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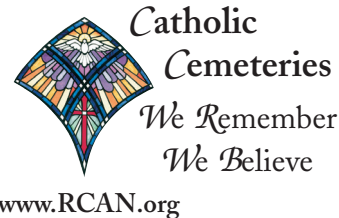
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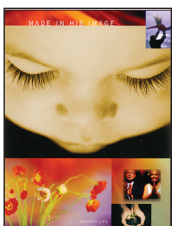
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Archbishop John J. Myers speaks with Pope John Paul II during his *ad limina* visit to the Vatican.

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Newark's bishops visit Holy Father with NJ province

Most Rev. John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark, made the *ad limina* visit to the Vatican Sept. 5-13. Heads of dioceses are required to consult with the pope and members of the Roman Curia every five years, to report on the state of their particular churches.

Accompanying the archbishop from the Church of Newark were Most Rev. Thomas A. Donato, Most Rev. John W. Flesey and Most Rev. Edgar da Cunha, the auxiliary bishops of the archdiocese, and retired Bishops Dominic Marconi and David Arias.

As reported in the secular press (*The Star-Ledger*, Sept. 16), the bishops found the 84-year-old pontiff looking well and "very sharp."

"He's not in the strongest of health," Archbishop Myers said, "but with [Parkinson's] disease I understand that you can have ups and downs even in the course of a day. I happened to meet with him when he was doing pretty well."

(See Sept. 8 issue of *The Catholic Advocate* for the text of a homily by Archbishop Myers, delivered to his fellow bishops.)

The other bishops of Region III, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, including Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia, met with the Holy Father, as well.

The other New Jersey bishops present included Most Rev. John M. Smith of Trenton, Most Rev. Paul Bootkoski of Metuchen, Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli of Paterson, and the retired Bishop of Paterson, Most Rev. Frank Rodimer.

The bishops spent the week meeting with various Vatican departments. In their encounter with the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, most of the discussion focused on procedures for dealing with priests accused of abuse, Bishop Donald W. Wuerl of Pittsburgh told Catholic News Service.

Bishop Edward P. Cullen of Allentown, PA, said the Vatican's doctrinal officials had done an excellent job clarifying the procedural issues. He also said the bishops received strong encouragement about their efforts to address the needs of sex abuse victims.

The Holy Father recalled his 1995 pastoral pilgrimage to Newark when he spoke to Archbishop Myers.

Addressing the American bishops Sept. 11, the third anniversary of terror attacks on the U.S., Pope John Paul II stated that in the wake of the sex abuse scandal, U.S. bishops should be open to a more collaborative style of governance

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Cathedral Basilica marks Golden Jubilee

Next month will be one of celebration and remembrance for the faithful of the Archdiocese of Newark.

The commemoration of the 50th jubilee of the dedication of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, and the closing of the sesquicentennial of the archdiocese itself is scheduled to take place Sunday, Oct. 17

In honor of the 150th anniversary of the definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception by Pope Pius IX (1846-78), Archbishop Myers will lead a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC, Saturday, Oct. 30.

Both events, sponsored by the archdiocese, will also be coordinated at the parish level, and interested Catholics may contact their parish office or

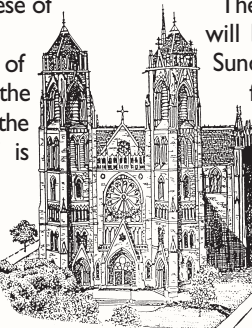
the archdiocese for further information.

The Cathedral Basilica's golden jubilee will be observed at a 3 p.m. Mass on Sunday, Oct. 17, followed by a reception for invited guests. The evening will be capped by a performance by the San Antonio Vocal Arts Ensemble, as part of the ongoing Cathedral Concert Series.

The pilgrimage to Washington is a one-day bus trip. For detailed information, call the office of Msgr. Richard Groncki, rector of the

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart and archdiocesan coordinator, at (973) 484-4600 or (973) 497-4343.

For bus arrangements, call the executive office of the Cooperative Purchasing Network at (973) 497-4170.



New senior citizen housing in Kearny

Archbishop John J. Myers presided at groundbreaking ceremonies in Kearny at the site of a 50-unit senior-citizen housing development sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Kearny Senior Residence will be located at 681-697 Schuyler Avenue on property made available by the Township of Kearny and funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Church and its agencies, such as Catholic Charities, are "committed to help all citizens who truly need help," especially the aged, said Archbishop Myers in a homily.

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At groundbreaking are, left to right, CHHS president and CEO Daniel M. Daniels; Catholic Charities executive director Phillip Frese; CHHS vice chairman and COO Henry Amoroso; Archbishop John J. Myers, and Kearny Mayor Alberto G. Santos.

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Cosmas and Damian—saintly physicians, brothers

On Sunday, Sept. 26, the Church observes the feast day of SS. Cosmas and Damian, twin brothers born in Arabia. As young men they converted to Christianity and were filled with fervor for the faith.

Brilliant in school, they both became physicians, practicing medicine in the seaport of Aegea on the Gulf of Iskanderun in Cilicia, a Roman province in Asia Minor. Daily and tirelessly they ministered to the sick. Their successful treatment of a wide range of ailments earned for them a great reputation.

They were much esteemed and beloved by the entire populace for their tender, compassionate, and caring manner and their humble ways.

Cosmas and Damian never denied their professional services to anyone regardless of race, creed, or station in life. They derived special gratification from tending to the poorest of the poor.

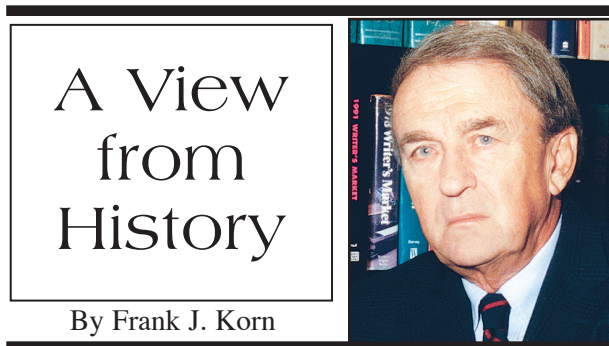
Because they refused to accept any fee for their services they were affectionately known by their grateful patients as anarguroi, “the Silverless Ones.”

In the course of their work they also managed, by word and example, to lead many of their countrymen to the Christian Faith. As a result, they were targeted by the local

prefect Lysias when a fierce persecution was launched by edict of the Emperor Diocletian. Lysias ordered the twins arrested and brought before him. Threatening grave consequences, he demanded that they recant.

Despite the awful torture and torment inflicted upon them, their loyalty to the Lord never wavered.

The story that has been passed down to us is that somehow, miraculously, they suffered no harm from



A View from History

By Frank J. Korn

water, fire, or crucifixion. Exasperated, the prefect had them beheaded with the sword.

Tradition says that their three brothers, Anthimus, Leontius and Euprepus, were martyred with them. Their execution is said to have taken place on Sept. 26, 287. Their remains were interred in the Syrian city of Cyrus.

As the centuries rolled by, many legends and tales of miraculous cures through their intercession evolved about Cosmas and Damian. Believing that his recovery from a dreadful disease was due solely to their intervention, the grateful Emperor Justinian (527-65) rebuilt and embellished the Church of SS. Cosmas and Damian at Constantinople, which then became a celebrated site of pilgrimage.

In Rome, in the early sixth century, Pope St. Felix IV (526-30) had his architects fashion a church out of the old *Templum Sacrae Urbis* (Temple of the

Holy City). This was where the archives of the Censor, the municipal plans, and registration forms of all sorts were kept.

Adjoining the edifice was a small rotunda, overlooking the Forum, built by the Emperor Maxentius in 306 as a mausoleum for his son Romulus. This became the narthex of the church, which the pontiff then dedicated to Cosmas and Damian.

Pope Felix had the precious remains of the brothers transferred to Rome where, ever since, they have reposed in a translucent alabaster sarcophagus under the main altar.

Pope Urban VII (1623-44), a great admirer of the doctor-saints, commissioned a larger, more richly adorned church to be built over the existing structure, thereby forming two churches, an upper and lower one, the lower being thenceforth known as the Crypt.

The church is also renowned for its ancient mosaics, especially the one that crowns the apse. Unlike numerous earlier mosaics and many later ones, this depicts not Christ Enthroned but rather Christ of the Second Coming—descending in all His glory, in robes of gold, from the Heavens.

Cosmas and Damian are regarded as the patron saints of physicians, pharmacists, and dentists and are sometimes represented with medical symbols. Their names were included in the canon of the Tridentine Mass and in the Litany of the Saints.

The brothers were a favorite subject of Renaissance artists. The noted painter Fra Angelico executed a whole series of frescoes on their lives and deeds.

Frank J. Korn is an assistant professor of Classical Studies at Seton Hall University. His latest book is Hidden Rome (Paulist Press).

Cosmas and Damian never denied their professional services to anyone.

Stewardship

Back to basics of time, talent and treasure

BY ANDREW KACZYNSKI

Associate Director of Stewardship for the Archdiocese

Who is a Christian steward? The U.S. bishops' pastoral letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, answers that question this way: “One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord.”

How do Christian stewards respond? They return a portion of their time, talent and treasure to God through their Church and their community.

A true understanding of stewardship begins with taking care of and sharing the gift of time. Stewardship of time involves the realization that none of us “owns” time. Each of us is given only so much of it, and planning a careful schedule in order to have the time to work, to rest, to play and to pray is vital in stewardship of our physical, emotional, spiritual and intellectual lives.

In a busy society like ours, time is one of the most precious possessions we have. How we spend our time is perhaps the clearest indication of our progress in a life of Christian discipleship.

If stewardship means taking care of, and sharing, all God's gifts, then stewardship of talent means nurturing, developing, and using the God-given abilities and characteristics that help to define “who

we are” as individual human persons. Most of us know what it means to contribute money or to give away our precious time, but what does it mean to be a good steward of talent?

Our talents are the special blessings that each of us has received from a loving Creator who prizes the diversity and abundant variety of all creation. When we volunteer to work for our parish or diocese or to help a neighbor with a difficult chore, what we have to give is much more than our time.

We also give something of ourselves, those characteristics that make each of us distinctive as human beings. We call these our talents, those things that we are good at or that we especially like to do. When we volunteer to help others by sharing our talents with them, we give them something far more precious than our time or money.

We give them something of ourselves, an intimate sharing of “who we are” for the good of others.

As already written, true stewardship is taking care of and sharing all that we have and all that we are—our time, talents, and treasure. Why, you may ask, is it so important to share our treasure?

Money and all of the things that we possess (our

treasure) are gifts from God that we are asked to care for and generously share for our own benefit and the good of others.

It is important for us to share our money and all of our material possessions for two reasons: first, because all the good things that God has made (including money) are meant to be shared, and second, because each of us has a need to give.

Why do we need to give? We need to give our money to individuals and families in need, to the Church, and to other worthwhile charitable organizations, because giving money is good for the soul,

and because we need to return thanks to a loving God for all of the many blessings each of us has received.

One of the most frequently asked questions in any stewardship educational program is, “How much do I have to give?” The answer, from a stewardship perspective, is nothing. We don't have to give anything. “How much do we want to give?” is the question that stewardship asks.

That means giving as much as we can, as often as we can, from the heart, as a faith response because we are generous stewards who want to share our time, talent and treasure with others.



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Stewardship extends throughout New Jersey

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

With the Archdiocese of Newark taking the lead, New Jersey is setting a national precedent in significantly cutting costs for essential parish and school supplies.

From his basement office in the Archdiocesan Center in the state's largest city, Steve Michalek, executive director of Cooperative Supply Services Inc., has overseen the program since its launch three years ago.

There are north, central and south offices in Newark, Piscataway and Camden respectively.

Although the cooperative purchasing approach has been utilized in the Church of Newark for almost a half century, it was not until 2001 that the statewide approach was proposed to Archbishop Theodore McCarrick and then his successor, Archbishop John J. Myers.

Up until that point, explains Michalek, purchasing statewide had been "fragmented with no centralization."

The Diocese of Camden came aboard in June 2001 followed by the Diocese of Metuchen a year later. The Diocese of Trenton followed in January of this year.

Michalek expected to meet with the Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli of the Diocese of Paterson soon after Labor Day.

The primary work of Cooperative Supply Services, Inc. is to provide what Michalek calls "operating supplies." These include primarily office, energy, physical plant and school needs.

With office supplies, says Michalek, the purchasing has evolved from a "small business to a million-dollar business." To date, savings on fuel oil have gone over the 30 percent mark.

But it is with school furniture that the program has been particularly successful. Cooperative Supply Services, Inc. has contracts with the top three suppliers.

The arrangement, Michalek notes, has already resulted in discounts "no one can compete with."

Adding that a good number of firms are vying for the business, Michalek says discounts have routinely been at least 20 percent.

Those discounts sometimes come with additional savings when free freight is also part of the deal, Michalek points out. One of the most recent recipients of the savings has been Paramus Catholic High School.



Steve Michalek

Reaction among parishes and schools to the purchasing power available to them has been "very positive," explains Michalek, adding suppliers "love it."

Reflecting on his program's success, Michalek expresses his appreciation to the bishops for their "personal endorsements" as well as the participating parishes and schools for their "continued support and trust."

Seton Hall law professor to be honored at Red Mass

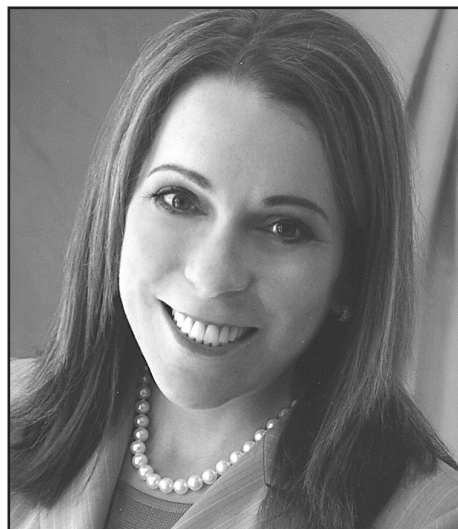
Seton Hall University School of Law and the Saint Thomas More Association of Seton Hall University School of Law will honor Paula A. Franzese, the Peter W. Rodino Professor of Law, with the Saint Thomas More medal at the annual Red Mass at noon on Sunday, Sept. 26, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark.

Archbishop Celestino Migliore, Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, will be the principal celebrant. Archbishop John J. Myers will be concelebrant at the Mass; other concelebrants will be Msgr. Robert Sheeran, president of Seton Hall University; Very Rev. Robert E. Emery, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia; Father Nicholas S. Gengaro, chaplain of the Law School and priests of the University community.

The Red Mass is traditionally a solemn votive Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated at the beginning of the judicial year to invoke God's blessing and guidance in the administration of justice. The Red Mass is named from the red vestments used in celebrating the Mass and from the red robes traditionally worn by judges in the Middle Ages.

The celebrants, along with government officials, lawyers and judges, process into the cathedral clothed in red vestments or red garments, signifying the fire of the Holy Spirit's guidance to those who pursue justice in their daily lives.

Prof. Franzese graduated from Barnard College, Columbia University, NY, with a B.A., *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa. After earning a doctorate degree from Columbia University School of Law, where she was a recipient of the prestigious Rosenman Prize, she clerked for Hon. Alan B. Handler of the New Jersey Supreme Court.



Paula A. Franzese

Prof. Franzese joined the Seton Hall Law School faculty in 1986. As a nationally acclaimed professor, she has received the Student Bar Association's Professor of the Year Award an unprecedented seven times. She has been nominated for the Robert Foster Cherry Prize for Great Teaching, named Exemplary Teacher by the American

Association of Higher Education and was ranked as the top law professor in New Jersey by the New Jersey Law Journal.

In 1996, Gov. Christine Todd Whitman appointed Prof. Franzese to serve as a commissioner on the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, and in 2000 she was elected vice-chair of the commission. In February 2002, she was appointed to the New York City Council's Advisory Commission to Rebuild Lower New York.

In May, Prof. Franzese was named chair of the New York City Council Commission on Affordable Housing. In this capacity, Franzese will spearhead New York's effort to preserve affordable housing for low-income residents. Two years ago, she was appointed to the Newark Archdiocese's School Advisory Council.

Throughout her career, Professor Franzese has received numerous awards, and in 2004, Seton Hall Law School conferred Prof. Franzese with the Peter W. Rodino Chair of Law.

For more information contact Deana Cynar, Director of Alumni Relations, Seton Hall Law School, at (973) 642-8711.

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Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

Archdiocesan/Agency/Ministry

Reverend Stephen D. D'Andrea, Parochial Vicar of the Church of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Wallington, has been appointed assistant director for Vocations Awareness in the Vocations Office for a three year term, effective Sept. 1.

Retirement

Reverend Carl J. Arico, has been granted retirement, effective Sept. 1.



Administrator

Very Reverend John E. Wassell, V.F., Pastor of the Church of Holy Rosary/St. Michael, Elizabeth, has been appointed administrator of St. Genevieve Church, Elizabeth, effective Sept. 1 until a new pastor is named.

Visa issue discussed with Israeli official

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope John Paul II and top Vatican officials met with Israeli Interior Minister Avraham Poraz to discuss the Church's ongoing difficulties in Israel.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the talks centered on issues directly under the interior minister's jurisdiction, including entry visas to Israel for

Church personnel and the tax-exempt status of the Church.

At the Vatican, Cardinal Sodano focused discussions on the issue of entrance visas to Israel for Religious personnel, the Vatican statement said.

Earlier this year, some 52 Religious were denied visas to work in Israel.

According to the Vatican

statement, Poraz "gave assurances of having given the necessary instructions for a satisfactory solution" to the problem.

In his interview with Vatican Radio, Poraz reaffirmed his promise that his ministry "will facilitate all the procedures in order to enable people of the clergy to come easily to the Holy Land."



Priests and seminarians ministering at Holy Cross Church, on the island of Grand Turk in the British West Indies, sustained some damage to their house when Hurricane Frances hit on Sept. 1. A roof panel and door were lost, and water entered the house; part of the ceiling collapsed as well. The parish is part of the independent mission of Turks and Caicos Islands, under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Newark. Many other residents of the islands also experienced damage to their homes.

"Humility and charity go hand in hand. The one glorifies, the other sanctifies."

—Padre Pio

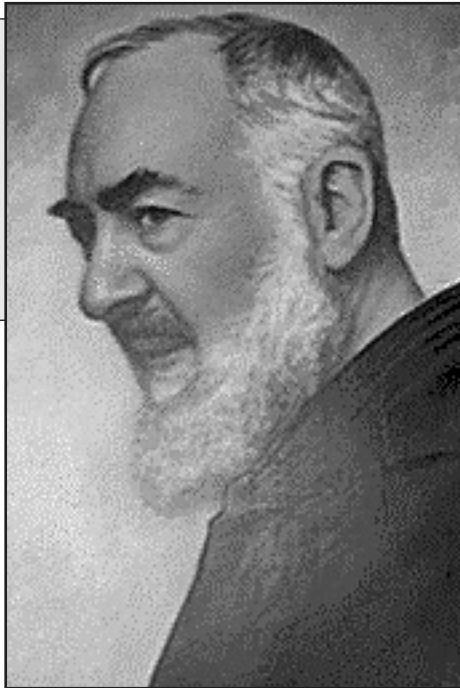


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BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Writer

St. Antoninus Parish, Newark, received a free face-lift this summer, thanks to the work of Catholic Helping Others Attain Repairs Today (HEART) Workcamp, a youth-based volunteer group originating from Orlando, FL. Last year, over 7,000 individuals and 300 parishes nationwide participated.

Approximately 350 teens con-

verged on the greater Newark area from July 26 through Aug. 1, to participate in community service endeavors. Once here, they dispersed into teams working on different projects.

"They volunteered in schools, homeless shelters, one group helped fix up a city building—all this while actively coming together for prayer and Mass. They were really incredible," said Eileen O'Hara, an enthusiastic supporter of the group, who served as a liaison to the 50 volunteers that helped out at St. Antoninus.

O'Hara, who has been on staff at the parish for some 15 years, said the group did everything from paint, spackle, clean and perform other repairs at the parish's sizable womens' residence, to cleaning pews, washing windows and painting the large rod-iron fence that surrounds the parish grounds.

Father Peter Lenox, of the Diocese of Bridgeport, CT, one of the team leaders on the trip, noted, "What we're trying to teach the members of the youth group is that it's fun to be Christian, to learn something about our Christian identity by working in charity, as

Christ showed others by giving without expecting."

Lauren Hobert, 17, of St. Paul, MN, who says she joined the work-camp to grow in her faith and help the needy, commented, "It's been good—I'm learning how to paint, and how to work with others to get things done."

Elizabeth Paglia, 15, of Stafford, VA, noted, "My brother participated the year before and had a good time. It's fun to be here with teens who all believe in the same thing. The activities and prayers are very moving."

Austin Furnour, 15, of Quantico, VA, who said he enjoys manual labor, explained, "It gives you a good feeling to help others... I hope to lift some of the burden off of other people."

Gabe Galanski, from Connecticut, added, "I really enjoy helping others. I realize I have a lot of blessings and advantages in my life. I appreciate how difficult conditions can be for those less fortunate, and I want to help in any way I can."

For more information on Catholic HEART Workcamp, visit www.heartworkcamp.com.



Advocate photo - Brian Fores

Youths from Catholic HEART Workcamp spackle a wall in the women's residence at St. Antoninus Parish, Newark.

Knights honored

Edward Lopez and Frederick Shaver, of Kearny and Midland Park respectively, district deputies of the Knights of Columbus, are among the 2003-04 Star District Award winners.

W. James White, State Deputy of the New Jersey State Knights, recently presented the awards at a special ceremony.

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September 29

St. Aloysius Parish, Caldwell, bereavement sessions in parish center, 253 Bloomfield Ave., at 7:30 p.m., every Wednesday through Nov. 17. Call Sister Lenore DeCoster at (973) 226-0209, ext. 8.

St. Mary Parish, Pompton Lakes, San Damiano School of Adult Faith Formation begins with "Living as a

Catholic in These Troubled Times." For a full schedule of offerings or to register, call (973) 835-7750 or visit www.stmarys-pompton.org.

Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, ongoing catechumenate inquiry every Wednesday, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. through Nov. 10. Contact Joe Nuzzi at (201) 327-1313 ext. 31, or jnuzzi@churchofpresentation.org.

October 2

St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Lyndhurst, first annual St. Michael the Archangel Feast, mid-morning procession, followed by Mass, celebrating Polish heritage.

Restaurant food tasting, 1 to 4 p.m. Donation \$10. Call (201) 939-1161.

October 3

St. Thomas More Parish, Fairfield, women's Communion breakfast, 9 a.m. Mass, breakfast at the Prime Hotel and Suites (formerly the Radisson); 690 Rt. 46 East. Speaker Dianne M. Traflet, J.D., S.T.D., will present "Mary and the Mystics in Times of Crisis." Cost \$25. Call Lucille Stampone at (973) 575-0029.

St. John the Apostle Parish, Linden, Rosary Altar Society annual Communion breakfast at 9 a.m. Mass and reception

at the Westwood, 438 North Ave., Garwood. Cost \$18. Call Vera Dorio at (732) 381-9227 or Marge Bracuto at (908) 276-1343.

St. Joseph the Carpenter Parish, Roselle, Rosary Confraternity annual Communion breakfast after 9 a.m. Mass. Guest speaker Ty Agosta, former host of Catholic radio talk show. Cost \$10. Call Carol (908) 241-5723 or Mary at (908) 245-4651.

St. Margaret of Cortona Parish, Little Ferry, Communion luncheon in Marnell Hall, after noon Mass. Guest speaker, Msgr. John Gilchrist. Cost \$18. Call Angie at (201) 641-5813.

October 4

St. Thomas the Apostle, Bloomfield, Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius with certified spiritual director qualified in giving the exercises. Registration limited. Call Anna, cSD, at (973) 338-9538.

**October 5**

Holy Spirit Parish, Union, the start of a new bereavement session running eight consecutive weeks, beginning Oct. 5. Call Mary Ellen at (908) 686-4481 or Larry at (908) 354-6831.

Local Highlights**Spiritual**

• Members of the Sodality of the Children of Mary of St. Teresa will meet on Oct. 1 at 3:15 p.m. in the chapel of St. Peter Hall, 2652 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City, for the recitation of the "Little Office," followed by Mass at 3:30 p.m. On Oct. 2 they will gather for the recitation of the Rosary at 8:40 a.m., followed by Mass at 9 a.m., and a monthly breakfast meeting in the Chetwood Room, Dinnen Hall, at St. Peter's College.

• The Carmel Retreat, Mahwah, will

offer Worthy of Praise: An Evening with St. Therese the Little Flower, on Oct. 1, with supper at 6:30 p.m. Free will offering. Space limited. Call (201) 327-7090 for both events.

• A presentation on Mary Magdalene and other women will be offered by Catherine Warshaw on Sept. 25 from 9:30 to noon at Dominican Motherhouse, 1 Ryerson Ave., Caldwell. Cost \$15. Sister Donna Ciangio, O.P., will present a seminar about establishing Small Christian Communities on Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. also at the Motherhouse.

Call (973) 403-3331, ext. 25 or email Lumencenter@caldwellop.org.

Blood Drive

• The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold community blood drives on Sept. 27 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 654 Summer Ave., Newark, from 4 to 8 p.m., and on Sept. 29 at Seton Hall Law School, 111 Raymond Blvd., Newark, from 1 to 6 p.m.

Fundraiser

• The Knights of Columbus, Washington Township, will host a Giant Flea and Craft Market on Oct. 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 79 Pascack Road. Beginning Sept. 20, donations of goods to be sold to raise money for charity can be dropped off Monday through Friday between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. or will be picked up by calling (201) 664-0422 during those hours. For more information, call Jerry Rider at (201) 845-8358, by email at rider72735@optonline.net.

Open Houses

• Saint Joseph Regional High School, 40 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Montvale, will host its first open house of the 2004-2005 school year on Sept. 26, at noon until 3 p.m., for 7th and 8th grade boys and their families. Call (201) 391-3300.

• Academy of the Sacred Heart, 713 Washington St., Hoboken, will hold an open house for eighth-grade girls

and their parents on Sept. 26 at 2 p.m. Call Sister Maureen Mahan, S.C., at (201) 659-7139, ext. 14.

Public Issues

• The Archdiocese of Newark will host a talk on Catholics in the Public Square on Sept. 29 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Rose of Lima Parish, 50 Short Hills Ave., Short Hills. Guest speaker is Dan Misleh of the USCCB Department of Social Development and World Peace. Call (973) 497-4341 or (973) 379-4271.

Volunteers

• An opportunity for young adults to sign up for a one-day volunteer program at a variety of Sisters of Charity ministry sites, on Sept. 28 at the Xavier Center on the College of St. Elizabeth Campus, Convent Station, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Open to women and men ages 17-30. Free. Call (973) 290-5331 or email pdotzauer@scnj.org.

Workshop

• A workshop on poverty and housing will be held at the Archdiocese of Newark Pastoral Center, 171 Clifton Ave., on Sept. 25 from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost \$10. Call (973) 497-4341 or send name, address, telephone number and church or organizational affiliation and town with a check payable to Human Concerns Office, 171 Clifton Ave., Newark, NJ 07104-0500 by Sept. 22.

Lecture

• Roberta Morton, vice president of the Tiffany and Co. store in the Mall at Short Hills, will open a monthly speaker series at Marylawn of the Oranges on Sept. 30 at 9 a.m. in the Jerome Hines Auditorium. The series is free and open to the public. For additional information call (973) 762-9222 ext. 23.

• The Felician College Division of Arts and Sciences and the Philosophy Department will present the 2004 Feast of St. Francis Lecture on Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. on the Lodi campus at 262 South Main St. The speaker will be world renowned author Gil Bailie, author of *Violence Unveiled: Humanity at the Crossroads*. Free, but donations are accepted. Call (201) 559-6166.

Play

• Sarah Melici will perform *Fool For Christ*, a one-person play with many characters on the life of Dorothy Day at Montclair State University, Student Center, Room 126 on Sept. 22 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Craft Show

• The Parents Guild of St. Joseph Regional High School, Montvale, is sponsoring an autumn craft show and sale on Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost \$2. Children and seniors are free. No strollers please. Visit www.saintjosephregional.org.

Poetry

• Poetry-in-the-Round series will begin Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. in Kozlowski Hall Auditorium. Adrienne Rich will read and answer questions. Reception and book-signing to follow. Free of charge, first-come, first-served seating. Call (973) 761-9000, ext. 5105 or visit artsci.shu.edu/english.

Defense of Marriage

• A statewide clergy prayer breakfast from 10 a.m. until noon at the war memorial building, Trenton, followed by a press conference will take place on Oct. 4. Register by Oct. 1. Visit www.njipc.org or reply to info@firepowerint.com.



Novarcensis: A Look Back at Our History

This column will commemorate important dates in the history of the Archdiocese of Newark, which celebrates its 150th anniversary this year. We welcome suggestions and anecdotes.

127 years ago...

Oct. 3. Archbishop James Roosevelt Bayley, the first Bishop of Newark, died at the Bishop's House, Newark.

75 years ago...

Sept. 25. Archbishop Thomas J. Walsh announced the formation of the Mount Carmel Guild, now part of Catholic Health and Human Services group.

65 years ago...

Oct. 1. Archbishop Walsh laid the corner stone of one of the finest auditorium-gymnasiums in pre-World War II U.S. — at Seton Hall University — which bears his name.

9 years ago...

October 4-5. Pope John Paul II made historic visit to Newark; celebrated Mass in Giants Stadium, East Rutherford, before a crowd of 83,000 people; presided at prayer service at Sacred Heart Cathedral (attended for the first time by a U.S. president); granted then-Archbishop McCarrick's request to elevate the cathedral to the rank of minor basilica.

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Novarcensis means "Newark" in Latin.

How to Report Abuse

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

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

Question posed in parable of poor

Editor:

I am writing in response to a letter to the editor written by John C. Walton in the Sept. 8 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*.

Although I cannot comment on the original article by Father Frizzell ("The struggle of faith versus greed") to which Mr. Walton was responding, I was struck by the question Mr. Walton posed regarding the parable of the talents: "Can any parable be more simple and direct in its message?"

In fact, this parable is not nearly so clear as we have thought it to be. We must recognize that we have our own cultural bias and we view the world through the lens of those raised in the developed northern hemisphere. When viewed through the lens of those "on the bottom," which is the lens Jesus always asks us to use (St. Francis of Assisi was brilliant at this), the parable of the talents looks very different.

The interpretation of a base community in Latin America turns our interpretation on its head. In their view, the king in the parable refers not to God but to a political figure of the time who went on a trip, leaving viceroys behind to collect the same unfair taxes he himself had collected.

The first two played the game his way, oppressing the poor. The third rejected the values of the first two (and

his boss), refused to participate, and paid the consequences.

So the first two are the "bad guys," and the third, the "good guy"—the opposite of how we have interpreted this. The message: When we truly follow Jesus, listen to His voice, and live by HIS values, not the world's values, we will suffer in this world-as Jesus Himself did.

A more thorough discussion of this view is in the book *Simplicity*, by Richard Rohr, O.F.M.

Susan Lenczyk
West Orange

NFP supporter

Editor,

As a supporter and half of a couple who practice Natural Family Planning (NFP), I encourage all engaged and married couples to seek information on NFP. It promotes communication and a closeness/intimacy, which strengthens the marriage.

As Damon Owens, coordinator of the Archdiocesan program, stated in his column in the July 28 issue of *The Catholic Advocate*, "NFP is a way of life that promotes authentic marital love: free, full, faithful and fruitful."

Much of today's society is based on immediate gratification and a "me first" attitude. By using NFP my husband and I have learned patience and awareness of self and others.

Sex is not just a physical act but a choice to be open to life. It has helped us appreciate each other more. We have been married nine years and attended NFP classes while we were engaged. NFP has helped us conceive our two beautiful children.

Damon is a wonderful, supportive teacher and resource person for NFP. We wish him God's blessings on the important work he is doing.

Mary Frances Bednarcik, R.N., B.S.N.
New Milford

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This is a teachable moment

BY MSGR. TIMOTHY SHUGRUE

Special to The Catholic Advocate

The drama being played out in New Jersey as a result of Gov. James McGreevey's announcement of his resignation, and of the reasons for it, has evoked many reactions.

As moderator of a chapter of Courage, an outreach ministry for those experiencing same-sex attractions and wishing to deal with them according to the teaching of the Catholic Church, I believe the situation offers a "teachable moment."

Catholics need to be clear on what our Church teaches on the subject of homosexuality: the media usually gets it wrong or incomplete.

Since the governor's acknowledgment of his struggle with homosexual feelings suggested a disapproving influence from his Catholic upbringing,

ing, I believe it is important to admit the problem our Church has in making its teaching clear, especially for the benefit of those, particularly the young, who may be experiencing ambivalent feelings about their sexual identity.

Our Church does not demand denial of homosexual feelings, or their repression by unhealthy means; it does not hold that actively pretending to be heterosexual is virtuous.

Our Church does not teach that being homosexual in orientation means that one is more sinful or is undeserving of respect. Of course, our Church also does not teach that homosexual feelings should be indulged, or that acting upon them is an acceptable alternative to heterosexual activity, itself appropriate only within marriage.

Bishops are witnesses to the Way of Jesus, the Good Shepherd

On the third anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, the Holy Father addressed the bishops of Region III, which includes New Jersey and Pennsylvania, who had traveled to Rome for their quinquennial *ad limina* meetings with the pope and members of the Roman Curia. (See Page 1 story in this edition of *The Catholic Advocate*.)

Pope John Paul II said, "Our thoughts today are centered on the bishop's exercise of sacred power, which must always be rooted in the moral authority of a life shaped by his sharing in Christ's consecration and mission. This demands of us a pastoral style inspired by the example of Christ, the Good Shepherd, and aimed at fostering holiness, communion and mission in the ecclesial community."

He advised the bishops, including our own archbishop and his auxiliary bishops, to continue to lead the local Church of Newark in "an authentic self-renewal" with "wisdom, vision and zeal." He added, "The painful period of self-examination provoked by the events of the past two years will bear spiritual fruit only if it leads the whole Catholic community in America to a deeper understanding of the Church's authentic nature and mission, and a more intense commitment to making the Church in your country reflect, in every aspect of her life, the light of Christ's grace and truth."

The Holy Father urged all of us, the clergy, Religious and lay faithful to study the documents of the Second Vatican Council in which lie the basis for "genuine ecclesial renewal in obedience to the will of Christ and in conformity with the Church's apostolic tradition."

Could the call to faith and service be any clearer? As we have previously stated in these pages, we must listen to our bishops, the authentic successors of the apostles, and discern from their life and witness the Way of the Good Shepherd who calls us, always, to Him.

In prayer and sacramental communion with our bishops, in a spirit of obedience to His will as expressed in legitimate episcopal authority, let us heed the Holy Father's admonition and participate joyfully in this process of constructive critique, commitment, responsibility, renewal and transparency in everything we do, together, to bring all to Christ through His Church.

Many find this teaching to be negative or oppressive; social norms and popular culture are increasingly hostile to it. But many, including many homosexual Catholics, believe the teaching offers a degree of much-needed honesty, as a faithful reflection of God's intent for human sexual expression.

Though disapproving homosexual activity, the teaching is essentially positive toward a person with homosexual feelings, and provides a basis for healthy integration of one's sexual "truth" with one's larger identity as a Catholic Christian person. It is important to note that one's genuine "truth" is a complex, mysterious reality that encompasses more than one's sexuality.

The publicity surrounding the governor's announcement invites us to speak to this subject from our Catholic tradition. No Catholic young person should feel, as the governor apparently did with serious pain and unhappy consequences, that the Church rejects

someone because of a homosexual orientation or does not acknowledge the difficulty of living with it in a faith-conscious and responsible way.

Above all, one should not fear talking about it: honest communication is sorely needed. The "Good News" of God's love is for all His children, a message that all deserve to hear and, better, to experience.

For information about the Courage ministry in the Archdiocese of Newark, call (973)509-7839.

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Sorting books inspired by God from 'garbage'

I was down at Atlantic City recently. The boardwalk teemed with seniors, couples and above all, families. I had not seen crowds like that since the 1940s.

I did notice one feature of the city that has perdured throughout history. It was the presence of "psychics." Honest to goodness, there must have been a dozen or more of these ladies—presumably of gypsy origin—who for \$1 or \$2 or as much as \$5 will read your palm or interpret Tarot cards to predict your future.

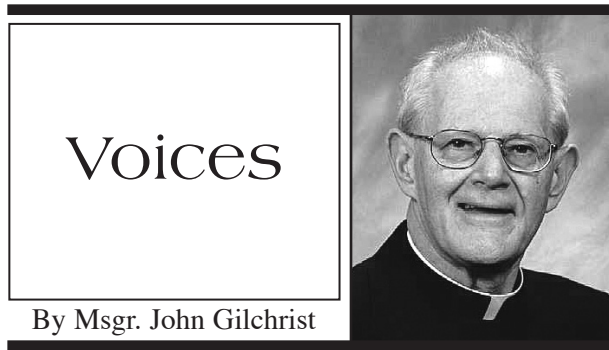
I wondered, What is the difference between a \$1 and a \$5 reading? Do you get better news for five bucks? Or perhaps you receive detailed advice on your present and future life?

The truth is that all ethnic groups, all over the world, are intrigued by the future, and they use a variety of means to divine what is to come.

Similarly, people of all religions and cultures love gossip. No matter what national literature you examine, there is always a segment on romance and/or lust. It is no different with some literature that puts itself forward as sacred.

When the Church was founded she was almost immediately confronted with a flood of written stories about the Lord and His disciples. That primitive Christian community had to decide which writings were truly inspired by God from those that were produced merely by human ingenuity.

Ultimately the Church divided all of the books about Jesus into three categories.



There were those that were universally recognized as coming from holy men under the inspiration of God. These are the "canonical" books that we have in our Bible. They are on our "list" of Scriptures.

The second group includes books that are "accepted" as "good" books. Some were even read in church. But they are not considered to be "inspired Scripture." So they are approved and can be read for

spiritual benefit—but they are not read in the liturgy.

The third group is comprised of all the others. They have been fabricated in a novelist's fashion. These are stories and legends created by people to satisfy human curiosity—or even worse, to convince people about the truth of a false sect or belief.

They are "popular" literature that was created in the Graeco-Roman world to supply deficient information

about Our Lord or His friends. These books would be the Mediterranean version of the *National Enquirer*.

Here are a couple of examples from the spurious Gnostic "Gospel of Saint Thomas."

"Simon Peter said to them, Let Mary (the Magdalene) go away from us, for women are not worthy of life. Jesus said: Lo, I shall lead her so that I may make her a male that she too may become a living spirit, resembling you males. For every woman who makes herself a male will enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

A disputed verse has this dialogue between Jesus and a certain Salome: "Jesus said, Two shall rest upon a bed; one shall die the other live.

"Salome said, Who art thou, O man? And whose son? Thou hast mounted my bed and eaten from my table. Jesus said to her, I am He who is from that which is equal. To me was given the things of my Father. Salome said, I am your disciple."

These are snippets. But they suffice to how devilish minds were at work early in the history of the Church. These forms of stories and legends, carried for centuries by some groups, were thrown into the garbage by the Church.

Lately, some ingenious people have found them and dragged them out in order to make a dollar and demean Christianity. Like the gypsy fortuneteller, these tales will tell people what they want to hear—true or false.

St. Paul the Apostle warned about people with "ears itching" to hear such tales. He was correct. People love gossip, even if—perhaps especially if—it is false.

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Seeing is believing: Christ and the Father are one

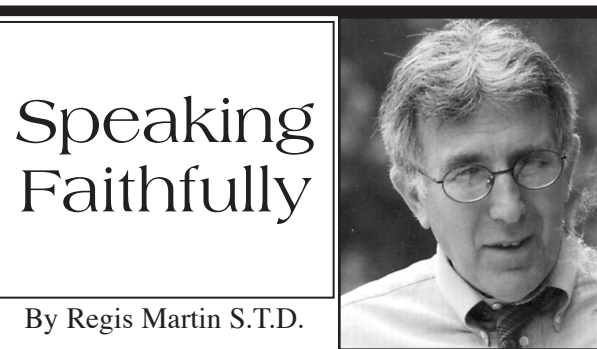
Of all the recorded words spoken by Christ in the New Testament, among the most consoling are the ones that promise eternal life to those who love Him. "There are many dwelling places in my Father's house; otherwise, should I have said to you, I am going away to prepare a home for you? And though I do go away, to prepare you a home, I am coming back; and then I will take you to myself, so that you too may be where I am" (Jn 14:2-3).

Who can improve upon that? It is the promise, after all, of sheer, unsurpassed, unending joy. However, the moment the words are out of His mouth, two of the disciples throw their hands into the air, completely befuddled by what they mean. Thomas, for example, who hasn't a clue as to where the Lord might be going, is filled with perplexity about the way. Thus prompting Jesus to pronounce in magisterial accent, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father, except through me" (14:6).

And then there is poor Philip, who, perceiving that the way to the Father is not roundabout but rather a road to be taken through the Son, asks if they might then be able to see the Father. But this desire to be shown the Father is at once co-opted by Jesus, who tells him, "Whoever has seen me, has seen the Father... Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me?" (14:9-10)

So all at once the most amazing equation emerges between Christ and the Father, a deeply mysterious unity whose ground is that very divinity they equally and eternally possess. Why could not Philip see this? Does he not yet know the One to whom he has pledged his life? How poorly acquainted he must be with that divine estate in which the whole human nature of Christ is steeped.

Yet, in fairness to Philip, recognition of such divinity depends on the grace of faith, without which nothing



will induce the vision of seeing the Father in the Son. And only in the blaze of Pentecostal vision and holiness that follows upon the Death and Resurrection of Christ—events, as it were, igniting the fire of the Holy Ghost—will the force of the revelation be felt in the lives of His disciples.

Then the scales will fall away and the remembered sight of Christ, the human being Jesus in whom they had not yet known the Father, will become the basis of the entire Trinitarian faith of the Church. Then the One on whom they had looked will shine forth with the glory of God.

"All the way to Heaven," declared Jesus to the young Catherine of Siena, "is Heaven. Because I am the Way." To get to heaven, to find the face of the Father whom to gaze upon is sheerest bliss, it should not then be necessary that we take sudden and drastic leave of this world, leaping out of the skin of our days. It is enough simply that we enter upon the Way of Christ that leads unflinchingly to God. To anneal ourselves in the flesh of the

God-made-man, whom we know in faith to be as close to us as the nearest Communion line of any Catholic parish in the world.

The movement of faith, therefore, is from the simple facts so plainly set before the eye, to the mind's apprehension of the Mystery unfolding before another eye, which is that of belief. But never do we leave off with the need to see. Faith is not a set of abstractions but an event whose point of origin is the fact that just as in Jesus we see the visible presence of the Father, so too in the Church we see the visible presence of Christ, especially when we are gathered around the altar of the Eucharist. Indeed, this community of believers we call the Church exists solely in order to incarnate and extend that Presence.

Is it possible for Christ to be found today? And if so, will He appear in the same way He was found two thousand years ago? The answer can be yes so long as the Church is seen as the setting where salvation begins,

where the encounter with the living God takes place. Because she is no less than that very prolongation of God's Real Presence among us. This is why when we meet people who are togeth-

er only because of Him, we are moved to celebrate that same Presence on which all our lives depend. It is in that context that what we call the Mass takes place.

Yes, Christ has gone to prepare a place for us, a place beyond the stars; but the launching pad for that place is precisely here, in the body of this world—His Body—whom we are to see as plainly as our own.

Dr. Regis Martin is a professor of theology at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH.

Faith is not a set of abstractions.

Peace and justice are birthright

UNITED NATIONS (CNS) — As the U.N. General Assembly prepared to open its fall session, the chief Vatican representative to the body called on nations and individuals to “never be indifferent to the pain of our fellow creatures, no matter how often it is placed before us by events.”

Archbishop Celestino Migliore, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations, made the comment at a prayer service the day before the opening of the 59th session of the General Assembly.

“We pray that there may be greater understanding, respect and cooperation among the family of nations, to the benefit of all peoples, especially the poor, the weak and the innocent,” the archbishop said.

Among those attending the Sept. 13 service in Holy Family Church, near the U.N. headquarters in New York, were U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan; New York Cardinal Edward M. Egan; Jean Ping of Gabon, incoming president of the General Assembly, and Julian Hunte of St. Lucia, president of the General Assembly’s last session.

Quoting Annan, Archbishop Migliore said, “When we pray, individually and collectively, with

one voice or with a multitude of prayer, we can overwhelm the sound of war. We can overcome the seeds of intolerance. We can forge the peace and justice that is the birthright of every human being.”

The archbishop also read a message from Cardinal Angelo Sodano, Vatican secretary of state, on behalf of Pope John Paul II.

“At a time when the United Nations organization has committed itself to the renewal of its structures,

His Holiness expresses his profound hope that all associated with this important undertaking will carry out their work with wisdom and firm purpose, placing the common good of the human family above

particular interests and respecting the principles of solidarity and subsidiarity which should regulate relations between nations,” the message said.

“He trusts that through specific decisions and commitments, especially on the part of more prosperous nations, the less developed nations will be helped to escape the spiral of poverty and to fulfill their legitimate aspirations within the international community,” it added.

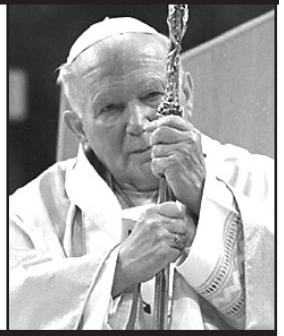
The General Assembly session that opened Sept. 14 is to continue into December.

**“We can overwhelm
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— Archbishop Celestino Migliore

The Pope Speaks

Pope John Paul II



Communion of praise

In today’s canticle from the Book of Revelation, we encounter the frequent use of the word “Alleluia,” which serves as a bridge linking all the elect in their celebration of the Lord in joy and thanksgiving.

The canticle describes the Church on earth joining its song of thanksgiving with the voice of the just in heaven, who unceasingly contemplate the glory of God.

In this way, a channel of communication is established between history and eternity, uniting the earthly and celestial liturgies in a common song of praise.

This same “communion of praise” reminds the faithful of three essential themes: namely the power and glory of God, His kingdom offering salvation for the human race and the nuptial relationship between the lamb, who is Christ, and His purified and transfigured spouse, which is humanity redeemed.

May our common “Alleluia” always console and strengthen us on our pilgrim way.

I am pleased to greet the English-speaking pilgrims present at this audience, especially those from England, Sweden and the United States of America.

Upon you and your loved ones, I invoke the Lord’s blessings of peace and joy.

This world’s goods and our goals

Readings: Am 6:1, 4-7; Ps 146; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31.

Week by week we are shocked by the atrocious ways that human beings behave toward one another. War may bring out the worst in people, but greed and anger also lead to violence in homes and on the streets.

The Church and each of us are called to bring the light and love of Christ to these situations, difficult as that task may be. This ongoing challenge is accompanied by a second: the realization that we should strive to prevent these very tragedies from happening. No one should be oblivious to the conditions that may lead to despair or eruptions of violence.

The Second Vatican Council and all the popes of these recent decades have addressed both issues on numerous occasions.

“God destined the earth and all it contains for all humanity and all peoples so that all created things would be shared fairly by all humankind under the guidance of justice tempered by charity... In their use of things people should regard the external goods that they legitimately own not merely as exclusive to themselves but common to others also, in the sense that they can benefit others as well” (Vatican II: *Gaudium et spes*, Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, No. 69).

Last Sunday, the selection from the prophet Amos railed against those who trample upon the poor by unjust practices.

This week the preoccupation of the rich with “the good life” is criticized. In their selfishness the rulers and nobility in the Northern Kingdom of Israel neglected their responsibility toward the community at large. They were so engrossed in fine foods and elegant living that “they are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph” (the Northern Kingdom).

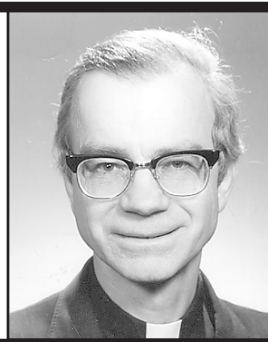
Failing to recognize impending political disaster in time to avert it, “they shall be the first to go into exile”.

In our own day, the high officials in some corpo-

Sunday Readings

26th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
(Sept. 26, 2004)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



rations live in luxury and vote themselves a salary increase even as their companies plunge into irreversible decline. No doubt they have plans for personal survival, but what of the ordinary employees?

The voice of the prophet should resonate through the boardrooms and executive offices of our day. But just as Amos was told to go home, the Church and people of insight do not expect to find many attentive listeners. The watchman or the whistleblower fulfils an obligation in conscience by speaking the truth, no matter what the response (see Ez 33:1-9).

Someday that person will be vindicated for proclaiming the truth that works justice.

The parable contrasting the rich man and Lazarus (a form of Eleazar, “God is my help”) makes the point that even “benign” negligence of the poor can never be excused. Decades ago the Second Vatican Council drew upon the Church’s tradition to drive home the same lesson:

“Faced with a world today where so many people are suffering from want, the Council asks individuals and governments to remember the saying of the Fathers: ‘Feed the man dying of hunger, because if

*The problem for many is
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you do not feed him you are killing him,’ and it urges them according to their ability to share and dispose of their goods to help others, above all by giving them aid which will enable them to help and develop themselves” (No. 69).

Jesus stressed that the perennial message of the Scriptures should be the basis for people in each generation to examine their conscience and live so that they would achieve the true goal of life.

The very name of the beggar epitomized his dependence on God for happiness, whereas the anonymous sybarite allowed possessions and pleasure to dull his conscience.

We still have Moses and the prophets, the teachings and example of Jesus and His followers to challenge us concerning our pursuit of personal happiness and the rights of others to live in dignity.

Repentance is needed in every age so that wealth will be used to prepare the rich for entry into everlasting dwellings (Lk 16:9).

The problem for many is that their wealth numbs

them to the needs of their neighbor, and to their own mortality. As one wealthy man said, “Since I’m having such a great time here, I don’t plan to go anywhere!”

Would such a person be moved by the mystery of Christ’s resurrection? Or would the poverty of Jesus evoke a response of compassion? May we listen to Moses and the prophets so that the passion and resurrection of Jesus will transform our lives!

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

A rich mix of cultures and ministries

BY LISA HADDOCK

Special to The Catholic Advocate

Father Robert G. Laferrera faces a challenge common to many pastors — molding an ethnically diverse membership into a single Christian family.

“One of the things I really try to support is the work of those in the parish who try to build us as a community,” said Father Laferrera, pastor of St. Mary’s Church in Dumont since 1999.

St. Mary’s once was an overwhelmingly Irish-American parish, he explained. As time passed at the church, founded in 1914, Italian, Polish and other European believers joined the parish.

These days, new immigrants from throughout Europe as well as Filipinos and Indians are among the latest wave of Christians to arrive at the 2,500-household parish.

“We are trying to ... blend the cultures together,” said Father Laferrera, who is of Italian and Irish descent. “And I think we are being successful.”

“How do you acknowledge the diversity, celebrate the diversity and at the same time bring people together?” said the pastor, who spent 14 years as a teacher with the Congregation of Christian Brothers before leaving that order to study for the priesthood in 1985.

Father Laferrera and his staff have come up with a variety of programs to answer those needs.

The Social Life Committee came up with International Night. During this event, parishioners of all backgrounds can show off their ethnic pride.

“We’ve had it for the past two years, and we probably have 300 people show up... We celebrate food, we celebrate song, we celebrate dance. We can have a person singing an Italian song. We have Irish step dancers. We have Filipino dancers, Indian dancers... We had Indian girls singing in Sanskrit.

“It was wonderful,” said the priest, who added that dishes from 14 different ethnic cuisines are served at these gatherings. “It was just a wonderful celebration of who we are... It is part of the spirit of who we are.”

Filipino culture is honored through Simbang-Gabi (meaning “dawn Mass”) — a novena of Masses leading up to Christmas. In the Philippines, these nine days of Masses are held at 4 a.m. to accommodate farmers, who worship and then head out to the fields. But in America, it is a nighttime celebration.

St. Mary’s hosts one night. A Tagalog-speaking priest is brought in as the celebrant for Mass. But

most of the service is in English, so that all parishioners can take part. Other parishes with large Filipino contingents take a turn hosting a night.

At the end of each celebration, the manger is passed to representatives of the next host church.

“So there’s Mass. There’s all kinds of wonderful food that they have. And then the children do a Christmas pageant,” the pastor said. “There are a number of our [non-Filipino] parishioners who make a point of always coming.”

Many of the Filipino congregants, who make up a quarter of the St. Mary’s membership, return the favor by attending other cultural celebrations.

The Irish are honored at a St. Patrick’s dance, with a band piping, fiddling and drumming out traditional Celtic tunes. The church celebrates Mass before Bergen County’s annual St. Patrick’s Parade, which marches through the streets of Bergenfield. Italians have their day to shine at a Mass honoring St. Joseph. The celebration continues with coffee and Italian pastries.

In addition to uniting the diverse cultures, Father Laferrera launched a health ministry a year ago. The ministry, run by two nurses who volunteer their time, focuses on blood-pressure screenings and health education.

“In the fall, we are planning on having some seminars, the first of which is going to be dealing with end-of-life issues,” the pastor said. The seminar will focus on the emotions of decision-making about treat-

ment for terminally loved ones as well as Catholic moral teachings on these issues, he said.

“We want to help people to come to realize that the church does seek to help them with those issues,” Father Laferrera said.

The pastoral council will survey parishioners for other health issues they would like to see addressed.

But St. Mary’s does more than address the needs of its members.

“We take a lot of pride in the service we’re involved in,” the pastor said.

Between 700 and 800 parishioners are involved in some sort of ministry at the parish, Laferrera estimated.

“We work with the Interreligious Fellowship for the Homeless. So we staff a homeless shelter at St. Cecilia’s in Englewood two weeks out of the year. Our Filipino community goes down monthly to work with Mother Teresa’s Missionaries of Charity in Newark at a soup kitchen... We take food down to

Hackensack and we feed the hungry.

“And we have our own food pantry here at St. Mary’s,” the priest said. The church works closely with the borough’s Social Services to find out who needs help.

Other programs include a bereavement ministry, run by Father Stephen A. Carey, parochial vicar. Sister Kathleen Doyle, C.S.J.P., is pastoral associate for Christian formation. She oversees RCIA, sacramental preparation and small Christian communities.

Other staffers include Kathleen Sylvester, pastoral associate for liturgy; William Mascitello, religious education director; Charles and Lesa Rossman, youth ministry coordinators; and Brian O’Dowd, young adult ministry coordinator. Catherine Gibson is principal of the parish school, which serves approximately 270 students, 60 percent of whom are parishioners.

Father Thomas A. Szelest, a retired priest who has served his entire career at St. Mary’s, remains an active force in the community.

Steve Pochini, choral director at Dumont High School, was plucked from the ranks of parishioners to serve as the new music director. Father Laferrera proudly said, “We have a lot of music here.”

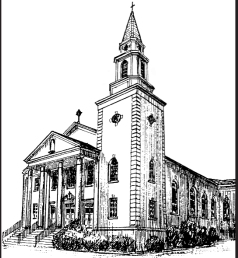
In fact, St. Mary’s has five choirs: adult, youth, children, Filipino, and bell ringers.

Father Laferrera remains an educator, eager to help parishioners grow in knowledge and faith. St. Mary’s latest program proves that point.

“We’re looking to start Theology on Tap,” said Father Laferrera, who added that the program is coordinated by O’Dowd, his young adult minister.

“It invites young adults to a local

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Saint Mary's, Dumont



The cornerstone for the current church building of St. Mary’s was laid in 1961. The church was dedicated by Archbishop Thomas A. Boland in 1962. It seats about 1200 people in the main sanctuary.



The original baptismal font from 1962 has been positioned above a baptismal pool that was installed in 2001. In the background is the altar, made entirely of marble.

Advocate photos - Brian Fores

Parish grows despite some hard times

In August 1913, St. Mary's of Dumont was born in the mind of the Most Rev. John J. O'Connor, Bishop of Newark.

The bishop asked Father G. De Vincentiis, pastor of St. Joseph's in Oradell, to see whether Dumont needed a Catholic parish. Father De Vincentiis reported back that the borough, then population 1,400, was 25 percent Catholic. The bishop instructed Father De Vincentiis to establish a mission in Dumont.

On Oct. 15 of that year, Father De Vincentiis celebrated St. Mary's first Mass at Dumont's old Borough Hall. That month, Father De Vincentiis purchased property on the southwest corner of Washington and New Milford avenues.

On May 10, 1914, ground breaking took place for St. Mary's original church building. On Dec. 14 of that year, the first Mass was celebrated in the new building.

In June 1921, Father John V. Woods was appointed St. Mary's first resident pastor. Later that year, Father Woods acquired three lots along New Milford Avenue and Washington Avenue. He planned to build an auditorium and school, but the Great Depression and war years delayed these plans.

Despite hard financial times, the parish flourished spiritually. Father Woods continued to serve the parish until his death on July 6, 1935.

Bishop Thomas J. Walsh appointed Father Henry W. O'Neill as pastor on July 15, 1935. That fall, Father O'Neill established St. Mary's Athletic Association; young people from the church participated in baseball, basketball and track meets.

That same year, an Italian club formed at the parish, lasting until 1949. Father O'Neill continued expansion by purchasing the old McCormack House on Jan. 6, 1936. The structure served as a parish house and a hub for social activities.

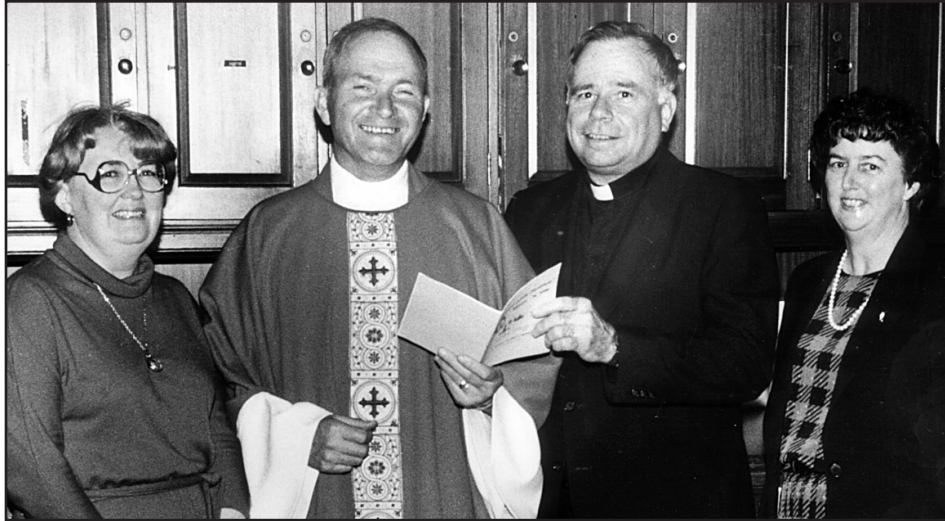
As the church continued to grow, Masses were added to the schedule. In June 1947, Father Theodore Szelest became St. Mary's first permanent assistant immediately after his ordination.

Father Szelest, now retired, has spent his entire life as a priest at St. Mary's. He still lives at St. Mary's rectory and is active in parish life.

In April 1950, the church broke ground for a school. Served by the Sisters of Charity, the school opened in September 1951.

The same year, Father O'Neill oversaw construction of a new rectory and convent.

By the fifties, St. Mary's old 350-seat church was cramped. Father O'Neill again saw the need for expansion. In April of 1962, St. Mary's current red brick colonial structure was dedicated by the Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland. The structure, which cost \$1 million, seats 1,200 in the main sanctuary and 1,000 in the basement chapel.



In 1987, the parish hosted a Gaelic Mass commemorating the 1916 Easter Sunday uprising in Dublin. Participants included, left to right, Marie Fitzgerald, organist and choir director; Msgr. Kevin Flanagan, an Irish-born priest and pastor of St. Peter Parish, Parsippany; Father Donald Sheehan, pastor of St. Mary's, and Marge Ferguson of St. Pius X Parish, Old Tappan, chairwoman of the event.

Father Szelest served as administrator from 1964 to 1966. Father O'Neill, who served St. Mary's for 31 years, passed away in July of 1965 at 74.

Monsignor Thomas J. Gillhooly arrived as pastor on Aug. 11, 1966. Soon after his arrival, the parish held a special Mass for the disabled in the school auditorium. Archbishop Boland arranged for an Apostolic Papal Blessing for the worshippers.

During Monsignor Gillhooly's tenure, changes rippled through the parish. The church was rearranged because of changes ordered by the Second Vatican Council. The church had regular CYO social nights. And the Vietnam War caused concern among parishioners, especially the young people.

At St. Mary's School, students prayed for peace, for the safe return of loved ones

serving in the war and made peace banners. The young adults of St. Mary's took part in a multi-denominational blood drive for U.S. servicemen in Vietnam.

In 1970, the Sisters of Charity announced their departure. Even before the school was opened, the sisters taught the faith to St. Mary's youngsters. An emotional farewell ceremony was held for the 13 sisters who served the school at the time.

Over the years, approximately 60 Sisters of Charity served St. Mary's. After their departure, Monsignor Gillhooly brought in lay faculty and used all four of the parish's priests to help with teaching duties.

The abandoned convent was turned into a House of Solitude in 1977. The house, directed first by Father Joseph Murphy and then by Father Richard Strelecki, was open to clergy of all denominations for prayer and fasting during weekdays.

On Saturday, the house was available for laypeople. And on Sundays, the house was open to priests for recreation and fraternal bonding. When Father Strelecki left for another assignment, the House of Solitude closed, abandoned again sometime in the eighties.

Monsignor Gillhooly, who stepped down as pastor in 1986, was replaced by Monsignor John M. Smith. Monsignor Smith was soon moved to the duties in the chancery office in Newark.

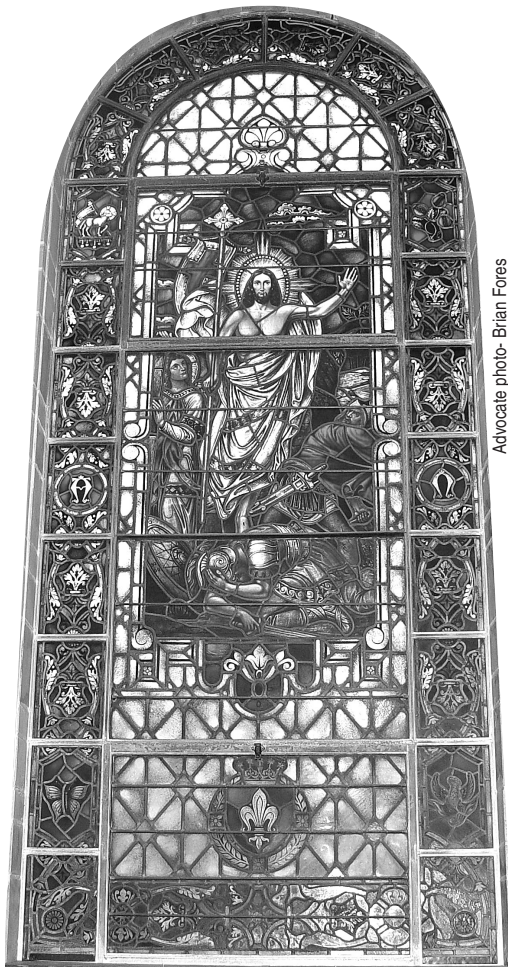
He was appointed an auxiliary bishop of the Newark Archdiocese in 1987. In 1991, he became Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee, Fla. In 1997, he became Bishop of Trenton, where he still serves.

Father Donald Sheehan became pastor in January 1987. Among his achievements were remodeling the parish office area, encouraging lay ministries and establishing a day care center.

He pushed for the convent to be turned into a homeless shelter, but community resistance forced the plan to be dropped. What to do with the convent remains a problem to this day.

Various plans have been advanced over the years, but none has succeeded. A committee is studying what to do with it.

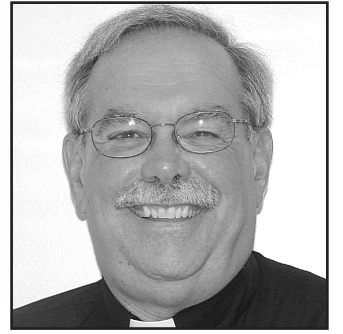
In 1999, Father Robert Laferrera became pastor. He has launched a number of programs, including a health ministry, International Night and Theology on Tap.



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Twelve large stained glass windows grace the church, mostly depicting Marian events in the life of Jesus. This one depicts the Resurrection of Christ.

Meet the Pastor



Fr. Robert G. Laferrera

Age: 54

Date of Birth: Oct. 5, 1949

High School: Essex Catholic High School, Newark

College/Graduate School/

Seminary: B.A. in French, Iona College, New Rochelle, N.Y.; M.A. in education, Manhattan College, Bronx; M. Div., Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, Seton Hall University; certificate in liturgical studies, Notre Dame University, IN.

Date of Ordination: Dec. 10, 1988

Heroes: Blessed Pope John XXIII; all parents raising children today.

Favorite saint: Thomas More

Favorite sports: Tennis, golf

Favorite food: "Anything Italian."

Favorite movie: *It's a Wonderful Life*

Last book read: *A People Adrift* by Peter Steinfeld

Proudest moments: Ordination to the priesthood; first Mass celebrated

Favorite subject in school: History

Occupation if I weren't a priest: Teacher

Material for this article was taken from St. Mary's 75th Anniversary Parish History and from statements by Father Szelest.

Ministries

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restaurant. They gather for dinner, and then there's some kind of presentation made on some topic related to faith... It's found in a lot of parishes. We're just getting it off the ground here," he said. "One of the issues we're looking to start out with is religion and politics, which is a very timely topic."

He also educates from the pulpit and in classes. "I love to preach... I love to get out there and open up the Scriptures... I do Bible study here, and I love it. I love when people's faces open up, and they say: 'Wow, I didn't know that.'"

Father Laferrera believes that Church is about making the individual better through the Eucharist and the Scriptures.

"You can go out and be a good person" without going to church, he said. "But you can be a better person by getting what you need on Sunday."

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The mission of the Cathedral music program, explains a spokesman, is "to lead and uplift the community in sung prayer by way of embracing the assembly's call to full, conscious and active participation. While affirming and celebrating the unique diversity of our community, the program acknowledges the Church's rich heritage of music, and strives to compliment it with the vast resources of music from the current day."

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Secure on-site parking for all events is available at the Cathedral Basilica lot on Clifton Avenue. The doors open one hour before the concert, and seats are available on a first-come basis. Special group seating is available for Sunday afternoon performances. In addition, a guided tour of the Cathedral Basilica is conducted following each of the Sunday concerts.

Contact the Cathedral Music Office at (973) 484-2400 or on the web at www.cathedralbasilica.org/concert/index.html for more information.

The series includes:

Sunday, Oct. 17, 6 p.m.

The San Antonio Vocal Arts Ensemble celebrating the conclusion of the Sesquicentennial of the Archdiocese of Newark. Featured will be music from the artists' recording, *El Milagro de Guadalupe and Ancient Echoes*. Free-will offering.

Sunday, Nov. 21, 4 p.m.

Organ Recital with Mark Paoe. The program will include works by Bach, Bovet, Howells, Bolcom, and Widor's *Symphony No. 6*. Suggested donation \$15.

Thursday, Dec. 14, 8 p.m.

The 34th annual Christmas Carol Sing. Along with the singing of traditional Christmas Carols, the con-

cert will include choral selections from various countries worldwide. Doors open at 7 p.m. Free-will offering.

Sunday, Jan. 23, 2005, 3 p.m.

The Cathedral Music Ministry celebrates the 150th Anniversary of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception. The Cathedral Choir and Instrumentalists will combine forces to present a performance of Marian music. Works of Biebl, Britten, Howells, and Stravinsky will be included in the program. Free-will offering.

Sunday, Feb. 20, 2005, 4 p.m.

An Organ Recital by Nicole Keller featuring the works of Bach, Sweelinck, Tournemire, and Widor. Suggested donation \$15.

Friday, March 25, 2005, 8 p.m.

Choral Meditations on the Stations of the Cross with the Cathedral Choir, an annual Good Friday

event. The Cathedral Choir under the direction of John J. Miller will present meditations within the context of the Stations of the Cross. The *a cappella* program will feature works of Allegri, Casals, Byrd, Tallis, and Poulenc. Free-will offering.

Sunday, April 10, 2005, 4 p.m.

The Engineers Orchestra from Bucharest, Romania. A celebration of the 125th anniversary of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Andrei Iliescu is the conductor. The program will be announced. The suggested donation is \$15.

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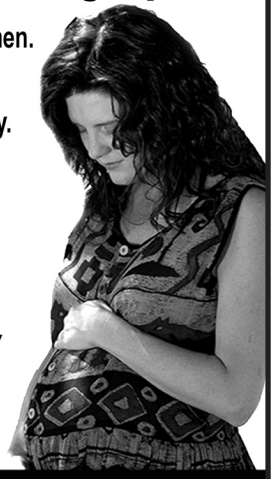
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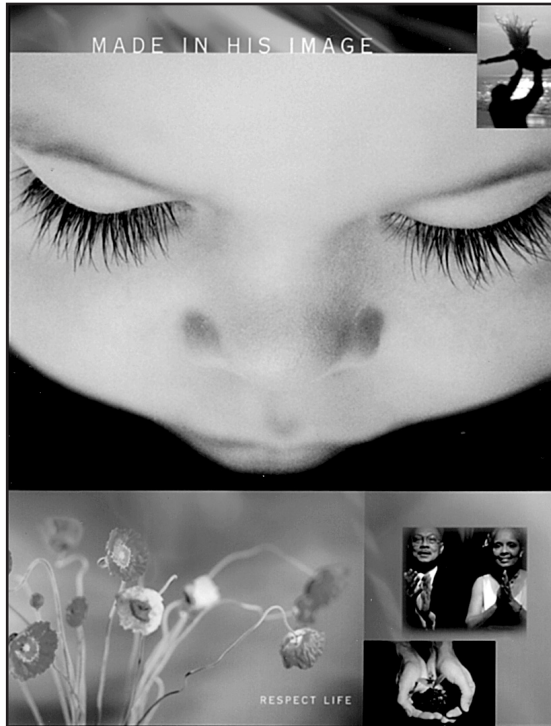
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Much more than just words

BY MSGR. RICHARD M. MCGUINNESS
Director, Respect Life Office

To speak out against abortion and euthanasia is a good thing; to try to get laws changed so as to prevent abortion and euthanasia is important.

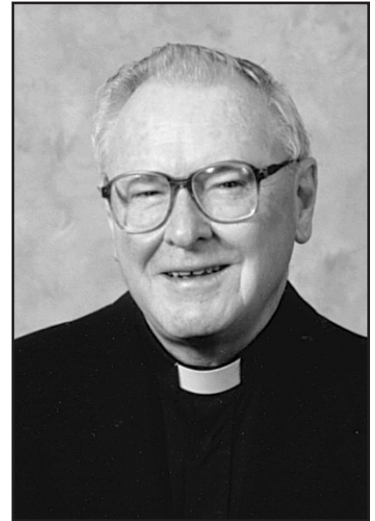
But if we do not help provide understanding for those who are contemplating an abortion, or if we do not help provide assistance to those who are courageous enough to carry their baby to term, we are not doing enough.

St. James says if a needy person comes to you and "you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?" Christ loves us even when we sin. He went about bringing forgiveness and healing for all.

We are called on as Christians to bring His healing and forgiveness to others. It is not enough to simply pray and speak out against the taking of innocent life. Help is needed to let those contemplating abortion know that concrete aid and support is available.

We need to support those centers that provide physical, emotional and medical help by providing temporary housing and support.

We need to provide forgiveness, love and understanding in programs for those who have had abortions. Programs such as Project Rachel and Rachel's Vineyard retreats. In that way, we enable those who have experienced the guilt and



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trauma of abortion to feel the mercy and understanding love of Christ through our efforts.

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Human dignity in the 'vegetative' state

BY RICHARD M. DOERFLINGER
Special to The Catholic Advocate

On Christmas Eve 1999, the family of Patricia White Bull in Albuquerque, NM, received an unexpected gift. After 16 years in a supposedly irreversible "vegetative state," Mrs. White Bull began to speak.

Mrs. White Bull's story is not unique. In recent years, a number of patients have unexpectedly recovered from the "vegetative" state—a dimly understood condition in which patients have sleep/wake cycles, but do not seem aware of themselves or their environment.

The term "persistent vegetative state" was coined in 1972. Physicians said then that patients with this diagnosis had no consciousness or sensation, and could not recover once they had remained in this state for a certain number of months. The latest findings contradict all this. It turns out that patients diagnosed as being in a "vegetative" state may have significant brain waves, and substantial parts of the upper brain may be alive and functioning.

On March 20, 2004, Pope

John Paul II delivered an important speech in which he clarified and reaffirmed our moral obligation to provide normal care to these patients, including the food and fluids they need to survive. Here the Holy Father made several points:

Patients diagnosed as being in a "vegetative" state may have significant brain waves.

1. No living human being ever descends to the status of a "vegetable" or an animal. "Even our brothers and sisters who find themselves in the clinical condition of a 'vegetative state' retain their human dignity in all its fullness." The Church insists that "the value of a man's life cannot be made subordinate to any judgment of its quality expressed by other men."

2. In principle, food and fluids (even if medically assisted, as in tube feeding) are part of that normal care. Such feeding, he said, is "a natural means of preserving life, not a medical act." Even incurable patients have a right to basic care.

3. This judgment does not change when the "vegetative" state is diagnosed as "persistent" or unlikely to change: "The evaluation of probabilities, founded on waning hopes for recovery when the vegetative state is prolonged beyond a year, cannot ethically justify the

cessation or interruption of minimal care for the patient, including nutrition and hydration."

4. Deliberate withdrawal of food and fluids to produce a premature death can be a form of euthanasia, that is, unjust killing. "Death by starvation or dehydration is, in fact, the only possible outcome as a result of their withdrawal. In this sense it ends up becoming, if done knowingly and willingly, true and proper euthanasia by omission."

5. The obligation to provide assisted feeding lasts only as long as such feeding meets its goals of providing nourishment and alleviating suffering.

6. We must not forget the needs of families caring for a loved one in a "vegetative" state and reach out to give them assistance so they will not face their burdens alone.

The pope's speech responds to a serious moral and legal problem that has divided families, ethical advisors, and courts in the United States and elsewhere.

Patients and families, like others involved in medical decisions, need to understand that while specific medical procedures may at times become useless or burdensome, this can never be said of human persons themselves. Caring for loved ones who may never be able to respond or thank us for our faithfulness could be the ultimate test of our commitment to a culture of life.

Richard M. Doerflinger is deputy director of the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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A call to effective action: Being right is not enough

BY MARY CUNNINGHAM AGEE
Special to The Catholic Advocate

At this pivotal time in our nation's history, many of us are struggling with the question of how more effectively to promote a culture of life. Even if recent legislative victories and polling data suggest we are doing enough, it's clear we fall far short of the "civilization of love" and "culture of life" about which Pope John Paul II speaks and writes so eloquently.

Christ taught us to speak with our actions as well as our words. He taught us to show empathy, respect and love for our audience by adapting our message to their unique needs and circumstances. He refused to keep a safe distance from His subject whether in word or action.

As good communicators with a message that desperately needs to be heard, we have no choice but to engage our audience where they are. In a culture in which women often have been abused by men through coerced abortion, divorce and desertion, would one generally expect men to be effective in demanding that a woman place the needs of an unborn child ahead of her own?

A new voice is called for, just as different words are needed. We should focus more on presenting moving personal testimonies from real women who have confronted the painful consequences of living in a culture of death.

By allowing their anguished voices to be heard, the falsehoods lurking behind the "choice" rhetoric can be exposed. By permitting their tears to be seen and their broken hearts exposed, it will become obvious that women do "deserve better" than abortion.

This awareness is what caused my professional life to take a sudden detour two decades ago to a modest office as founder and managing director of an international charity.

While it initially took the personal anguish of a mid-trimester miscarriage for me to grasp the horror of prenatal death, it has taken the daily, life-activity of Nurturing Network to teach me the primary importance of translating my reverence for all human life into concrete, Christ-like action.

A new voice is called for, just as different words are needed.

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These are the healing words that will help build a genuine and lasting culture of life. They ring true and find their way home in every wounded human heart.

Mary Cunningham Agee is the founder and president of the Nurturing Network.

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Surgical advances for unborn

BY WILLIAM R. LILE, JR., D.O.
Special to The Catholic Advocate

All couples yearn for and even expect to deliver a "perfect" baby, yet in reality approximately two percent of all babies will be born with some type of birth defect.

Most are non-life threatening and, if need be, can be corrected after the baby is born. Others, however, can result in the growing baby's death if not corrected.

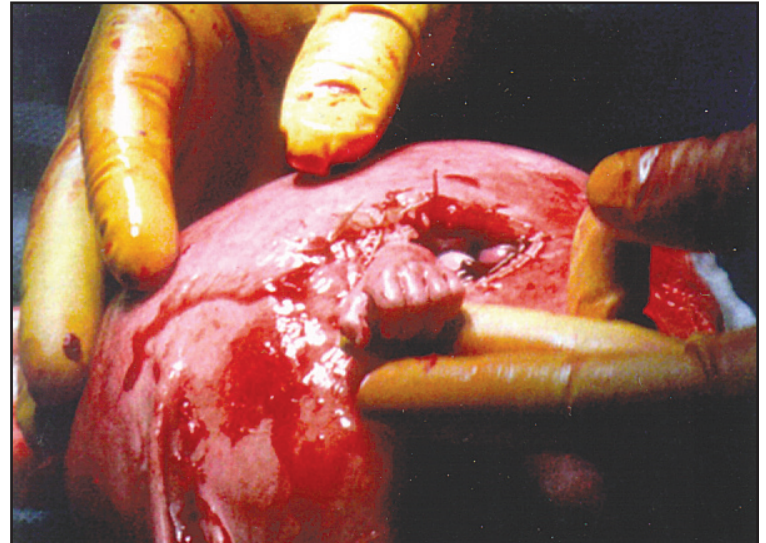
Today's ultrasounds are safe for mom and baby, and have opened a window into the womb thought to be impossible just 10 years ago.

Maternal fetal medicine specialists are treating both mother and baby as individual patients in amazing ways.

While still in its infancy, fetal surgery is rapidly changing how we treat these tiny patients. Yet despite the advances in both equipment and technique, there are still conditions, diseases, and injuries in both adults and children that we just can't fix.

Life is a gift from God. It is He who weaves us in the womb. To stop that life is an act of defiance against God and His will. In Luke 1:44 God uses the Greek word *brepheos* to describe how the as-yet unborn John the Baptist "leaped in the womb for joy" while in the presence of the unborn Christ.

In the very next chapter the



Fetal surgery is now able to save lives and mitigate many disabilities. Samuel Armas, seen grasping his surgeon's finger and now a robust four-year-old, explained to Congress, "They fixed my boo-boo." Sunday, Oct. 3 is Respect Life Sunday.

same word, *brepheos*, is used to describe the already born baby Jesus (Luke 2:12).

God sees them as babies, whether born or unborn, with all the God-given human dignity and the same right to life afforded to adults.

So what do we do when we diagnose abnormalities that we can't correct? The same thing we do for adults or children who develop incurable conditions, or suffer severe injury—we treat them with love, compassion, and dignity.

Until the hearts of the nation are changed, abortion will continue. We need to tell the truth to our friends, vote for those who

value life, and hear about God's gift of life from our pulpits.

The tens of millions of women who have had an abortion need to know that we serve a loving and forgiving God.

"I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live" (Deuteronomy 30:19).

Dr. Lile is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology. He is licensed to practice medicine in Florida and Alabama, and has a private practice with the Sacred Heart Medical Group in Pensacola, FL. He may be contacted through www.ProLifeDoc.org.

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Legislation to toughen stance against human trafficking backed by NJCC

The New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC) has announced its support for Bill A2730 which would establish new crimes concerning forced labor and sex trafficking.

The NJCC action follows by

just over two weeks the announcement at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, of a joint law enforcement task force to combat human trafficking in conjunction with a public awareness initiative under the

auspices of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Rescue and Restore campaign.

At the Aug. 23 news conference, Archbishop John J. Myers was praised for his concern and

commitment in the fight against human trafficking and efforts to help its victims.

Archbishop Myers said at the news conference, "Evil is always with us in one form or another. As human beings, as people of faith, it is our responsibility to ease suffering, to heal those hurt by wrongdoers, to act at every opportunity to build a more just society. In doing so, we are called upon to bring light to the darkness."

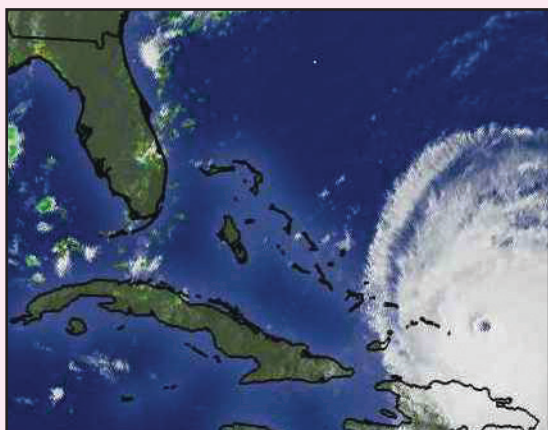
He pledged the assistance

of the Archdiocese's Catholic Charities and has asked pastors to inform the 1.3 million Catholics of the Church of Newark about the federal Rescue and Restore Campaign while seeking their support in identifying potential victims of trafficking.

Passage of A2730, a NJCC statement explained, would provide "additional tools so that the tragic reality of slavery in our time and within our borders can be eradicated."

September 1, 2004:

Category 4, Hurricane Frances Strikes Turks and Caicos Islands



"Numerous people, especially among the poor and more vulnerable... have lost rooftops and property."

September 7, 2004

As Hurricane Frances approached the Turks and Caicos Islands, we knew that our Roman Catholic Mission there would need additional resources due to the destruction and disruption that the hurricane would cause. Therefore, we have established an Emergency Relief Fund at the Archdiocesan Center to receive financial donations to aid the people in our missions.

Many of the people on these islands are among our world's poorest; now what little they have may be missing or damaged. In the past, our faithful have generously responded to the needs of our mission efforts in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Therefore, I invite the faithful of the Church of Newark to aid our brothers and sisters during this difficult time by making a donation. Let us respond with great charity.

Sincerely in the Lord,

✠ Most Reverend John J. Myers
Archbishop of Newark

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September 3, 2004

We are grateful for your concern about the welfare and safety of the people of Turks and Caicos Islands. Thank God, we have had no reports of physical injuries. Numerous people, especially among the poor and more vulnerable, living in shacks and homes that would not resist the force of Hurricane Frances, have lost rooftops and property. Our priests in Grand Turk (which took a tougher beating since it was among the first of the islands to be hit) have damage to the roof from the house where they and the seminarians live and lots of rain water entered the house; part of the ceiling collapsed inwards. Also, a door of the house blew out to sea!

We are trying to respond to the needs of the people who show up at our Church doors as best we can. Certainly, any financial assistance that would be forthcoming will be well used.

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Peter Baldacchino, Pastor of Our Lady of Divine Providence and Chancellor



Students proudly display the posters they made on Catholic social teaching.

'Faithful Citizenship' in action

St. Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills, is busy preparing for this year's general election.

After voter registration weekend was held in early June.

This weekend a brochure on Catholic social teaching and "faithful citizenship," issued every four years by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), will be distributed outside the church. It features the key principles Catholics should bear in mind, when making their choice of candidates for public office.

The school children, who have been learning about Catholic social teaching, will display the posters they have created. A video *In the Footsteps of Jesus*, will be shown continuously during the after-Mass gathering.

Sept. 29, at 7:30 p.m. Dan Misleh, of the USCCB, a noted national speaker, will address the topic "Catholic Engagement in the Public Square."

Misleh will illustrate the reasons why Catholics should take an active role in public life, name some of the most important issues the Church is concerned about and relate those to the Church's social teaching. The talk is organized by the parish in conjunction with the Office of Human Concerns of the Archdiocese of Newark. It is free and open to the public. For additional information, call (973) 497-4341 or (973) 379 4271.

Church bulletins are sought

Parish bulletins are needed by *The Catholic Advocate*. The front cover rendition of church buildings will be used on the *Around the Archdiocese* page. Send a bulletin to P. O. Box 9500, Newark, NJ 07104-0500.



The #7 to Flushing by Linda Adato is an etching and aquatint work.

The techniques, talents of print art on display

A traveling exhibition of contemporary works on loan from The Old Print Shop in New York are on view through Oct. 20, weekdays 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Seton Hall University's Walsh Library Gallery.

The opening reception was Sept. 14. Robert Newman, president of The Old Print Shop, spoke on contemporary print collecting.

The exhibition was organized by Michael DiCerbo, curator of 20th century prints at the shop. DiCerbo is one of the 43 artists featured in the exhibit. Also included are New Jersey-born artists Art Werger, Richard J. Sloat and Gerald Scheck.

"The artists utilize a number of printmaking techniques including relief printing, intaglio printing and silkscreen to depict a wide variety of subject matter. Their subjects include scenes from Milwaukee and Seattle to New York City," notes gallery director JoAnn Cotz. Signed, limited edition prints will be available for purchase.

At the Newman lecture, the public will have a rare opportunity to learn about print collecting from one of the world's leading art dealers. Newman is president of the International Fine Print Dealers Association. More than a decade ago, The Old Print Shop began representing contemporary artists who create prints as their primary form of artistic expression.

For additional information and to verify hours, call the gallery at (973) 275-2033 or go to www.shu.edu/gallery.

Knights install new officers

The 2004/2005 Knights of Columbus officers were installed last month by the national and state representatives at ceremonies hosted by Mother Seton Council 5427, Washington Township.

The new officers are: Garret Pinke, grand knight; Gerald Deas, deputy grand knight; Richard Smith, chancellor; Gerard Rider, recorder; Dick Freyland, treasurer; Donald Murphy, warden; Ezio Bioletti, John Murphy and Joseph Tasca, guards; Ken Kaphammer, financial secretary; Mike Hess as Advocate and Charles Devine, Alfred Lombardi and

Bob Hibler, new trustees.

Also recognized were the Columbian Club trustees: Bob Hibler, president; Gerald Deas, vice president; Gerard Rider, secretary; Dick Freyland, treasurer, and trustees George Ruh, Frank Bottini, Anrew Lukac, Paul Elterlein, Donald Murphy, Robert Catherman, Al Lombardi, Charlie Devine, Ezio Bioletti, Ed Kohnowich and Garret Pinke.

Applications for membership in the Knights of Columbus are welcome from qualified individuals. For additional information call (201) 664-0422.



Father Eugene Palumbo, S.D.B., a Salesian priest in residence at Don Bosco Preparatory School, Ramsey, met July 4 with Pope John Paul II in a semi-private audience at the Holy Father's residence in the Vatican. The author of booklets on the pope, Mother Teresa, Saint John Bosco, Saint Dominic Savio, Blessed Prince Czartoryski and the recent abuse scandal in the Catholic Church in America, Father Palumbo is working on a history of the Swiss Guard and a brief history of the Vatican.

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A close-up look at genocide

Two survivors of genocide will speak Oct. 3 at Seton Hall University's Sister Rose Thering Endowment for Jewish-Christian Studies annual fall orientation program at 3:30 p.m. in the Kozlowski Hall auditorium.

Co-sponsored by the Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations, the program and reception are free.

Speakers will be David Gewirtzman, 75, a survivor of the Holocaust, and 19-year-old Jacqueline Murekatete, who survived tribal rivalries in Rwanda.

"We are as different as can be," said Gewirtzman. "She's (Murekatete) black, I'm white; she's young, I'm old; she's African and Christian and I'm a Jew from Poland. Yet we're like brother and sister because we're bound by the common trauma of our experience

and a common history of pain and suffering and persecution."

After he retired, Gewirtzman began to speak to students of his experience. It was during one of his talks that he met Murekatete.

"Listening to him, of course, I was one of the kids who ended up crying and weeping as he described his experience," Murekatete said. "But I also saw so many similarities between what had happened to him and what had happened to me in Rwanda."

Murekatete was granted political asylum in the U.S. in 1995, was adopted by an uncle on Long Island and quickly learned English when she was placed in American public schools.

Murekatete, now a freshman at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, said she felt a responsibility just to be alive.

Holy Name societies plan mini-parade

The 18th annual Bayonne Citywide Holy Name Mini-Parade takes place Sunday, Sept. 26.

Marchers are to assemble on East 24th Street at Sister Miriam Theresa Park. The line of march planned is up 24th Street to Broadway, along Broadway to 25th Street, then into St. Joseph's Church. Mass will be concelebrated at 10 a.m. by priests from various parishes. Breakfast follows at the Mount Carmel Parish Center.

Trustees Thomas Coffey and William Goasevski are this year's grand marshals. John Hoppey, past president of the St. Joseph's Holy Name Society, will be toastmaster at the breakfast.

Ty Agosta of the Spread the Word Foundation is the breakfast speaker.

For more information call Eddie Prokop at (201) 437-5721 or John Woolley at (201) 436-0197.



Advocate photo - Ward Mile

One of the orientation panels included, left to right, Sister Kathy Burton, Holy Trinity Parish, Westfield; Pat Caufield, Assumption Parish, Wood-Ridge; Gladys Pozza, St. Lawrence Parish, Weehawken, and Sister Arlene Oswald, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Nutley. Their topic was "Job Description: From Paper to Reality."

Ministry lessons taught

Fourteen new parish catechetical leaders meet recently at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, to learn about their new responsibilities.

Sessions explored the exact nature of catechesis, what specific tasks are involved and the aspects of leadership and supervision.

The various presentations included videos, panel discussions, prayer, reflection and the opportunity to meet religious book publishers.

Parish catechetical leaders recruit, train, work with sacramental programs and deal with legal issues to ensure an effective religious program.

Reaction to the information available at the orientation was positive. Of particular interest was the presentation "Staying Connected: Personally and Professionally." The presentation focused on how one is rooted in God and the need for one another.

During the year the new parish catechetical leaders will attend additional educational sessions as part of the continuing orientation process.

St. Mary's plans 75th

St. Mary High School, Rutherford, will celebrate its 75th anniversary during the 2004-05 school year.

A weekend celebration takes place Sept. 24-25. The school will be open for tours the afternoon of Friday, Sept. 24. On Saturday, Sept. 25, Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. The homecoming football game will be played in the afternoon. Kickoff is 1 p.m. A Diamond Jubilee Gala will be held that evening at the Meadowlands Sheraton.

Alumni, family and friends of St. Mary High School are welcome to attend.

Registration information is available at the school's website, stmaryrutherford.org.

For additional information call the alumni office at (201) 933-5220, ext. 270 or email alumni@stmaryhs.org.

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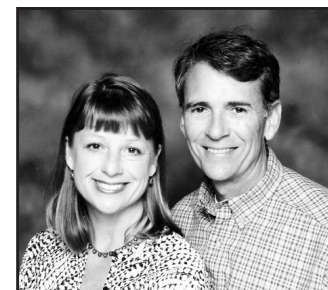


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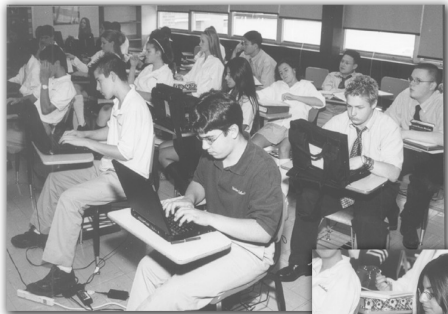
Join husband and wife team, Dave and Joan Maroney, for a moving presentation, prayer and reflection on God's Mercy. Be inspired and find hope, healing, strength, and peace in difficult times. And don't forget to bring a friend, because Jesus said, "Tell all souls about My Mercy!"

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Monday, Oct. 11	7:30 PM	St. Francis Cathedral	32 Elm Ave., Metuchen, NJ 08840	732-548-0100
Tuesday, Oct. 12	7:30 PM	Church of the Presentation	271 W. Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458	201-327-1313
Wednesday, Oct. 13	7:30 PM	St. Paul Church	193 Wyckoff Ave., Ramsey, NJ 07054	201-327-0976
Thursday, Oct. 14	7:30 PM	St. Margaret Church	33 N. Magnolia Ave., Pearl River, NY 10965	845-735-4746
Monday, Oct. 18	7:30 PM	St. Dorothea Church	240 Broad St., Eatontown, NJ 07724	908-542-0148
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Membership for schools and religious education programs (K-8) includes a membership card/bookmark (one per student), a program guide-teaching supplement (one for every 20 subscriptions) and *It's Our World* newsletter issues.



"Polly Parrot," Holy Childhood Association mascot.

Courtesy of HCA

For registration materials or for more information call Sister Arline Zurich, Archdiocesan Coordinator, at (973) 497-4376 or visit www.worldmissions-catholicchurch.org.

Run/walk for education Oct. 16

The fourth annual Caldwell College 5K Run/Walk for Education will be held Oct. 16.

Race day registration is \$20 at 8 a.m., prior to the run's start, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the college parking lot. Make checks payable to Caldwell College.

An Awards Ceremony follows the race at 10:30 a.m.

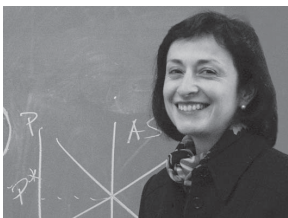
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Academy builds for future

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

Citing the "effectiveness of a faith-filled education," Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety presided at the dedication of new and renovated facilities at St. John's Academy, Hillsdale.

Blessing of the cornerstone followed a noontime Mass on Sunday, Sept. 12. Celebrating with Archbishop Gerety were the pastors of the inter-parochial school's sponsoring parishes: Msgr. Philip D. Morris, St. John the Baptist, Hillsdale; Father Ward P. Moore, St. Andrew, Westwood; Msgr. Robert J. Fuhrman, St. Gabriel the Archangel, Saddle River, and Msgr. Cajetan P. Salemi, Our Lady Mother of the Church, Woodcliffe Lake.

In his homily, Archbishop Gerety noted the "hard work and generosity" of the sponsoring parishes. He placed emphasis too on the "enormous responsibility" of parents and the "tremendous support" provided by Catholic schools. Archbishop Gerety called it "a great day for rejoicing."

Speaking following conclusion of the Mass, Eileen T. McCabe, principal since 1991, declared, "What a great day this is." The new and renovated facilities, said the veteran educator represent building for the young people of tomorrow.

Schools, explained Sister Dominica Rocchio, S.C. Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools, build for the future. St. John's
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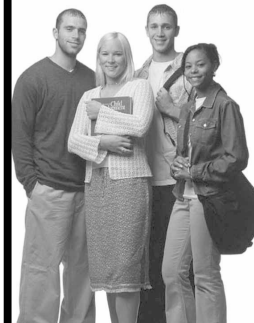
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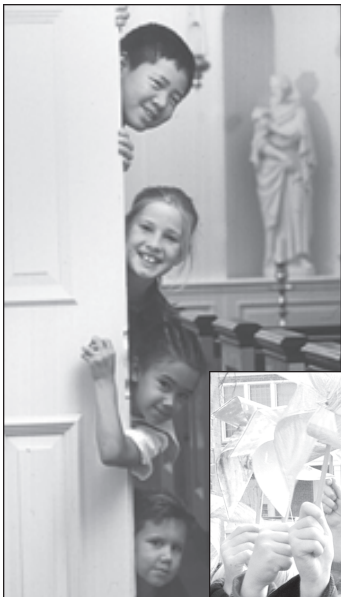
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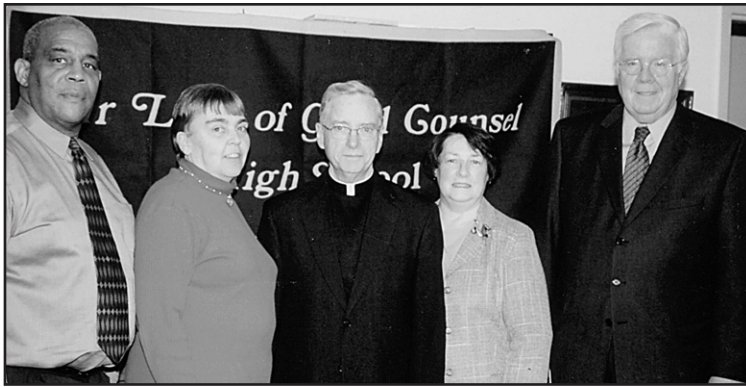
Alumni to enter Hall Oct. 24

The first annual Our Lady of Good Counsel Hall of Fame Gala, honoring outstanding alumni, is slated for Sunday, Oct. 24.

The program opens with Mass celebrated at 12:30 p.m. at the church, 654 Summer Ave., Newark.

Following Mass, a reception in the parish center will take place.

Inductees are Msgr. Joseph J. Granato, '47, pastor of St. Lucy Church, Newark; Sister Mary Xavier Kirby, S.S.J., '34; James A. Grogan, '56, international president of the Asbestos Workers Union; John Mahoney '59; Mary (Daly) '51; retired



Making plans for the gala are, left to right, Harry Hart; Patricia McGrath; Msgr. Joseph P. Plunkett; Catharine Longendyck, co-chair, and Thomas P. Giblin, co-chair.

Newark fire captain, James Mooney; Councilman Luis Quintana, and Alumnus of the Year, Anthony Alonso, '88.

Honorary chairpersons are Msgr. Joseph P. Plunkett, pastor Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish; Harry Hart, high school principal, and Patricia McGrath, elementary school principal. Serving as chairpersons are Thomas P. Giblin

of Montclair and Catharine Longendyck, '65, Newark.

Tickets to the reception are \$35 per person. In conjunction with the Hall of Fame Gala, a souvenir journal is being sponsored. For further information regarding tickets or an ad contract, contact Catharine Longendyck at (973) 483-6953 or email cathlong@optonline.net.

Archdiocesan teacher hits just the right note

Eileen M. Ballone, a music teacher and liturgical musician in the Archdiocese of Newark for over three decades, is the

new president of the Music Education Division of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM-MusEd).

NPM-MusEd follows the principals and ideas of Christian worship and culture rooted in the Gospel. It is comprised of musicians, musician-liturgists, clergy and other leaders of prayer. The Music Division fosters the art and educational power of music in a Catholic setting.

A certified teacher with a bachelor of arts degree from Caldwell College, and a masters degree from Marywood University in Scranton, PA, Ballone also holds a liturgical certification in sacred music from the Archdiocese of Newark.

September will mark the nineteenth year for Ballone as a music teacher (K-8) at St. Francis of Assisi School, Ridgefield Park, where she also directs three hand-bell choirs.

In her teaching experience, Ballone has served as a music teacher at Sacred Heart School, Rochelle Park; Annunciation School, Paramus; St. Anne School, Fair Lawn; St. Leo School, Elmwood Park; St. Elizabeth School, Wyckoff, and Paramus Catholic High School.

She was organist in St. Michael Parish, Palisades Park; St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Saddle Brook, and St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Hackensack. Ballone was also director of music, organist and choir director at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Maywood, for 12 and a half years.

She was honored to be a member of the Papal Choir for Pope John Paul II in 1979 and in 1995. She resides in Saddle Brook with her husband of 36 years, Henry, and has two children.



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Title V funding cut draws NJCC concern

The New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC) last week called for reversal of U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee approval of a 2005-06 spending bill that eliminates the innovative programs provision of the No Child Left Behind program, known as Title V, Part A.

The committee action was taken, notes the NJCC, in spite of a five percent overall increase in education spending. The House has already reduced Title V spending from \$296.5 million to \$20 million in its version of the budget bill.

NJCC and the New Jersey ALLIANCE of Catholic School Families have supported Title V and other appropriate titles of No Child Left Behind in which there is equitable participation of nonpublic school teachers and students.

Title V is a "critical program," according to NJCC because it was part of "the landmark" 1999 Supreme Court decision (Mitchell v. Helms) when it was known as Chapter 2.

The program, notes NJCC, "has provided materials, equipment, and services to meet the needs of students in both public and nonpublic schools, as those needs are identified by local examples."

An example cited by NJCC is where in one school the funding might be used for mediation, while in another school it would go to library books and still at another school, professional development.

"This is really the major program in No Child Left Behind in which all students, regardless of their achievement, ability level, or poverty status, receive benefits," said William F. Bolan, Jr., executive director of NJCC.

Bolan noted, "The campaign to save Title V has caused quite a reaction in Congress. The hope here is that senators will reverse the action of their own appropriations committee and restore Title V funding."

The NJCC is calling upon the public to call and write the offices of Senator Jon Corzine and Frank Lautenberg both in Washington and New Jersey.

Senator Lautenberg's Washington office is at 324 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510 and his local address is One Gateway Center, 23rd Floor, Newark, NJ 07102. His Washington telephone number is (202) 224-3224 and fax (202) 228-4054.

Senator Corzine's Washington office is at 502 Hart Building, Washington, DC 20510 and locally 1 Newark Center, 14th Floor, Newark, NJ 07102. His Washington telephone number is (202) 224-4744 and fax (202) 228-2197 and locally (973) 645-3030 and fax (973) 645-0502.



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The 18-hole golf tournament will begin with brunch and registration at 10:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at noon. The \$325 registration price includes green fees, carts, caddies, brunch, cocktail party, prizes and awards dinner.

The tennis tournament starts at noon with a clinic by a club pro and is followed by continuous matches in a tournament format. The tournament fee of \$75 includes brunch and prizes with a separate awards ceremony at 4 p.m. There is also an option of attending the cocktail party and dinner for an additional \$80.

The cocktail party and awards dinner will include a special silent auction.

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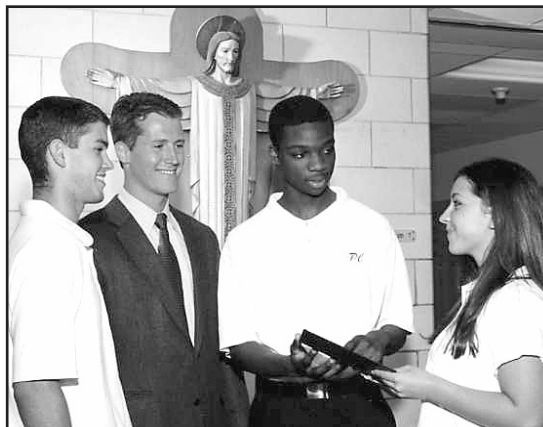
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In many ways, the 20th century was a time of experimentation with electrical wiring practices. A

few old-timers today may remember push-button light switches. When the on-button was pushed in, the off-button would pop out. Yet, by the year 1917, push-button switches were already being replaced by snap-switches. The same applies for countless other components in residential wiring systems—including the wiring behind the walls.

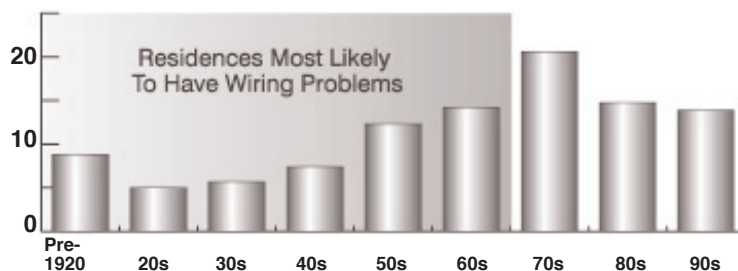
Safer Electrical Wiring

Some formerly legal wiring

practices are considered illegal and downright dangerous by today's standards. Older insulation materials are susceptible to deterioration, often crumbling to the touch. The "legacy" of electrical wiring improperly installed by untrained people remains a problem decades later. Also, as power usage increases in homes, inadequate wiring may be pushed beyond the limits of safe operation.

Another potential problem is the installation of old-style alu-

Existing Housing Units (millions) vs. Year Built



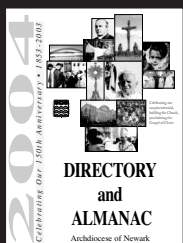
minum wiring in about two million homes from the late 1960s to the mid-1970s. If your home is still wired in aluminum, check Publication 516 from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), available at www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/516.pdf.

Arcing and overloading are common causes of electrical fires. When electricity jumps across a gap to another conductor, or arcs, it can ignite flammable materials in its vicinity. Passing too much current through a wire, or overloading, can melt or burn the wire's insulation and start a fire.

A sure invitation to trouble is

to substitute the wrong-sized circuit breaker or fuse in a load center—for example, to substitute a 20-amp breaker where a 15-amp should be. Circuit breakers and fuses can't detect when undersized wiring has been installed. If undersized wiring is mistakenly used there is a risk of fire. The same applies for undersized extension cords.

Using an extension cord to extend or replace permanent household wiring is a common mistake. Extension cords are temporary solutions. If you find you need power where no outlet currently exists, have an additional outlet installed.



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Ad limina

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that shares responsibility with lay Catholics.

A consultative approach should not be seen as an abandonment of episcopal authority or a concession to democracy, but as a necessary way of strengthening a bishop's effectiveness, the pope said.

He said many of the bishops from the U.S. had spoken to him of a "crisis of confidence" in Church leadership provoked by the abuse scandals and about the general call for accountability in the Church's governance on every level.

The pope said the bishops should be willing to critique certain styles of governance that, in the name of efficient administration, "can run the risk of distancing the pastor from the members of his flock."

He recalled that the 2001 Synod of Bishops had acknowledged the need for each bishop to "develop a pastoral style which is ever more open to collaboration with all." Although bishops remain responsible for making authoritative decisions, this presupposes participation in decision-making by "every category of the faithful," he said.

The commitment to creating better structures of participation, consultation and shared responsibility "should not be misunderstood as a concession to a secular 'democratic' model of governance," but as a necessary way of exercising and strengthening a bishop's authority, the pope said.

Ultimately, the pontiff noted, episcopal authority rests on a bishop's role as a witness, a teacher and a model of holiness, as well as a prudent administrator of the Church's goods.

"Bishops need to be esteemed as successors of the apostles not only in authority and sacred power, but above all by their apostolic life and witness," he said.

The pope said bishops should also remember that the apostolic authority they exercise is a form of service, inspired by and modeled on the service of Christ, who washed the feet of His disciples.

Repeating the encouragement he has offered other groups of U.S. bishops throughout the year, the pope said he was convinced the bishops could help lead the Church in the United States through a period of renewal after the sex abuse crisis.

"I am convinced that today, as at every critical moment in her history, the Church will find the

resources for an authentic self-renewal in the wisdom, vision and zeal of bishops outstanding for their holiness," the pope said.

"The painful period of self-examination provoked by the events of the past two years will bear spiritual fruit only if it leads the whole Catholic community in America to a deeper under-

standing of the Church's authentic nature and mission and a more intense commitment to making the Church in your country reflect, in every aspect of her life, the light of Christ's grace and truth," he said.

This story includes reporting by Catholic News Service and The Star-Ledger.

New housing

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The Gospel of Christ calls us to recognize the dignity of people in every stage of their lives, he noted.


Participants in the ceremonies included Donald M. Daniels, chairman and chief executive of Catholic Health and Human Services Corp. (CHHS); Henry J. Amoroso, vice chairman and chief operating officer of CHHS and chairman of the board of Catholic Charities, and Phillip Frese, executive director of Catholic Charities and president of Domus Corp.

The mayor of Kearny, Alberto G. Santos, thanked the local, county, state and federal agencies

who have funded and supported the project, as well as town council members, past and current, who were in attendance. Dr. Frese said, "Providing homes for seniors in need of affordable housing is an initiative embraced by Archbishop Myers and the Archdiocese of Newark. Mayor Santos showed great insight into the need for senior housing, and the township allowed Domus to develop this project."

The architect for the Kearny Senior Residence is Stephen Cohen of Princeton. Del-Sano Contracting Co. of Union will erect the building. Funding for the project is set at under \$7 million and is scheduled to be open to residents next spring.

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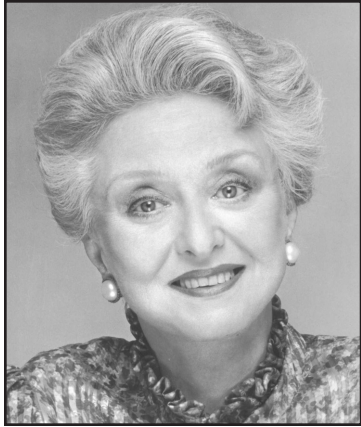


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Holmes will greet those at the open house and sign autographs.

Featured at the open house will be tours, musical entertainment and refreshments.

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Activity important in later years

A sedentary lifestyle is as hazardous to a senior citizen's health as smoking cigarettes, warns the U.S. Surgeon General.

Older Americans are at special risk of losing strength, flexibility, endurance and balance without adequate exercise. Inactivity has also been tied to many of the debilitating health conditions associated with aging.

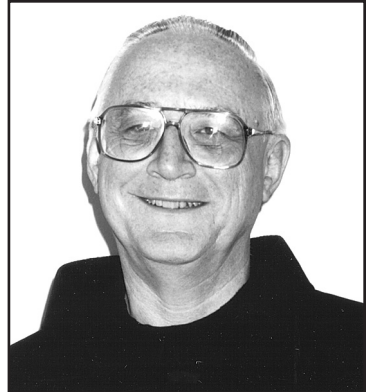
In fact, the National Institute on Aging warns that seniors hurt their health far more by not exercising than by exercising. The good news is that now it is easier than ever for them to get up and go, even if they have never been active before.

Some helpful tips on how to increase activity:

- Consider walking laps around a shopping mall.
- Adopt a dog from an animal rescue shelter. Walking is good exercise. Also consider an older

dog rather than a puppy. An older dog is generally more docile and easier to handle.

- Rediscover old hobbies, especially sports.
- Play with children. Chasing a toddler around is just as much exercise as an afternoon at the gym. Community centers are always looking for volunteers.
- Housework provides good exercise. A recent study suggests that women in the 1950s were actually more fit than women today because they did not have labor saving devices such as dishwashers, laundry machines and freezers.
- Dance classes burn calories and are a good form of exercise.
- For more ideas contact the local recreation center or senior center. Many offer free or affordable classes.



Father Capistran Hanlon, O.F.M.

Father Hanlon marks 50 years

Father Capistran Hanlon, O.F.M., a Rutherford native and faculty member at Siena College, Loudonville, NY, is celebrating the 50th anniversary of his first profession of vows.

A graduate of St. Mary's High School, Rutherford, Father Hanlon was received into the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, Franciscan Order of Friars Minor in 1953 in Paterson. He professed first vows the following year.

Six years later, following studies at Holy Name College, Washington, DC, he was ordained to the priesthood.

Father Hanlon holds degrees in philosophy and sociology from St. Bonaventure University and in anthropology from the University of Colorado where he obtained his Ph.D.

He began his teaching career at Siena College in 1961 and has served full time since 1971 in the Sociology Department. Father Hanlon is a chaplain for the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Town of Colonie (NY) Police Department.

Time is crucial in treating stroke

Every minute counts when treating a stroke, the nation's third leading cause of death.

Today there is an approved treatment for strokes that dissolves blood clots in the brain, but it must be administered within three hours of the onset of symptoms.

The good news is that new treatments are being developed that can be administered after more time passes.

For any treatment to be suc-

cessful in minimizing long-term disability, it is important to recognize the symptoms of stroke early and seek medical advice as quickly as possible.

Seventy-five percent of Americans cannot name these warning signs of a stroke:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body
 - Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
 - Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
 - Sudden, severe headache with no known cause
- Such symptoms are often mistaken for tiredness or over-

exertion. Americans wait, on average, 22 hours before seeking help. This limits treatment options and severely minimizes the chances of recovery.

Regardless of when a person arrives at the hospital with one or more stroke symptoms, insist upon being evaluated for all available stroke treatments.

Factors that increase the chance of stroke include: age, family history, being African-American or Hispanic, high blood pressure and diabetes.

Always give the ER staff as much help as possible. Answer all questions. Tell the staff when symptoms first appeared, if there has been a previous stroke or recent serious illness and what medication one is taking.

Getting to the hospital as soon as symptoms appear can provide doctors with a wide range of treatment options.



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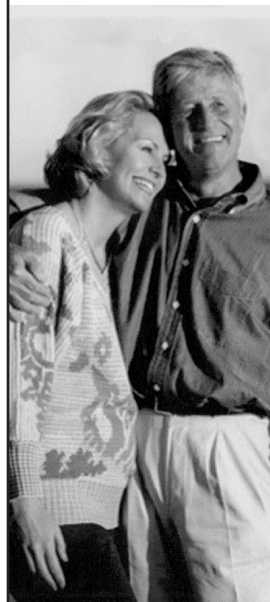
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Her positive attitude and generous spirit make her an ideal candidate to lead a biweekly discussion entitled "Joy for Everyday Living." She started the Wednesday afternoon group this spring, just six months after losing her husband and moving to The Atrium, the independent living residence of The Allendale Community.

The energetic senior draws from her extensive background in social work and Christian education to lead fellow residents from the retirement community through meaningful conversations about courage, love and overcoming depression.

In December 2004, when it became clear her husband's declining health would prevent him from returning home, Van Emburg moved into a studio apartment in The Atrium. A self-described "people person," she eagerly left the Mahwah residence she shared with husband George Van Emburg for 27 years to surround herself with friendly neighbors and a caring staff.

"The Atrium is a place where

people really look after one another," noted Van Emburg. "I knew I didn't want to live alone. My own mother's experience here was so wonderful that I didn't consider moving anywhere else."

Another aspect of The Atrium that appealed to Van Emburg is its location within a three-tiered continuing care retirement community. "The availability of three levels of care, from independent living to skilled nursing services and rehab, reinforces the family atmosphere," she noted.

One of Learle's goals when she retired two years ago at the age of 62, was to give back to others, particularly those who had made her mom's time at The Atrium so wonderful.

She became one of the community's Sunshine Volunteers, visiting regularly with samples from her extensive doll collection and lecturing on the history of doll making – a hobby she

inherited from her mother.

Doll collecting combines several of Van Emburg's passions, including a talent for sewing and a fascination with costumes. At its height, her collection numbered 300 and included original wooden-jointed dolls, Bye-lo, Patsy and baby dolls, plus French and German reproduction dolls. About 60 of these dolls – her "babies" as she refers to them – moved with her to The Atrium.

Six nights a week, Van Emburg carries one of her dolls to the bingo games she calls. She's found them to be great conversation starters as well as mood lifters as residents gather for the evening recreation time. "When a doll is present, everyone smiles and happiness reigns," she noted.

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Learle Van Emburg shows one of her "babies" to The Atrium resident Marie Lisanti.

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Los apóstoles Pedro y Pablo: “Una fe sólida con ardientes corazones”

Nota del Editor: el Arzobispo Myers presentará esta homilía en la Basílica Patriarcal de San Pablo Afuera de las Murallas durante la visita “ad limina” de los obispos de la Región III a la Santa Sede. Durante esa visita quinquenal de los obispos “al umbral” de los apóstoles, ellos informan al Santo Padre y a la Curia Romana, sobre las condiciones de sus respectivas diócesis.

Hermanos y amigos: Para nosotros es maravilloso estar aquí. Me siento honrado al celebrar la Santa Eucaristía con ustedes.

Roca y fuego. Pedro y Pablo. Ambos encuentran expresión en el gran Papa que estamos visitando. Los necesitamos a ambos en nuestro propio ministerio. Adherencia sólida a la fe como se proclamó desde el principio, con corazones en llamas para evangelizar los pueblos del presente.

Nosotros oramos para que podamos ser fieles a toda la amplia gama de responsabilidades de nuestra vocación.

Ninguno de nosotros fue “derribado del caballo” en nuestra llamada de Cristo. Seguramente, el descubrir la llamada al sagrado sacerdocio fue probablemente un proceso lento y apacible.

Pero yo me atrevo a pensar que la llamada para convertirnos en obispos fue bastante parecida a la de San Pablo al apostolado: rápida, muy enfocada y esperando una respuesta inmediata. Cada uno de nosotros puede recordar vívidamente cómo y cuándo esa llamada nos llegó. Como en el caso de San Pablo, esa llamada cambió nuestras vidas, como venida de Jesús pero, en nuestro caso, a través de la Iglesia.

Nosotros confiamos en que las escamas hayan caído de nuestros ojos y que hayamos podido encontrar al Señor de la Luz y la Vida y que continuemos sirviéndole a Él en los buenos tiempos y en los malos, como lo hizo San Pablo.

Tenemos tantas demandas de nuestro tiempo. El papeleo, el teléfono y las reuniones a veces parecen querer apagar el fuego que nos impulsa y limitar el tiempo que nos queda para evangelizar. Basta contemplar esta semana. Venimos para renovar nuestra fe frente a la tumba de esos dos grandes apóstoles. Pero hemos tenido que preparar un Reporte Quinquenal detallado y probablemente voluminoso como parte de ese proceso.

Obviamente, hemos tenido que aprender a orar y a evangelizar en medio de nuestros deberes en la supervisión de nuestras Iglesias. Y no mencionemos cosas como las “auditorías” y el “cumplimiento” y otras por el estilo.

Esta semana también celebramos nuestra fraternidad y comunión. Pensemos en San Pablo y su amor por Tito y Timoteo y Barnabás y Lucas y toda una lista de hombres y mujeres que lo ayudaron y apoyaron y le dieron razones de esperanza.

También podemeos agregar Pedro a esa lista, aunque a veces Pablo lo retó. Necesitamos ser hermanos unos de otros.

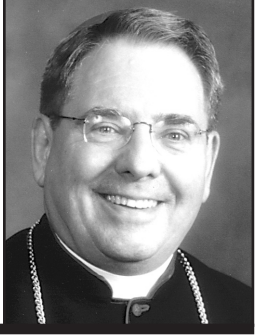
Venimos a encontrarnos con el Sucesor de San Pedro. Nosotros no venimos a retar sino a apoyar y a aprender. Estamos dedicando algún tiempo a reunirnos con algunos de sus más cercanos colaboradores. En estas discusiones, nosotros traemos nuestras preocupaciones y nuestras preguntas y ciertamente también queremos oír las de ellos.

El diálogo que resulta puede enriquecer nuestras propias diócesis y, quizás, puede darle a estos buenos hombres una idea de cuales han sido nuestras experiencias.

Cuando yo hablo de ser obispos juntos, pienso con alegría en las amistades y colaboraciones que he encontrado en los obispos de New Jersey. Yo confío que lo mismo podría decirse de los obispos de Pennsylvania. Pero yo debo confesar que la experiencia

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que tuvimos en Denver el pasado junio fue una de la mejores.

Éramos obispos juntos, compartiendo y explicando nuestras comunes preocupaciones: no estaban presentes los medios de comunicaciones, teníamos con nosotros un pequeño número de asistentes, los obispos presentamos nuestros puntos de vista y teníamos tiempo para pensar y para orar juntos. Yo creo que necesitamos más reuniones como esa. Entonces podemos verdaderamente actuar como una conferencia de obispos y no simplemente como un senado en la Iglesia.

Pero oímos en los Evangelios que nuestra principal tarea es el proclamar los Evangelios al mundo entero.

Por consiguiente, tenemos que adentrarnos en el mundo. No podemos simplemente aislarnos, por muy tentador que eso sea. Pertenece al mundo. Pero no necesariamente en los términos que el mundo quiera imponernos.

Nosotros debemos formar comunidades que no sigan los hábitos del mundo ni dejen de retarlos, tanto en lo relativo a los estilos de vida como en los sistemas legales. Pero eso lo hacemos como resultado de un deseo ardiente de que ellos lleguen a conocer a Jesucristo y la vida que el Padre nos ofrece a todos a través de Él y del Espíritu Santificador.

Es una vocación emocionante y un gran reto, no exento de peligros. Pero es parte de nuestro propio ser, desde el día en que fuimos ordenados.

Necesitamos roca y fuego, Pedro y Pablo. Mientras celebramos juntos la Sagrada Eucaristía, oremos para que tengamos una fe sólida y el fuego de la evangelización, para que nuestro propio celo sea renovado y que dirijamos a nuestros sacerdotes y feligreses con renovado vigor en la proclamación del Evangelio de Jesucristo.

Uniando fuerzas para combatir un verdadero mal

Editorial publicado por The Catholic Advocate el 8 de Septiembre, 2004

Contando con la Arquidiócesis de Newark como un importante y poderoso aliado, las autoridades locales y federales han lanzado una ofensiva total contra el maligno tráfico humano en el norte de New Jersey.

Al lanzar este esfuerzo colectivo a finales del mes pasado en el Centro Arquidiocesano, en Newark, el Arzobispo John J. Myers fue elogiado por las autoridades responsables del cumplimiento de las leyes y por los representantes de las víctimas por su dedicación a combatir el tráfico humano y ayudar a las víctimas.

Encabezado por el Departamento de Justicia de

los Estados Unidos, se ha formado un grupo de trabajo que operará al mismo tiempo que se desarrolla una campaña de publicidad bajo los auspicios de la Coalición Anti-tráfico de New Jersey, un grupo de organizaciones no-gubernamentales, y otros miembros del grupo de trabajo.

Utilizando un generoso donativo autorizado por el Arzobispo Myers, los Catholic Charities jugarán un importante papel en el auxilio a las víctimas, con ayudas tan importantes como servicios legales, ayudas de salud, alojamiento y entrenamiento para encontrar empleo. Las parroquias de la Iglesia de Newark han sido encargadas de identificar a las víctimas en sus comunidades y referirlas a las autoridades apropiadas.

Por razón del miedo profundo que sienten, se recalco en la conferencia de prensa, las víctimas no se acercarán voluntariamente a las autoridades, temerosas de ser deportadas. Por eso es tan importante que el público en general esté alerta de todo esto y reporte las personas o actividades sospechosas.

El tráfico humano es un crimen terrible que debe ser terminado, y quienes se lucran de el, deben ser castigados.

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Utilizing the performing arts to excite learning of subjects as diverse as history, science and mathematics is the focus of Professional Development Workshops for Educators, hosted by the Arts Education Department of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC). The next full-day session, conducted bi-annually in the fall and winter, is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 14.

Open to all educators, including classroom teachers, curriculum supervisors and teaching artists, the six workshop sessions are designed to provide art activities and lesson plans that connect to traditional classroom subjects such as social studies, history, language arts, science and literature.

According to Irene Toone, director of professional devel-

opment and partnerships, the workshops "inspire teachers to think creatively about how to use the arts to teach traditional subject matter."

Educators participate in workshops that include theater games to enhance literature, dance and music. Several workshops will relate to NJPAC SchoolTime Performances, including, Twelfth Night, a Shakespearean comedy presented by Aquila Theatre Company; and Guess How Much I Love You, a performance based on the popular children's book of the same name, presented by the Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia.

A total of six workshops will be offered. The workshops are appropriate for Pre-K—12 educators, school administrators, teaching artists and community leaders.

NJPAC Professional Development Workshops are endorsed by the New Jersey Educators Association (NJEA), whose members will receive a 10 percent registration fee discount. Workshop participants are eligible to receive four CEU's. NJPAC will provide Professional Development Certificates to all workshop participants.

Information about the NJPAC Professional Development Workshops for Educators may be obtained by visiting the Arts Center's website at www.njpac.org. To speak with someone regarding professional development opportunities at NJPAC, contact Irene L. Toone, (973) 353-8020.



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Felician golf classic nears

Felician College will tee off its 19th Annual Golf Classic to benefit student scholarships on Oct. 4 at the Arcola Country Club, Paramus.

The annual tourney begins with a 7 a.m. breakfast followed by an 8 a.m. tee time.

A buffet lunch will be served on the patio at 11 a.m., and the afternoon tee-off will be at 1 p.m. The day wraps up with a 6 p.m. cocktail reception followed by a sit-down dinner, silent auction and awards presentation.

Participants will have a chance to win a variety of prizes located at various holes throughout the course during the day.

Having raised \$140,000 at last year's event, Felician College hopes to raise \$150,000 this year. A popular event with golfers throughout New Jersey, the Classic benefits student scholarships.

Golfers should respond early and call (201) 559-3314 to sign up.

St. John's

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Academy, she stressed, represents "a precise and visible statement" of that future. Hillsdale Mayor Dennis Deutsch called it "a wonderful achievement."

Included in the new construction are a computer laboratory, elevator, three group instruction rooms, a library/media center, three new classrooms, two preschool classrooms and a playground, two religious education resource rooms and a maintenance room.

Renovated were the administrative office center; art, conference, faculty music and nurse rooms; the copy center; girls' lavatory; high school youth center, kindergarten and science laboratory. Groundbreaking on the addition took place last December.

Ground was broken on the original St. John the Baptist School in July 1954. The new school opened in September 1955.

Responding to a rapidly growing student population, the school opened a boys' department about six years after the school opened.

It was staffed by the Brothers of the Holy Cross.

The Brothers of the Holy Cross left in 1971. That September, the school opened as a co-educational facility under the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chestnut Hill.

Interparochial status was established 14 years ago co-sponsored by St. Andrew Parish, Westwood; Our Lady Mother of the Church, Woodcliff Lake and St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, Saddle River.

The school's name was formally changed to St. John's Academy eight years ago.

St. John's Academy offers a pre-K program for three and four year olds and two all-day kindergarten classes. In addition to the standard curriculum, Algebra is offered to seventh and eighth grade students. Spanish and computer science is available at all grade levels.

There is a drama club and musical programs. Reading is stressed through "Books and Beyond." Students also design school liturgies and celebrate religious feasts at prayer services.

Eighth grade students "adopt" a kindergartener to share both religious and sectarian holidays.



Advocate photo- Ward Miele

Msgr. Philip D. Morris, pastor of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, blesses the cornerstone of the new addition as did Archbishop Peter L. Gerety before him. With the archbishop is Msgr. Francis R. Seymour.



Advocate photo- Greg Tobin

Workmen decide on the next project at the height of the renovations and building of the new addition work in the hallway.

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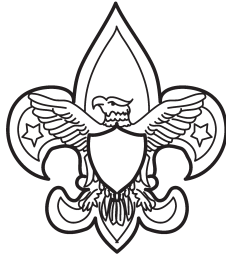
Scouts to hone skills at retreat

The Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting will hold its annual retreat the weekend of Oct. 15-17 at Ross Dock, Fort Lee, near the George Washington Bridge.

The retreat is open to Catholic

and non-Catholic units. This year's theme is "A Holy Day in the Medieval Church."

The hold-a site fee is \$25 per unit. Units will supply their own breakfast on Saturday and Sunday of the retreat.



The overall fee for the retreat is \$20 for each attendee which includes lunch and dinner on Saturday. A patch will also be awarded.

Cub Scouts will have the opportunity to pursue the Light of Christ or the Parvuli Dei Award on Saturday morning and afternoon by finishing their

workbooks with the assistance of committee members. Those who have started their workbooks should bring them.

Those attending the retreat must participate in the programs.

Mass will be celebrated Saturday evening. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed the entire weekend for unit and individual visitations.

Registration fees are being accepted through Sept. 23.

For additional information, call Gabe Feltz at (201) 998-0088, ext. 4143 or (201) 226-0755.

Care for sick workshops set

The Archdiocesan Institute for Pastoral Care begins its new conference series next month.

Three workshops at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark, will be held for the continuing education and development of those who minister to the sick in the Church of Newark. Hours of the workshops are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Healing Ministry of Jesus is the first workshop on Oct. 5. It will focus on the biblical tradition in the New Testament offering insights helpful to those in healing ministries. Msgr. Edward Ciuba, pastor of Notre Dame Parish, North Caldwell, and a former professor of Scripture and rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary, is the speaker.

Feb. 1 the topic will be The "Why" of Suffering. Emphasis will be on the spiritual journey as a love story exploring the mystery of God's love against the backdrop of the mystery of human suffering. Featured will be the need for spiritual companionship and prayer for one another. Making the presentation will be Dianne Marie Traflet, J.D., S.T.D., assistant professor of pastoral theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary.

The final workshop, April 12, is Ministry to Those Living with HIV/AIDS. It will explore both the hospital and parish setting. Brother Joseph McAlister, who has worked for many years at St. Bridget Residence, and George Sheridan, a licensed social worker and clinical director of Faith Services, Hoboken, will conduct the workshop.

Father Alan F. Guglielmo, coordinator of the Office of Healthcare, Continuing Education, urges early registration for the workshop, which cost \$25 each and includes a continental breakfast.

For additional information contact Father Guglielmo at (973) 877-2588.

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