How did you find San Martin Parish?

A. We did a mission trip to Mexico with young adults, which included a stop at San Martin Parish, Iztapalapa. All the places we visited were extremely poor, but the people and the living conditions at the dumps where some families lived in Iztapalapa really broke my heart. I felt desperate to do something.

Q. Did that immediately prompt the sister parish relationship?

A. I was so overwhelmed at first that I wasn't even thinking about the sister parish possibility. At the time, Brother Crucito Concepcion from San Martin Parish was



Jodi O'Neil is joined by local children on a construction site. Pilgrims from St. Teresa help mix cement by hand and build the walls of what will someday be a chapel for some of the 60,000 parishioners of San Martin de Caballero Parish.

working with Catholic Charities in New Jersey to establish a child sponsorship program to allow some local children to go to school.

The ladies of the parish took us around to meet the prospective children. I sponsored a girl named Jessica who had multiple sclerosis.

Once I realized that Brother Crucito and the pastor of San Martin were open to working with Americans, I asked if they would consider a sister parish arrangement.

Q. How did you convince the pastor of San Martin that you were serious?

A. I came back home, brought Msgr. Harahan up to speed and got to work. We promoted the child sponsorship

program right away. We also gathered our first Mexico mission team and started brainstorming on how to introduce our parish to this new sister relationship.

Our first effort was a school supplies drive, which was very successful.

About six months after the first trip, the pastor of San Martin assigned Sister Ginny Wagner, M.S.B.T., working there, to the sister parish project, because he could see that we were really committed to making this work.

Sister Ginny was a godsend. She had email, and before long we were on our way.

Q. What has happened since those early days?

A. Now we have a mission team of nearly 50 people. Almost 75 parishioners including Msgr. Harahan have traveled to Mexico at different times over the past three years.

Our summer pilgrimage is fully booked within one week of being announced. Our parish took over the child sponsorship program, *Somos Familia*, this year, and we now have over 200 children sponsored by St. Teresa parishioners.

We have organized several fundraisers, a *Cinco de Mayo* party and visits from members of San Martin, as well as clothing, medical and school supplies drives.

St. Teresa School, religious education, youth ministry, vacation Bible school and many different groups in the parish are involved directly in our sister parish relationship.

Q. What does Msgr. Harahan think of the arrangement?

A. As the pastor of St. Teresa's, he knows that we have the financial resources to help the people of Iztapalapa. But he sees the potential for tremendous spiritual transformation for both parishes as the greatest fruit that could come from this relationship.

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More than just names on a quilt

BY SUSAN B. VICARISI

Special to The Catholic Advocate

An AIDS Compassion Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of the Valley (OLV) Parish, Orange, as the focal point of a month-long series of events planned by the parish Health and Wellness Ministry to raise AIDS awareness.

Celebrating Mass was Father John Nickas, retired pastor of St. Peter Claver Parish, Montclair, who spoke of his years of service running the parish's AIDS ministry.

Now retired, Father Nicklas shared memories of his experiences in visiting South African countries, where the impact of AIDS has devastated the poorest segment of the population, forcing parents to abandon their children in the streets or on the doorsteps of convicts.

With medical advances proceeding slowly, Father Nickas stressed prayer and faith as stalwarts against despair.

An almost equally compelling message resonates from a NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, which was on display through Dec. 12.

Quilt panels are constructed by survivors and assembled together as a tribute to lost loved ones.

The OLV Health and

Wellness Ministry, established and coordinated by parish member, Carolyn Monel, also provided a variety of informative pamphlets. Monel expressed concern that the proportion of AIDS cases, especially among women of color, continues to rise at an alarming rate.

In 2000, women represented 25 percent of new AIDS cases as compared to 11 percent in 1990 and 6 percent in 1982.

Other guest speakers invited to speak to parishioners after the Mass were Bob Hanson, a member of the Board of Rectors

of the National Catholic AIDS Network, and Bob Foranelli, co-chairperson of the NAMES Project Foundation – Northern New Jersey Chapter.

Father George Hanna, pastor of Our Lady of the Valley, was pleased with the extraordinary efforts of the parish ministry.

More information about AIDS and memorial quilts is available at www.namesnj.org and www.aids.org.

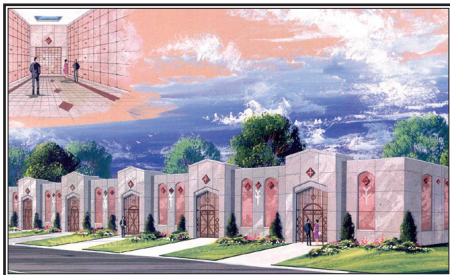
Susan Vicarisi is an OLV parishioner and member of the Communications ministry.



Father Nickas, Carolyn Monel and Father Hanna in front of the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

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Register for the census online by going to www.maronitecensus.net or receive a form in the mail by writing to Randa Hakim, 12300 East 91st Street South, Broken Arrow, OK 74012, or call (918) 688-2161.

India coast

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which stated that 37 towns had been affected. "The powerful tidal waves swept across the villages, killing many and destroying their houses, crafts and gears, and all their belongings." The release goes on to make a desperate plea for help.

Father Fernando said that in his district alone, at press time,

970 had been counted among the dead. "Whole families disappeared. Even now, they are digging for bodies," Father Fernando stated. The destruction included 4,383 houses, 160 large boats, 1,350 sailboats, 5,750 catamaran, and 19,300 fishing nets.

He explained that most of the poor people who reside in these densely populated coastal villages make their living from fishing.

Father Fernando said that though much has been provided in the way of food and clothing, he worries what will happen when aid runs out and these people are unable to care for themselves. "They can not resume their jobs unless they get all this equipment back."

He added that of those Indians living in these coastal regions, "most are Catholics." Coastal villages contain the country's strongest concentra-

tion of Catholics because, "When St. Francis Xavier and other Catholic missionaries came to India, they entered along the coastline first," Father Fernando explained.

Father Matthew Fonseca, of St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Saddle Brook, expressed similar concerns. "The greatest need for these people, is money for the future, to start building homes.

"They need food and medicine at the moment, but in the

coming days, they will need shelter," Father Fonseca said.

"Most people have nothing. They are poor fishermen, they don't even have bank accounts," he stressed, adding, "The government is trying to help and foreign aid is very important."

Father Fonseca said collections are being taken at St. Philip's to help a Catholic orphanage run by the Oblate Fathers in Maggona, Sri Lanka.

"The people were affected very much. They don't know what to do; they feel helpless. Their only comfort is that aid is coming from other countries, which will help them to start their lives again," he noted.

"People are shocked and stunned," said Father Fernando. "They aren't able to do anything. The event has taken a psychological toll—I've heard that many people are afraid to approach the ocean.

Father Fernando said there was a report that Bishop Tharmaraj had cried publicly. "My bishop buried 320 people in a mass grave, and, another time, 200 people. Twenty-five percent of the total population of Kanyakumari was wiped out.

"When I spoke to him over the telephone, I said, 'It looks to people as though you were really crying.'

"He replied, 'I was trying to control myself, but looking at those 320 bodies, and people around me crying and shouting and yelling... I don't think we'll see such a thing in our whole lifetime. What I was looking at, all those bodies, were just from one area.



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School responds to order's need

When the students and faculty at St. Agnes School, Clark, returned after the winter break, they learned from Sister Leena Abraham, F.I.H.M., the middle school science teacher who is from India, that two members of her community, the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, died in the tsunami. Another member of the community lost 14 members of her family.

The St. Agnes School community immediately responded by collecting \$3,550, which was sent to the Religious community's major superior in India.

"Some of the good that comes from having your child in a Catholic school is the community of students, teachers and parents that is created," said Sister Claire Ouimet, M.P.F., principal.

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Dennis J. O'Brien

Finance officer brings industry experience

Dennis J. O'Brien, who earlier this month became the finance officer for the Archdiocese of Newark, plans to draw from his extensive experience in industry in his new position.

O'Brien comes to the chancery in Newark from Agere Systems, a semiconductor company in Pennsylvania, where he was vice president and controller.

He is a 1977 graduate of Saint Peter's College, Jersey City, holds an M.B.A. in finance from Fairleigh Dickinson University and is a certified public accountant.

O'Brien has a very diverse background in finance, including a multi-year assignment for AT&T Consumer Products in Guadalajara, Mexico. During the last 10 years he has been heavily involved with Securities and Exchange Commission filings, including two multi-billion dollar initial public offerings.

Part of the reason he made the career switch, O'Brien explains, is that "I was presented an opportunity that allowed me to contribute my services to the Church and also learn more about the inner workings of the Church's operations."

He hopes to bring to the non-profit sector some of the practices that are used by public companies. "I'm hopeful that I can make a contribution by taking a fresh look

at financial and operational processes and controls from the viewpoint of an outsider and perhaps introduce some new ideas and practices that will enhance the efficiencies of the current procedures," he said.

While still "evaluating" his responsibilities and the processes at the chancery, O'Brien sees one of his prime objectives as "supporting the archbishop, the senior leadership team and the parishes, by insuring that the finance organization continues to excel in the execution of its fiduciary responsibilities, enhancing controls, and providing timely and accurate financial information to permit informed decisions."

All this, he notes, "will ensure that all the resources of the archdiocese are utilized in the most efficient manner possible."

Among his immediate challenges, O'Brien cites "getting to know and understand the processes of a non-profit organization," which can be different from those in industry.

O'Brien grew up in Hasbrouck Heights, Corpus Christi Parish, and attended Paramus Catholic High School, where he met his wife, Meg. The O'Briens and their two daughters, Alison (18) and Kerry (15), are parishioners of St. Pius X Parish, Montville.

Lenten lunch-hour talks set

St. Thomas More Parish, Fairfield, has scheduled a Lenten lunch hour retreat for Wednesdays over the next two months. The theme is the seven last words of Jesus.

Scheduled for Feb. 16 is "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." The reflection will be presented by

Greg Quinn, a deacon candidate.

On Feb. 23, Father John Gabriel, pastor, will speak on "This day you will be with me in paradise."

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"The AASM recognizes the Northern New Jersey Center for Sleep Medicine at Holy Name Hospital for fulfilling the highest standards required for accreditation," said Mi-

chael Sateia, M.D., president of the Academy. "The center is a significant resource to the local medical community and will provide academic and scientific value as well as the highest quality care for patients suffering from sleep disorders."

Conditions such as snoring, daytime fatigue, obesity, hy-

pertension, sleep apnea, nighttime awakenings, restless body movements, and morning headaches are a few of the conditions that can be carefully explored and treated at the center.

"The community, both physicians and patients who may be suffering should be aware of this excellent resource,"

says Aminee Jengo, Sleep Center Manager. "Our center has grown tremendously to six-beds. There's usually only a week's waiting time for an appointment."

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BY RICHARD BLECKER

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As we all know, the senior population is growing very quickly.

According to the bureau of the census, the number of people older than age 65 will double between now and the year 2030. By the year 2015, one person in five will be older than 65.

By the age of 65, 17 percent of seniors will need some form of support with every day activities. By the age of 85, half will need some form of help. The kind of help needed most is not medical care but supportive non-medical care. Eight of 10 senior citizens say they prefer to age in place and live in their own home.

I would like to explain the difference between medical and non-medical.

Medical care is necessary if a client needs help with what is commonly called the "activities of daily living." These services include bathing, toileting, transferring (lifting), dressing, grooming, and assistance with ambulation. If you need this type of assistance then you should seek out a medical company to assist you. Medical companies typically charge \$18.50 and \$22.50 per hour.

Renewed look at whole grains

Using a new method, researchers have discovered that whole grains exhibit a level of anti-cancer activity that is equal to, and sometimes greater than, the level known to occur in vegetables and fruits.

In findings reported at the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR) International Conference on Food, Nutrition and Cancer, researcher Rui Hai Liu, M.D., Ph.D., and his colleagues at Cornell University found that whole grains contain many potent antioxidants.

Non-medical care provides a supportive kind of assistance. Non-medical companies such as Seniors At Home, LLC, Union, assists clients with meal preparation, incidental transportation, medication reminders, shopping and errands, light housekeeping, laundry and linen washing, reviewing mail, conversing and reading and many other non-medical services.

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Richard Blecker is senior administrator, Seniors at Home, LLC.

Quarter century of care

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Beadle's son John started taking over the business in 1990, after working there part-time for several years. She continued to work part-time all through the '90's.

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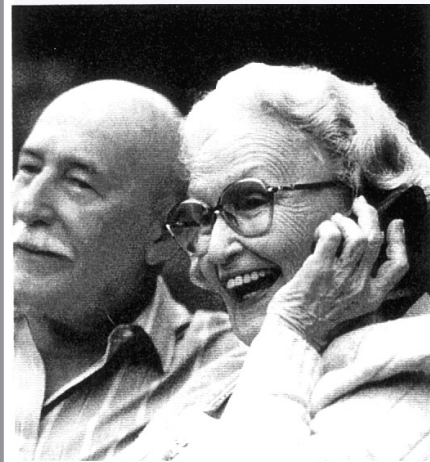
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Celebrating 62 years of marriage

Joseph Ruocco, a resident of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County, Berkeley Heights, and his wife Dina of the Murray Hill section of New Providence, celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary at Runnells' Harvest Moon Candlelight Dinner.

"In an age when most couples don't celebrate their silver anniversary, to have a couple celebrate beyond their diamond anniversary is incredible," said Union County Freeholder, Angel G. Estrada, dinner chairman.

"The congratulations of the entire Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders to this special couple and our thanks to the staff of the activities therapy department and food and nutritional services for their efforts in making the Candlelight Dinner a reality."

Runnell's Hospital is located at 40 Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights.

Religious jubilee marked

Sister Rita Kearney, S.S.J., recently celebrated her 60th jubilee as a Sister of Saint Joseph at a Mass followed by a reception for family and friends, hosted by St. Stephen Parish, Kearny.

Sister Rita is the pastoral associate for catechetics at the parish. Among her duties are serving as extraordinary minister of the Eucharist and lector, along with responsibility for CCD, RCIA and Bible study.

Born and raised in New Jersey and educated by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Chestnut Hill, Sister Rita entered the congregation in September 1944.

She has taught on the high school and elementary levels and served at several parishes in



Sister Rita Kearney

New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Sister Rita earned a B.A. from Chestnut Hill College, an M.S.L.S. from Catholic University, Washington, DC, and an M.A. in religious studies from St. Charles Seminary, Philadelphia.

Spanish support group launched

A new Spanish language support group will be offered at Trinitas Hospital, Elizabeth, by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) New Jersey. The monthly group, beginning on Jan. 27, will assist individuals and families with a relative or spouse with a mental illness. It will be held the fourth Thursday of every month from 6:30-8 p.m. in the sixth floor

conference room of the hospital's New Point Campus, 655 East Jersey St., Elizabeth.

"Our goal is to help people take care of themselves, so they can in turn take care of someone with a mental illness," explained Beatrice Amador, NAMI family education coordinator. Participants will learn coping skills, and how to better understand the biology of mental illness, medications, and resources available in the community.

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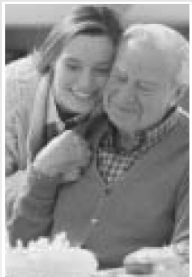
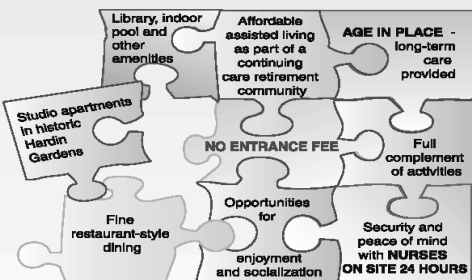
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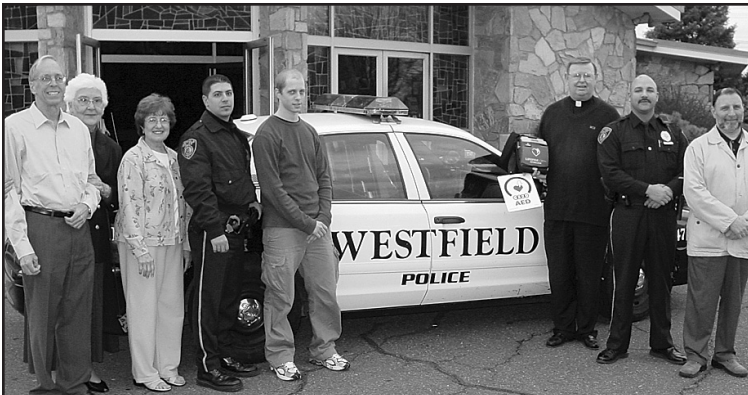
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School gets defibrillator

As part of the Heart Safe Promotion sponsored by the Roselle Fire Department and the Roselle Chamber of Commerce, Roselle Catholic High School now has a portable automatic electronic defibrillator (AED).

Roselle is one of the first communities in Union County to have portable AED's in public places.

The school raised funds towards the purchase of the AED by selling promotional dollar hearts and was recognized by the mayor and council.

AED's are especially important for schools because sudden cardiac arrest can occur among children.

School personnel were trained by the fire department.



On hand for presentation of the equipment were, left to right, Greg Jackubowski, fire captain; Steve Maul, firefighter and EMT; Bob Hill, fire chief; Brother Owen Ormsby, F.M.S., principal and Maureen Murin, assistant principal.

Yes You Can! is launched

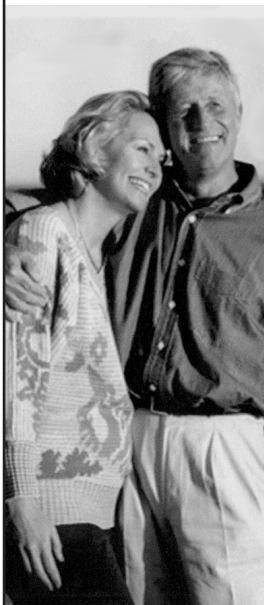
With funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and support from the New Jersey Physicians Advisory Group, Columbus Hospital, Newark, has launched Project YES You Can! to educate young people, and their parents and teachers, about the benefits of delaying sexual activity and to help reduce the incidence of both non-marital pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

Staff of project YES You Can! will provide classroom teaching, after-school enrichment programs, and parent education to schools and community organizations throughout Newark, Orange, East Orange and Irvington, project director Bernadette Vissani explained.

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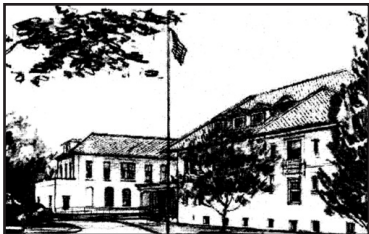
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Oh, Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near Kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition. (make request). In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and Glorias. St. Jude pray for us all who invoke your aid. Amen. This Novena must be said for 9 consecutive days. Thank you for answering my prayer.

C.Q.

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R.G.

NOVENA TO ST. JUDE

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Amen. Say this prayer nine times a day for nine days. Published in gratitude. Thank you St. Jude. C.H.

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Coach from archdiocese makes WNBA history

BY LINDA THOMAS

Special to The Catholic Advocate

SEATTLE—As a teenager Anne Donovan wanted desperately to be like everyone else at Paramus Catholic High School.

“Growing up was very difficult,” Donovan said in an interview for *The Catholic Advocate*. “Kids were either cruel or curious and they constantly stared and made fun of me. I didn’t fit in.”

At 6 feet 8 inches tall, Donovan never blended in with a crowd.

Today she stands alone as the first female coach to win a WNBA championship. The Seattle Storm claimed the top women’s basketball title with a victory over the Connecticut Sun in October 2004.

Donovan couldn’t hold back her tears as she sold out Seattle basketball arena, about 17,000 fans, cheered the Storm’s success. “It’s an incredible feat we’ve accomplished. I never dreamed I would be a part of something so special,” she said.

Although the WNBA championship is her greatest triumph as a coach, it is just another highlight on her long list of accomplishments.

As a basketball player, Donovan won high school and collegiate titles. She led the United States to Olympic gold medals in 1984 and 1988. Donovan was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1995. More recently, she was an assistant coach with the 2004 Olympic team which brought home a gold medal from Athens.

Along the way Donovan received prestigious awards. In high school she was crowned the national player of the year, and *Sports Illustrated* magazine named her one of the greatest 100 female athletes of the century.

Donovan said her most significant moment of success came when she won the Most Valuable Player award on her fifth grade Catholic Youth Organization basketball team. Holding the shiny trophy, Donovan was thrilled that for once her ability as a player was more noticeable than her height.

“That was when I realized I was something more than just a tall girl,” said Donovan. “That’s the first time I felt like I belonged.”

The first team Donovan played

with was her close knit family in New Jersey. She’s the baby of the group with four older sisters and three older brothers. Her siblings ranged in height from 5 feet 11 inches to 7 feet 2 inches and all were talented basketball players.

The family’s “coach” was her mother Ann Matthews, who was Anne’s biggest fan. She kept scrapbooks filled with newspaper clippings about her daughter. When Donovan went to Japan and Italy to play basketball after college, mom came to see her play. When Donovan participated in the Olympic Games in Korea and Los Angeles, mom was there.

But Matthews did not see her little girl become the first female coach to win a national basketball title. She died from a heart attack one year ago. Donovan has been taking a short break before the 2005 Storm basketball season begins to reconnect with her family and grieve her mother’s death.

“She remains with me in spirit,” Donovan said in a quiet voice. “I think she was looking



Seattle Storm guard Betty Lennox confers with Coach Donovan during a late-season game.

ing us the core of our beliefs,” said Donovan who remains active in her Catholic faith. “My faith is as fundamental to me as putting my feet on the floor in the morning. It’s my constant companion that gets me through hard times.”

Donovan had to deal with her first “hard time” at the age of five when her father died. Her mother remarried when Donovan was 10.

If there’s one lesson Donovan learned from her mother and from her own experiences, it was that you have to believe in yourself.

“Faith is a huge part of having confidence and believing in yourself,” Donovan said. “My wish for every child in school is that they realize God made them the way they are for a reason. Appreciate and embrace differences and the gifts you’ve been given.”

At the age of 42, Anne Donovan is still not like everyone else. She’s a champion.

Linda Thomas is a Seattle-based journalist.



The MVP Awards for the fall season at Roselle Catholic High School were presented at a recent sports convocation. Receiving awards were, left to right, standing, Elizabeth Lanigan, girls’ soccer, and Marianne O’Shea, girls’ tennis. Sitting, Jessica Rodriguez, girls’ cross country, Sergio Guerra, boys’ soccer, Meaghan Wischusen, girls’ volleyball, and Andrew Catalano, boys’ cross country.

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January 19, 2005

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am pleased to present to you highlights of the financial information of the Archdiocese of Newark for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004. In the past year, through prudent stewardship practices, a slowly improving financial environment, and—most important—your generosity, we have been able to reach out to others in need, provide faith-filled education, and worship according to Catholic teachings and traditions.

The celebration of our 150th anniversary as a diocese and the 50th anniversary of the dedication of our beautiful Cathedral Basilica indeed acknowledged our past and our development as a local Church in union with the Universal Church in Rome. At the same time, these two events provided an appropriate reminder of the challenges we face as we seek to maintain a strong, vital and viable presence in northern New Jersey in the years ahead. Just as previous generations of Catholics—who came to New Jersey from all over the world—struggled to shape this local Church of Newark, we face challenges and must struggle to meet them.

As we continue to welcome new generations of Catholics to our area and explore the next phase of the history of the Archdiocese, I urge your participation in everyday parish and school life, and I will rely on your wisdom, devotion and understanding to help us meet the ever-growing spiritual and physical needs of the people of this local Church of Newark.

The contributions that form the basis of this report come from many sources—the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal, special gifts, parish assessments, to name a few. They support a range of services that is just as diverse—everything from education, to general operations, to health care and social services, to pastoral outreach and programming support. These highlights reaffirm that so many of you in this great Archdiocese willingly have donned the mantle of the Stewardship way of life and loudly proclaim the importance of Archdiocesan ministries such as marriage preparation, youth and young adult services, schools and ethnic ministries.

Your generosity is truly appreciated, and is a gift of life to the Archdiocese.

I would be remiss in this letter if I did not speak of another gift to this local Church of Newark, the gift of the Eucharist. In declaring the year October 2004 through October 2005 the Year of the Eucharist, the Holy Father in his wisdom is seeking for all Catholics to once again receive the most perfect gift of life, to share the goodness and grace, which flows from it, and to proclaim Christ as Savior and Lord. As you share your time, talent and treasure to strengthen the work of the Church, also take time to share in the Gift of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through the Eucharist.

With every good wish, I am
Sincerely in the Lord,

✠Most Reverend John J. Myers
Archbishop of Newark



Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark Chancery Office Condensed Financial Information

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2004

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,986,996
Accounts receivable, net	9,194,401
Contributions receivable	2,793,621
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,049,440
Investments:	
Custodial	179,330,684
Endowment Funds	89,398,966
Temporarily Restricted	10,425,778
Other Funds	<u>29,317,631</u>
Total investments	308,473,059
Property and Equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$28,383,702	<u>25,006,090</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 349,503,607</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 6,598,647
Accrued operational subsidies to parishes	7,022,310
Custodial funds	<u>179,330,684</u>
Total liabilities	<u>192,951,641</u>
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted net assets	
Undesignated	200,000
Designated for program and support services	<u>56,227,222</u>
Total unrestricted net assets	<u>56,427,222</u>
Temporarily restricted net assets	<u>10,725,778</u>
Permanently restricted net assets	<u>89,398,966</u>
Total net assets	<u>156,551,966</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 349,503,607</u>

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Change in unrestricted net assets	
Operating support and revenue:	
Operating support and revenue	\$ 26,999,657
Operating expenses	<u>25,911,044</u>
Increase in unrestricted net assets from operations	1,088,613
Non-operating items	16,570,436
Increase in unrestricted net assets	<u>17,659,049</u>
Increase in temporarily restricted net assets	824,180
Increase in permanently restricted net assets	<u>1,783,053</u>
Increase in net assets	20,266,282
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>136,285,684</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 156,551,966</u>

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 5,344,250
Net cash used in investing activities	(8,401,974)
Cash flow provided by financing activities	<u>1,783,053</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(1,274,671)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>4,261,667</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 2,986,996</u>

A Summary of the Sources and Uses of the Operating Fund



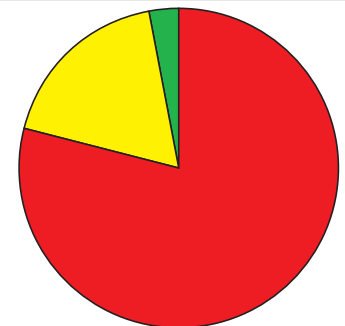
Support and Revenue \$26,999,657

36%	Assessments	\$ 9,682,030
29%	Archbishop's Annual Appeal	7,745,656
12%	Interest and Investment Income	3,247,331
12%	Miscellaneous Revenues	3,228,706
7%	Endowment	1,758,804
4%	Cemeteries Assessment	<u>1,337,130</u>
	Total	<u>\$ 26,999,657</u>

Operating Expenses \$25,911,044

79%	Program Services	\$20,472,788	\$1,758,804	\$18,713,984	\$20,472,788
18%	Management and General	4,539,347		4,539,347	4,539,347
3%	Fund Raising	898,909		898,909	898,909
	Total	<u>\$25,911,044</u>	<u>\$1,758,804</u>	<u>\$24,152,240</u>	<u>\$25,911,044</u>

Operating Expenses Source of Funds



Program Service Detail \$20,472,788

40%	Pastoral	\$8,235,264
16%	Health Care and Social Services	3,337,739
15%	Priestly Ministry and Formation	3,074,172
15%	Educational	3,059,697
9%	Other	1,894,925
5%	Public Affairs and Information Services	<u>870,991</u>
	Total	<u>\$20,472,788</u>



As illustrated in the chart above, the program services and support provided to the pastors, priests and people of the Church of Newark during fiscal 2004 amounted to 79% of the total expenditures of the operating funds of the Chancery Office.

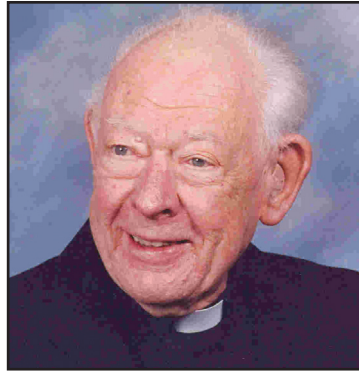
Msgr. Richard J. Holmes, 87 U.S. Navy chaplain and pastor

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 8 for Msgr. Richard J. Holmes, 87, who died Jan. 4.

Born and raised in Jersey City, Msgr. Holmes was a graduate of Seton Hall University and attended Immaculate Conception Seminary, when it was

in Darlington. He was ordained at St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral, Newark, by Archbishop Thomas J. Walsh in 1944.

His first assignment was at Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield. He then served as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy from 1945-1947. Following this, he ministered at



Msgr. Richard J. Holmes

Holy Trinity Parish, Fort Lee, and then returned to chaplain service in the Navy from 1950-1955, with the rank of lieutenant commander.

Msgr. Holmes returned to Holy Trinity as administrator from 1955-56. He was then appointed chaplain of the department of pastoral care for the public institutions of Bergen County, making him the first Catholic chaplain to serve in the

county's institutions and agencies. Later, he became the first director of the department. He remained in this position until 1972.

His next assignment was as pastor of St. Catharine Parish, Glen Rock, from 1972-1987; he retired as pastor emeritus of St. Catharine's. Msgr. Holmes was in residence at St. Luke Parish, Ho-Ho-Kus, from 1987 until the time of his death.

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Sister Regina Suplick, 76

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Jan. 11 for Sister Regina Suplick, S.C., 76, who died Jan. 9.

Sister Regina entered the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth in 1946. She received a B.S. degree from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, and an M.A. degree in religious education from Fordham University, New York.

Her assignments in the Archdiocese of Newark included teaching at Our Lady of Grace School, Hoboken, and St. Anastasia School, Teaneck, where she later served as parish religious education coordinator.

From 1983-2003, Sister Regina ministered in various positions within the archdiocese, including serving as director of the Office of Shared Re-



Sister Regina Suplick, S.C.

sponsibility. In 2003, she was appointed director of Seton Associates for the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, a role she remained in until the time of her death.

The Vicariate for Pastoral Life will sponsor a Memorial Mass for Sister Regina on Tuesday, Jan. 25 at noon, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.

Pray for them...

Rita D. Pawlikowski, mother of Father Matthew P. Pawlikowski, died Jan. 10.

Esterina Lavaroni, mother of Father Rino Lavaroni pastor of Holy Rosary Parish, Jersey City, died Dec. 30.

