

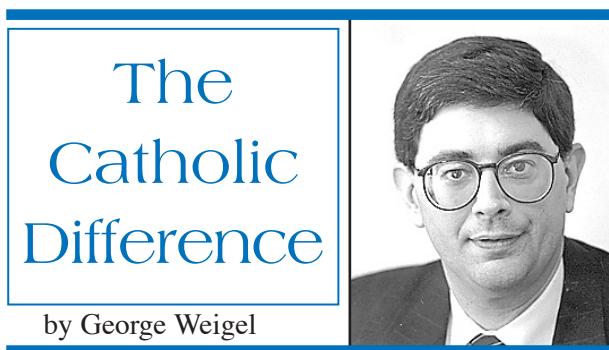
Meaning of 'Srodowisko' gets lost in translation

Pope John Paul II's spiritual testament, which was read to the College of Cardinals a few days after his death and later released to the press, beautifully captures the spirit of a man for whom life's most important question was, "What is God asking of me now?"

The first segment of the testament was written during John Paul's Lenten retreat in March 1979, a few months after his election. During subsequent retreats, the pope reflected on what he had written, adding further notes as seemed appropriate in 1980, 1982, 1985, and 2000. At the end of the last addition, John Paul thanks his parents, his brother and sister, his home parish, his friends from school days, and the first parishes he served as a young priest. The testament's last words sum up the life of a great Christian disciple: "Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit."

Yet the translators of the original Polish text (which was first brought into Italian, and then from Italian into other languages) made a mistake that should be corrected. They evidently didn't recognize the deeply personal meaning for John Paul II of the Polish word *Srodowisko*, rendering it simply as "the milieu of..." towards the end of the list of those whom John Paul wanted particularly to thank for their presence in his life. Which, of course, doesn't make much sense, or indeed any sense.

Unless you know that *Srodowisko* was the term used by the late pope to identify the large group of lay men and women whom he had come to know when he was a young university chaplain in the late 1940s and early 1950s—men and women who became some of Karol Wojtyla's closest friends and remained his friends for the rest of his life. By thank-



ing those he called "my *Srodowisko*," John Paul was bearing witness to a truth that marked him as a very distinctive bishop and pope—one who was formed into his ministry by friendships with lay people, even as he was forming them into mature Catholic professionals, spouses, and parents.

About two hours after John Paul's funeral Mass, my cell phone went off as I was walking, physically exhausted and emotionally drained, from our NBC platform high above St. Peter's Square back to the Roman apartment where I was staying, four blocks from the Vatican. The call was from was a member of the late pope's *Srodowisko*, Piotr Malecki, Wojtyla's first altar boy at St. Florian Parish in Cracow, now a distinguished research physicist. He had flown down to Rome the night before with his wife, Teresa (vice rector of the Cracow Academy of Music), Teresa's sister, Maria Rybicka (another distinguished physicist), and the Polish philosopher Karol Tarnowski—veteran *Srodowisko* members all, who had spent the night camped out somewhere in Rome, waiting to

pray their great friend home to the house of the Father. We managed to find each other amidst the hundreds of thousands of people pouring out of the Vatican precincts and went to the apartment for tea, wine, and tears, trying to imagine a world without *Wujek*, "Uncle," the name these no-longer-quite so-young men and women had given their beloved Father Wojtyla a half-century before—the name they called him until the day he died.

I couldn't have been graced with four better companions on that unforgettable day. Like me, they were still awestruck by the epic outpouring of affection and esteem that had led millions of people to drop everything and head for Rome to pay their respects to someone whom most of them had never met. We tried to figure it out; it seemed that a world forgetful of paternity had found, in Pope John Paul II, a father.

*A world forgetful of paternity
had found a father.*

If that was the deep truth of what April 8, 2005 signified, then the record should note that God's gifts of paternal grace to Karol Wojtyla worked in tandem with the men and women of his *Srodowisko*, with whom he practiced the arts of paternity. The people of *Srodowisko* are no small part of the story of John Paul the Great, for which we all owe them a debt of gratitude.

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Stewardship

Taking our faith seriously and living it always

BY DEACON PAUL KLIAUGA
Special to The Catholic Advocate

At Ascension Parish in New Milford, we are enlisting the aid of devoted stewards to try to help others to change their hearts and deepen their relationship with Christ.

By sharing stories of what stewardship means in a disciple's own life, we are hoping to gradually make a difference in not only the way people think of "church," but in the way people live church!

Do you know someone who has said this before: "Stewardship? Yeah, I heard that one before. Something about time, talent, and what was that other one? Oh yes, money. Been there, done that, whatever..." Those who don't take their faith seriously sing that tune.

During this Easter season, we have been reading from the Acts of the Apostles as the first reading in the Liturgy of the Word. The Book of Acts is a wonderful glimpse into the life of the early Church.

As we read these accounts, we see that the early Church was not some utopian ideal where everyone lived in harmony and everything was for the best.

We hear that in the earliest stages of the Christian communities, there was trouble in "paradise." There

were controversies, arguments, and divisions based on language and culture. Is it any different today?

The Greek Christians complained their widows were not cared for as well as the Hebrew Christians. The "judaizers" sowed confusion about what proper practice was for a Christian. The response of the Apostles and other Church leaders was to confront these problems and deal with them.

The problems and trials facing the Church vary from one century to the next, but the challenge is always to respond to people in charity and to continually support the Church's mission.

Our response in this 21st century of Our Lord (A.D.) is called stewardship. This is not just throwing a few extra dollars in the collection basket

(although, I assure you that the pastor will not object). Stewardship is a way of life. It is living in such a way that the Gospel is central to our values, central to our life in all we do. By putting the Gospel into action, sharing with God and others what was given to us in time, talent, and treasure will flow naturally.

I remember making a home visit to one very elderly gentleman. He had little in the way of "disposable income." Yet, he insisted on giving me a contribution to place in the collection basket on Sunday.

He said it was his way of giving back to God and of still feeling a part of the community. Such a free response to God's grace comes from taking one's faith seriously.

C.S. Lewis wrote, "Christianity is a statement which, if false, is of no importance, and if true, is of infinite importance. The one thing it cannot be is moderately important." The logic of this statement is inescapable. Either faith has to be the most important thing in our lives or it has no meaning. However, apathy and indifference are never appropriate for a true Catholic Christian.

Yet, I feel that apathy is a great problem facing the Church today. In so many cases, problems arise in the Church because we forget why we are here in the first place. We get distracted from what should be most important to every Christian, (i.e., loving God and neighbor), and do not put Jesus first. He tells us plainly and simply, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life." And Peter's response should be our own. He said, "Lord, to whom else could we turn? You alone have the words of everlasting life."

Jesus' life gives our lives eternal value, meaning and purpose. Each of us has the ability to bring a unique reflection of Jesus Christ's life to the world. Taking the faith seriously and living it is the true meaning of stewardship.

Deacon Kliauga serves at Ascension Parish, New Milford, and is a member of the Stewardship Committee.



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Faithful throughout archdiocese receive papal honors from late pontiff

NEWARK—Thirty six men and women from the Archdiocese of Newark have been honored by the late Pope John Paul II with papal honors.

Saying he was making the announcement with "great joy," Archbishop John J. Myers added, "I am happy for these men and women, first for their witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ through their work and generosity and, secondly, for their goodness and loyalty to the Church."

Seven priests have been elevated to the rank of Prelate of Honor and 11 have been given the honor of Chaplain for His Holiness. In addition, five men have been elevated in rank as members of the Equestrian Order of Saint Gregory the Great, and 13 men and women were recognized with membership in the same order.

Honored as Prelates of Honor with the title of Reverend Monsignor are Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnhols, Rev. Msgr. Robert F. Coleman, Rev. Msgr. Sean Cunneen, Rev. Msgr. Frank G. Del Prete, Rev. Msgr. John E. Doran, Rev.

Msgr. Robert E. Emery and Rev. Msgr. William J. Reilly.

Also with the title Reverend Monsignor are the new Chaplains for His Holiness: Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Ambrosio, Rev. Msgr. Edward G. Bradley, Rev. Msgr. James M. Cafone, Rev. Msgr. Venantius Fernando, Rev.

"I am happy for these men and women..."

—Archbishop John J. Myers

Msgr. Renato Grasselli, Rev. Msgr. Kenneth J. Herbster, Rev. Msgr. Gerard H. McCarren, Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Nydegger, Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Reilly, Rev. Msgr. Gregory J. Studerus and Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Templeton.

Elevated in rank as members of the Equestrian Order of Saint Gregory the Great and as such now Knight Commander with Star, are Charles C. Carella, Donald M. Daniels, Adrian M. Foley, Jr., Brian McAuley and Dr. Leon Smith.

Granted membership into the Equestrian Order of Saint Gregory the Great were Henry J. Amoroso, Esq., Marylane Burry, Chief William G. Cafano, Anne Evans Estabrook, George J. Fiore, Dr. Philip Frese, Ph.D., Vincent J. Lewis, Gary LoBue, August LoBue, Dr. Robert Messier, Aleta Taylor, Richard G. Taylor and John W. Westervelt. The men have the title Knight of St. Gregory and the women Dame of St. Gregory.

On Sunday, June 26, at 4 p.m. in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, an Evening Prayer Service will be held to celebrate the papal honors.

Membership in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher has been bestowed on Rev. Michael A. Andreano, Rev. Christopher J. Hynes, Rev. Brian G. Plate, Rev. James M. Sheehan and Roseanne Biasi-Vazquez with the title of Knight of the Holy Sepulcher and Lady of the Holy Sepulcher, respectively.

They will be invested as members at a Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, on Saturday, Sept. 24.

Official Appointments

Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

Pastors

Reverend Stephen A. Carey, Parochial Vicar of St. Mary Parish, Dumont, has been appointed Pastor of Madonna Parish, Fort Lee, effective June 1.

Reverend Richard Supple, O. Carm., has been appointed Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Bogota, effective June 15.

Reverend Paul A. Cannariato, Parochial Vicar of St. Henry Parish, Bayonne, has been appointed Pastor of St. Mary Parish, Closter, effective July 1.

Reverend Dominick J. Lenoci, Parochial Vicar of St. Catharine Parish, Glen Rock, has been appointed Pastor of Assumption Parish, Emerson, effective July 1.

Reverend James J. Reilly, Administrator of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Kearny, has been appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Kearny, effective May 5.

Reverend John P. Ryan has been appointed Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Mahwah, effective July 1.

Reverend Alexander M. Santora, Campus Minister at Kean University, Union, has been appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Hoboken, effective July 1.

Pastors

Reverend James V. Teti, Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Verona, has been appointed Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Ridgefield Park, effective July 1.

Very Reverend Theodore W. Osbahr, V.F., Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Irvington, has been appointed Pastor of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, Roseland, effective Aug. 1.

Reverend John J. Korbek, Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, North Bergen, has had his pastorate extended for one year, ending Jan. 15, 2007.

Pastor-Designate

Reverend Joseph C. Doyle, Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Ridgefield Park, has been appointed Pastor-designate of St. Anne Parish, Fair Lawn, effective July 1.

Pastor Emeritus

Reverend James O. Sheerin has been assigned the title of Pastor Emeritus of St. Margaret of Cortona Parish, Little Ferry.



Parochial Vicars

Reverend John B. Martin, Parochial Vicar of Presentation Parish, Upper Saddle River, has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Elizabeth, effective June 15.

Reverend Paul Schweizer, O. Carm., has been appointed Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Bogota, effective June 15.

Reverend Mark A. O'Connell, Parochial Vicar of St. Peter Parish, Belleville, has been granted an extension on his assignment at St. Peter as Parochial Vicar.

Residence

Reverend Monsignor Kenneth J. Herbster, Pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Hoboken, and Minister for Priests of the Archdiocese of Newark, has been appointed to residence at Notre Dame Rectory, North Caldwell, effective June 1.

Sabbatical

Reverend Marian Spanier, S.T.L., Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Hackensack, has been granted a sabbatical effective Jan. 2, 2006 and ending June 30, 2006.

Releases

Reverend Jose Manuel Abalon, Parochial Vicar of Immaculate Conception Parish, Secaucus, has been released from pastoral service in the Archdiocese of Newark to serve in the Archdiocese of Boston, for a period of three years, beginning June 15 and ending June 15, 2008.

Reverend Randy A. Guillen, Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph of the Palisades Parish, West New York, has been released to Itinerancy in the Way at the discretion of the Responsibles for the United States, effective June 15.

Reverend Joseph Duykim N. Tran, released for ministry in the Diocese of Phat Diem, Vietnam, has had his release extended for an additional three years, ending April 25, 2008.

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New Swiss Guards take oath

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—It may be one of the world's smallest armies, but the tiny corps of 110 men who protect the successor of Peter is big in spirit, said Pope Benedict XVI.

"This spirit of the Swiss Guards is nourished by the glorious tradition of almost five centuries of a small army with great ideals," the pope said May 6 in his address to new recruits, their family members and friends.

The 31 new recruits met with the pope several hours before they took their oath as members of the Swiss Guard in a colorful swearing-in ceremony in the courtyard of the Apostolic Palace.

The ceremony is held each year on May 6, the anniversary of the date in 1527 when 147 guards died defending Pope Clement VII during the sack of Rome.

The new recruits swear an oath to "faithfully, loyally and honorably" serve the pope, "sacrificing if necessary" their lives to defend him.

In his speech, Pope Benedict thanked them for their dedication, saying by devotedly protecting the pope the Swiss Guard allows the pontiff to carry out his mission "free of worry for his safety."

The pope asked the new recruits to seek out and nourish the spirit that makes the Swiss Guard such a special corps. May it also lead to "a true

spiritual bond" among the guards, he said. Pope Benedict said the Swiss Guard is built upon the "great ideals" of a "firmness of Catholic faith, a convinced and convincing Christian way of life, unshakeable trust and a profound love for the Church and for the vicar of Christ."

He said the guards also represent "conscientiousness and perseverance in the small and great tasks of daily service, courage and humility, attention to others and humanity."

Swiss Guard recruits are required to be Swiss citizens, unmarried Catholic men between the ages of 19 and 30, and at least 5 feet 8 inches tall. Even though they must have completed Switzerland's required military service, prospective papal guards still undergo a rigorous selection process and further training in defense and security.

Starting in June, the Swiss Guard will begin a string of jubilee celebrations to mark the 500th anniversary of their founding as papal guards.

The jubilee will conclude May 6, 2006, when some 100 former Swiss Guards attend the swearing-in ceremony after marching from Switzerland to Rome in 26 days—a much swifter excursion than the seven-month trek it took the first Swiss Guards to make in 1505-06.



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A Swiss Guard recruit raises three fingers, a symbol of the Trinity, as he takes his oath during a May 6 swearing-in ceremony at the Vatican.

Bishops launch 'Justice for Immigrants' campaign

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Citing reasons as broad as Catholic teaching about the right to migrate to improve one's life and as narrow as one Guyana emigrant's need to support his family, more than a dozen Church organizations and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on May 10 launched a campaign called Justice for Immigrants.

The program is intended to educate the public, and Catholics in particular, about how immigration and immigrants benefit the nation; to improve public opinion about the contributions of immigrants, to advocate for changes in immigration laws and policies; and to organize networks that assist immigrants with legal problems.

Washington Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, a consultant to the USCCB's Committee on Migration, said at a press conference announcing the campaign that the bishops "have grown increasingly disturbed by the current public discourse surrounding immigrants, in which newcomers are characterized as a threat to our nation and not a benefit."

"Anti-immigrant fervor on TV and radio shows, citizens attempting to enforce immigration laws, and, most disturbingly, the enactment of restrictive immigration laws are evidence

of this negative public environment," he said.

He said those in ministry at parishes, schools, hospitals and social service agencies see the effects of that environment daily—in families kept apart by years of waiting for visas and by deportations or detention policies.

Celia Rivas, director of immigration services at the Spanish Catholic Center of the Archdiocese of Washington, said in the 14 years she has worked at the center she has seen many people lose hope as years go by with families still kept apart by borders. Changes in immigration law in the late 1990s and tougher approaches to how immigrants are processed mean that 10, 15 or 20 years can go by before immigrant families can be reunited, she said.

Rivas said having so many "broken families" is a factor in the growth of gangs, the increase in domestic violence and more mental health problems seen in people who seek help from the Church.

"We're becoming like emergency rooms," she said. "We have to have a triage center to

establish what we need to do."

One client of the Washington Archdiocese's legal services for immigrants, Clarence Cole-ridge, described his seven years of frustration as he waited for a work permit that would enable him to support his family.

"It's amazing what we go through just to acquire our rightful documents," he said, explaining that for a time he

"They're paying taxes; they're helping us develop and grow."

—Bishop James A. Tamayo

could not even visit his daughter's school because he did not have the kind of identification the school required.

Cardinal McCarrick said that, as President George W. Bush and others have acknowledged, "our immigration system is broken and badly needs repair."

He praised Bush for stating changes need to be made to the U.S. immigration system and policies.

"If he hadn't begun the con-

versation, this issue wouldn't be on the table," he said. But the president's proposal for a guest worker program that includes options for those already here to legalize their status "doesn't really touch those family issues," Cardinal McCarrick noted.

The concerns of separated families are at the core of the Church's campaign, he said.

"One of the goals of our campaign is to try to change those laws so that immigrants can support their families in dignity, families can remain united and the human rights of all are respected."

But before laws can be changed, the cardinal acknowledged, "We must change attitudes, including those of many of our own flock."

Bishop James A. Tamayo of Laredo, Texas said it is crucial that people understand that immigrants are contributing to the success of the United States: "They're paying taxes; they're helping us develop and grow."

Instead of treating immigrants as scapegoats for terrorist attacks or other problems in society, Bishop Tamayo said people need to be taught the Church's moral reasoning for supporting immigrants.

Some people came into the

United States illegally when "they couldn't get through the system because of its abuses or because it just needs repairing," he noted. "They're also crying out for justice and need our help."

The Justice for Immigrants campaign will use parish-based educational materials to address that problem.

Leo Anchondo, national manager of the campaign, said parishes nationwide will be receiving materials such as homily ideas, background information and suggestions for parish activities.

Other organizations involved in Justice for Immigrants include: the Catholic Health Association, Catholic Charities USA, Catholic Relief Services, the National Catholic Association of Diocesan Directors of Hispanic Ministry, the National Council of Catholic Women, the National Catholic Educational Association, the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, the Catholic Migrant Farmworker Network, and Roundtable, an association of diocesan social action directors.

Information about Justice for Immigrants is available on the campaign's websites: www.justiceforimmigrants.org and www.justiciaparalasinmigrantes.org.

Ordination class reflects shifts in major statistics

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The ordination class of 2005 in the United States reflects an increase in the number of older and better educated priests and an increase in the number of those born in foreign countries, according to a report conducted by sociologist Dean Hoge of the Catholic University of America in Washington.

Hoge based his report on the trends seen in ordination classes since 1998 and compared with data on men to be ordained this year who responded to an annual survey conducted by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

He noted that the average ordination age has increased from 34.8 to 37.0 in the past seven years. He also said men entering the priesthood tend to have a higher level of education prior to entering the seminary. In 1998, 30 percent of candidates had less than a bachelor's degree, but in the 2005 sample, only 28 percent had less than a bachelor's degree. The percentage of candidates who had received a master's degree or a professional degree beyond a bachelor's degree also rose from 13 to 32 percent.

Another finding in the report was the percentage of new priests born outside the United States; since 1998 it has risen from 24 percent to 27 percent. Today, new priests are primarily from Vietnam, Mexico, the Philippines and Poland.

This year, 286 members of the 2005 ordination class responded to the survey. Of the respondents, 251 were preparing to be diocesan priests and 35 were entering religious congregations. Not all dioceses and religious orders responded.

Half of the diocesan ordinands are under the age of 35, including James Carter, 26, of the Diocese of Knoxville, TN, a student at the North American College in Rome and one of three men being ordained for Knoxville this year. Four percent are older than 60, including a 70-year-old ordinand who is a widowed father of three.

Asian or Pacific Islanders make up 12 percent of all the ordinands, a percentage substantially higher than the estimated 2 percent to 3 percent of the Asians or Pacific Islanders in the total U.S. Catholic population. They include Benjamin Nguyen of the

Diocese of Wichita, KS, who attended the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, OH.

The percentage of Hispanic/Latino seminarians dropped to 10 percent from last year's 12 percent. The figure is significantly lower than the estimated 25 percent to 30 percent of Catholics who are Hispanic/Latino. Only one percent of the class of 2005 is African-American. African-Americans constitute three percent to four percent of U.S. Catholics.

Catholic education at the high school and college level is a significant factor in cultivating vocations.

For 2005, the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis have the largest number of ordinands with 16 and 15, respectively. The Archdiocese of Newark has 12.

The report suggests that Catholic education at the high school and college level is a significant factor in cultivating vocations.

Forty percent of the ordinands attended Catholic high school, compared to 26 percent of the general U.S. population. The report

also noted that 45 percent of the ordinands attended a Catholic college or university, compared with 10 percent of the nation's 35- to 54-year-olds.

Six percent of the ordinands are converts to the Catholic faith. Hoge's report said the average age at which ordinands joined the Catholic Church is 22.2.

Many of the ordinands took part in diocesan and parish vocation programs. Thirty-nine percent participated in diocesan programs that included visits to seminaries or monasteries, and 20 percent attended parish vocation programs. Twenty-seven percent participated in World Youth Day events.

The survey also showed that many of the candidates had been involved in parish activities:

- 59 percent were eucharistic ministers.
- 76 percent were altar servers.
- 68 percent were lectors.
- 53 percent attended religious retreats.

Bishop Blase J. Cupich of Rapid City, SD, chairman of the USCCB's vocations committee, said the ordinands, being from "all walks of life" and diverse backgrounds, "will enrich the Church" and they "offer great promise."



HISTORY IN HAND—Father Brian Klingele holds the chalice that was used by Pope John Paul II and Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger before he became Pope Benedict XVI.

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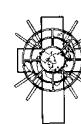
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St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Bloomfield, Catholics Who Happen to be Single, "Caribbean Cruise Party," 7:30-10 p.m. (973) 743-6100.

May 19

St. John School, Orange, *Cinderella*, 7:30-9 p.m. Cost \$10; \$5 for children under 5. (973) 674-8951.

The Legal Center for Defense of Life, Inc., benefit reception, 6-9 p.m., the Madison Hotel, Morristown, (973) 984-0725.

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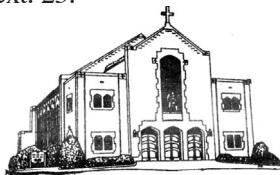
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Sacred Heart Home-School Association, Lyndhurst, calendar party, cost \$8. (201) 933-0783 or (201) 460-4988.

St. Mark's Social Club for Unmarried Mature Adults, Rahway, police officer Dawn Rodger, lecture on identity theft, 7 p.m. Cost \$3. (732) 381-1298.

May 21

The Lumen Center, Caldwell, "Women and Spirituality: A Call to Authenticity," 10 a.m.-noon, cost \$15. (973) 403-3331, ext. 25.



St. Michael Parish, Union, Anointing of the Sick, 11 a.m. (908) 686-5271.

Roselle Catholic High School, Roselle, *Beatlemania Now*, 8 p.m. Cost \$30-\$60. (732) 381-0040 or carroll@roselle-catholic.org.

Catholic Daughters of America, garage sale at 44 Morgan Pl., Kearny, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (201) 955-1105.

May 22

Hudson County Serra Club and Hudson County parishes, Communion brunch honoring Father Benedict Groeschel, O.F.M., known for his EWTN program, Jersey City, 10 a.m. Cost \$35. (201) 424-6773, (201) 322-8657 or your Hudson County parish.

St. Anne Parish, Fair Lawn, Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick, 3 p.m. (201) 791-1616.

**May 23**

Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell, golf classic, (201) 634-4142.

May 24

Felician College, Rutherford, teacher education information session, 7 p.m. Additional dates: July 20 and Aug. 24. (201) 559-6051.

May 25

St. Patrick High School, Elizabeth, thanksgiving service in honor of fire and police departments, 10:45 a.m. (908) 353-5220.

Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck, Stop Smoking Through Hypnosis, 7-9 p.m. Cost \$60. (201) 227-6250.



Holy Family Parish, Nutley, monthly meeting of St. Lucy Filippini Sodality, 8 p.m. (973) 667-0026.

May 26

St. Philip the Apostle Parish, Saddle Brook, Living Rosary, 7 p.m. (201) 791-4640.

St. Joseph Parish, Lodi, Living Rosary, 7 p.m. (973) 893-2479.

May 28

Blue Army Shrine, Washington, A Day of Prayer and Reflection in honor of Our Lady of All Nations, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

June 1

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

Felician Language and Reading Center, Lodi, reading improvement courses June 27 through July 29, preliminary testing through June 9. (973) 473-7447.

Priests' convocation nears

AREA—The annual Convocation of Priests of the Archdiocese of Newark will take place June 19-22 at the Woodcliffe Lake Hilton.

Keynote speakers and workshops will be featured. Father Richard Kelly, pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Jersey City, and Father John Gabriel, pastor of St. Thomas Moore Parish, Fairfield, are chairman and general chairman respectively.

On Sunday, June 19, registration will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. A social and dinner follow. A formal welcome and evening prayer takes place at 7 p.m. followed by the first keynote speaker, Dr. Thomas Curran, who will speak on evangelization.

Dr. Curran is executive director of Trinity Formation Resources, a non-profit ministry helping Catholics understand, explore and live their faith more deeply.

The following day at 9:15 a.m., Most Rev. Oscar Solis will speak on enculturation from an Asian perspective. Bishop Solis, who is Filipino and currently an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, has a special relationship with the Archdiocese of Newark, where he served as an adjunct priest from 1984 to 88.

After a break, workshops will be available from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. when a liturgy will be held.

There is free time in the afternoon. Then a social takes place at 5:30 p.m., followed a half hour later by dinner.

From 8 to 9 p.m. Archbishop John J. Myers will lead a Holy Hour for Vocations.

On Tuesday, June 21 at 9:15

a.m., Most Rev. Ricardo Ramirez, C.S.B., the bishop of the Diocese of Las Cruces, NM, will talk about enculturation from the Latino perspective. Bishop Ramirez is a commissioner of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom. He is also a consultant to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee of Hispanic Affairs. Workshops are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. followed by liturgy at 11:45 a.m.

On the final day of the convocation, Wednesday, June 22, enculturation from the Afro-American perspective will be explored by Most Rev. Joseph Perry. Bishop Perry is an auxiliary bishop of Chicago and serves as episcopal vicar for one of six vicariates of the archdiocese, national chaplain for the Knights of St. Peter Claver and the Ladies Auxiliary, and vice president of the Board for the Black Catholic Conference in Baltimore.

After Bishop Perry's presentation, the closing liturgy will be at 10:30 a.m. with the convocation ending at noon.

The workshop topics are as follows: The Face of the Presbyterate of Newark: A Face of the Universal Church; Establishing an Environment of Hospitality in Our Living Space; Animating the Gospel for Today's Media Culture; Leading Your Parish to Reach its Full Evangelizing Potential; The Invitation to Move From Maintenance to Mission—the Shared Experience of St. Joseph Parish in Chinatown, NYC, and Ministering to Different Generations: What Can a Parish Do?

Shield awards ceremony set

RAMSEY—The Rev. Patrick Pindar Council 962, Ramsey Knights of Columbus, will present its annual Shield Awards on Friday, May 20.

This is the 28th year of the awards that honor a member of each of Ramsey's public safety organizations.

Recipients include Police Officer Brian Lyman, Fire-

fighter Garry Tonnon, Joseph Manfredonia of the Ramsey Rescue Squad, Life Member Michael Adams of the Ramsey Ambulance Corps and Senior Planner David Kozinn of the Ramsey Office of Emergency Management.

The awards program will be held at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 48 Mechanic St., Ramsey. For additional information or directions, contact the Knights at (201) 327-9606.

Memorial dedication slated

CRANFORD—St. Michael Parish will dedicate a memorial to former parochial vicar, