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'Balancing' Church and state: notes on Catholic citizenship

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

The Mass ends. The priest asks parishioners to go in peace, to love and serve the Lord, giving thanks to God.

The church doors open, exposing Catholics to a harsh landscape of blue and red states; intolerant political rhetoric; negative, mud-slinging elections; and a volatile, fearful global village marked by an alleged "clash of cultures."

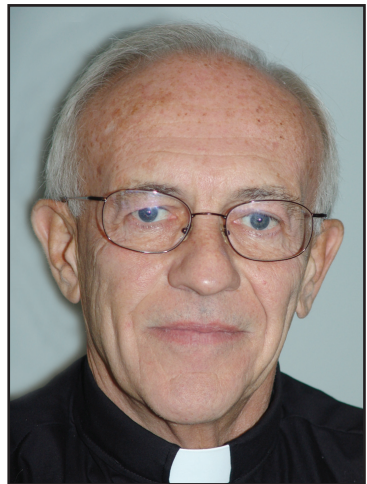
As Election Day (Nov. 7) approaches, how does the thoughtful Catholic citizen participate in such an unforgiving political environment? Unlike the oft-repeated phrase "separation of church and state," which applies to the public sector, questions concerning Catholic citizenship represent a personal "synthesis of church and state." This is the inner realm of conscience, heart and soul, where spiritual beliefs and moral values confront the rough-and-tumble realities of the democratic process and—to an ever-increasing extent—international turmoil.

There is a "leap of faith," when the Catholic citizen takes

an inventory of private convictions and then participates in a public forum—whether its casting a vote for a mayor, senator or governor; taking part in a rally or march; or simply discussing current events with friends.

Catholics were first galvanized as a politically active group in the United States in the mid-19th Century. Msgr.

Robert Wister, professor of Church History at Immaculate Conception Seminary of Seton Hall University, South Orange, tracing the history of Catholic political life in the United States, said Catholics were compelled to become active in the 1840s as a reaction to American "nativist" prejudice, which targeted Irish Catholic immigrants.



Msgr. Robert Wister

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Forced to respond, Catholics created their own schools, hospitals and social services—areas of the U.S. social/political compact where they typically were excluded, Msgr. Wister said. As a result, Catholic social and political networks unfolded, especially in urban political machines in New York and New Jersey. Msgr. Wister said historians have noted

that these machines, although sometimes corrupt, provided many otherwise unavailable social services to their Catholic constituents.

The big change for Catholic political activism came in the second half of the 20th Century, as Catholics took their core beliefs and spiritual values and moved into the burgeoning suburban landscape. Msgr. Wister said education remained a central theme for Catholic political activities during this period, while John F. Kennedy's election as president in 1960—for many—signaled the integration of Catholics into the political mainstream.

"Forces that disagree with Church teaching (in areas such as Gay rights and abortion) typically try to disenfranchise Catholics from influencing the political process," Msgr. Wister said. "Church teaching is not a political consensus. Church teaching is a process of spiritual discernment, founded on a belief in God. It develops under divine guidance and is not subject to cultural or political forces. The message of Christ is constant, but is lived out within the context of time and place."

Msgr. Wister said the challenge for Catholics is to apply Church teaching to the community and circumstances in which they live. For example, 100 years ago there were no ethical issues concerning stem-cell research. In addition, Catholics in New Jersey deal with different political issues than "our brothers and sisters in Beijing," he said.

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Advocate photo — M. Gabriele

Simon Clayton, a junior at St. Benedict Prep School in Newark, was one of 250 citizens who attended the Legislative Dialogue forum at Mother Seton Regional High School. Mary McElroy praised Clayton for his academic achievements and his character, saying he was an "example of what Catholic education has to offer" to urban students.

Politicians address key Catholic issues at dialogue forum

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

CLARK—A gathering of state senators, assemblywomen and assemblymen responded to strategic Catholic concerns—education, stem-cell research and social services—at the Legislative Dialogue forum held Oct. 18 at Mother Seton Regional High School.

The Archdiocese of Newark sponsored the event, which was opened by Archbishop John J. Myers and Henry J. Amoroso, president and chief executive officer of Catholic Health and Human Services (CHHS) Corp., Newark.

Cynthia Scott, a senior correspondent with News 12 New

Jersey, served as the moderator for the program. Politicians addressed topics posed by a trio of Catholic representatives, who challenged the political officials to take a stand on specific issues.

Mary McElroy, JD, the archdiocesan director of the New Jersey Network of Catholic School Families, asked the state legislators whether they would support the passage of the tax-credit corporate scholarship bills (S1332 and A257), which are commonly referred to as the "Urban Schools Scholarship Act" (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Feb. 22 and Dec. 7, 2005).

McElroy spoke eloquently on

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The secularization of life in the United States, especially in the post-World War II “Baby Boomer” era, has created an assortment of moral tensions for the Catholic citizen, according to Dr. Marie Mullaney, a professor of History and Political Science at Caldwell College. On one hand, Catholic values of charity and social justice lend themselves to the foundations of a democracy; on the other hand, beliefs on the sanctity of life can define Catholics as a “counter-cultural” element of society.

As Mullaney sees it, today there is a secular agenda to make the Church “look bad” and isolate the moral positions of Catholics. The danger is that extremists on either end of the political spectrum might try to justify and impose a secular-only dialogue, intentionally excluding religious voices. Considering the stakes, it is the duty of Catholics to remain immersed in the political process, Mullaney said, accepting the fact that the religious/secular tension in the United States will (and should) remain a given.

“That tension is a good thing,” she explained. “Catholics in the voting booth are making decisions guided by their values. The essence of a democracy and a pluralistic society is that we can all vote on our values. I may not be happy with the overall results once the votes are counted, but by participating we ‘buy into’ the system.”

“Buying into the system,” as described by Mullaney, is the inherent responsibility of citizens in the republic, as laid out by the wisdom of James Madison in *The Federalist Papers*, a collection of 85 essays written by the Founding Fathers in 1787 and 1788. Madison, in essay No. 10, defined the value of “factions” in a democracy. According to Mullaney, Madison felt factions provided an essential “balance” for the republic—more factions equal more positions on a given issue, a greater diversity of dialogue, and, by extension, more balance to faithfully maintain the spirit of the democracy.

Along with this quest for balance, Madison readily acknowledged the imperfections of democratic dialogue and



Dr. Marie Mullaney

the “mischief” that was inherent in the interaction of factions. “Liberty is to faction what air is to fire, an aliment without which it instantly expires. But it could not be less folly to abolish liberty, which is essential to political life, because it nourishes faction, than it would be to wish the annihilation of air, which is essential to life, because it imparts to fire its destructive agency,” Madison wrote more than 200 years ago.

The need for “balance” is more than some abstract, academic notion, declared Stephen M. Johnson, a professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Montclair State University. Johnson said today’s highly polarized U.S. political climate makes the task of cultivating balance all the more urgent in order to keep the democratic process open and accessible for Catholics and others.

“If people don’t disagree, then they’re really not thinking,” he said. “We can’t agree on all issues, but we must agree on a constructive rather than a destructive negotiation of our differences. Then we have some chance of



Brother Kevin Smith, O.S.F.

finding strategies for better social outcomes.” Johnson confessed his strategy as a citizen is guided by a fundamental question: “As a member of a democratic society, what should I do to leave this world a better place for my grandchildren?”

Catholics should freely espouse their moral values, but should not appear intolerant in their attitudes, Johnson warned, considering the bigotry they faced as “political outsiders” in this country 150 years ago.

Brother Kevin Smith, O.S.F., associate professor of Religious Studies at Felician College, Lodi, said that his students work to define the elements of “faithful citizenship.” This scholarly process, he said, is true to the Franciscan theme of engaging with the world via contemplation and action.

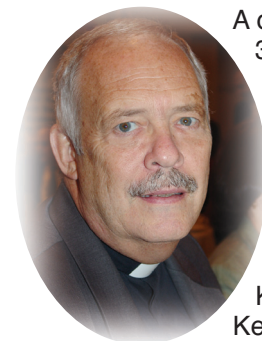
In reading the signs of the times, his students follow the process of observe, judge and act. Brother Kevin said this approach stems from his own formative experiences in Franciscanism and in the traditions of the peace and justice ministry.

The starting point for Felician students in the discussion is that Catholics have a responsibility to take an active role in society. The enlightenment process, Brother Kevin said, builds upon the student’s own immediate life experiences and then analyzes issues from multiple “lenses” or perspectives.

The fundamental themes of citizenship, as defined by Brother Kevin’s students, are grounded in traditional Catholic values: what is the best way to promote human dignity? What is the best way to respect God’s creations? What is the responsibility of those who “have” to those who “have not?” What does one generation owe the next?

Interfaith Iftar dinner serves a peaceful meal

RESPECTING THE SACRED—The Interfaith Dialog Center (IDC), Newark, (www.idcnj.org) hosted an Iftar dinner on Oct. 10 at the Hilton Hasbrouck Heights/Meadowlands Hotel, to mark the breaking of the Ramadan fast.



A diverse gathering of over 300 religious, civic, law enforcement, education and political leaders, as well as private citizens, attended the event, which included a call for prayer, live Sufi music, and sumptuous Turkish cuisine. Dr. Levent Koc is the director of IDC. Keynote speakers for the event included Father Thomas Michel, S.J., Ph.D., Jesuit secretariat for Interreligious Dialogue, Rome; Rabbi Daniel Brenner, the director of the Center for Multifaith Education at Auburn Theological Seminary, New York; and Ahmet Kurucan, Ph.D., a senior advisor of IDC. The speakers addressed the topic of “respect for the sacred.” Rabbi Brenner stated that the sacred happens when diverse people create com-

munity and engage in dialogue. “The sacred is how good it is to be alive. Learning to respect the sacred is making a big difference in the world. Peace is possible,” he said. Founded by Turkish-American Muslims of North Jersey in 2003, the IDC is a non-profit organization that promotes respect and mutual understanding among all faiths and cultures through partnership with other religious and interreligious organizations, and organizing educational activities such as seminars, lectures and discussion panels. The organization has facilities in Newark and Carlstadt.

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Rabbi Daniel Brenner



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USCCB Web site provides information on citizenship

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Washington, D.C., provides “Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility” information on its Web site (www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship/bishopStatement.html).

The introduction for this section states: “Politics cannot be merely about ideological conflict, the search for partisan advantage, or political contributions. It should be about fundamental moral choices.

“Faithful citizenship calls Catholics to see civic and political responsibilities through the eyes of faith and to bring our moral convictions to public life. A Catholic moral framework does not easily fit the ideologies of ‘right’ or ‘left,’ nor the platforms of any party. Our values are often not ‘politically correct.’ Believers are called to be a community of conscience within the larger society.”

A USCCB spokeswoman said the bishops update this site every four years, so while readers will see references to the 2004 election in the text, she said the information still should be considered accurate and up to date.

Correction

Anne Masters, the director of Pastoral Ministry with Persons with Disabilities, was misquoted in the article, “Two ministries move to Newark chancery,” which appeared in the Oct. 4 edition.

The correct quotation of Masters is: “The purpose of the work is to affirm the Baptism of persons with disabilities and their participation in the life and mission of the Church, and the way it does that is through empowering parishes to be welcoming communities. In the past, the focus has been to simply provide space for people with disabilities to sit or to work directly with them towards the goal of celebrating the Sacraments. Now, however, the goal is to facilitate both their active involvement in the life of the Church to the extent that they are able, and also increase the ability of the local parish to be inviting and supportive.”

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Deacons' ministry spreads warmth of Gospel behind cold prison walls

BY WARD MIELE

Managing Editor

"Be not afraid, come and join us" is the call of deacons Gregory Quinn and David Loman, co-directors of Prison Ministry for the Archdiocese of Newark.

Deacon Quinn, who sees the ministry as "fulfilling the Gospel message to perform corporal works of mercy," and Deacon Loman, who considers it a "special ministry," were inspired to the calling. The Prison Ministry works with some 10,000 inmates in a dozen facilities within the archdiocese.

A parishioner at St. Thomas More Parish, Fairfield, Deacon Quinn has been involved with the Prison Ministry the past six years. His road to the job began with a bulletin announcement about joining the Kairos Prison Ministry that proclaims God's Word among the prison population.

Kairos Prison Ministry International, based in Winter Park, FL, phone: (407) 629-4948; www.kairosprisonministry.org is the parent organization of a body of ministries addressing the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women and children, to their families and to those who work in the prison environment.

His first involvement with Kairos was inside the walls of the infamous East Jersey State Prison—formerly known as Rahway State Prison—that became known nationwide through its "Scared Straight" program.

The distinctive, intimidating clang of a prison door closing behind him, Deacon Quinn recalled, actually left him "gratified." He had that feeling, Deacon Quinn explained, because he realized at that pivotal moment he was living the Gospel of Matthew (25: 31-46) to visit the imprisoned.

That first encounter, Deacon Quinn went on to say, was among 12 members of the ministry for a witness talk session with 39 prisoners in an old 20 by 22 foot former classroom. The guards, he recalled, were some 100 feet away.

Deacon Quinn said he always will remember one of those prisoners: a 6-6, 340-pound man serving 60 years for hitting someone with a baseball bat. He was impressed that Deacon Quinn said: "You men may be in here for your sins of commission, we are in here to address our sins of omission."

Deacon Quinn, ordained last year, got into the Prison Ministry because he wanted to work at the local level. Generally the ministry involves communion services, speaking about the week's upcoming Gospel readings and blessing the inmates. Services for men take place Friday nights and Sunday mornings for the women. There is a particular need for Spanish speaking members of the ministry, he added.

During his ministry, Deacon Quinn has been affected by a variety of "remarkable stories." One took place last summer and involved a pregnant woman named Diane



Deacons Quinn and Loman discuss plans for an upcoming prison ministry visit.

who was close to giving birth. Diane had been accused of murdering her husband. Deacon Quinn taught her the Rosary and she named her daughter "Angel." At Christmas time, Diane told Deacon Quinn she was afraid of being placed in a new "pod," a living area for 64 inmates.

On Christmas Day last year the deacon brought his wife, Patricia, to the prison. They distributed carnations to everyone. Diane, Deacon Quinn noted, sang "We Three Kings," and was embraced by her fellow prisoners. Another member of the pod, the deacon went on, announced she knew she was difficult to get along with and if she had offended anyone she was sorry.

Diane, who eventually was found not guilty of murdering her husband, never had a problem in the pod after that Christmas Day.

Deacon Loman, a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Tenafly, readily acknowledges the hard reality of working in a prison. "There is a natural reluctance. You're going into a scary place that is constantly noisy," he confessed.

Involved in Prison Ministry since 1990, Deacon Loman recalled that the seed of his involvement in the program was sown during his formation class, which was driven by a curiosity as to what chaplains do inside the walls a prison.

Looking back, Deacon Loman mentioned a now-deceased prisoner, who had been active in Scared Straight, serving a life sentence. Calling him "a devout Catholic" and "very bright," Deacon Loman remembers fondly the prisoner predicted his granddaughter would be

born Easter Sunday. She was and that afternoon the prisoner called and remarked to Deacon Loman: "I told you."

Among the ministry's immediate needs, according to Deacon Quinn, is that of Eucharistic ministers. Prison ministry, he remarked, is "for the average person who feels through introspection that their faith is strong enough to be with the downtrodden."

Prison administrators generally are "reluctant" to deal with a large number of program volunteers out of a concern for security, but at the same time they also "see the genuine need and importance of Jesus Christ's disciples visiting (the prison)," Deacon Loman explained.

He regrets that television shows often "romanticize" the work involved in prison ministry. He said too there is "a lot of disappointment," such as when the prison ministry volunteers cannot gain access to a particular facility due to such situations as a lockdown. "There are many rules security is the number-one issue," Deacon Loman added.

The program is producing results. In a recent memorandum to Deacon Quinn from Warden Larry Glover of the Essex County Correctional Facility in Newark came the comments: "I thank the Archdiocese of Newark for your outstanding efforts in providing religious services. Your prison ministry team has exceeded all expectations in the number of members who consistently report for duty on Sunday mornings, Friday evenings and special religious observances." The warden went on to say the ministry's service "reminds us that faith is ever present."

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Legislative Dialogue

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how the scholarships would give low-income families an alternative to “failing” urban public school districts. “When we look at the educational establishment, the solutions offered for the problems we see in urban education are: ‘give us more money; give us more time.’ We are here to tell you that taxpayers have run out of money and the children have run out of time,” she said.

Sen. Raymond J. Lesniak (D, 20th District), a supporter of the urban scholarship proposal, said the key to passing the legislation will be to pressure Sen. Shirley Turner (D-Mercer)—the chairwoman of the Senate Education Committee—to post the bill. Interviewed earlier this year, McElroy charged Turner was “holding the legislative process

hostage” to her own agenda—in effect, saying Turner had aligned herself with the powerful New Jersey Education Association, a staunch opponent of the urban scholarship plan.

Sen. Joseph V. Doria, Jr. (D, 31st District), a sponsor and one of the strongest supporters of the urban scholarship bill, said the legislation was being revised to include Paterson and Elizabeth schools. The bill, as a pilot program, previously had targeted four municipalities: Newark, Orange, Trenton and Camden. Joseph Vitale (D, 19th District) and Thomas Giblin (D, 34th District) said they would support the bill.

Assemblywoman Sheila Y. Oliver (D, 34th District), however, said she was “conflicted” regarding the provisions of the bill, explaining that she needed more

specific assurances regarding the pilot phase of the program to show that it would deliver the needed “systemic changes.”

Dr. Richard Watson, chief of Ambulatory Urology at the Hackensack University Medical Center and a professor of surgery (Urology) at the UMDNJ New Jersey Medical School, delivered a strong argument in favor of “ethical, effective” adult stem-cell research—cells harvested from umbilical cord blood and placenta.

A past president of the Needham, MA-based Catholic Medical Association, Watson pointed out that the Church supports adult stem-cell research (see *The Catholic Advocate*, June 21 and June 7), but remains adamantly opposed to embryonic stem-cell research.

Aside from his own religious convictions, Watson said his opinion was based on demonstrated medical results. For more than 20 years adult stem-cell research has yielded more than 60 proven medical treatments, while the track record for embryonic research after 10 years is “zero; no therapeutic achievements,” he declared.

Most of the political leaders politely sidestepped this issue, saying they needed “more information” or were “torn” by the opposing arguments. Assemblywoman Joan M. Quigley (D, 32nd District) was more direct. “I do respect life, but I also believe we should try to help others.” She said

‘Taxpayers have run out of money and the children have run out of time.’

—Mary McElroy, pressing politicians to support the Urban Schools Scholarship Act



she believed embryonic stem-cell research could aid people currently facing serious medical conditions as well as “cure ills 30 years from now.”

Assemblyman Joseph Cryan (D, 20th District) backed Quigley’s stand on the issue, noting that 80 percent of the people in his Union County district favor embryonic stem-cell research. “I vote for hope and promise,” he said. “They say it will take 15 years or more for embryonic research to deliver results. But maybe that’s when people will need help the most.”

Anita C. Holland, the executive director of Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health System, made a plea for legislators to restore drastic state funding cuts for “partial hospitalization” services for people suffering from mental illness and drug addiction. These are the social services provided to more than 6,000 patients served by Mount Carmel Guild, a unit of

CHHS—one of New Jersey’s largest providers of mental-health services. Holland directs the agency’s operations at 16 sites throughout Essex, Hudson, and Union counties.

“Sadly, we were misled,” Holland lamented, recalling promises made by political leaders in the Department of Human Services regarding funding levels for mental-health programs. As a result of being “misled,” she said her organization now faces a 40-percent cut in its operating budget. “The future is bleak for these patients unless the state gives support for partial hospitalization.”

“The process was flawed,” Cryan confessed. “I’m accountable. I’m a member of that committee. We were told that the funding would be there, but it wasn’t. I owe your 6,000 clients an apology,” he said, referring to Holland. “This is a moral issue—helping those who need help the most—and we’ll fix it,” he pledged.

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SHORT HILLS—Conor Kelly, Justin Minio, Francesca Simone and Gabrielle Zingales, seventh graders at St. Rose of Lima School, have been selected to represent New Jersey at this year's Junior National Leaders Conference (JrNYLC) in Washington D.C.

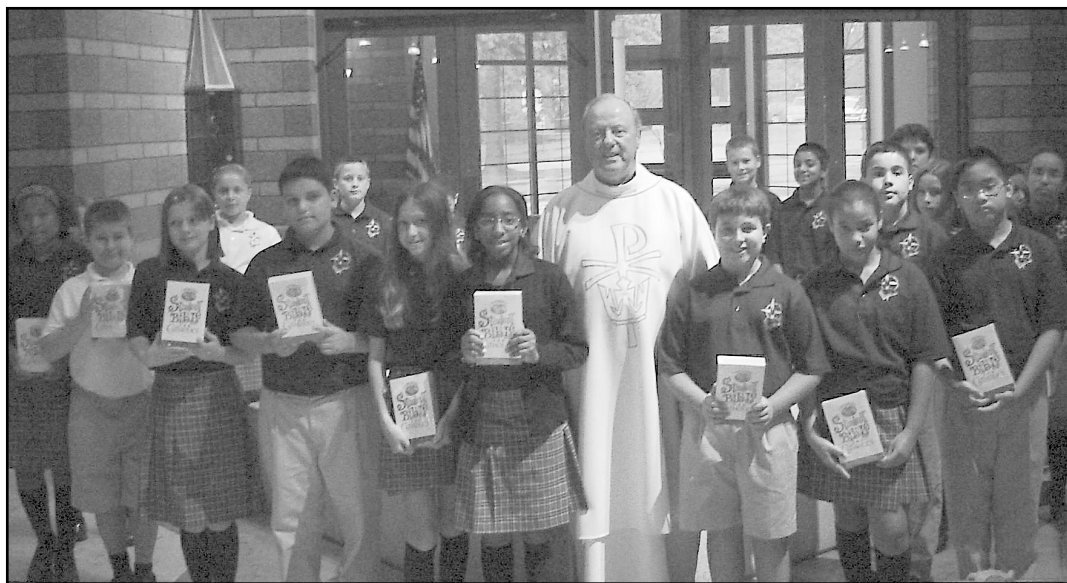
Themed The Legacy of American Leadership, the JrNYLC introduces young people to the rich tradition of leadership throughout American history, while helping them develop their own leadership skills.

"All of these students have demonstrated outstanding academic excellence and possess strong leadership skills," said Dr. Karen P. Fasanella, princi-


pal. "We are very proud they are representing St. Rose and the state of New Jersey and know they will continue to use their skills and talents to positively impact the community."


The purpose of the JrNYLC is to honor and inspire the most exceptional middle school students in the nation, distinguished by their academic excellence, leadership potential and maturity, and to reinforce the virtues of leadership, citizenship and democracy.


During the six-day program scholars will take part in educational activities and presentations, as well as meet with elected officials and key congressional staff members on Capitol Hill.



BIBLICAL PROPORTIONS—Msgr. William Hatcher, new pastor at St. James the Apostle Parish, Springfield, presented the sixth grade with new Bibles at a Mass opening the new school year.

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October 25

St. John the Apostle Parish, Linden, Healing Mass, 7:45 p.m., (908) 486-6363.



October 26

St. Joseph Parish, Bogota, support group for children living with single parents or stepfamilies, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., through Dec. 16, (201) 836-3621.

October 27

Fordham University, New York City, "Autism and Advocacy," 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., (212) 636-7698.

Little Flower Parish, Berkeley Heights, "Late Night Catechism" play, 7:30 p.m., cost: \$40 and \$45, (908) 464-1585 or (908) 322-8917.

Ascension Parish, New Milford, trip to see "Late Night Catechism" in Berkeley Heights, 5 p.m., cost: \$40, call Marguerite (201) 385-4846.

St. John the Evangelist Parish, Bergenfield, healing service and Mass, 7:30 p.m., (201) 384-0101.

Caldwell College, concert featuring music by women composers, 8 p.m., cost: \$15/ \$12 for students and seniors, (973) 618-3520.

October 28

St. Phil's Singles, Livingston, horse racing at Meadowlands race track, 7 p.m., (973) 560-9728.

Lumen Center, Caldwell, "With God On the Margins," 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., cost: \$25, (973) 403-3331 ext.25.

Archdiocesan Center, Newark, retreat for Christian Foundations for Ministry, 9 a.m.- 12:30 p.m., (973) 497-4350.

Community of God's Love, Rutherford, Mass of Anointing of the Sick and Healing Prayers, 6 p.m., (201) 935-0344.



October 29

St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Belleville, Casino Night, 4-9 p.m., cost: \$30, (973) 481-1991.

SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Elizabeth, gift auction, 2- 3:30 p.m., (908) 352-2271.

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange Performing Arts Center lecture, 9:15 a.m., (973) 378-9039.

Queen of Peace Nights of Columbus, North Arlington, communion breakfast, after 9 a.m. Mass, cost: \$5 for adults/ \$3 for children, (201) 991-9606.



November 1

St. Joseph Parish, New Milford, breakfast buffet, 8 a.m.- 1:30 p.m., cost: \$6 for adults/ \$3 for children, Call MaryAnne Olsen at (201) 262-7544.

St. Vincent's Nursing Home Auxiliary, Cedar Grove, Fall Mass and luncheon, 11 a.m., cost: \$25, (973) 748-2005.

Holy Spirit Parish, Union, Holy Hour for Life, 7:30- 8:30 p.m., (908) 964-7653.

November 2

Lumen Center, Caldwell, "Reading Scripture With a Comic Lens," 9:30 a.m.-noon, cost: \$20, (973) 403-3331 ext.25.

Mayfair Farms, West Orange, Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth dance fundraiser, 6 p.m., cost: \$150, (908) 436-0099.

Holy Spirit Parish, Union, Remembrance Mass, 7:30 p.m., (908) 964-7653.

November 3

Immaculate Conception Parish, Montclair, organ recital, 7 p.m., (973) 744-5650.

Secaucus Public Library, blood drive, 1-6 p.m., (201) 330-2083.

Shrine of Joseph, Stirling, craft and gift boutique, 10 a.m.- 9 p.m., Nov. 5 at 10 a.m.- 6 p.m., cost: \$1, (908) 647- 0208.

November 4

St. Thomas Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, women's one-day guided retreat, 9 a.m.- 3:30 p.m., (973) 338-9538.

Queen of Peace Nights of Columbus, North Arlington, arts and crafts and flea market, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., call Maureen Metzinger at (201) 446-2280.

Garwood Knights of Columbus, Garwood, blood drive, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m., (908) 789-0809.

November 5

Lumen Center, Caldwell, "The Spiritual Contribution of Latinos to the American Church (Spanish)," 3 p.m.- 6 p.m., cost: \$15, (973) 403-3331 ext.25.



Paramus Catholic High School, Paramus, fall craft show, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., cost: \$3, (201) 907-0448.

Sacred Heart Parish, Lyndhurst, communion breakfast, San Carlos Restaurant, following 9 a.m. Mass, cost: \$15 for adults/ \$9 for children, (201) 438-1147.

The Guild- Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, Englewood Cliffs, autumn fest and tricky-tray auction, at The Empire Club in Little Ferry, noon-4 p.m., cost: \$40, call Clare Baker at (201) 933-0789 or Sister Agnes Fox at (201) 692-1181.

November 6

Ascension Parish, New Milford, communion supper, after 7 p.m. Mass, cost: \$12.50, call Dot at (201) 384-8791.

November 8

Archdiocesan Center, Newark, annulment information evening, 7:30 p.m., (973) 497-4327.

November 9

Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station, honoring Patric and Kathleen Hyland at Madison Hotel, (973) 290-5409/5454.

November 11

Holy Trinity Interparochial School, Westfield, clothing drive, 8 a.m.- 1 p.m., call Anne Marie Christie at (908) 233-9749.

November 12

St. Mark's Social Club, Rahway, Renault Winery and Atlantic City Bus Trip, cost: \$55, (908) 272-8796.

Other

Ascension Parish, New Milford, trip to Lancaster, PA, Nov. 28-30, cost: \$369 per person, call Josie at (201) 265-0485 or Anna (201) 387-2632.



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Official Appointments



Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY/MINISTRY

Reverend Angel San Eufrazio, O.A.R., has been appointed director of Centro Guadalupe, Union City, with residence at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Monastery, Union City, effective Oct. 1.

PASTOR

Reverend Charles B. Urnick, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Norwood, has been granted an extension of his pastorate for one year, ending Jan. 8, 2008.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Reverend Denis S. Surban, was appointed parochial vicar of St. Catharine Parish, Glen Rock, effective Sept. 26.

Reverend John A. P.

Bartolome, was appointed parochial vicar of Sacred Heart, Rochelle Park, effective Oct. 4, through Dec. 31, 2006.

Reverend Devis

Chenginiyadan, was appointed parochial vicar of St. Mary Parish, Dumont, effective Oct. 15.

Reverend Jimel D. Varela, has been appointed parochial vicar of St. John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale, effective Nov. 20.

Reverend Jungsoo Kim

Parochial Vicar of Epiphany Parish, Cliffside Park, has been appointed parochial vicar St. Joseph Korean Catholic Parish, Demarest, effective Nov. 1.

SOMBER REMEMBRANCE—Father Esterminio Chica, parochial vicar at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Elizabeth, leads students in a school memorial to the victims of the 9-11 terrorist attacks and their families.



At the end of the service, memory ribbons were attached to the school fence.

Respect Life

Praying with Tommy opened my eyes, ears and heart to hear the call of God

BY FATHER JOSEPH A. MEAGHER
Special to The Catholic Advocate

When my parents had two boys and two girls some might have thought “you have a good thing going—two of each. Don’t mess up a good thing.”

I’m sure glad that God had different plans and my parents were open to those plans, because I “messed up a good thing.”

I’m number five. My younger sister Terese (number six) messed things up a little more. Then my mother had a miscarriage and Peter (number seven) went to heaven. God knew that we’d need a little more “inside help.” When my brother Tommy (number eight) was born he really “messed things up.” You see, Tommy has Downs Syndrome.

Surely my parents asked the Lord “Why?” and, at times, with great anguish. There were all the challenges of raising six other children in a working class neighborhood of Queens, N.Y., where alcohol, drugs, sexual promiscuity and violence were taking a toll on their teenage children. Thomas’ birth brought them and all of us to our knees, literally. Out of necessity, family prayer became a far more consistent reality after Tommy was born. It was a matter of survival.

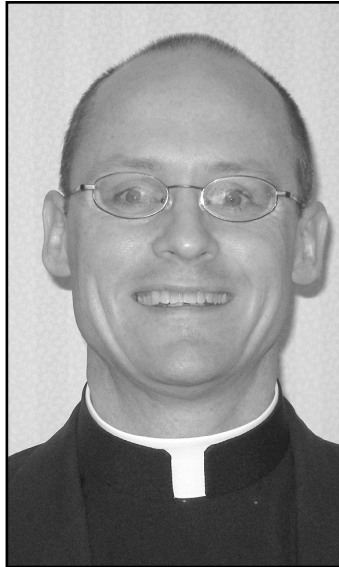
Our family prayer was a work in progress. It grew significantly through my parents’ involvement in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. A great lesson we learned as a family, was simply that when things are difficult, always turn to God in prayer. One of the practices we developed early on, was praying with Tommy every night before he went to sleep. It started out as a time to ask God to miraculously heal Tommy of his Downs Syndrome. Years later God showed us that it was for our healing far more than it was for his.

My parents had to persevere in prayer for all of their children. In my own foolish rebellion, by the summer before my senior year in high school, I was developing some pretty destructive habits involving alcohol and marijuana. Amazingly though, I never stopped going to Sunday Mass.

Very early one morning during that summer as I came home from a night of “partying,” while my parents were sleeping I quietly slipped in the house, only to be “caught” by Tommy. As I passed his room, he simply asked me “Joseph, would you pray over me?” This was obviously not what I was interested in doing, but I couldn’t say no to Tommy. So, I sat on the floor by his bed and placing my hand on his shoulder, as I had done many times before when we were growing up, I said a brief spontaneous prayer. He quickly fell back to sleep.

That was when the Lord began to “speak” to me. I became very aware of God’s great love for me, and in the context of that love, I began to see some of the lies that I was living and the sins I was excusing. I experienced both great sorrow and even greater joy because I knew that the Lord was in a sense welcoming me back home, like the prodigal son. The result was the beginning of a new conversion in my life that brought many challenges, but many more joys, and no regrets.

Little by little I began to let God call the shots in my life. This brought me to Franciscan University in Ohio, then to Seton Hall University Campus Ministry, then to St. Antoninus Parish in Newark under the mentorship of Father Jim Ferry. Father Jim then helped me to discern a call to the diocesan priesthood,



Father Joseph A. Meagher

which in turn brought me to Immaculate Conception Seminary and ordination in May 1992.

My first assignment was St. Aloysius Parish in Caldwell. Provisionally, my present assignment, St. John the Apostle Parish, in the towns of Clark and Linden, where I have been for 11 years, is the site of the Respect Life Office and Project Rachel/Rachel’s Vineyard ministries of the archdiocese.

It was here, under the care of the late Msgr. Richard McGuinness, that I experienced the mercy and power of God in a new and life-changing way through ministering to women and men hurt by abortion. During this time, in part due to the urging of those who were post-abortive, I also became more involved in sidewalk counseling at a local abortion clinic. Yet, my earliest inspiration in pro-life work came from the example of my dear departed mother, who was a powerful intercessor and advocate for unborn children and their mothers.

As I serve in the capacity as director of the Respect Life Office, I hope to build on the work of Msgr. McGuinness, the former director of the Respect Life Office. I am grateful for the wise and generous labors of Michelle Krystofik, the associate director of the Respect Life Office. I look forward to supporting those who have been “in the trenches” of pro-life work.

I am very hopeful about a powerful new voice for the unborn that is rising up from the ashes of a culture of death. I am also very hopeful about a new generation of young adults who, having experienced first hand the emptiness and slavery of a promiscuous society, are more and more discovering a true freedom in generously giving themselves over to our Lord and His purpose for their lives. All these are the living gospel of life and are on the front line in proclaiming the sanctity of human life.

There continues to be so very much ground to cover in proclaiming the gospel of life, including the areas of human sexuality, bioethics (stem cells and cloning), end-of-life issues, and capital punishment, as well as Catholic involvement in the political process.

God is raising up a new and courageous generation of those who have been inspired and challenged by the life, words and death of Pope John Paul II. I am very hopeful that as always, God’s grace is and always will be sufficient for the task at hand. “With God all things are possible.”

Please pray for me and for the Respect Life Office that we may do our part in this mission of the Church. Blessed Mother Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn and of all the Americas, help all of us to do the good we each have been called to do in Christ Jesus. “Yes Lord, send me.”

(Father Joseph A. Meagher is the director of Respect Life Office, located at St. John the Apostle Parish, Linden; phone: (732) 388-8211.)

An extra hearty pat on the back to celebrate Priesthood Sunday

Everyone appreciates a pat on the back and priests are no exception. That, in essence, is what Priesthood Sunday is all about.

Established three years ago amidst the priest scandals that rocked the nation, Priesthood Sunday is, in the words of Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, auxiliary bishop of Newark, a tangible demonstration of “affirmation and support.” And why not?

The scandals were bad enough. But fueled by an unrelenting and often unfair pounding from the secular press, the broad brush of suspicion and even hostility affected the 99 percent of priests who have not a hint of scandal. Morale had to be a bit tattered.

Priesthood Sunday, as reported in the Oct. 4 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*, falls on Oct. 29 this year. Most appropriately, its essence is at the parish level. The lay faithful, increasingly playing a major role in the life of their parish due to a falloff in the ranks of those being ordained to the priesthood, are being asked to develop a special way to honor both the priesthood and their parish priests. Encouraged are special liturgies, celebrations and the opening of dialogue between priests and parishioners.

Please make that pat on the back a hardy one. These blessed men who have devoted their lives to God and His people deserve no less.

Story ‘not surprising’

Editor,

The story “Catholic teens harbor tepid feelings on faith” (*The Catholic Advocate*, Aug. 23) conducted by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry was interesting but sadly not surprising.

When I went to Catholic school the good nuns instructed us to love God above all things. Religion class on average lasted one hour and taught first thing in the morning. Testing was done routinely that provided the nun’s feedback and a sense of our competency. We received well over 200 hours of religious instruction a year.

They promised us that we would know our religion inside and out and prepared us to face the challenges that the secular world would throw at us. What we did after Catholic School was up to each of us, the mistakes that we might make were not for lack of education.

On average, the yearly religious ed class equals about 18 hours of instruction. Eighteen hours if you don’t discount Little League, after school programs, sickness, snow days and religious ed assemblies.

I’m almost positive there is no testing to determine competency of the student or the effectiveness of the religious ed programs. So it seems the kids sail through years of education and for the most part no one knows if they got it or not. So if they get 10 years of education it results in less than 200 hours of education, not even equal to one year of that old-time religious ed that we received from the nuns. If you ever get to witness a religious ed program you will see a lot of activity. Books, fliers, papers, projects, “teachers, God Bless ‘Em” but little or no testing that reflects the quality of education or effectiveness of the process. Why am I not surprised the teenagers are indifferent. What do they know?

Pete Toolen
Montvale

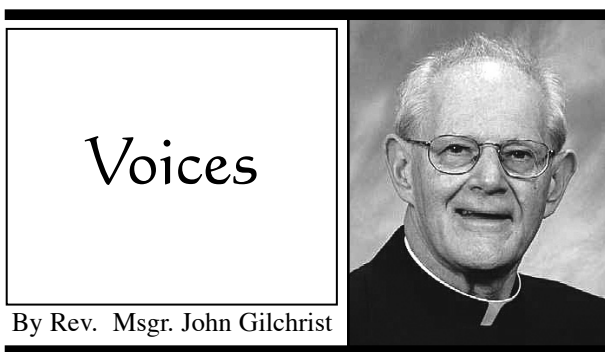
The medium and the messages; what about my voice?

Some folks have the “gift of gab” as my grandmother used to say. Just give them a minute and words flow from them like water in a swift stream. They have the ability to be amusing, entertaining or, conversely, dangerous if they begin to transmit gossip or bits and pieces of slander. Conversation can be a blessing or a curse depending upon its purpose.

Personally, I am not a great conversationalist by nature, or a great raconteur of small talk. I can write more easily than I speak. Therefore, I tend to listen. And I have discovered lately that invariably, after sports, politics, religion, or plain gossip, I find people turning to numbers in daily conversation, specifically, the numbers that represent blood sugar, good cholesterol or bad cholesterol, or high or low blood pressure. People are obsessed with health.

And for that there is a good reason! Turn on the television or listen to the radio. The public is bombarded with advertisements for every type of medicine imaginable. Each one will tell you how a particular drug will improve your health, or enhance your happiness, or help you to lose weight, or increase your performance in some area. Bright smiling healthy looking people on the television screen do their best to encourage the consumer to “talk to your doctor.” You need this medication now! Don’t wait another minute!

Of course, as you listen, a voice will break in and with breathtaking speed will warn you that there is “some danger” of heart attack, kidney or liver failure, stroke or some other ailment if you use this drug. But immediately the



By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist

bright smiling healthy people return to urge you to get this wonder drug for its amazing healing qualities. Seemingly, we are not to worry about any possible bad effects.

The advertisements never quit. If you are single, divorced, or widowed there is an ingratiating gentleman who will tell you to go to your computer. He has the dream companion of your life. Trust him: he has a woman (or man); a dream lover just for you. He is an incomparable matchmaker. To prove it, several couples will smile sweetly as they tell you how they found love by this service.

Finally, there is the lady who comes on the radio countless times a day to say: “Are you wondering how you will get through the day? Do you dread the next meeting, the next plane ride? Do you put yourself down? Do you beat yourself up? That isn’t you. You used to be happy. Remember? Well, it’s time to get yourself back.

I’m Linda. Just contact me for a tape that can change your life, that can help you put your life in order.”

I often wonder how Linda has the “chutzpah” to claim that she, through her tape, can give a life changing experience to people with psychological problems. Does she have a secret no one else has? Or is she just a meddling soul who wants to dip into your pocket while she fools the public with words? Who is this lady anyhow?

Yes, modern society is immersed in sights and sounds designed to persuade a person to use a product or a service while they separate folks from their money.

And yet, I must ask myself if I am a part of that world. Each Sunday I am “selling” the Godly life. I am offering advice on vice and virtue. I am offering the Christian life as a source of peace and happiness. A priest has to be careful.

A salesman for the Lord has to be as persuasive as others, but with no other motive than presenting “Christ and Him crucified” to the people as Saint Paul did. I cannot pretend to be a psychologist, or an expert in any other area but the Gospel. I can only preach “Christ and Him crucified.” If I go beyond the simple truth of Christian living, I will be selling a form of Christian snake oil for mass consumption. And that is bad news for any congregation.

So, dear friends, when you go to Mass on Sunday, listen to the Gospel and the homily. Hopefully, you will leave the church renewed in faith and confident that God’s love is a true medicine for the soul. As for the rest, we must leave it all to Our Lord Who heals all wounds and fills all souls.

(Msgr. John Gilchrist is the pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison.)

Learning about God’s joy, blessings from our pets

BY TOM DERMODY

Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

PEORIA, IL—“A person could learn a lot from a dog, even a loopy one like ours.”

John Grogan, a columnist for *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, penned those words just days after the death of his family’s Labrador retriever named Marley. His loving farewell to a drooling dynamo of a dog touched universal sentiments among pet owners.

“Marley taught me about living each day with unbridled exuberance and joy,” he wrote in the Jan. 4, 2004 column. “He taught me to appreciate the simple things: a walk in the woods, a fresh snowfall, a nap in a shaft of winter sunlight.

“Mostly,” continued Grogan, “he taught me about friendship and selflessness and, above all else, unwavering loyalty.”

The story of his dog’s death would change Grogan’s life.

On the day the column appeared he received 800 e-mails or phone calls, about 30 times the usual reaction. He developed its themes into what has become one of this decade’s most popular books, “Marley & Me: Life and Love with the World’s Worst Dog.” It has been a fixture at or near the top of *The New York Times*’ best-seller list for almost a year.

The popularity of “Marley” underscores one reason why St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast day was celebrated on Oct. 4, is one of the church’s most recognizable and beloved figures. While there is a depth to St. Francis’ spirituality that is still being mined eight centuries after his death, the average U.S. Catholic knows him for two simple reasons. One is the peace prayer attributed to him.

The other?

Francis is the patron saint of animals. In a nation where, at last count, there are 90 million cats, 74 million dogs, and millions more birds, fish, reptiles, and assorted small animals sharing life under our roofs, it’s no wonder so many relate to Francis’ description of



Tom and Angie

God’s creatures as our “brothers and sisters.”

Count me among them.

Unfortunately, all too soon, I will have to bid farewell to my own four-legged, furry friend, a Shetland sheepdog named Angie. She is nearly 13—Marley’s age when he died. And like Marley near the end, Angie has gone deaf, sleeps most of the day, slowly trudges up steps she used to bound, and has few remaining teeth with which to shred a rawhide bone.

The most telling sign of what’s ahead? Angie no longer wants to go on the nightly neighborhood walk she used to demand.

Memories of Angie’s role in our family could fill a book, too. (I might subtitle hers “A Great Dog with the World’s Worst Breath.”) But instead of composing a farewell after Angie’s inevitable passing, I’m going to celebrate her life by expanding on the truth Grogan raised in his column.

Not only can a person learn a lot about life from a pet, a person can learn a lot about God.

Throughout Angie’s life I’ve received glimpses of

unconditional love, unbridled joy, and comforting presence when I am troubled. As odd as it may sound, I picture God as happy and excited to see me arrive at Mass or adoration hour as Angie is when I come home from work. She prances and spins with glee.

And those late-night walks!

Sometimes it took incessant barking and whimpering to get me off the couch, but those quiet strolls through the neighborhood often became golden periods of evening prayer. I find the canopy of moon and stars as inspiring as any cathedral. As we trod silently beneath it, Angie would sniff every new smell, while my thoughts turned to the vastness of God’s creation. The pondering of heaven also inspired nightly prayers for my late parents and other family and friends who had died or are now separated by miles.

Without Angie’s insistence, I likely would have chosen a mindless television reality show over the wondrous reality waiting outside my door. And they call dogs dumb.

One of St. Francis’ most famous sermons was reportedly given to a flock of birds. Passing trees full of them, Francis left his friar companions and urged the birds to praise their Creator who “protects and governs you without any solicitude on your part.”

As we reflect on the meaning of St. Francis’ feast day—a day when many Catholic parishes schedule blessings of pets—I suggest that pets and all of God’s creatures are blessings. I’m grateful for all these brothers and sisters offer and teach us, especially a few sermons modeled by a great dog with the world’s worst breath.

(Note: Tom Dermody, a 27-year veteran of the Catholic press, is editor-in-chief of *The Catholic Post*, newspaper of the Diocese of Peoria, IL, the former diocese of Archbishop John J. Myers. If you agree that a pet can be good for one’s spiritual life, or if you can cite examples of how your pet has taught you about God, Dermody would like to hear from you. Contact him via e-mail him at tdermody@cdop.org, or send a letter in care of *The Catholic Post*, P.O. Box 1722, Peoria, IL, 61656.)

Rejecting teaching precludes receiving Communion: USCCB

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A Catholic who “knowingly and obstinately” rejects “the defined doctrines of the Church” or its “definitive teaching on moral issues” should refrain from receiving Communion, according to a document that will come before the U.S. bishops at their Nov. 13-16 fall general meeting in Baltimore.



CNS photo

Archbishop John J. Myers takes to the microphone during the U.S. bishops' fall meeting in Washington last year.

The document, “Happy Are Those Who Are Called to His Supper: On Preparing to Receive Christ Worthily in the Eucharist,” requires the approval of two-thirds of the members of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for passage.

In an introduction, Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli of Paterson, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Doctrine, said the draft document was the result of a proposal to the bishops in November 2004 by Archbishop John J. Myers for a statement on how Catholics should prepare to receive the Eucharist.

“He envisaged this document as applying to Catholic faithful, not just to politicians or those in public life,” Bishop Serratelli said.

Archbishop Myers' request came

after a presidential campaign in which some bishops had criticized the Democratic candidate, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, and said he and other Catholic politicians who supported abortion should be refused Communion under canon law.

But a footnote to the draft says that it is not intended “to provide specific guidelines” to the provision in canon law that says that Catholics “obstinately persevering in manifest grave sin” should not be allowed to receive Communion.

“In order to receive holy Communion we must be in communion with God and with the Church,” the document says. “If we are no longer in a state of grace because of mortal sin, we are seriously obliged to refrain from receiving holy Communion.”

Among examples of such sin, the document cites “committing deliberate hatred of others, sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult, or physical or verbal abuse toward one’s family members or fellow workers, causing grave physical or psychological harm; murder, abortion or euthanasia.”

Other “serious violations of the law of love of God and of neighbor” listed in the draft include swearing a false oath, missing Mass on Sundays or holy days without a serious reason, “acting in serious disobedience against proper authority,” sexual activity “outside the bonds of a valid marriage,” stealing, slander or involvement with pornography.

The document criticized those who “give selective assent to the teachings of the Church.”

But Catholics who have “honest doubt and confusion” about some Church teachings “are welcome to partake of holy Communion, as long as they are prayerfully and honestly striving to understand the truth of what the Church professes and are taking appropriate steps to resolve their confusion and doubt,” the draft says.

“If someone who is Catholic were knowingly and obstinately to reject the defined doctrines of the Church, or knowingly and obstinately to repudiate her definitive teaching on moral issues, however, he or she would seriously diminish his or her communion with the church,” it adds. “Reception of holy Communion in such a situation would not accord with the nature of the eucharistic celebration, so he or she should refrain.”

If a person who “is publicly known to have committed serious sin or to have rejected definitive Church teaching and is not yet reconciled with the Church” receives Communion, it could be “a cause of scandal for others,” giving “further reason” for the person to refrain, the bishops said.

The document says Catholics should get ready to receive Communion through both “remote preparation”—prayer, Scripture reading, frequent confession and other steps—and “proximate preparation.”

The bishops said elements of proximate preparation include maintaining “reverent silence” before Mass begins; refraining from food and drink for an hour before receiving Communion; dressing “in a modest and tasteful manner” at Mass; listening attentively to the Scripture readings and homily; and actively participating in the Mass “with our whole hearts and minds and bodies.”

“If we perform these simple actions, we will enter more profoundly into the eucharistic celebration, receive the Eucharist more worthily, and thus obtain more fully the grace of communion with the risen Lord Jesus and with one another,” the document says. The draft also includes two appendices explaining church teaching on when non-Catholics can receive Communion in a Catholic church and when Catholics are permitted to take Communion at a non-Catholic service.

The Pope Speaks

Pope Benedict XVI



‘Faithful witness’

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today I conclude my series of reflections on the apostles by speaking of Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Jesus.

Why did he do it? Some say he was too fond of money, and the offer of 30 pieces of silver was too much to resist. The gnostic writers say he wanted to liberate Jesus from the shackles of mortality. But the Gospels tell us that Satan entered into the heart of Judas. He yielded to a temptation from the evil one. It is a mistake to think that the great privilege of living in company with Jesus is enough to make a person holy. Jesus does not force our will when He invites us to follow Him along the path of the beatitudes. The only way to avoid the pitfalls that surround us is to give ourselves entirely to Jesus, to enter into full communion with Him, so that we think and act as He did, in total obedience to the Father. God can turn everything to a good purpose. Even Judas' betrayal became, through divine providence, the occasion for Jesus' supreme act of love, for the salvation of the world.

Finally, a word about the one who was chosen after the Resurrection to take the traitor's place, in a sense compensating for what Judas had done. All we know about Matthias is that he was a witness to the whole of Jesus' earthly life, and he remained faithful to the end. We, too, are called to make reparation for the sins of others by our faithful witness to Christ.



Photo courtesy of Louis P. Gluck, Jr.

INVESTED—Kathleen and Jeffrey L. T. Gluck, Esq., of Our Lady of Grace Parish in Fairview, were among several members of the Archdiocese of Newark invested recently into the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

Rabbi Kronish to address conference

SOUTH ORANGE—The Institute of Judaean-Christian Studies and The Sister Rose Thering Endowment will host Rabbi Ron Kronish, director of the Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel (ICCI), to speak on “Interreligious Dialogue in the Holy Land with Jews, Christians and Muslims—How Can it Promote Peace?” at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 1 in the Bishop Dougherty University Center.

Kronish is a noted rabbi, educator, author, lecturer and speaker. He lectures to a wide variety of groups in Israel, including officers in the Israel defense forces, teachers and visiting Jewish, Christian and other interfaith groups. In North America, he has been a scholar-in-residence in universities and communities across the United States, Canada and Europe.

Kronish has lived in Jerusalem for the past 25 years, serving as director of the Israel Office of the American Jewish Committee, director of staff development and co-director for the Melitz Centers for Jewish Zionist Education, and lecturer in education at Tel Aviv University and at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Kronish is the editor of *Towards the Twenty-first Century: Judaism and the Jewish People in Israel and America*, an anthology in memory of his father, Rabbi Leon Kronish. He recently edited two books of essays: *Toward the Third Millennium* and *Pilgrimage in a New Millennium*.

The lecture is part of the Year of Remembrance, honoring the life of Sister Rose. The Year of Remembrance began Sept. 13 and will contain lectures and events that reflect Sister Rose's values.

Sacramental 'treasures' explored

SOUTH ORANGE—Reverend Msgr. Gerard McCarren, assistant professor in Systematic Theology at the Immaculate Conception Seminary's School of Theology, will discuss "Our Catholic Treasures: Discovering The Eucharist," the first part in a conference series dealing with the sacraments.

The conference will take place at Mount Carmel Parish, Ridgewood, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18.

"The series is designed to help participants rediscover and appreciate the richness of the Eucharist. All are encouraged to come learn more about the theology of this sacrament as well as its personal application in daily life," explained a spokesman.

The cost of the conference is \$15, including lunch. To RSVP call (973) 313-6329 or e-mail theology@shu.edu.

The conference is part of the seminary's new Theological Education for Parish Services (STEPS) program. It was designed in collaboration with Education for Parish Services

(EPS), a nationally recognized lay education organization based in Washington D.C. and the Institute for Christian Spirituality at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University, for the formation of lay students for pastoral ministry.

Students who enroll in STEPS will be awarded a graduate certificate in Education for Parish Services upon completing the 24-credit curriculum. Students also will have the option of continuing their graduate education and applying these credits toward a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry or a Master of Arts in Theology at the School of Theology.

The Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology started the Institute for Christian Spirituality in order to provide a center where those already in ministry or those considering a vocation to ministry, can obtain a solid foundation in their faith, learn effective skills in pastoral ministry and leadership, and be given tools for discernment and spiritual growth.



Advocate photo-Ward Miele

Regina Chamberlain and Rose Marie Fitzgerald prepare a shipment of "care packages" to soldiers in Iraq.

Marines offer thanks to Archdiocesan Center

NEWARK—When Danny Chamberlain, whose mother Regina works in the Divine Worship Office, volunteered for duty in Iraq with the U.S. Marine Corps, it set in motion an effort throughout the Archdiocesan Center to send several packages of items scarce in that far off corner of the world.

Lance Cpl. Chamberlain, a three-year reservist with Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 25th Marines, ends his nine-month tour of duty in Iraq later this month.

Sending the "care packages" was the idea of Rose Marie Fitzgerald from the Research and Planning Department. She and Lance Cpl. Chamberlain's mother joined forces to collect, package and send out four shipments of 51 boxes from April through August.

In those precious packages were such sought after items as hand sanitizing wash packets, powdered lemonade, canned tuna, Gatorade, aspirin, Goldfish crackers, small bags of candy minus any chocolate, beef jerky, sunflower seeds and a variety of other non perishable items. Doing so, Fitzgerald said at the time, "will bring some comfort knowing that there are people back home that do care about them and who are praying for their safe return home."

In addition to the Archdiocesan Center, items were donated by St. Helen Parish in Westfield and the Dominican Sisters in Caldwell.

In a citation issued recently by unit's commanding officer the Archdiocese of Newark is recognized as "a strong and grateful supporter of the Marines Charlie Company who fought in the City of Fallujah during Operation Iraqi Freedom and the global war on terrorism."

St. Joseph Parish to celebrate 150th anniversary, Oct. 29

JERSEY CITY—Archbishop John J. Myers will help St. Joseph Parish mark its 150th Jubilee by celebrating a special Mass on Sunday, Oct. 29 at 11:15 a.m.

The Pavonia Avenue parish, which continues to nourish a strong Catholic identity among the various ethnic groups that make up its faith community, began a year-long celebration of the 150th milestone in January when Most Rev. Thomas Donato, auxiliary bishop of Newark, celebrated Mass.

In the ensuing months there was St. Joseph Alumni Reunion on the traditional Feast of Saint Joseph in March followed the next month by a musical celebration of the parish's rich and diverse ethnic diversity at Jersey City's historic Lowe's Theater.

The Oct. 29 Mass will incorporate the usual 10:30 Mass in Spanish and the noon Mass featuring the parish's heritage and diversity. A multicultural choir will be featured at the Mass.

Following Mass, at 2 p.m. a dinner-dance will take place at the Valley Regency in Clifton. "Favors" at the event will include a half hour DVD of "Eyes of St. Joseph." Available too will be a CD of the rewritten parish history by Barbara Petrick, Ph.D.

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History of Black Catholics symposium slated Nov. 11

JERSEY CITY—In celebration of Black Catholic History Month in November, the Office of Black Catholic Affairs of the Archdiocese of Newark, in cooperation with the Society of African Missions (SMA), will hold a symposium on Saturday, Nov. 11 at St. Peter's College.

The symposium, which begins at 9 a.m., will celebrate Black Catholics and the Society's 150th anniversary.

Several speakers will be featured. Father Abu Cole will discuss SMA's work with African people and those of African descent in Africa and the United States.

Also scheduled to take to the podium are Father Cyprian Davis, O.S.B., professor of Church History at St. Meinrad Abbey in Louisiana and author of "History of Black Catholics in the United States." He has also co-authored several books related to Black Catholics including "Taking Down Our Harps and Stamped with the Image of God."

Speaking too on Black Catholic spirituality will be Father Giles Conwill, associate professor of History at Morehouse College in Atlanta. Father Conwill has taught on United States history, Western civilization, The Black Church, ancient Africa and African-American Catholics.

Commenting on Black Catholic History Month, Deacon Marshall Andrews, liaison director of the Office of Black Catholic Affairs, said "as we celebrate our rich and wonderful faith, it is also a time to reflect on the wonderful contributions that have been made by people of color in the Church."

The National Black Caucus of the United States established Black Catholic History Month in 1990. November was selected in recognition of the many events important to Black Catholics that fall occur that month.

All Saints Day, Deacon Marshall explained, is "an opportunity to review the lives of the hundreds of saints of African descent in the first 300 years of the Church." All Souls Day, he contin-

ued, is "a time to remember all those Africans lost to cruel treatment in the Middle Passage crossing the Atlantic Ocean."

November, he continued, is when the Feast of St. Martin de Porres, the only saint of African

descent in the Western Hemisphere, is celebrated. It is also when the birth of St. Augustine in 354 A.D., the first Doctor of the Church from North Africa, occurs, Deacon Andrews added.

"As members of the greater

Church we will continue to be prophetic witnesses where we worship, live and work. We are challenging the institutional Church to live the message it is teaching and proclaiming," he concluded.

St. Peter's College is located at 2641 Kennedy Blvd.

There will be a \$25 donation. For additional information on the Nov. 11 symposium call Deacon Andrews at (973) 675-7213 or (973) 497-4304.



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Father Neuhaus to speak Nov. 2 at St. Mary Parish

NUTLEY—Father Richard John Neuhaus will present “Change and Continuity in American Catholicism” at St. Mary Parish, 17 Msgr. Owens Place, Msgr. Walsh Hall (located below the church) on Thursday, Nov. 2 at 8 p.m.

Father Neuhaus, who is editor-in-chief of *First Things: A*

Monthly Journal of Religion and Public Life, will discuss liturgical changes, the crisis in priestly vocations, the sex abuse scandals and the leadership initiatives of the bishops in the public square. He may also touch on the Holy Father’s recent initiative to open dialogue with the Islamic world.

Father Neuhaus is one of the foremost authorities on the role of religion in the contemporary world and is president of The Institute on Religion and Public Life, a nonpartisan interreligious research and education institute in New York City. He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of

New York in September 1991. Last year *Time* magazine named him one of the “Top 25” most influential evangelicals in America.

A question and answer session will follow Father Neuhaus’ presentation. Refreshments will be served and copies of his latest book will be on sale. A

free-will offering will be accepted to help defray the cost of Father Neuhaus’ speaking fees. Call (973) 235-1100 for more information.

Market Day under way

LYNDHURST—Sacred Heart School is offering its Market Day program to the local community.

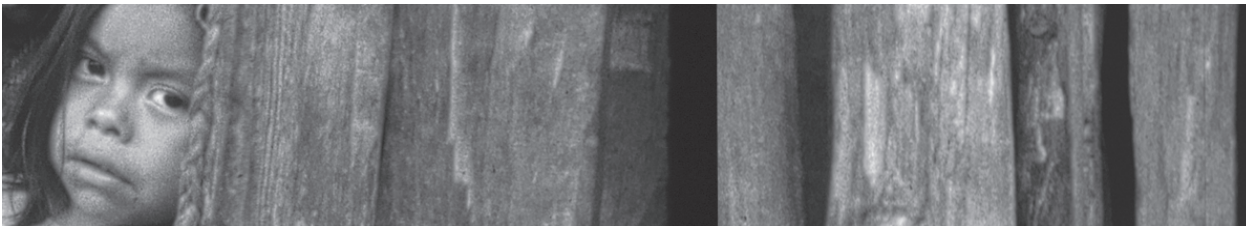
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Catholic Charities opens autistic children's program

WEST ORANGE—Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, through its Mount Carmel Guild Schools division, has opened a program for autistic children at the Mount Carmel Guild Academy.

Students participating in the new 10-month program, from ages up to 12 years old, come from the surrounding school districts of Essex County and attend full-day sessions Monday through Friday, from 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Autism, characterized by atypical receptive behaviors and deficits in social and communication skills, is the most common of the pervasive developmental disorders and affects an estimated 1.5 million Americans.

The complex disorder poses serious challenges for educators, explained Joseph Marino, superintendent of the Mount Carmel Guild schools.

“Children with autism often are frustrated because they cannot communicate their needs. Program staff—certified teachers of the handicapped and experts in autism—use the principles of Applied Behavioral Analysis to teach students readiness skills, receptive and expressive language skills, academic skills, and independent living and self-help skills.”

Marino, who said that other counties have shown interest in the program, is encouraged by the progress some students with autistic spectrum disorder have been making in a very short time.

“After just three weeks, one student pleasantly surprised his parents,” noted Marino. “The family was leaving church when the child looked up at the sky and said: ‘Look—blue helicopter.’ What may be a small accomplishment for most children was a huge step for this child.”

“We teach our students various academic and verbal skills, as well as important life skills, including toilet training, proper table manners and other age-appropriate skills,” Catherine Cruz, program coordinator, said. “In our sensory integration room—which looks very much like a playroom—we work to help students improve communication and language through symbolic play, imitation skills, computers, art therapy and music therapy.”

The Mount Carmel Guild Academy, formerly Saint Patrick's School, is dedicated to the education and development of students with behavioral disabilities.

Additional information is available by calling (973) 325-4400, ext. 100. Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark operates programs in Essex, Hudson, Union and Bergen counties. The agency shelters the homeless; counsels families in crisis; provides day care activities for older adults; builds families through adoption; teaches job skills; educates students with special needs; helps people with HIV/AIDS; and offers programs for immigrants, refugees, and victims of human trafficking. More information is available at www.ccnewark.org. Affiliated with Catholic Health and Human Services Corporation, the agency supports the mission of the Archdiocese of Newark.

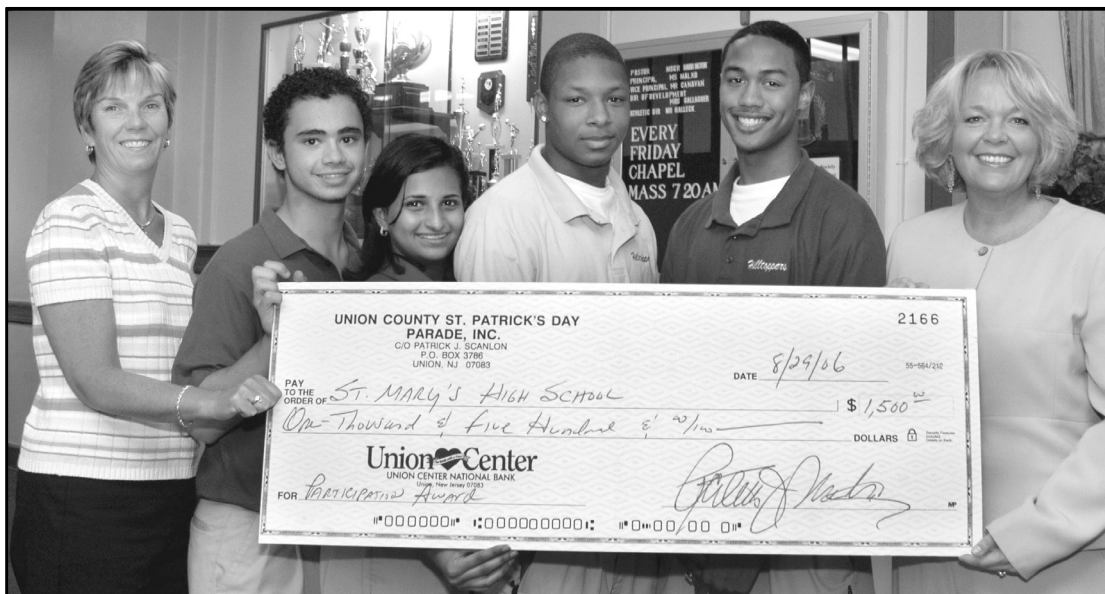
‘A Taste of Newark’ on Nov. 1 to honor Mayor Cory Booker

NEWARK—The Link Community School, founded 38 years ago by the Sisters of Saint Dominic of Caldwell, will present “A Taste of Newark” on Nov. 1 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center.

The benefit event gathers Newark restaurants that present a taste of their cuisine to guests. For the past six years, every graduate has been accepted to a quality private or magnet high school, many on scholarship. The honoree this year will be Mayor Cory A. Booker.

Before going to City Hall, Mayor Booker worked with the school's Playsmart Boys' Summer Academy, a program that addresses the lack of academic motivation among inner-city youth. In 2003, he delivered the keynote address at graduation.

Tickets are available at \$250 for benefactors and \$100 for patrons, and may be obtained by contacting Link's Office of Institutional Advancement at 973-642-5343 or development@linkschool.org.



PARADE STANDOUTS—Marylou Lenahan and Kathy Noonan-Rotando, far left and right, of the Union County St. Patrick's Day Committee present the Student Council officers at St. Mary's High School in Elizabeth with a \$1,500 check for winning the “participation award” in this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Accepting are, left to right, Secretary Leandro Zaneti, Treasurer Smitha Thomas, Vice President Carl Brown and President Michael Mayes.

Photo-Jim Lowmney

Empowering its students for more than a century, St. Leo's looks to the future

IRVINGTON—After more than a century, St Leo's/Sacred Heart Inter-Parochial School continues to empower students with religious, academic, social and recreational activities in a faith-filled environment. The mission continues to be guided by a faith-filled spirit of family and community unity while celebrating the diversity of the students.

Building upon the foundations of its traditions, the school is undergoing a renaissance with new clubs and programs for students, as well as renovations being conducted inside and outside the school and church buildings.

For example, there is a new garden and the Ten Commandments are on display in front of the church. Additional projects are being planned, and the school PTA is looking forward to fund-raising events. One of the PTA's goals is to purchase air conditioning and new desks for each classroom.

“As you can see, we're

broadening our sense of family, worship, commitment, pride and devotion beyond the classroom. Together, and only together, we can make this happen,” a spokesman said.

Under the leadership of Principal Sister Carina Okeke, D.M.M.M., the school has broadened its extracurricular activities as a means of extending the students' knowledge beyond the classroom and school environment.

Academic and social clubs are being reinforced while new ones have been created. The purpose of the clubs is to provide students the opportunity to be creative through hands-on activities, to develop self-initiative and to change studying from a stressing effort into a fun-filled activity, the spokesman explained.

The Monday Computer Club works with students to improve their computer literacy. French and Spanish clubs also meet on this day. Tuesday is for reading/writing to encourage read-

ing, writing and communication skills. The arts and crafts program on Wednesdays enables students to become creative by expressing themselves through painting, crafts and other forms or arts. The Thursday math/science club encourages students to explore math beyond the classroom; to relate math concepts to everyday life experiences; to understand the link between math and science; and how both are used to solve life problems through scientific innovations and technological inventions.

There is also a new girls basketball team as well as praise dancing, which exposes students to the numerous cultures within the American society through music and dance.

The school follows the teachings of Jesus Christ and the parish welcomes all to its faith family. The parish strives for parishioner involvement through volunteerism and other parish activities, especially the young people. The spokesman said children of various faiths are welcomed at the school. “Our mission is to build a community of oneness.”

St Leo's Parish is open daily. The Chapel for Perpetual Adoration is open 24 hours a day. Volunteers are needed for Perpetual Adoration between the hours of 11 a.m. until 7 a.m. Security and church parking is provided. Mass is celebrated Saturday at 5 p.m.; Sunday at 9 a.m. in English; 11:30 a.m. in Spanish and 4 p.m. in Creole.

Our Lady of the Valley Parish slates Alzheimer's talk Nov. 9

ORANGE—The Health and Wellness Ministry of Our Lady of the Valley Parish, in cooperation with the Alzheimer's Association, will present a forum about the disease at 8 p.m., Nov. 9 at the rectory, 510 Valley St.

The program, which is free and open to the public, has limited

seating and reservations are required. Call (973) 674-7500 for information.

Based in Chicago, the Alzheimer's Association provides a 24-hour information hotline: (800) 272-3900. Information also is available on the group's Web site: www.alz.org.



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A TREASURE CHEST OF BLESSINGS—Good Shepherd Academy, Nutley, has an opening school liturgy: God’s “hidden treasures.” The theme reflects the school serving as a treasure chest—as pictured in a display in the hallway of Good Shepherd Academy—filled with the blessings and gifts God has bestowed upon everyone, such as faith, unity, love, acceptance, tolerance, friendship and respect. The academy focuses on how the community is challenged to discover all of these treasures as well as how to use them wisely. Sister Domenica Troina, M.P.F., is the principal of Good Shepherd Academy.

Report recommends full reaccreditation

ELIZABETH—Administrators at Benedictine Academy have received a preliminary report recommending full reaccreditation.

The report precedes a final recommendation which would grant another 10-year accreditation to the school this fall.

“This Middle States preliminary recommendation reflects our commitment to create an environment of high standards,” Kenneth Jennings, associate principal, explained. “These include academics, discipline, formation, athletics, technology and admissions I truly believe that we can make this happen when we work as a team.”

The report was prepared by a five member Middle States validation team that visited Benedictine Academy in April. The team found that Benedictine Academy “is indeed true to its mission in that it has a strong academic program, which prepares young women for college and goes beyond...to prepare students for a life embellished with Catholic values.”

The validation team also acknowledged that Benedictine Academy has “a dedicated faculty, staff and administration who are open to the concept of change and willing to take the risks necessary to maintain an excellent educational program for its students.”

Innovation marks academy’s third year

HILLSIDE—A great sense of excitement permeated the hallways of Hillside Catholic Academy as it began its third year.

Many new innovations will greet students in 2006-07 including a technology based resource room with 16 IMac computers. “Housing all the computers in one area will enable the teacher to work on software programs with the entire class at one time” explained Principal Michael J. Butchko.

New too is a comprehensive writing program designed by reading teacher Lynn Zientek and language arts teacher Sarita Boadita. “The more students read the better they write” stressed Butchko. There is now an Academic Competition Team comprised of sixth through eighth grade students. The team is already scheduled to compete in the Union Catholic Academic Bowl. “We believe our students will more than hold their own,” said Butchko.



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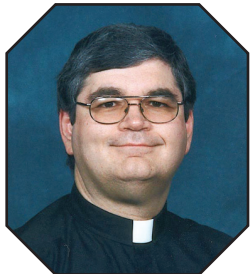
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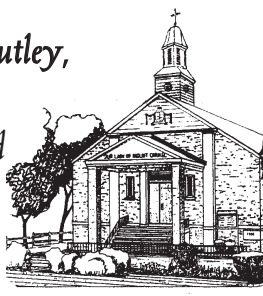


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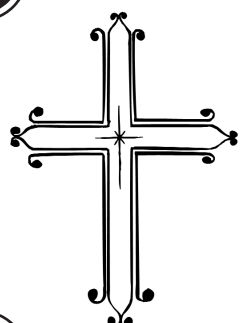


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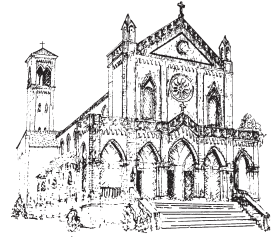
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Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, Harrison expresses its love to
Very Rev. Canon Rudolf Zubik, Pastor
We appreciate all that you do every day

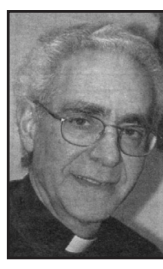
The Parish of
Our Lady of Victories, Jersey City
applauds the faithful work of
Rev. Victor E. Paloma, Rev. William Yabao,
Rev. Francisco Magnaye, Jr., and
Rev. James Tortoer, Ph.D.
on Priesthood Sunday

On Priesthood Sunday, The Parish of **St. Francis Xavier, Newark,** expresses its love to





Rev. Jan Sasin **Rev. Patrick R. Flannery**
We appreciate all that you do!


Thanks for your service of God in our parish
"God Bless You both for many more years!"
Father Joy Alappat
and
Father Michael Guba
Our Lady of Sorrows
Garfield



The family of Our Lady of the Valley Parish Orange
on Priesthood Sunday is most thankful for
Reverend George Hanna



The family of **St. Antoninus Church, Newark** is most thankful for
Father William Halbing and
Father Eustace Edomobi.
We congratulate you on Priesthood Sunday.
May God continue to Bless you and our Church.



With joy and love **St. Raphael Parish, Livingston** gives thanks to
Rev. Gerald F. Greaves
For your kindness, devotion and hard work

God Bless our Priests



Dear Reverend Thomas Lipnicki,
We appreciate you being our dedicated and caring Pastor.
Love and Prayers,
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Family

Queen of Angels Parish,
Newark,
welcomes

Father Innocent Okozi, S.M.A.
as a member of the Pastoral Staff.

*The family of
St. Anthony of Padua Parish
Elizabeth
is most thankful for*

Fr. Patrick Diver Fr. Gregory Fishel
Fr. Luis Flores Fr. Gennaro Sesto
Fr. John Masiello Fr. Hector Poulin

*We are blessed with
wonderful priests
who serve the parishioners of
St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Cedar Grove*



Rev. Msgr. Charles W. Gusmer
Rev. Robert K. Suszko
Rev. Robert J. Gelinias

*God bless you
and sincere thanks for all you do.*

**The Church of St. Bernard of Clairvaux
& St. Stanislaus Kostka,
Plainfield**



Gives thanks to God for the loving service of our dedicated and holy priests. May His Spirit continue to bless and guide you.

Rev. Frank Rose • Rev. Jan Krzysztof Lebdowicz

Rev. Msgr. John J. Gilchrist
Rev. Manoel Oliveira

May God bless you in your ministry of love, faith and hope. We appreciate your dedication.

Holy Cross Parish
Harrison



St. Philomena Church & Aquinas Academy, Livingston
Acknowledge our priests

Fr. John Laferrera, Pastor

Fr. Stephen Kopacz

Fr. Ernest Rush



*God's blessings on you and thank you
for all you do in the service of God.*

In Celebration
of Priesthood Sunday
The Parishioners Of
ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE
CHURCH
Linden
And
THE ELIJAH CUP
MINISTRY

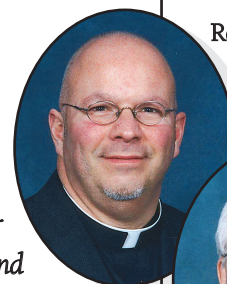


Offer a Spiritual Bouquet
of Prayer for
ALL PRIESTS
In the Archdiocese
**May The Lord Draw You
Ever Closer To Him!**



*Dear Father John
and Father Gene,*

*The St. Thomas More Staff and Parish Community of
Fairfield, would like to take this opportunity to show our
appreciation to you for surrendering your heart, soul, mind and
strength in love and service to the Lord. You fill our Church with
courage and insight to embrace the spiritual riches of God's Kingdom. You
inspire, encourage, and provide compassion and support to us in time of
need. May your faithfulness and dedication to our Lord Jesus, bring you
many, many, blessings in years to come.*



Reverend
John D. Gabriel
Pastor



Reverend
Eugene Gniewyk
Parochial Vicar

The Parish Faith Communities of St. Adalbert and SS. Peter & Paul Churches,
Elizabeth, New Jersey congratulate and honor our Pastor and Shepherd




Rev. Krzysztof Szczotka, S.D.S.

for his dedicated service to all God's people,
and we pray for God's continued blessings on him.

*Drogi Ksiezze Krzysztofie,
Blogoslawienstwa Bozego na dlugie lata posluzgi kaplanskiej*
— St. Adalbert

*Gerbimam Klebonui Krys,
Linkime geros sveikatos ir daug metu Dievo tarnyboje*
— SS. Peter & Paul


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the 75th Anniversary
of our Parish, we lift up
prayers of thanksgiving
for our Pastor,
Rev. Jose I. Gamba,
and we thank all our
priests and clergy, past
and present, for their
dedication to Jesus and
their service to His people
and our parish.*

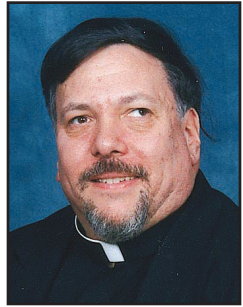
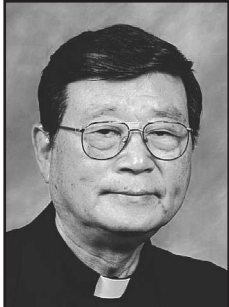
**Saint Peter Claver
RC Church**
Montclair, New Jersey



The family of St. Ann's Parish, Hoboken
is most thankful for
Rev. Thomas A. Crangle


*God Bless
our Pastor—*

Rev. Paul A. Cannariato
Church of St. Mary, Closter





Rev. Msgr. Augustin Park—
May God continue to bless
you and our Church.

St. Andrew Kim Church
Maplewood



The Parish Family of
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
Jersey City
Sincerely thank and support
its priests
*Rev. Michael Santoro, Rev. John Galeano
and Rev. Walter (Gus) Genzlinger*
May Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
continue to watch over you




Dear Rev.
Philip J. Rotunno,

We would like to thank
you everyday in every
way for all the blessings
you bring to our lives.
You are the best!


We love you forever.

Our Lady of Libera
School & Parish

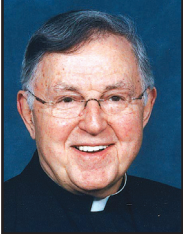



*The Parish Family of Queen of Peace Church, North Arlington
extends gratitude, love and prayers to the priests and
deacons of our parish.*

Rev. Msgr. William J. Fadrowski, Pastor
Rev. Scott Attanasio • Rev. Brian K. Muzas • Rev. Gerald J. Buonopane
Deacon William R. Benedetto • Deacon William H. Myers • Rev. Mr. John Sillup



The Church of
St. Lawrence, Weehawken
offers its heartfelt appreciation to
Rev. Gary C. Ward
It's our great privilege to recognize you
on Priesthood Sunday for the valuable
and generous service to God's people.
Thank you for your dedication in the service of the Lord.
May God continue to bless you as you shepherd us.


Rev. Msgr. Charles G. Stengel
Rev. Peter Hung Tran

We are
doubly blessed
at
St. John the Baptist
Jersey City

**The Parish Family of
St. Joseph, Maplewood**

Is thankful for the dedication
and service of our priests
Rev. Michael A. Saporito, V.M.
and
Rev. JM Manolo Punzalan


The Daisy Movement



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and various other Evangelization efforts.

Visit our website dedicated to you at
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*The parish of
St. Joseph, Hackensack
expresses its gratitude to*



Rev. Marian Spanier, S.T.L.
on the occasion of Priesthood Sunday

Very Rev. Benedict M. Worry, O.S.B.
Rev. Alexander Cruz • Rev. Sergio Nadres

*May God bless you in your ministry
of love, faith and hope.
We appreciate your dedication and service.*

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Linden

Msgr. Neil J. Mahoney

Thanks for all you do

The Staff at St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral and
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A note of appreciation from the archdiocesan office of Catholic Cemeteries regarding Priesthood Sunday

We would like to express our gratitude to Archbishop John J. Myers, Rev. Msgr. William B. Naedele, and all the bishops and clergy of the Archdiocese of Newark on the occasion of Priesthood Sunday, Oct. 29.

As Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark recently stated in a page-one story in The Catholic Advocate, Priesthood Sunday is a recognition of priests for the generosity of their service to the Church. Bishop da Cunha defined a "good priest" as a "prayerful servant of God, His Church and His people. A good priest must be compassionate, understanding the difficulties that people face in their daily lives, yet humble enough to realize that he does not have all the answers.

As we celebrate Priesthood Sunday, let us take time to pause, reflect and give thanks for all our compassionate and humble priests—the men who serve faithfully and make a difference in the lives of people in the Archdiocese of Newark. We truly are blessed by their good work, commitment and devotion.

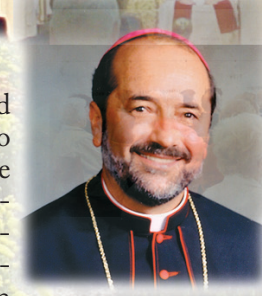
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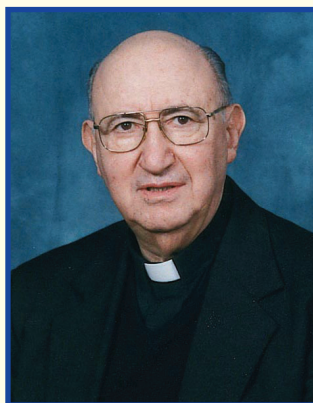
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The Parish Family of St Lucy's Church, Newark (National Shrine of St. Gerard)



*Congratulate Rev. Msgr. Joseph Granato
on the Occasion of Priesthood Sunday*

PASTOR: Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Granato

PAROCHIAL VICARS: Rev. Francis T. Malone, Rev. Carlos M. Viego

WEEKDAY & WEEKEND ASSISTANTS:

Rev. Dante DiGirolamo, Rev. Linus Edogwo, Rev. Eustace Edomobi, Rev. Michael Fuino
Rev. Arokiasamy Irudayanathan, Rev. James Muntz, Rev. Felix Ugwuozor, Rev. Marc Vicari

Parishioners to salute archdiocesan priesthood

CLARK/LINDEN—To celebrate Priesthood Sunday, the parishioners of St. John the Apostle Parish will offer a spiritual bouquet of prayer to the clergy of the Archdiocese of Newark.

In conjunction with a new "Elijah Cup" ministry begun in May, each family will take a holy card containing a "Prayer for Priests" and the name of a priest of the Church in Newark.

Elijah Cup Ministry members will personalize each card and ask families to pray to the Holy Spirit to "continue to inspire" the specific priest on their holy card and to inspire more men to answer God's call to the priesthood.

"We are all aware of the need for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and to religious life. Sometimes we forget just how powerful our prayer can be. As Catholics we recognize that praying for vocations is the responsibility and privilege of us all," explained a parish spokesman.

The Elijah Cup Ministry is based on the inspiration of Zaraphath in Elijah and the widow: 1 Kings 17: 8-15 citing the power of prayer.

"If we pray with the faith of the widow of Zaraphath, our cup will never run dry. We will always have priests to bring us Jesus in the Eucharist," the spokesman added.

Each Sunday at the end of Mass, a family in the parish is presented with the Elijah Cup, a blessed chalice. It is taken home and used as a focal point during daily prayer for an increase in vocations.

A "Prayer Basket" accompanies the Elijah Cup. In it is a prayer journal, a selection of specific prayers for an increase in vocations, Rosary beads, and a Scriptural recitation of the Rosary.

"Prayer for vocations is the most powerful way to support vocations. A vocation is a call from the Holy Spirit, a gift from God that is nurtured in prayer. When we pray for vocations, we life up to our Father those men and women who He is calling in a very special way," the spokesman concluded.

As part of the nationwide celebration of Priesthood Sunday on Oct. 29, the staff of The Catholic Advocate would like to offer its thanks and best wishes to all priests in the Archdiocese of Newark.

We are proud and honored to share your stories of faith, love, courage, compassion and dedication with our readers. Reporting on your good work throughout the year is an essential part of our editorial mission to evangelize, inform and educate.

The Catholic Advocate

May God continue to bless our wonderful clergy!

Rev. Stanley S. Kostrzomb, Pastor

Rev. Joseph Szklarski, Parochial Vicar

Msgr. James McMenemie, In residence

Rev. Dennis Kaelin, In residence

**St. Michael the Archangel
Lyndhurst, New Jersey**



St. Joseph Church/Friary

East Rutherford

Offers its congratulations and thanks to

Rev. Joseph Hertel, O.F.M., Pastor

Rev. Joseph Juracek, O.F.M., Rev. Ray Selker, O.F.M.

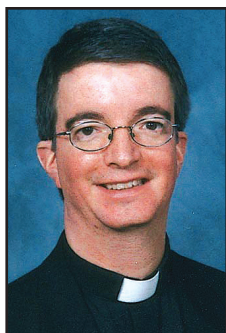
Rev. Daniel Lanahan, O.F.M.

For your dedicated support and service to our Parish and Community

May God continue to bless you and our Church

Father James Starasinich

**Sacred Heart Church
Lyndhurst**



Rev. Charles Pinyan, Pastor
Guardian Angel Parish

Dear Father Charlie,

The parishioners of The Church of the Guardian Angel in Allendale thank you for your dedication and loyalty for the past three years. Thank you for sharing your gifts of time and talent, for sharing God's message, and always being there for us in times of crisis.

We pray that God will continue to bless your priesthood. We are blessed to have you as our Pastor.

CONGRATULATIONS & GRATITUDE

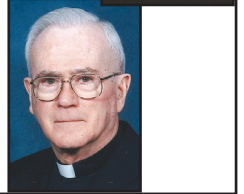
to

FATHER ART HUMPHREY, *Pastor*

FATHER JAMES SHEERIN,
Pastor Emeritus

for your gift of service to us.

St. Margaret of Cortona Parish Family
Little Ferry/ Moonachie



We would like to thank our Friars

Fr. Brian Cullinane, OFM

Fr. Thomas Kelly, OFM

Fr. Paul Sinnema, OFM

Fr. Cassian Miles, OFM

For their dedication and service to our Parish.

*Church of the Assumption
of Our Blessed Lady
Wood Ridge, New Jersey*



St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Jersey City, celebrates

Very Rev. Robert A. Antczak

Rev. Felipe Lopez

Rev. Robert Cio

Rev. Raymond Mc Keon

Rev. Msgr. James J. Finnerty

on Priesthood Sunday

We are blessed by your generous service

to our parish community

Szczesc Boze

God Bless You

The staff and parishioners of the parish of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus R.C. Church ask our Heavenly Father to bless our priests; the

Very Reverend Canon Felix R. Marciniak, Pastor

Reverend Steven D'Andrea, Parochial Vicar

Reverend Miroslaw Kusibab, Parochial Vicar

and we thank them for their years of dedication and untiring service.

May you continue to be a blessing to God's Church and us all for many more years to come.

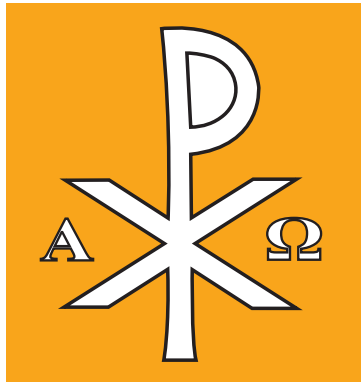
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Holy Spirit & Our Lady Help of Christians
East Orange
Staff & Parishioners

Are thankful for the dedication
and service of our priests

Very Rev. Michael M. Walters
Rev. Jean Max Osias



Our Lady of Sorrows, Kearny applauds
the faithful work of

**Rev. James J. Reilly, S.T.L.,
M.CH.A., M.P.A.,**
Pastor

Rev. Patrick R. C. Wilhelm
Parochial Vicar

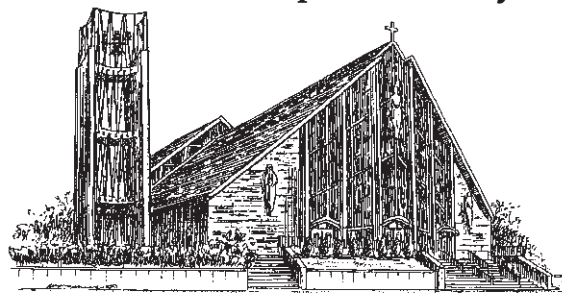


From the Parish Staff & Parish Community


Holy Family Parish, Nutley
would like to say a heartfelt thank you to

Rev. Msgr. Paul L. Bochicchio,
Rev. Giovanni Rizzo
Rev. Paciano A. Barbieto


You are a great blessing
to our parish family



Blessed
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St. Charles
Borromeo
Newark



applauds
Rev. Anselm Nwaorgu, PhD.
and
Rev. Longinus Ugwuegbulem



for their faithful
work on
Priesthood
Sunday

VERY REV. JOHN E. WASSELL,
REV. DIEUSEUL I. ADAIN,
REV. ZEPHYRIN KATOMPA,
REV. WILLIAM C. REED

WE CONGRATULATE YOU ON PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY.

May God continue to bless you
and our church.

OUR LADY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY/ ST. MICHAEL
ELIZABETH

May Our Lord, Jesus Christ,
continue to bless our Archbishop
and the priests of the
Cathedral Basilica of the
Sacred Heart

✠ Most Rev. John J. Myers
Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Emery
Rev. Msgr. Richard F. Groncki
Rev. Michael A. Andreano
Rev. Brian G. Plate
Rev. Guiseppi Fedele



We are blessed
to have you
in our parish community



St. Agnes School students, left to right, Jeffrey Dattilo, Kayla Nunez and Michael Conoshenti, enjoy their renovated and expanded school facilities.

Parish undergoing major renovations

CLARK—Major renovations have been under way at Saint Agnes Parish in Clark for almost a year. The first part included a complete renovation and expansion of the church. The second, recently completed, encompassed the building of a parish meeting center and expansion of the school facilities.

The school received new administration offices, nurse's office, three new classrooms, a library/multimedia center, computer lab and an art and music room. New doors and windows have also been installed in the existing school building.

The majority of the construction project has been funded by parishioners many of whom recently toured the new facilities after Sunday Masses. Rev. Msgr. James Choma, pastor, is looking forward to Phase II construction. Parish leadership is focused on eliminating Phase I debt before proceeding with Phase II. Donation checks, payable to "St. Agnes Building Fund," should be sent to St. Agnes Church, 332 Madison Hill Rd., Clark, NJ 07066.

"Since November 2005, we have been worshipping in our renovated church, and now our school expansion and parish-meeting center are open for business," explained Msgr. Choma. "It is wonderful to see our dreams come true and I am so thankful to the parishioners of St. Agnes Church for helping to make that happen."

For more information contact the rectory at (732) 388-7852 or log onto St. Agnes' Web site at <http://stagnesparish.com/index.htm>.

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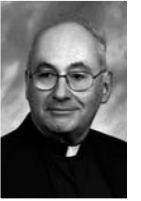
The 13th Monsignor John M. Oesterreicher Memorial Lecture

"The Prophet Elijah in Jewish and Christian Traditions"
by

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Father Daniel Mahan

Executive Director Marian College
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From
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in Jersey City:

Father Jack Cryan

will discuss

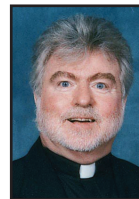
Collaborative Service and

Father Larry Evans

talks about

Year Round

Parish Stewardship



Fr. J. Cryan



Fr. L. Evans

The Office of Stewardship

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"Living Your Strengths"

with its author,

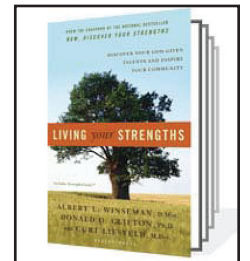
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Knights to remember deceased brothers at Mass

WASHINGTON TWP.—The Knights of Columbus of Mother Seton Council 5427 will remember deceased brothers at a noontime Memorial Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on Sunday, Nov. 5.

The service will include musical accompaniment by the parish choir. An honor guard of the Sir Knights of the Fourth Degree Joseph Lamb Assembly will provide escort and ceremonial services. The families and friends of the council's deceased members are invited to attend the Mass and the brunch that follows at the Council Hall, 79 Pascack Rd.

Reservations must be made in advance, no tickets can be purchased at the door. The cost for adults is \$6, \$2 for children under 12 and free for children under five. There is a cap of \$16 for any single family (parents and children). Reservations or additional information may be obtained by calling the Council Hall weekdays at (201) 664-0422, between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m., or Jack Kenney, program chairman, at (201) 670-1938. The event is open to the public. All profits go to local charities.

Applications for membership in the Knights of Columbus are welcome from qualified individuals.

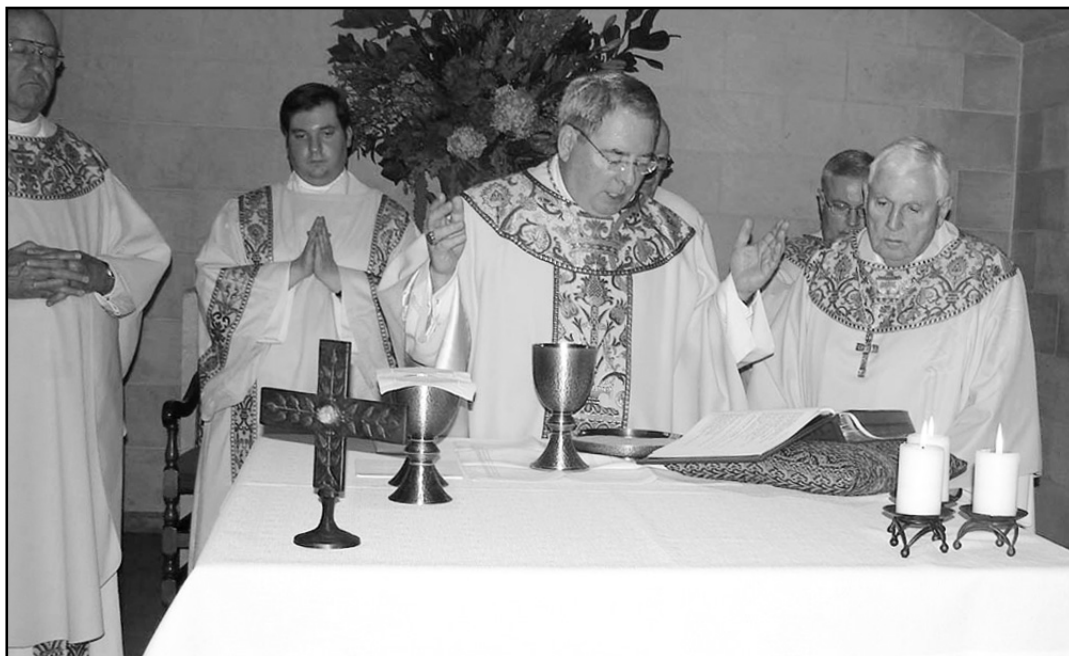


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CRYPT ALTAR DEDICATED—Archbishop John J. Myers concelebrated Mass with Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety on Sept. 22 following dedication of the altar at the recently renovated Crypt Chapel of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. The crypt is the final resting place of four former bishops of the Church in Newark.

Bereaved support groups planned

SCOTCH PLAINS—The Ministry to the Bereaved at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish has scheduled a series of support group meetings.

To be held Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13 and 20 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

in the Nazareth Center, the sessions are will focus on the experiences and feelings common to those going through the grieving process. "Sharing is held in strictest confidence with respect to each person's

right to grieve and move in the direction of healing," stressed a spokesman.

Those planning to attend should call the parish office at (908) 889-2100. The church is located at 1571 Martine Ave.

Felicians to hold memorial service

LODI—The Felician Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Province will celebrate the lives of the Sisters who have completed their journey on earth with a annual Memorial Service on Sunday, Nov. 5.

The service, to be held in the Convent Chapel of the Provincial House, will be at 1:30 p.m. The chapel is located at 260 Main St.

At the end of the service, weather permitting, there will be a procession to the provincial cemetery. Following that, the Sisters and guests will return to Saint Ann's Dining hall in the main convent for light refreshments.

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Expanded Catholic funerals booklet looks at bereavement

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

NEWARK — A new and expanded "Preparing a Catholic Funeral" booklet from the Office of Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark will be available by the end of the year.

At 80 pages, the second edition is double the size of the debut version that has been in use during the last year.

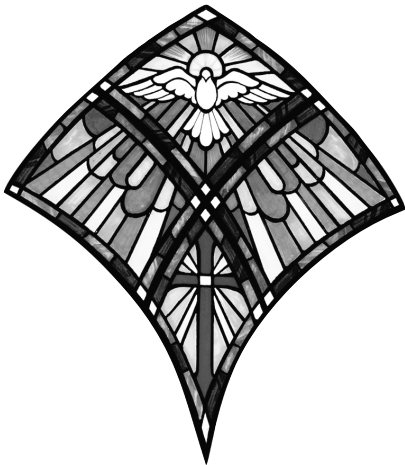
Key elements of the new booklet focus on a more personalized approach to presenting key information with a distinct emphasis on what is available throughout the archdiocese and how to access that information.

Features of the new edition include a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop John J. Myers on death and dying as well as sections on "Eternal Life—The Continuing Journey," bereavement and grieving, understanding Catholic funerals, preparing a Catholic Funeral Mass all coupled with helpful and important information on veterans' benefits, dealing with Social Security and overall practical information.

A focus of the new publication on the ministry of Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of

Newark is a thorough understanding of the rituals involved with a Catholic funeral best expressed in the celebration of the Order of Christian Funerals.

The three principal parts of the Catholic Funeral Liturgy are the Vigil Service, commonly called the Wake Service, the Church Service or Funeral Mass and finally the Committal Service.



In these times of prayer, the Christian community accompanies the body of the deceased from the funeral home to the church building and then to its final resting place. The community of the Church that has accompanied the person in his or her journey through life now walks with him or her from this life to the next "... for your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed not ended."

Jorge L. Repollet, strategic initiatives manager for Catholic Cemeteries, who visits parishes explaining the details of a Catholic

funeral, said the new booklet is "an excellent practical guide to assist the bereaved, the parish staff, the funeral home and the cemetery in smoothly planning a suitable celebration to honor the deceased.

The booklet contains scriptural readings along with musical suggestions for the preparation of the vigil service, Funeral Mass and committal service. It is ideal to give to parishioners who must plan a funeral, or for parishioners who wish to pre-plan their own ceremony and ease the burden on their loved ones."

During his presentations, Repollet reviews the "Preparing a Catholic Funeral" booklet, discusses the Order of Christian Funerals and then takes questions from the audience.

The most frequently asked questions, he explained, deal with cremation, the different types of burials available, how to donate the body to science, pre-planning and pre-paying, (a growing trend), advanced directives, hospice care and bereavement.

In addition to a listing of the cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark, the booklet addresses key questions such as burial in a Catholic cemetery, burial options such as above-ground, in-ground and niche spaces and when arrangements can be made and with whom.

Complete information is available at the Catholic Cemeteries' Web site www.rcan.org. Repollet can be reached by phone at (973) 497-4139.

Grieving group sessions set

WEST ORANGE — The Bereavement Ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish has scheduled a six-session grieving process support group for consecutive Mondays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 6 to Dec. 11.

To be held in the Connor Hall Prayer Room, all information will be kept confidential.

Registration must be complete by Nov. 3 by calling the rectory at (973) 325-0110 or going to www.ollwobereavement.net.

All Souls Day Mass Nov. 4

LYNDHURST—An All Souls Day Mass will be celebrated outdoors at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4 by St. Joseph Parish, East Rutherford, at St. Joseph Cemetery on Ridge Road in Lyndhurst.

All Saints' Day

The feast honors all saints and emphasizes the connection between Christians already with God and those still on earth



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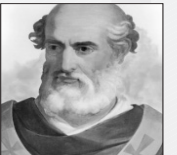
Nov. 1 in Western church; a holy day of obligation on which Catholics are bound to participate in Mass.*

Opening Prayer: "God of all holiness you gave your saints different gifts on earth but one reward in heaven. May their prayers be our constant encouragement..."

HISTORY

Early Christians marked a day in memory of those who gave their lives for the faith. References to local feasts date back to the 700s. The Irish supposedly assigned it the date of Nov. 1 as a Christian alternative to the Druid festival of the dead.

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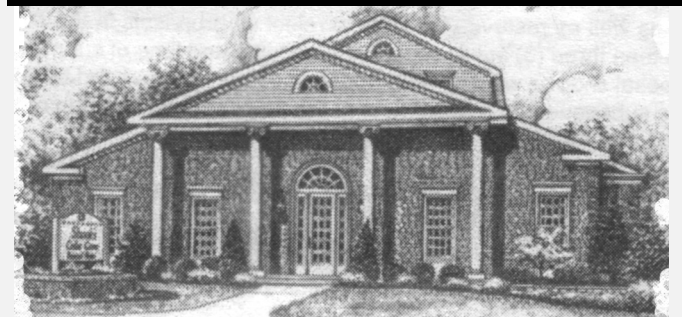


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Healing Mass celebrated

SOUTH ORANGE — The annual Healing Mass was celebrated recently at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish.

Parishioners were joined from faithful from surrounding parishes to receive the Anointing of the Sick with its laying on of hands, anointing with blessed oil and the Eucharist. The anointing was administered by the pastor, Msgr. John E. Doran, along with parochial vicars Father Richard Pfannensteil and Father Eric Fuchs, and Deacon John Inguaggiato.

In his homily the pastor spoke of the extraordinary peace and power that emerge from personal encounters with the Creator, first in private and then through communal prayer. Clarity of mind, Msgr. Doran explained, leads to an enlightened sense of direction and eventually to a realization that individual lives were intended to be lives of service to others as was Christ's.

Sister Mary Selina, S.C.C. led the Healing Mass planning committee.

Lung cancer forum Nov. 3

NEWARK — The myths and facts about lung cancer will be discussed Nov. 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Mother Schervier Hall at Saint Michael Medical Center.

Medical Center physicians will address screening and diagnosis, treatment options and surgical perspectives. Lung cancer survivors will also speak.

For additional information or to register call (973) 877-5099.

Academy gala nears

CALDWELL — Mount St. Dominic Academy in Caldwell will honor the accomplishments of five members from its community at the school's 10th annual Hall of Fame Gala on Friday, Nov. 10 from 6:30-10:30 p.m. at Mayfair Farms in West Orange.

This year's honorees are Elaine Denman of Roseland; Sister Pat Mahoney, O.P. of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Verona; Monica Tone, '72, of Fairfield; John Wefing of Montclair; and Kathy Hanlon Yeomans, '78, of Bedminster.

For additional information or reservations call (973) 226-0660, ext. 30.



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Photo courtesy of Seton Hall

Cathedral reschedules concert

NEWARK — An organ recital by Renee Louprette, associate music director at St. Ignatius Loyola in New York City, has been rescheduled for the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart for Sunday, Nov. 5.

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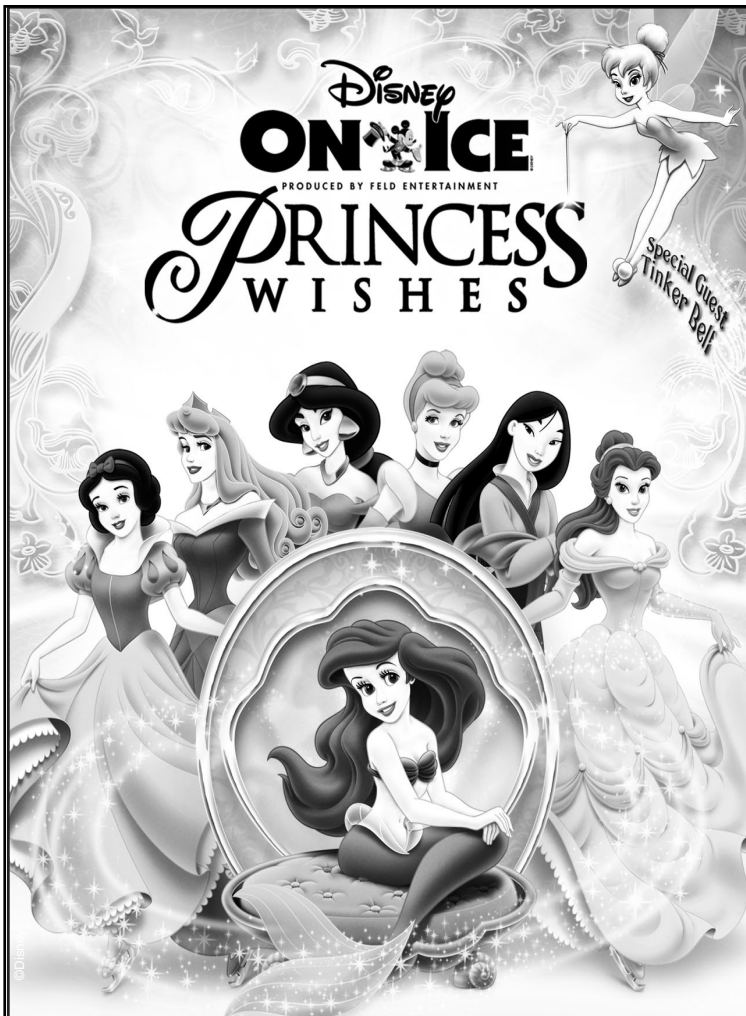
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Logo contest spotlights teens as stewards

CHARLESTON, S.C. (CNS) —Catholic teenagers are invited to interpret the theme of time, talent and treasure in a stewardship logo contest sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Stewardship.

The contest, open to those ages 13 to 19, was announced in September by Bishop Robert J. Baker of Charleston, chairman of the ad hoc committee. Entries must be received by Nov. 30.

The logo can be entered in English or Spanish and should convey the true meaning of teens being good and prayerful stewards for Jesus Christ. Six monetary

prizes, three for each language, will be awarded to a Catholic organization of the winner's choice. First place receives \$500, second place \$250, and third \$100.

Logos must portray time, talent, treasure, prayer and Scripture and will be judged on overall impact, effectiveness in conveying the theme, originality and artistic merit.

Submitted logos will not be returned but will become the prop-

erty of the USCCB. Only original and non-copyrighted artwork may be submitted. Entries must include the artist's name, age, address and parish, church or school.

Entries should be mailed to: Stewardship Logo Contest, c/o Diocese of Charleston, P.O. Box 818, Charleston, SC 29402, or e-mailed to: bishopbaker@catholic-doc.org. More information is available by calling the Diocese of Charleston at (843) 853-2130.

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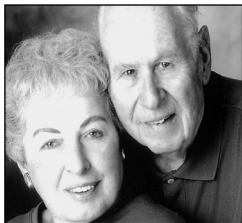
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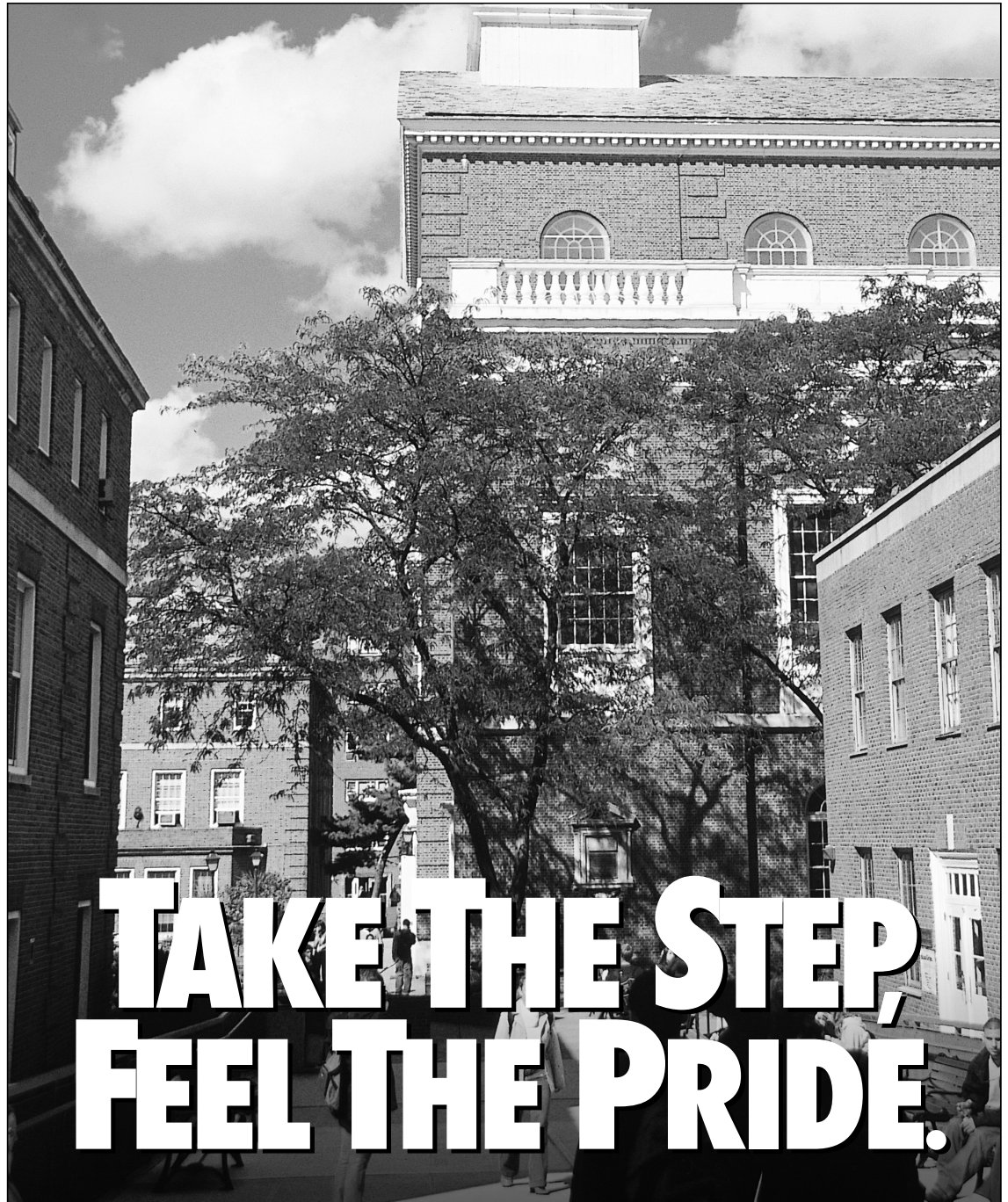
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Experienced hands share meaning of Priesthood Sunday celebration

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

AREA—The importance of Priesthood Sunday, celebrated this year on Oct. 29, is evident to veteran priests of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Rev. Msgr. Emmanuel M. Capozzelli, ordained in 1949, is a former pastor at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Montclair where he served 26 years and continues to celebrate Mass on the weekends. "I am so pleased there is a day set aside to call attention to the priesthood. This is an excellent way to remind not only the people, but also the priests themselves, how Jesus is ever-present physically among us," Msgr. Capozzelli said.

To Father Robert Langdon, who is celebrating the golden anniversary of his ordination, Priesthood Sunday is "an important occasion to preach on Holy Orders." It is "needed," he added, because of the "negativism" that has been prevalent of late. It's "too

bad," Father Langdon stressed, that Priesthood Sunday, established three years ago, had not been in place long before that. Priesthood Sunday, in his view, conveys the "importance" of the priesthood "to all people."

The priesthood, explained Msgr. Capozzelli, "has given me an opportunity to serve people in a special way and given me a meaning to my life. Celebrating Priesthood Sunday helps me realize the great gift that God has given me. I'm grateful to God each day of my life that He has called me to this special sacrament," he said.

To men considering the priesthood, Msgr. Capozzelli said he "would encourage any young man that has any hesitancy in responding to the call to the priesthood to be open minded. There is no sacrifice greater than

the sacrifice of the Mass that will be more important and meaningful to him in his life. I would encourage him by saying if you hand over your entire life to God's Providence, He will always take care of you as He has so generously taken care of me for the past 57 years."

Another influence was his mother, whom Father Langdon recalled, "taught me how to bless myself," and his parish pastor, Father Francis Mulguinn, who instructed him on becoming an alter server and "inspired me, he was a role model."

Father Langdon recommended that a man considering the call to the priesthood have a good spiritual advisor who has a particular devotion to the priesthood and the Mass.

Someone who thinks God is calling, Father Langdon continued, must also develop a devotion to the Eucharist and its importance in conjunction with a prayer life centered on the rosary. Reflecting on his many years as a priest, Father Langdon said without hesitation "I would do it over again."

Before moving to the Rev. Msgr. James F. Kelly residence

in Caldwell, Msgr. Capozzelli, in addition to his service at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, was a parochial vicar 12 years at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Jersey City and served seven years at St. Anthony Parish in Union City. During those years he was involved in youth activities, housing, community and archdiocesan affairs. He is a co-founder of the Cystinosis Foundation and founder of the Association of Blind Athletes of New Jersey. He was also president of the local Lions Club, Unico and served on the board of the Chamber of Commerce. Today he is active with the Association of Blind Athletes of New Jersey and the Montclair Lions Club.

Residing now at the St. John Vianney Annex in Rutherford, Father Langdon was parochial vicar over the years at St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Jersey City; Madonna Parish, Fort Lee; St. Mary Parish, Rutherford; St. Philomena Parish, Livingston; St. Paul Parish, Ramsey and Assumption Parish, Roselle Park. He also taught at Oratory Preparatory School in Summit.

(Note: Father Brian Plate is the director of the archdiocesan Vocations Office. He can be reached at (973) 497-4365.)



Primary influences on his decision to become a priest, explained Father Langdon, were the "teaching and example" of the Sisters of Charity, Convent Station, who taught him at Corpus Christi School in Hasbrouck Heights. He particularly noted the Sisters' "tremendous" vocation and devotion to the Eucharist.

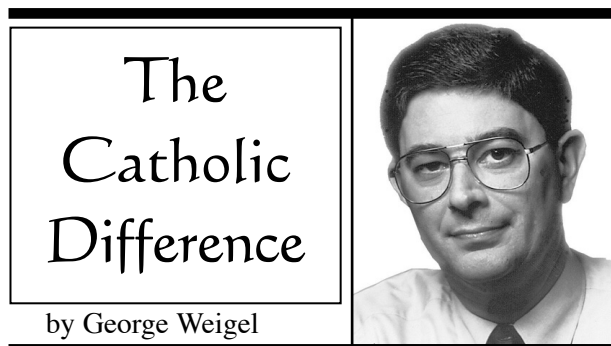
A looming electoral battle of the booklets

As the 2006 midterm elections approach, a battle of the booklets is likely in many U.S. Catholic venues.

First into the lists was "Voting for the Common Good: A Practical Guide for Conscientious Catholics," published last month by Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good, a group led by Alexia Kelley, an advisor to the Kerry campaign in 2004.

While "Voting for the Common Good" acknowledges that not all issues are to be weighed equally in forming one's public conscience and in voting, the booklet's overall thrust is reminiscent of the now-badly tattered "seamless garment" or "consistent ethic of life" approach to citizen responsibility promoted by the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. It may also strike some as curious that the booklet's only recommended reference for voters wishing to learn the Church's social doctrine is the quadrennial publication of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, "Faithful Citizenship."

Now comes "Catholics in the Public Square," written by Bishop Thomas Olmsted of Phoenix as part of the "Shepherd's Voice" series being launched by Basilica Press (www.basilicapress.com). Bishop Olmsted takes a question-and-answer approach to controverted issues of Catholic conscience and political responsibility, and he doesn't mince words. Thus, on the question of whether Catholics can ever differ with the settled teaching of the Church on moral questions that have become public policy issues, Olmsted writes that there can be legitimate prudential disagreements on the application of "just-war" theory to a given conflict, or on whether capital punishment is justifi-



able in a particular circumstance. Yet he immediately goes on to add: "It should be emphasized, however, that, despite these examples, there are other (practices), such as abortion or euthanasia, that are always wrong and do not allow for the correct use of prudential judgment to justify them. It would never be proper for Catholics to be on the other side of these issues."

Which is a point not well emphasized, shall we say, by "Voting for the Common Good."

Then there is the question of the relationship among our priority issues. Bishop Olmsted is quite clear that concern for other legitimate public policy issues of lesser gravity "can never justify a wrong choice" by voters (or, one assumes, legislators) "when it comes to direct attacks on innocent human life." To buttress his argument, the bishop cites John Paul II's teaching in *Christifideles Laici* (Christ's Faithful Lay People): "Above all, the common outcry which is justly made on behalf of human rights--

for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture--is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with the maximum determination."

Which is also a point not over-stressed by "Voting for the Common Good."

Finally, and without mentioning names, Bishop Olmsted demolishes the argument made by Alexia Kelley's principal in the 2004 presidential campaign: "...sometimes Catholic politicians mistakenly claim that they need to abandon their faith out of an obligation to respect those of differing opinions or to honor a political commitment inherent in their office. These claims are perhaps most frequently made when Catholic politicians claim to be personally opposed to the killing of innocent unborn children. Incredibly, it is sometimes claimed by such people that it would be inappropriate to support legislation protecting human life because doing so would impose their faith on others or somehow violate their oath of office. These claims are ludicrous. Protecting human life is not only a religious obligation, it is a human imperative, and it is an imperative for all people."

"Voting for the Common Good" stresses that no political party fully embodies the social doctrine of the Church. That is true, obvious, and not quite the point. If the guiding metaphor for Catholic engagement with American politics has shifted from the "seamless garment" to what the bishops, in 1998, called "the foundations of the house of freedom," then there is an irreducible priority to the life issues—precisely for the sake of the common good.

(George Weigel is a senior fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C.)

Protecting human life is not only a religious obligation, it is a human imperative.

Workshop urges parishes to cultivate young adults

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

KEARNY—Focusing on the diverse and integral 18-to-39-year-old demographic, RENEW International launched a new initiative, “Preparing a Place: Becoming More Young-Adult Responsive” to youth ministers and parish volunteers on Oct. 2 at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center.

The program will be introduced to those involved in the popular “Theology on Tap” series and, if successful locally, the effort could go nationwide.

Gregory Welch and Margaret Rickard of Plainfield-based RENEW clearly defined young adults as separate from youths who, with the wide range in ages, can either be single or married, with or without children, settled financially or floating from job to job.

The “sons and daughters of the light,” as Sister Loretta DeDomenicis, director of parish and outreach training for the archdiocese, referred to the group, is comprised of “Gen-X” (born between 1961-1968) and “Millennials” (born between 1979-1987). Each distinct group has different needs within the Church, Sister Loretta explained, noting that young adults are not confined by the idea of a parish as a place and view it as a whole faith community.

“What are (the young adult’s) needs? What is driving them? If parishes put on a good program, people will drive for one hour to get there. They will make the time,” Rickard said.

According to a 2005 National

Center for Religious Studies (NCRS) sponsored study, 53 percent of young adults identify themselves as Catholics but only 26 percent of Gen-X and 15 percent of Millennials attend weekly Mass. “If young adults ‘fall off’ after Confirmation, we have to give them something to come back to,” Welch stressed.

Possible reasons why young adults may not regularly attend Mass or actively participate in their faith ranges from lack of involvement once Catholic teens attend college and stop participating in CYO groups, a lack of discussion about topics by youth ministers that interest them (so-called “pelvic issues” such as birth control, abortion and pre-marital sex), and an over scheduling of their children and stress of managing a young family.

Young adults are still developing a personal identity, Welch said, that can cause them to question their faith. “They are wondering ‘who am I and what is my place in the world?’ Many see work as a means to an end and not a place for meaning but is a place to just make money. They find meaning elsewhere. There is not a single meaning to young adults so you cannot do a monolithic ministry. There are young mothers, singles, married people, etc. You have to pay attention to who is in your parish to discover what their needs are in order to minister to them.”

Along with the diversity in lifestyles of young adults, there is diversity in the religious landscape of America. “There are societal challenges to young people as well, not just personal. There are more religions in the United States

than anywhere else in the world. America is the Wal-Mart of different religions,” Rickard noted. “This leads to the idea that each person has different or opposite truths. I lived with people of different cultures and religions and many young people have roommates in college and after.



Rickard said. “If there is a small Christian faith community, they will join. What we are aiming for is for them to live the faith as well as spread it. (The parish) has to develop good leaders and empower them to go out.”

Welch believes addressing young adults is essential to the

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—Gregory Welch,
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Religion is like a dirty word nowadays. There are ‘Cafeteria Catholics’ that pick and choose what to believe. People are affiliated but don’t belong. Most young people believe that it doesn’t matter what religion you are just as long as you are a good person.”

Although young adults are selecting what to believe in within the Catholic faith, they are hungry and are interested in learning about moral theology. Rickard encouraged the formation of small faith communities to draw young adults into the discussion of faith.

“One parish can’t be everything to everyone. Young adults are not parochial and will go anywhere the best ministry is,”

evolution of the Catholic Church. “Young adults are not the future of the Church; they are the present. We won’t have a Church in 50 years if we don’t minister to young adults.”

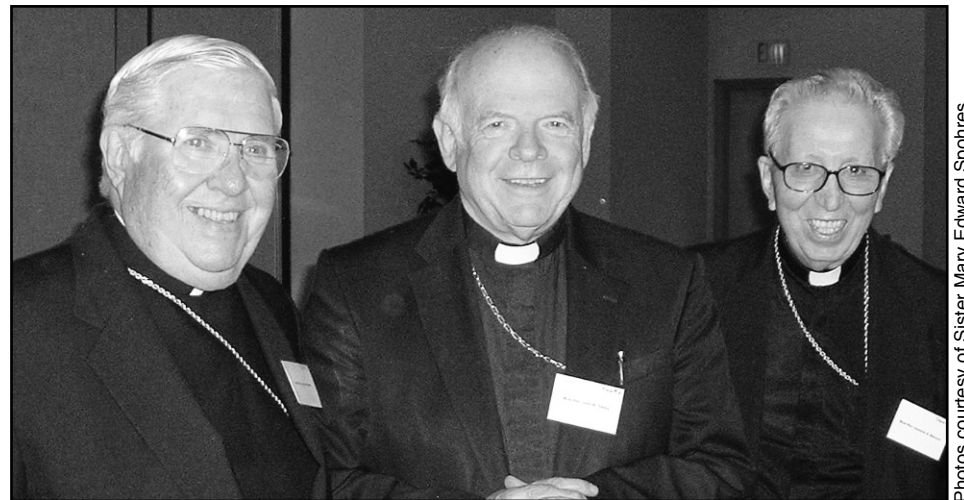
In order to encourage the young adults in their spiritual journey, parishes have to first recognize the young adults in their parish. “The parishes need to first find out what people think about their church. You can either ask them over the phone or organize a group to ask everyone their opinion. This includes people that are at Mass every Sunday to those that just registered and hardly attend. One of the blessings of the New Energies program is that through the sur-

veys, we can see what we need to work on,” Welch pointed out.

One of the most important things to consider, Welch explained, is to have one’s parish ministries reflect the parishioners. “Ministry is repeatable. If you are not perusing young adults to continue your ministry, then you are not doing your job. People coming to church, by and large are young adults. Hand parish groups down (to younger people). There is a lack of young-adult outreach, programming and participation. When you see the results of the survey in black and white, you can figure out what to do from there,” Welch said.

Liturgy is an area that can impassion young adults to become more involved. “As the old saying goes, you can’t have fire in the pews with ice in the pulpit. The preaching has to be relevant, challenging and life-giving. The Word should come alive by preaching. Music also should be uplifting, prayerful, well-performed and participatory. The parish also has to be hospitable and consistently welcoming,” Welch said.

Welch also sees an opportunity to stay in contact with young adults during “teachable times” where they can return to the Church. The Sacraments of Marriage, Baptism and Confirmation are times the parish can show their support and encourage spiritual growth. “We are offering the Catholic faith as a spiritual path to follow through life. It is not about dispensing sacraments; it is about coming together and unity. It is not going to be easy to entice young adults, but it is worth the effort.”



Photos courtesy of Sister Mary Edward Spohres

STATE SUMMIT—The New Jersey Council of Major Superiors of Men and Women met Oct. 12 with bishops of New Jersey under the leadership of Archbishop John J. Myers at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark. The topic was Church leadership, now and in the future. Bishops and religious of the state discussed ways of working together to promote healing and unity within the Church and reconciliation among all of God’s people. In the photo to the left: (left to right) Sister Maureen Shaughnessy, S.C., Sister Kathryn Clauss, I.H.M., Sister Anne Munley, I.H.M., Sister Catherine McDonnell, O.P. In the photo top: (left to right) Bishop John M. Smith, Trenton Diocese; Bishop John W. Flesey, Archdiocese of Newark; Bishop Dominic A. Marconi, Retired Bishop of Archdiocese of Newark.

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PRAYER TO ST. JUDE
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.T.G.**

ST. JUDE PRAYER DON'T QUIT
When things go wrong as they sometimes will, when the road you're trudging seems all up hill. When the funds are low and the debts are high, and you want to smile, but you have to sigh, when care is pressing you down a bit, rest if you must, but don't you quit. Life is strange with its twists and turns, as everyone of us sometimes learns. And many a failure turns about when he might have won had he worked it out. Don't give up though the pace seems slow— You may succeed with another try: **SUCCESS** is failure turned inside out—the silver tint of the clouds of doubt. And you never can tell how close you are, it may be near when it seems so far; so stick to the fight when you're hardest hit—it's when things seem worse **THAT YOU MUST NOT QUIT.** **O.O.**

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Nursing Camp offers high school students unique learning experience

ELIZABETH—Forty students from public and private high schools in Elizabeth and surrounding communities participated in four sessions of Trinitas Hospital's third annual summer Nursing Camp.

Each one-week sessions provided deep immersion into daily activities in healthcare careers throughout the hospital.

As they "shadowed" staff on nursing units, the students observed various levels of patient care delivered in the emergency department and intensive care unit as well as all medical/surgical nursing units.

Lisa Liss, director of volunteer services who developed the program along with Patricia Haydu, RN, MA, adjunct faculty, Trinitas Hospital Education Department, said the program has offered high school students "learning experiences that have been helpful in career decision making." Haydu, who works extensively with Elizabeth High School students enrolled in vocational training programs that bring them into the hospital throughout the school year, also mentored the Nursing Camp students.

"Not only do the students have the chance to assist nurses with patient care," noted Liss "but they also benefit from the perspectives

of veteran nurses who share their experiences in the field."

For example, Mary Ann Mimnaugh, RN, in the Same Day Unit, shared some of her 30-plus years of experience with Jasmine McDuffie of Union High School. As the youngest student in the final session, Jasmine learned about dramatic changes in nursing over the past three decades as Mimnaugh Ann explained how nurses no longer need to actually sharpen hypodermic needles as they were once required to do. The veteran nurse also told the sophomore about how high-tech monitoring advances now enable nurses to be more efficient in patient care. Jasmine also thought that the chance to observe a surgery was "pretty exciting."

Brittany Bynum of Abraham Clark High School in Roselle and Estefania Cabezas of Elizabeth High School "shad-

owed" medical residents as they reviewed patient progress in the Intensive Care Unit while on daily rounds with Dr. Vipin Garg, academic chief of pulmonary medicine who is also the medical director of the Sleep Disorders Center.

Bynum had the opportunity to help a nurse draw blood, adding, "I even had the chance to listen with a stethoscope as a patient ingested fluid."

As senior Elvis Urena "shadowed" Ramon Benjamino, C.C.R.N, he gained insight into intensive care nursing. "Nursing Camp gave greater meaning to the nursing courses I take at Union High School," adding, "I learned a lot about the hospital setting, the different monitors that are used and the complexity of patient care. It was a great program and I'm glad I could participate."



Elvis Urena, a senior at Union High School (right), learned how advanced equipment helps nurses to monitor the status of a patient's condition from Ramon Benjamino, C.C.R.N. in the Intensive Care Unit.

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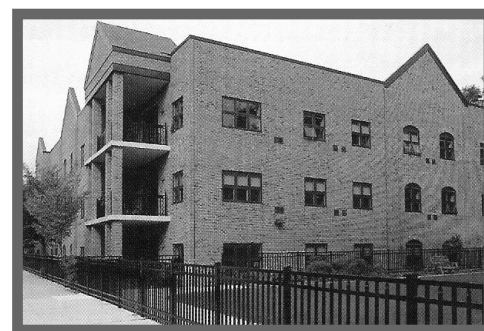


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'In the Pink' receives needed grant 'green'

NEWARK—The Cathedral Regional Cancer Center at Saint Michael's Medical Center has received a charitable donation from Goals for Life, a nonprofit organization based in Upper Montclair, that raises funds for women's health initiatives.

Kathleen Lee, the organization's president, presented Lois Greene, administrative director of the Cathedral Regional Cancer Center, with the \$22,000 gift, which will benefit the "In the Pink" program.

Established in 1999 with funds from the Susan G. Komen Foundation, In the Pink promotes healthy behavior among the Greater Newark area's under-

served populations and strives to increase the proportion of age-appropriate men and women who are screened for breast, cervical, colorectal, and prostate cancer.

"We are profoundly grateful for the continued generosity of Goals for Life," said Greene. "The organization has long been a champion of In the Pink, providing support that remains vital to our success in reaching out to women in need of cancer screening."

Information about Goals for Life is available online at www.goalsforlife.org.

More information is available online at www.cathedralhealth.org and at www.chhsnj.org.

Holy Name seminar to catch Bench

TEANECK—The Holy Name Hospital Bone and Joint Center and Stryker Orthopaedics have partnered to offer the community an educational seminar on new treatments and technologies for orthopedics featuring Hall of Fame catcher and Stryker ceramic hip recipient Johnny Bench.

The event will be held Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the hospital, 718 Teaneck Rd.

The former Cincinnati Reds' superstar will share his personal joint-replacement experience.

Local orthopedic specialists will also discuss the latest advancements in joint replacement.

The newly-designated Bone and Joint Center at Holy Name Hospital offers the latest in orthopedic advancements including minimally invasive navigation systems for total joint replacements, gender specific joint implants, minimally invasive bone grafting and hip resurfacing.

Advance registration is required. Call (201) 541-6339.

Parish plans blood drive

BLOOMFIELD—St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, 60 Byrd Ave., will hold its annual blood drive Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the school's Herron Hall. Donors must present a signed or photo ID and their Social Security number. Donors should also eat a meal before they arrive.

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Campus forum to explore college costs

CALDWELL—The Department of Theology & Philosophy at Caldwell College will present a lecture on “How Do I Know I’m Getting My \$25,000 Worth: Seven Attitudes and Approaches that Make a College Catholic” by Father William Graham, professor of Theology and Religious Studies and director of the emerging Catholic Studies program at Duluth’s College of St. Scholastica.

The event is open to the public and will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26 in Newman Center Conference Room.

Father Graham, is a pastor in the Diocese of Duluth, Mn.

He founded the Master of Arts program in pastoral ministry at Caldwell College where he was a faculty member in the Department of Theology and Philosophy from 1993-2001. Father Graham previously served as chair of the Theology Department at Lewis University in suburban Chicago. Father Graham was director of liturgy at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, the mother church of the Paulist Fathers at Columbus Circle in New York City.



COMMUNITY PRIDE—St. Paul Interparochial students, teachers, and families participated recently in a number of activities held in celebration of the Town of Ramsey. The young people represented the school in the town parade that was followed by food, games and music sponsored by local businesses.

Schools plan open houses

AREA—Several open house programs have been planned in the coming weeks.

Bergen Catholic High School in Oradell and Corpus Christi School in Hasbrouck Heights have scheduled open houses on Oct. 26 and Nov. 2 respectively.

At Bergen Catholic there will be continuous presentations, with student-guided tours to follow from 7 to 9 p.m.

Students interested in becoming a “Crusader for a Day” are welcome to visit classes daily. Call the Admissions Office at (201) 634-4151 to schedule an appointment.

Called a “Preview Day” the open house at **Corpus Christi School** will run from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2:30 p.m. It will allow parents to meet staff, ask questions and tour the school building.

For additional information about the Pre-K-3 to Grade 8 program call the school office at (201) 288-0614.

The Academy of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, has an open house scheduled for Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. For additional information call the admissions

office at (973) 290-5225.

An open house for high school juniors and seniors will take place Oct. 28 at **Bloomfield College** at 9 a.m. in the Robert V. Van Fossan Theatre. For additional information or to reserve a place email to admission@bloomfield.edu or call (973) 748-9000, ext. 230 or 1 (800) 848-4555.

Professionals to staff employment workshops

RIDGEWOOD—The Career Resource Ministry at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish will present two workshops, Oct. 29 and Nov. 5 at noon in the lower church meeting room.

Workshops are open to those seeking employment or anticipating possible unemployment.

The ministry’s primary objective is to help those seeking employment by providing the

tools and encouragement necessary to find a new position. Professionals, who are members of the ministry, present the workshops that include a follow up Q&A session following the formal presentation.

Those attending should bring a current resume or job experience information. For additional information call Carol Shea at (201) 447-4215.

Anti-abortion vigil planned

ENGLEWOOD — Holy Trinity Parish, Fort Lee, will hold a Candlelight Prayer Vigil for Life on Thursday, Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m., across the street from Metropolitan Medical Associates on Engle Street. The exact location of the vigil will be in front of the Englewood Library, 40 Engle St.

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