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Retired Priest, Saint Lucy, Newark
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Died January 19, 2004

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Died August 15, 2004

Rev. Walter J.F. Swenson

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Retired Director, Society for the Propagation of the Faith
Died September 26, 2004

Rev. Msgr. Edward F. Kavin

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Died March 13, 2004

Rev. Anthony F. Granato

Pastor, Saint Anthony, East Newark
Died October 10, 2004

Rev. John Borowik

Retired Priest, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Harrison
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Rev. Arnold P. De Rosa

Retired Professor, Seton Hall University
Died October 16, 2004

Rev. Msgr. Joseph C. Manz

Retired Pastor, Saint Nicholas, Jersey City
Died May 27, 2004

Rev. Alphonse M. Arminio

Former Pastor, Saint John the Apostle, Linden
Died November 15, 2004

Schools' strategic plan offers valuable lessons

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

With the comprehensive, long-term Strategic Plan for Catholic Schools now in place, Sister Dominica Rocchio, S.C., Ed.D., Secretary for Education and Superintendent of Schools, looks forward to its implementation.

Developed by the school office during the previous academic year, the plan addresses Catholic school challenges and opportunities through 2013.

There are 11 major categories of objectives for achieving that vision. They include the Catholicity of the schools, program quality and school viability, the role of the superintendent, the school administration, teaching staff, school facilities, enrollment and marketing, finances, school governance, school restructuring and new initiatives.

As the national observation of Catholic Schools Week (CSW) approaches, Sister Dominica

"Where we are today is not where we were 50 years ago."

- Sister Dominica Rocchio

stresses that archdiocesan schools are "overwhelmingly very strong."

That said, the superintendent notes, the Archdiocese of Newark is "no different" from larger dioceses nationwide coping with enrollment "challenges" mostly in the cities.

Citing the academic achievement of students as measured by standardized testing, Sister Dominica believes "the whole tradition of academic excellence and performance" are the reason why archdiocesan students do so well.

Parents send their children to Catholic schools, the superintendent explains, for religious formation as well as strong academic expectations and "the ethic of care that exists in our schools."

Catholic schools, the superintendent points out, have "expectations" of such basic essentials as students doing their homework and having good attendance.

On the urban enrollment issue, Sister Dominica says it is being addressed in "a variety of ways." As an example, she notes that Jan. 5 she met at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, with the pastors and principals of Jersey City.

The city, she notes, was and still is most affected by the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. There have been company relocations, property value fluctuations and overall population shifts.

Catholic schools in the cities, she continues, have also felt the enrollment impact of charter schools. "Sometimes we look at small segments of an area when we need to look at the more global picture of the city," Sister Dominica explained.

Noting that this is the first year for the implementation of the strategic plan, Sister Dominica stresses that aspects of the comprehensive document could take a decade to accomplish.

Success will depend, she feels, on "how serious and careful we are in implementing the different strategies." That implementation, the superintendent adds, will be constantly monitored and updated. "Not all parts of the

plan can be implemented overnight or in a few months," she stressed.

Following up on that point, Sister Dominica said that aspects of the plan may, from time to time, have to be "tweaked or revised." She said too, "The commitment to planning and the discipline it entails needs focus and intentionality."

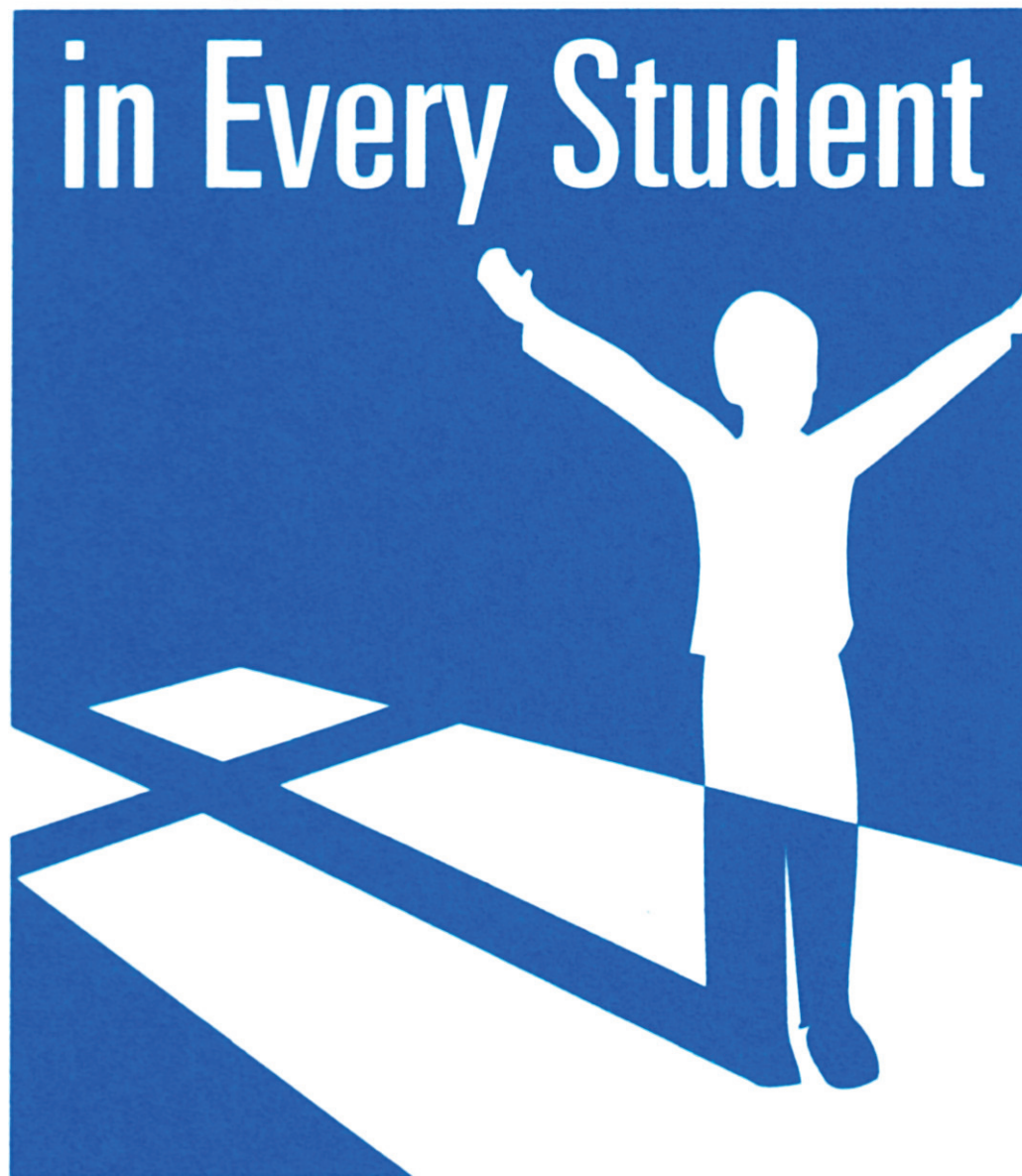
Reflecting on Catholic Schools Week nationally, the veteran educator said, "Catholic education continues to be a force in society and the Church; it continues to be the best vehicle the Church has for the education and formation of future leaders."

Catholic schools, she goes on, contain "a tremendous amount of activity and vitality." At the same time, Sister Dominica believes, "where we are today is not where we were 50 years ago and where we are today is not what we will look like in the future."

That is, in large measure, she explains, because the teaching-learning process is changing at an ever increasing rate "as are the needs of families and children served by Catholic schools."

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



Archbishop John J. Myers is greeted by eighth grade student Michael Jay during the annual Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children Christmas brunch for donors and board members at St. Michael School, Newark.

Advocate photo-Brian Forbes

Students' knowledge of the Church to be tested in the 'Catholic Challenge'

Seventh and eighth grade students from participating schools throughout the Archdiocese of Newark will participate this spring in the Catholic Challenge, with a quiz show-type format that will test knowledge of the sacraments, holy days, the saints, commandments, Church history and more.

The competition, prepared under the auspices of Serra International in conjunction with the archdiocesan catechetical and schools offices, will be an all-day program at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, on Saturday, April 23.

The idea of Father Daniel Danik of the archdiocese, the Catholic Challenge has the support of Archbishop John J. Myers.

First prize is a trip to Disney World in Florida; second place prize is a laptop computer; an iPod goes to the third place winner, and the fourth place prize is four season-passes to Great Adventure in Jackson.

To date, several schools and religious education programs have registered.

Bergen County leads the way with 22 registrants. Participating so far are Catholic Academy, Closter; St. Leo School, Elmwood Park; the religious education program and Assumption School, Fair Lawn; Academy of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Franklin Lakes; Corpus Christi School, Hasbrouck Heights; Sacred Heart School, Lyndhurst; Ascension School, New Milford; Queen of Peace School, North Arlington; St. Joseph School, Oradell; Visitation

Academy, Paramus; the religious education program and St. Francis School, Ridgefield; Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Tenafly; the religious education program and St. Andrew School, Westwood; the religious education program and Assumption School, Wood Ridge, and St. Elizabeth School, Wyckoff.

Union and Hudson counties have eight entrants.

Union County is sending St. John the Apostle School, Clark; St. Anthony School, Elizabeth; the religious education program and St. Theresa School, Kenilworth; the religious education program and Our Lady of Peace School, New Providence; Holy Spirit School, Union; St. Michael School, Union, and Holy Trinity School, Westfield.

Hudson County schools include the religious education program and St. Andrew School, Bayonne; the religious education program and St. Mary School, Bayonne; the religious education program and Our Lady of Grace School, Hoboken; the religious education program of St. Stephen Parish, Kearny; the religious education program and Immaculate Conception School, Secaucus; Holy Rosary Academy, Union City and St. Francis Academy, Union City.

Schools from Essex County are Blessed Sacrament, Newark; the religious education program of Holy Family Parish, Nutley and of St. Joseph Parish, West Orange.

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Local activities highlight educational excellence

Schools throughout the Archdiocese of Newark have been hosting a number of events in honor of Catholic Schools Week. The following is a partial list of some of those activities.

On Jan. 30, **St. Cassian School, Upper Montclair**, will host an open house following Mass at 9 a.m.; Jan. 31 will be "Pajama Day"; on Feb. 1, an academic bowl at 1:15; on Feb. 2, Mass at 11 a.m., followed by an induction ceremony into the Junior National Honor; Feb. 3, open house visitations and tours during the day, followed by a sock hop in the evening, and Feb. 4, "School Color Day," a bagel breakfast, volleyball and roller board races.

St. Theresa School, Kenilworth, will open its learning fair on Jan. 29, followed by Mass at 5:30 p.m. Students and teachers will build an authentic colonial-era village with houses, specialty shops, a church, town hall and market.

On Jan. 31, **St. Joseph School, Oradell**, will have an opening liturgy at 10 a.m. Later, Grade 8 will have a pin ceremony. On Feb. 1, Grade 3 will present biographies and there will be a faculty/student volleyball

game; on Feb. 2, a Jeopardy/geography bee; at 7:30 p.m., a Deanery 3 junior high spelling bee; Feb. 4, "Country Western Day," with Grades 3 and 4 presenting square dancing, followed by a teacher appreciation luncheon.

Queen of Angels School, Newark, will be honoring Chrystal Collins-Gardner, who has taught at the school for over 20 years, on Feb. 4. She will be presented with a certificate from the NCEA as an outstanding administrator, students will present her with cards and flowers and her son may be home from service in Iraq to witness the occasion.

An open house on Jan. 30 at **St. James the Apostle School, Springfield**. Noon Mass followed by the open house from 1-3 p.m. Principal and students will answer questions, or call (973) 376-5194.

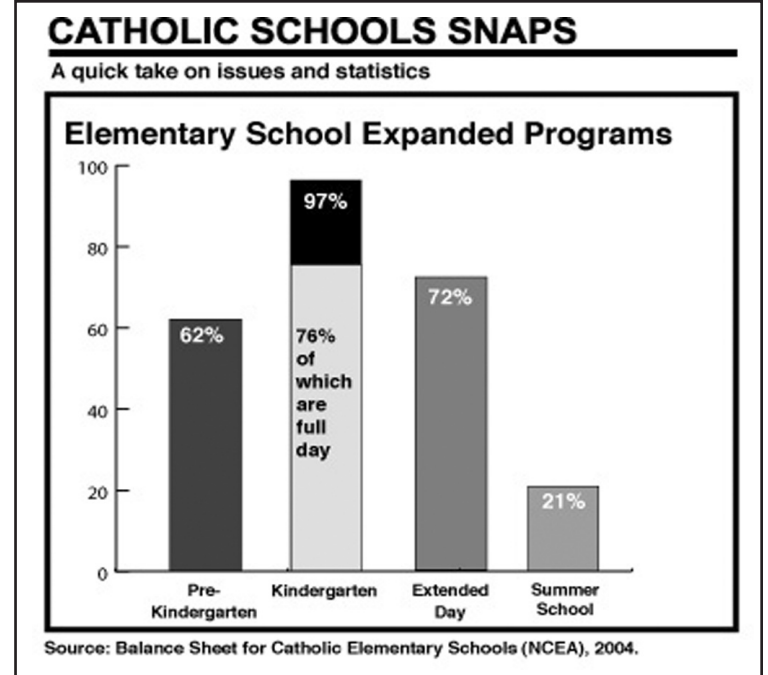
At **St. Mary's High School, Rutherford**, students will challenge faculty to Trivial Pursuit on stage on Monday; on Tuesday, students dress in the era of past decades; Wednesday is faculty appreciation; Thursday is "Spirit Day," students compete against the facul-

ty in tug-of-war, football throw, golf course, bowling and others, and Friday is "Career Day." Call (201) 933-5220, ext. 210.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School, Tenafly, Masses on Jan. 30, students serve as greeters, singers, altar servers and other duties; open house on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1; during the week, 7th and 8th graders participate in classroom spelling bee, leading to competition with students from other local schools; a special school liturgy on Feb. 4 with families.

Garfield Catholic Academy, Garfield, annual science fair and a scholastic book fair during the week of Jan. 31-Feb. 5; family liturgy on Jan. 29, 5 p.m.; handwriting contest and ice cream party on Jan. 31; on Feb. 1, parent "luau" lunch and open school, 1-3 p.m.; student council bingo on the night of Feb. 2; Thursday, several grades participate in spelling bee; Pre-K through Grade 1 "Career Day," and on Feb. 4, closing Liturgy, student teaching, and teacher luncheon.

St. Joseph School, Hackensack, students participate in all the weekend liturgies by serving in different ministries. Children



make bookmarks for each member of the parish.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus School, Wallington, family liturgy at 10:45 a.m. on Jan. 30; marathon kickoff for St. Jude's Children's Hospital, afternoon tea with veterans and seniors, snack baskets for community workers on Jan. 31; Feb. 1 is "Pajama and Slippers Day"; Feb. 2, parent/grandparent open house, 10-11:30 a.m., and science fair, 7 p.m.; Feb. 3, vocation appreciation, Feast of St. Blasé, blessing of throats, hourly


prayer for school families and vocations, panel of Religious and clergy, and thank-you cards to Religious and clergy; Feb. 4, primary/junior high "teacher switch" and academic bowl.

Benedictine Academy, Elizabeth, 90th Anniversary in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 31, "Breakfast at BA," honoring alumnae, and Elizabeth Mayor J. Christian Bollwage will commend Benedictine Academy for nine decades of educating young women.

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Managing Editor

Thomas E. Hart, Ph.D., director of educational technology for the Archdiocese of Newark, literally brings a world of experience to his new position.

Dr. Hart comes to the Archdiocese from the Diocese of Metuchen, where he was superin-

tendent since 1999. His doctorate in educational administration is from the University of Oregon, as is a master's degree in education, specializing in curriculum and instruction.

He has 20 years experience as a Catholic school administrator, which includes two years as superintendent of the Diocese of

Helena, MT; two years as dean/provost of a joint U.S./international college program, and recent involvement in educational research and professional writing.

He was the designated National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) Region 10 Associate 1996-99, served in various posts as an officer of regional associations and is a former member of the Marist Brothers of the Schools.

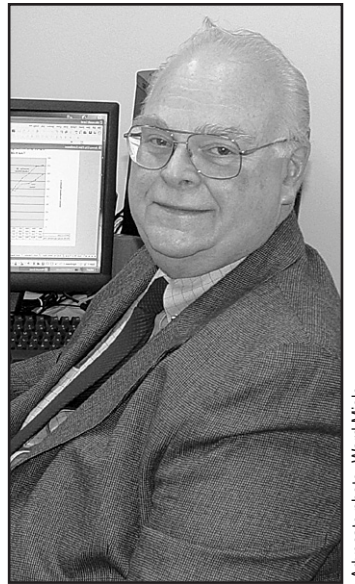
Recipient of numerous academic awards and author of articles in several professional publications, Dr. Hart is fluent in Mandarin Chinese, speaks and reads some Spanish and Japanese and reads French with "fair to limited ability."

His educational career as teacher and administrator has

taken him abroad to Hong Kong, Venezuela, Panama, Singapore, Japan, Malaysia, Taiwan, and around the U.S. to Florida, Texas, Montana, and Oregon.

As he settles into his office on the second floor of the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, Dr. Hart is busy with researching new technologies for the schools, and with statistical analysis of the schools. Catholic schools, he explained, "because of their philosophical paradigm," tend to "operate on the basis of hope rather than data-based decisions." When a realistic hope is formulated into goals, and schools "live up" to the hope, he noted, "that's good." But sometimes those hopes can prove to be "unrealistic" and decisions are made "without a firm data-based foundation."

Among the areas where statistical analysis can be utilized, he



Thomas E. Hart

Advocate photo - Ward Miele

explained, are enrollment, test scores, demographics and information (such as finances) of interest to parents. "All of this should have the purpose of continuously improving the quality of education provided to the children in our Catholic schools."

Right now Dr. Hart is concentrating on providing a number of the schools with a statistical "snapshot" of the past decade. With such data as enrollment and test scores presented graphically for better clarity, the focus will be on using the data for formulating future strategies.

His professional experience, Dr. Hart says, combines the "perspectives" of both a central office educational technologist and a school-based educator-practitioner.

Nursing board re-elects Shore

Muriel M. Shore, Ed.D., dean and professor of the division of nursing and health management at Felician College, has been re-elected secretary of the New Jersey State Board of Nursing.

Dr. Shore has been a member of the board for several years and is chair of the regulatory committee.

She serves as a member of the board's education committee, budget committee, and legislation committee.

Dr. Shore has held a variety of leadership positions in nursing at both the national and state level. She was elected to the American Nurses Association Board of Directors and also served as president of the New Jersey State Nurses Association.

"My chosen career of nursing has enabled me to work with health professionals in the United States, Russia, and China to better serve the health needs of the public. Nursing is the one career where one can really make a difference in the lives of many," said Dr. Shore.

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In The Principal's Office

Educating generations in Westfield

BY TRISH FITZPATRICK

Special to The Catholic Advocate

If there is a "heart" of every school, surely the heart of Holy Trinity Interparochial School, Westfield, is Dorothy Szot.

In these days of transience, very few remain in one place for so long, and even fewer serve as principal for 20 years.

Szot, known for her open-door policy, is a product of Catholic school education. She graduated from All Saints Grammar School and the Academy of Saint Aloysius, both in Jersey City, and the Fordham University School of Education, Bronx, NY. She also attended Saint Peter's College, Jersey City, and Seton Hall University, South Orange.

Her first job was at Saint Peter's Elementary School, Jersey City, after which she earned a tenured position in the Scotch Plains public schools.

In 1968 she started at Holy Trinity, while her two daughters attended the school, and served as the 8th grade teacher until 1984. She was acting principal and vice principal before being appointed principal.

Szot led the school through many significant changes, such as co-sponsorship and

the establishment of a second campus in Mountainside.

On her watch the school received accreditation by the Middle States Commission on Elementary Schools. Responding to the needs of working families she developed Trinicamp, a summer camp program, and before- and after-care programs.

When pastors were recently given the opportunity to nominate a parishioner for the Sesquicentennial Cathedral

Golden Jubilee Medal, Msgr. Joseph Masiello of Holy Trinity Parish immediately thought of Szot.

He wrote, "She is beloved by all in the school community. This remarkable woman of God, a so faithful parishioner, is possessed of profound spiritual wisdom and marked by a great and gentle holiness of life."

Szot reflected on her years in education and says, "Children have not changed but what they are exposed to is

radically different, and that is what makes Catholic school so important. There are fewer intact families, and children and parents are so busy now."

She stresses that the most important mission of the Catholic school is spiritual formation.

Although high academic standards are a cornerstone, the nurturing of the child's spir-

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Dorothy Szot

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Principal

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itual growth is "the most important duty we have."

She is keenly aware of the challenges children face today. "Today's parents must be vigilant and protective of their children and our school seeks to help them in that mission. When they leave

Holy Trinity, they will know who they are."

Holy Trinity Interparochial has remarkably low faculty turnover, and much of that is due to the principal.

Patricia Byrne, 8th grade teacher, has been at her side for many years. She says of Szot, "Dorothy is not only the principal of Holy Trinity, she is the arbitrator, the diplomat, and the healer. This

is the secret of her success."

A recent phenomenon which delights Szot is that the school numbers many students whose parents she taught.

Emilio DiIorio, Class of '73 and parent of Marie, Class of '05, says, "Mrs. Szot was an outstanding English teacher, and to this day I remember what she taught me about diagramming sentences.

"When I enrolled my daughter Marie, Dorothy welcomed us with open arms, like a shepherd. Marie will graduate this year, and she is well prepared for high school, especially in

English and language arts."

Szot, one of the first lay teachers at Holy Trinity, is proud to continue a legacy established by the Sisters of Charity, who she recalls as wonderful and dedicated women.

Today she is the heart of the school, loved by so many, and she reflects: "It is our responsibility to be innovative and current. But there are certain basic truths that remain the same. We are better off materially than we were when I was growing up, but the most important thing to me is to make sure our children's souls are cared for and nourished."

Open houses are scheduled

Several schools throughout the Archdiocese of Newark have scheduled open house programs for prospective students.

Mother Seton Regional High School, Clark, will hold an informal open house on Jan. 27 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. for sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls and their parents.

The open house is designed primarily for parents and students interested in attending Mother Seton or in exploring some of the available high school options. Parents or students can attend alone. Mother Seton High School is located off exit 135 on the Garden State Parkway.

Registration for the freshman class will take place Feb. 5 at 9 a.m. Those who want to apply should call (732) 382-1952 as soon as possible.

Marist High School, Bayonne, has scheduled its open house for fifth through eighth grade students beginning at 1 p.m. Jan. 30. Students and their parents will be given the opportunity to experience the school's college preparatory courses. Every Marist graduate is accepted into college.

The open house will also provide information on the school's co-curricular activities, including athletics, Latin dance, web design, campus ministry, aerobics and the math club.

Information will be available on tuition, fees, financial aid and transportation.

Academy of the Holy Angels, Demarest, will hold its open house Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. for prospective students and their parents.

Featured will be the school's latest education technology being used by students and faculty, the state-of-the-art chemistry lab and classroom, the Spola Science and Technology Center, Library Media Center, Joseph and Carmen Unanue World Language Lab, the dark room, art studios, fitness center, state-of-the-art auditorium, a golf practice facility and tennis courts.

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Bender Memorial Academy, Elizabeth has scheduled two open house sessions. The first is Jan. 31 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the second Feb. 2 from 7 to 9 p.m.

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St. Joseph Regional High School, Montvale, will hold its final open house Jan. 30 from noon to 2 p.m. for seventh and eighth grade boys and their families.

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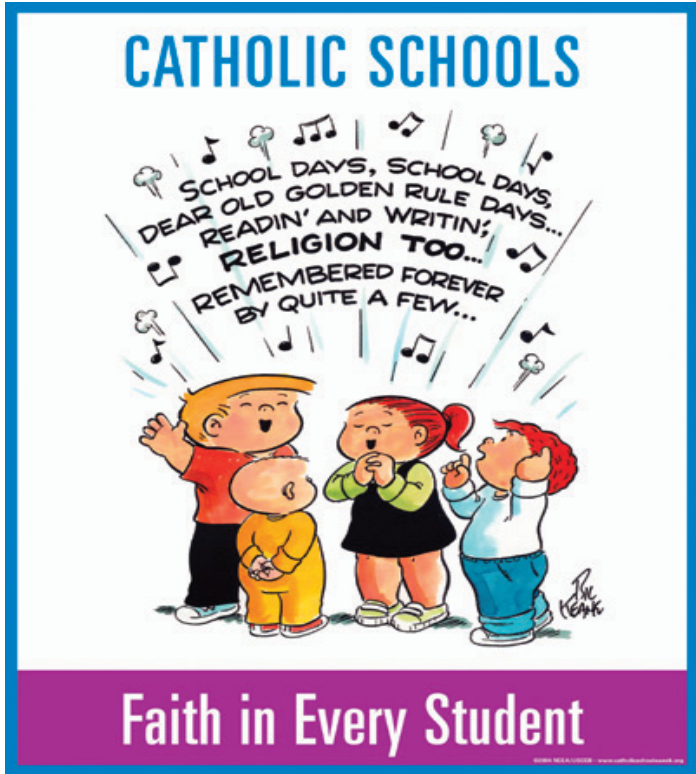
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The observance begins on the last Sunday in January every year.

National Appreciation Day for Catholic Schools will be observed Wednesday, Feb. 2. Two other highlights of the week are National Appreciation Day for Catholic School Teachers, a tribute to the 163,000 Catholic educators across the nation, across the nation, observed Feb. 4 and, new this year, Vocation Appreciation Day, on Feb. 3.

A long-time tradition in Catholic education, Catholic Schools Week became part of the National Marketing Campaign for Catholic Schools in 1991. This year-round program is a collaborative undertaking by the National Catholic

Educational Association (NCEA) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

The logo for the campaign features a student whose stance and outstretched arms cast the shadow of a cross. The message "Faith in Every Student: Catholic Schools" is featured on the design.

"Catholic education is one of the great and generous works of the Church. Our graduates have become leaders of this country, teachers, religious men and women and business entrepreneurs. Without doubt our schools have had a far-reaching impact on shaping the world," said Michael J. Guerra, NCEA president.

Sister Glenn Anne McPhee, O.P., secretary for education at USCCB, said that the theme of "Faith in Every Student" underscores two guiding principles of Catholic education—the fact that faith is an important value at the foundation of a Catholic school curriculum and that Catholic schools have faith that every student can achieve.

National Appreciation Day

National Appreciation Day, Feb. 2, was established to encourage supporters nationwide to showcase the great accomplishments and contributions of Catholic schools to our country.

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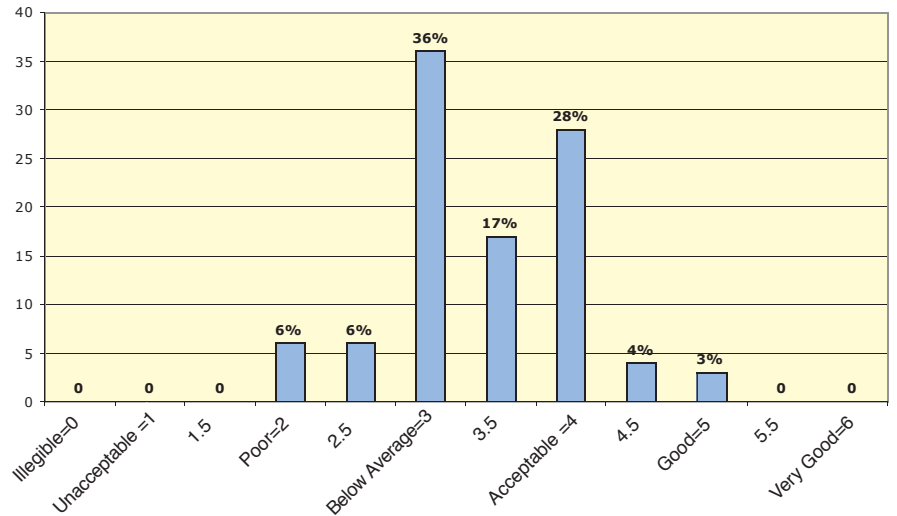
Scored "wholitically," it is not a multiple choice or fill-in the blanks test, rather it ranks students' written work for its overall merit.

The criteria used concentrates on whether the writing is focused, clear, logical, well developed and organized; is it balanced with precise vocabulary. The score ranges from 6 = Very Good to 1 = Unacceptable.

Rather than the classroom teacher scoring the written piece, it is assessed by CTB-McGraw Hill in Monterey, CA, using at least two experienced readers to determine the final mark.

Sister Dominica Rocchio, S.C.,

Archdiocese of Newark Writing Assessment
2004 Wholistic Scores Grade 4 Percent of Students



Ed.D., Secretary for Education and Superintendent of Schools, said, "Writing is an important reflection of academic achievement. All students in the Archdiocese are encouraged to develop and improve their writing skills. This formal assessment provides important information about their achievement and progress."

The essays may be narrative,

descriptive, informative or persuasive. Students are given a prompt, for example this year grade 4 was required to write a descriptive essay, while in grade 7 the prompt required an informative essay.

Sister Louise Cababe, O.P., Ph.D., assistant superintendent for curriculum and testing, explained, "Every year we change the writing prompt for both grade levels. It is very difficult to obtain a score of 6, since the standard for Very Good is so high." This year, 35 percent of students in Grade 4 scored at the Very Good to Acceptable range. Among the 2,958 who took the test, six students achieved the highest mark.

In Grade 7 students scored 62 percent at the Very Good or Acceptable range and among the 3,163 there were ten who received the highest score.

Sister Cababe commented, "The longer students remain in our Catholic schools the more their writing improves, this has been the pattern over these past five years since this type of assessment began in our Catholic schools."

Sister Patricia Butler, S.C., MA, associate superintendent for elementary schools added, "Teachers continually help children learn how to write, and assess the students' writing performance both at the individual and classroom levels. Standardized testing also provides us with valuable information about particular programs and the overall needs of our students. Both types of assessment are needed."

Liz Hamp-Lyons, Ph.D. from the University of Colorado, Denver, explained, "A holistic writing assessment has at least

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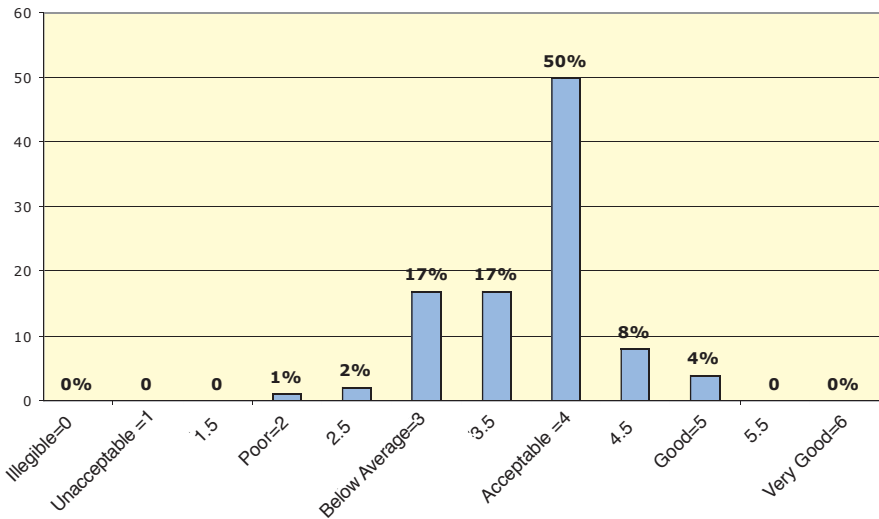
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Writing

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the following five characteristics: first, each individual taking the assessment must actually, physically write at least one piece of continuous text. ... Second, while the writer is provided with a set of instructions and a text, picture, or other "prompt" material, she or he is given considerable room within which to create a response to the prompt. Third, every text is read by at least

one... human reader-judge who [has] been thoroughly trained for the scoring of writing in that context. Fourth, the judgments made by readers are tied in some way ... to some common yardstick, such as a set of sample essays, a description of expected performance at certain levels, or one or several rating scales. Fifth, the readers' responses to the writing are expressed as a number or numbers of some kind, instead of ... written or verbal comments; scores on the test are recorded and can be retrieved for review.

tle changed since the days of paper and pencil.... While information doubles every three years, thoughtful writing still proceeds at an old fashioned pace.... Students need to be taught that the act of writing is intrinsically valuable to them. It crystallizes one's thoughts in a way that nothing else can. As a physicist, I find that I often learn more from writing papers and proposals than I do from working in the laboratory. I rarely find writing easy, but I always find it rewarding."

... It should be clear from the above that a writing test is a performance test.

Louis Bloomfield, professor of Physics at the University of Virginia stated, "Writing is hard work and all the marvels of modern technology haven't made it any easier. Vast resources now lie just keystrokes away, but the basic art of assembling one's thoughts into engaging prose is lit-

Following are some web sites that have information for parents about helping children with writing and more about standardized testing results.

Help Your Child Learn to Write Well
<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/parents/Writing/index.html>

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Commonly Asked Questions About Standardized Testing:
<http://www.ets.org/letstalk/faq.html>

Parent Tips: Helping Your Child With Writing
http://apps.sdhc.k12.fl.us/sdhc2/elementary/languagearts/writing_help.htm

What should parents know about standardized testing in schools?
http://www.kidsource.com/kidsource/content/standardized_testing.html

Parents Guide to Standardized Testing:
<http://www.familyeducation.com/topic/front/0,1156,63-9028,00.html>

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*BY BROTHER RALPH DARMENTO
Deputy Superintendent of Schools*

The more things change, the more they remain the same!

There's an advertisement in the New York City subway designed to attract the altruistic young and career professionals to membership in the New

York City Teaching Fellows Program that gives me cause to reflect whenever I notice it.

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As a teacher of mathematics

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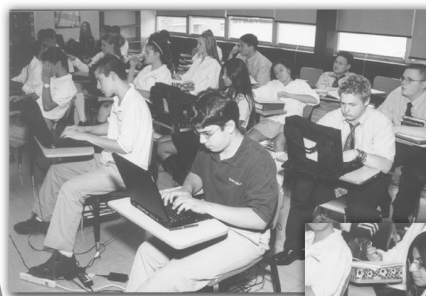
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In preparation for the trip, SDA students Katy-Ann Blacker and Julissa Bedoya accompanied moderator Alyssa Pasternak to Thirteen/WNET New York's Human Rights 101 one-day seminar.

Students learned about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as well as topics such as tolerance, racism, women's rights, refugees and religious freedom. They also engaged in interactive role-playing activities and learned how to become effective catalysts for change.

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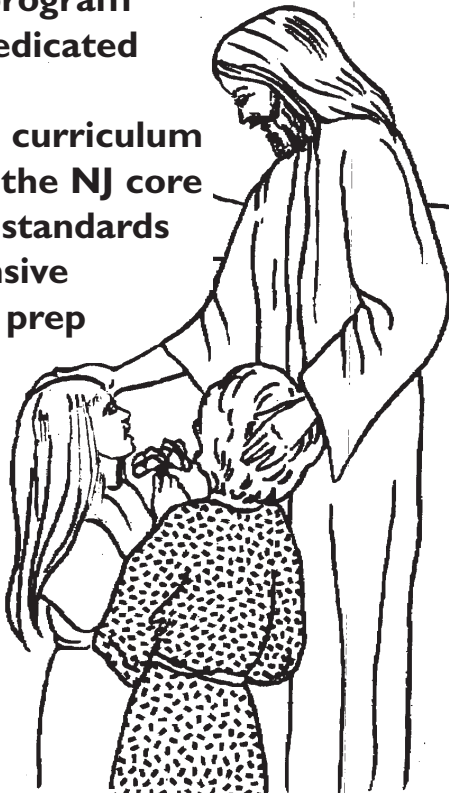
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Challenging students

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Not every group has found a solution to the problems by the same method. The teacher poses the question, "Will the method each group has used to solve these problems work for similar problems that address the same skill?"

A third grade class tackles a reading assignment; the class reads silently and then oral reading is employed. The teacher peppers the class with questions designed to measure

student comprehension and analysis. Finally, the teacher asks students to create a picture that describes a scene in the story. By the end of the class the students are writing their own conclusions to the antics of *Amelia Bedelia*.

Third period English and the students are discussing the death theme as it relates to the play *The Shadow Box*, and as described in the poem "Thanatopsis."

Several students, interested in addressing the point that death is

all about living, are using examples from the novel *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*. The teacher moderates the ensuing discussion that begins to take on the form of a debate.

Balloons abound in this fourth grade class learning about the basic properties of electricity. Students have rubbed their sweaters with the balloons and are noting how the balloons stick to them, and they are writing their observations in their notebooks.

On the board several vocabulary words are written and students describe what these mean and compare them to the definitions found in the textbook. Quickly they copy these into a science notebook filled with simple graphs and charts.

In this fourth period humanities class several students are connecting to the Metropolitan Museum of Art to research impressionism and place this topic within a historical timeline in Europe.

Another group of students views, the works of Manet, Monet and Degas. The teacher guides them to search for connections between modernity and avant-garde art.

Students debate the origins of the movement and the coining of the term impressionism. The web allows the students to view the permanent collection and learn the story of each artist.

Several of the students have taken an excursion into the History Channel's website and are engaged in the slide show on the Impressionists.

These short observations are glimpses into the teacher-student interaction that occurs within our classrooms, the guided discussions, deepening of critical thinking, insights into the depth of questioning, and the use of technology as a tool that allows students to go far beyond the historical limits of time and space.

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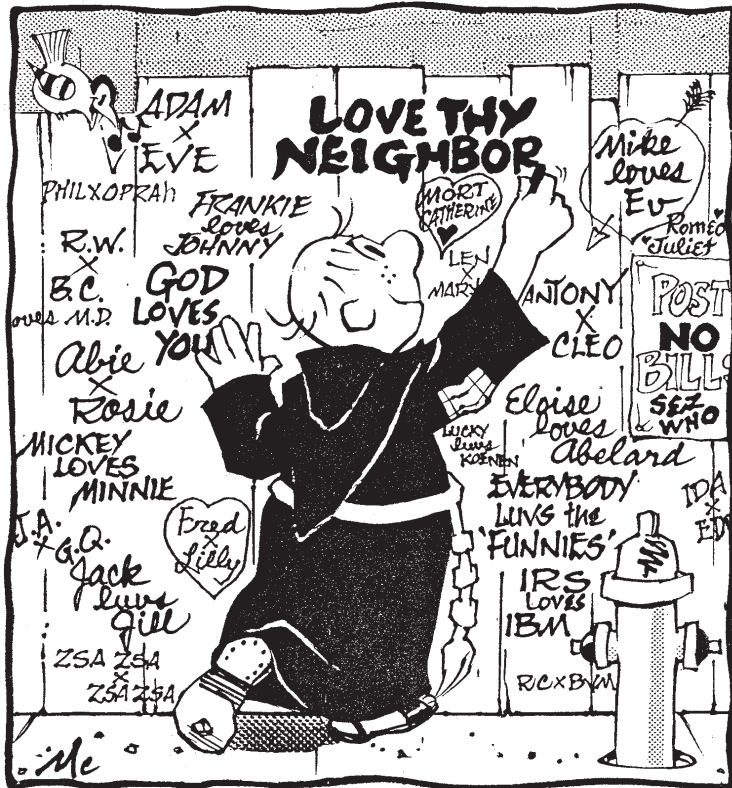
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The Seton Hall University Libraries, University Archives and Special Collections Center and Seton Hall's Center for Vocation and Servant Leadership will hold a special lecture titled "A History of Cartoons and the Philosophy of Laughter," presented by illustrator and cartoonist Fred McCarthy on Thursday, Jan. 27 at 5 p.m. in the Walsh Library Beck Room of Seton Hall University, South Orange.

McCarthy began his career in art as an undergraduate at St. Bonaventure University in 1942 and studied sculpture at the Boston Museum School. He later created the nationally syndicated "Brother Juniper" character, the first religiously themed character to appear in the mainstream press. Brother Juniper was featured in comic strips from 1958-1989 and yielded eight published works of humor.

McCarthy will discuss the history of American comic strips from the Yellow Kid to Zits, including such favorites as Peanuts, Popeye, Superman, Hagar the Horrible, Calvin and Hobbes and many others.

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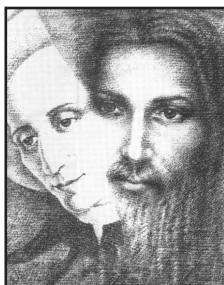
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The keynote speaker will be

Msgr. Robert Sheeran, S.T.D., president of Seton Hall University and a 1963 Bergen Catholic graduate. Respondents will be Sister Dominica Rocchio, S.C., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Newark, and Sister Mary Frances Taymans, S.N.D., Ed.D., the executive director of the National Catholic Education Association.

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Staff visit schools, answer queries from principals, administrators and parents, develop strategic plans and aid the

schools in a myriad of ways.

The schools office deals with the communication of the latest technological advances to the schools, with curriculum development and testing and evaluation of students, and with the staffing.

Its personnel are often asked to serve on search committees for schools seeking principals and presidents. Their expertise is also called upon by those applying for Middle States Accreditation both in the Newark Archdiocese and

in other dioceses throughout the country. Still others represent the archdiocese on statewide groups charged with developing marketing and advertising campaigns and working with the state legislature to ensure that Catholic schools are provided with vital services such as transportation, books, school nurses and special services.

But what do they do in their free time? We asked some of them and found a number of very interesting things.

Sister Pat Butler, S.C., associate superintendent for elementary school administration, is an avid fan of the Food Channel and

loves to cook. She enjoys attending cultural events, especially at NJPAC, on Broadway and at the Metropolitan Opera.

Brother Ralph Darmento, F.S.C., deputy superintendent of schools, enjoys singing, Italian cooking and the Broadway stage. He is a big fan of both Notre Dame and Manhattan College basketball. He doesn't worry about medical care because he counts 23 doctors and surgeons as former students. Although a New York City subway buff, he can provide a tour of the Roman churches mentioned

in a novel by Dan Brown.

The "green thumb" in the office is **Sherise Whitlock**, executive secretary. She loves plants and flowers, especially roses. She feels that a beautiful plant is the perfect uplift for a not-so uplifting day. Basketball is a keen interest of **Sister Joan Ferruggiario, S.S.J.**, assistant superintendent of Elementary School Cluster 1. She enjoys attending Seton Hall games and can always give a box score on just about any college game. She is particularly interested in fol-

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In individual categories, Holy Family Interparochial School took first-place in the mathematics and the Quiz Challenge as well as third place in science. St. Margaret School, Pearl River, took first-place in history.



One of the stops along the Prayer Walk was a worship station with a chalice paten, lectionary and hymnal on display. Among those who looked over the material were, left to right, seventh grader Ruben Dumeng, his mother Miriam and catechist Nancy Plate.

Step-by-step learning

Inspired by an article in Religion Teacher's Journal, seventh grade catechist Nancy Plate at Sacred Heart Parish, Bloomfield, had her students take part in a prayer walk.

After enlisting the help of parents, Religious Education Director Josephine Sarne and Father Richard P. Kwiatkowski, pastor, the prayer walk became reality.

It included incense, videos and common obstacles to prayer. Students stopped along a variety of stations that included blessings, formal prayer, a psalm reading, a "Mary table," a display of saints and worship information. The program concluded with students writing about their thoughts, observations and prayer in a prayer journal.

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Profiles

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lowing the careers of Archdiocese of Newark students who go on to play ball in college and the N.B.A.

Sister Diane Marie Kestler, O.S.B., receptionist/secretary, enjoys music and loves to sing in the monastery scola during Christmas and Easter at the St. Walburga, Elizabeth, where she resides. She enjoys making crafts and may soon experiment with painting. She is also the sacristan at the monastery.

Sister Marie Gagliano, M.P.F., assistant superintendent for Elementary Cluster 3 (a.k.a. the "Jell-O Lady") loves to entertain and provide hospitality, especially dessert. She likes to make candy for her principals and family and friends.

Trish Fitzpatrick, director of school marketing, spends a great deal of time at sporting events cheering on her four children, ages 7-16. Her favorite activity is officiating at elementary school cross country and track and field, which she says is much easier than actually running in the meets.

Becoming a first-time grandmother is the next big event for the director of early childhood education, **Gloria Castucci**. Castucci, whose favorite color is purple, loves to play cards, do crossword puzzles, and looks forward to dressing up each year for Halloween.

Sister Louise Cababe, O.P. assistant superintendent for elementary curriculum and testing, is a devotee of tatting, a handcraft similar to crocheting. She likes to make afghans, hats, baby blankets and other homemade gifts for friends and family.

John O'Neil, associate superintendent for regional and Bergen, Union secondary schools, grew up as a "military brat," mostly around Virginia and South Carolina. He loves basketball and is also a life-long Washington Redskins fan.

When not rounding up legislators in support of school choice and Catholic education, **Mary McElroy**, Director of the NJ Alliance of Catholic School families, wrangles her four children through their many activities. She has recently undertaken a Spanish language course.

Reading, both professionally and for pleasure, is how **Sister Loretta Hogan, S.S.J.**, director of elementary school finance, spends some of her free time. She especially likes novels involving intrigue and mystery.

Grace Pietropinto, director of finance for regional high schools, when not making the schools office staff laugh, is renowned for making the world's best cheese-

cake. She is also always eager to enter into any discussion involving politics.

Without **Sister Ann Kavanagh, R.D.C.**, director of personnel and events manager, there would be no birthday or anniversary celebrations in the office! Sister Ann makes sure the staff remembers that everyone's special days. She is also famous for the beauty of her space in the office, always decorated for the season.

Sister Dominica Rocchio, S.C., hopes for no late-night Thursday meetings, as she is a huge fan of the television program *E.R.* She enjoys crossing the George Washington Bridge twice a day as she travels from New York to New Jersey to work.

The staff enjoys tasting Southwestern specialties cooked by **Wanda Pinckney**, administrative secretary, who hails from New Mexico.

Forensics team shines

At its second meet of the year, the forensics team from Mother Seton High School, Clark, won six trophies.

Randolph High School hosted the Newark Catholic Forensics League event. A total of 17 schools competed making it the most well attended meet in the past three years. Mother Seton placed sixth overall.

Mother Seton did especially well in Original Oratory. Erica Pimenta, a senior, took second place with a speech on the ills of political correctness, "Warning: This Speech May Be Offensive to Some."

In third place was senior and team president Sarah Costello who spoke on "A Measure of Grief," about society's efforts to regulate grief.

Another senior, Tanya

Gauthier, placed fifth in the same event decrying the world's refusal to stop the killing in Sudan. It was her first time taking part in this event.

In the Oral Interpretation

competition, sophomore Ashley Pimenta, was fourth reading humorous prose and slam poetry.

Another sophomore, Lauren del Valle, finished first in junior varsity competition. A newcomer, she won a trophy in each of her first two meets.



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Team captain Dr. Marylou Motto with, left to right, Erica Pimenta, Sarah Costello, Ashley Pimenta, Tanya Gauthier and Lauren del Valle.

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National trends show a strong correlation between the success rates of students who attend Catholic elementary and high schools and those who pursue a Catholic higher education compared to their public schools counterparts. In addition, individuals receiving a Catholic education appear to achieve greater career success than those attending public institutions. "I definitely agree," said Joseph Savage, a vice president at

Caldwell College. "Faith and values are infused into every part of the Catholic college experience to give students the foundation they need to succeed in life.

"Our students are encouraged to serve their community and in return receive hands on experience. Independent volunteer work and college-sponsored service such as feeding the homeless through our Midnight Run program enhance the education experience."

Several other ministry-sponsored volunteer opportunities at Caldwell College include a Crop Walk which raises funds for the hungry and the Christmas Giving Tree benefiting young children and their mothers in area shelters with basis necessities of food and clothing.

"Some of the comments that I have heard from our students regarding Catholic education include 'it has made all the difference in my life, I know who I am or I know there are no limits

as to where I can go,'" said Sister Frances Sullivan, O.P., principal at Mount St. Dominic Academy, Caldwell.

"One woman told me 'I know I have what it takes to be a success in my career and more importantly to be a compassionate woman in the world. This has been proven again and again through my education. I can witness the good life, the life based on Gospel values in the midst of our every day world.'"

"Faith and values are infused into every part of the Catholic college experience."

— Joseph Savage

benefit most from attending Catholic schools, achieving higher graduation rates from high school and college than students from similar backgrounds who attend public schools, according to research by Derek Neal, Associate Professor in Economics at Chicago University.

Neal's findings are reported in *The Effects of Catholic Secondary School on Educational Achievement*, published in the recent issue of the Journal of Labor Economics. Compared with their public-school counterparts, more than twice as many minority Catholic-school graduates from urban areas finish college: 27 percent of the Catholic-school graduates finish college, while only 11 percent of minority public-school graduates receive their degrees.

And while 62 percent of minority students at urban public high schools graduate, 88 percent of students from the same background complete high school when enrolled in Catholic schools, according to the study.

Caucasian students also benefit from attending Catholic schools. While 87 percent of Caucasian students in urban areas graduate when enrolled in Catholic schools, 75 percent of the white public-school students receive their diplomas.

Among white Catholic-school graduates, 42 percent of those who enter college receive a degree, while 31 percent of the white public-school graduates who enter college finish their studies.

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Benedictine Academy, Elizabeth, recently recognized four Students of the Month and a fifth student as Athlete of the Month. The five were honored at an assembly. Students of the Month, standing, left to right: Tamikah Cody, Martina Toretta, Jennifer Ramos and Christine Garcia. They were chosen by faculty for being positive role models, working to their fullest potential in academics and maintaining a B grade average, as well as for their service and leadership activities. Athlete of the Month is Ana Fonseca, seated, who was selected for her skills in intramural soccer, sportsmanship, strong academic effort and positive attitude.

Teacher qualifications more specific, stringent

Last fall, when a professor of senior Jennifer Caga at Georgian Court University, Lakewood, told her she needed to attend a seminar for education majors, Caga figured the school might announce that it was upping its GPA requirement or making program requirements stricter.

She found that between federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation and new state teaching certification requirements, her dual humanities major would no longer allow her to choose to teach either English or history later in her career.

Instead, she would need to choose a more specific major and add to her course work in order to be qualified to teach in the areas she wished.

NCLB focuses on four reform principles: accountability for results, increased flexibility and local control, expanded options for parents, and a particular emphasis on teaching methods with a successful track record.

It requires teachers to be "highly qualified" in the content areas in which they teach.

Highly qualified teachers must hold at least a bachelor's degree, obtain state certification, and demonstrate content area expertise. New teachers must be qualified by June 2006.

Under the NCLB, each state is required to develop a High Objective Uniform State Evaluation (HOUSE) Standard, which provides a means for veteran New Jersey teachers, those hired before the first day of school of the 2005-2006 school year, to demonstrate content area expertise.

Teachers demonstrate their qualifications by scoring at least 10 points on the NJ HOUSE Content Knowledge Matrix to document college coursework, professional activities, teaching activities, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) Elementary Certification, and successful teaching performance.

Since new teachers are not eligible to use the NJ HOUSE Standard to qualify to teach, students who matriculate as juniors in the program over the next two semesters have until Sept. 1, 2007 to complete state certification requirements, while students who do not fulfill those requirements by the deadline must fulfill the new requirements for certification.

Key changes in those requirements include a subject matter specialization requirement for middle school teacher certification and the requirement of a separate major, plus a maximum of 30 credits of special education course work, including student teaching.

The good news is that Georgian Court University has been anticipating a move toward performance-based programming and started moving its curriculum toward that end nearly three years ago.



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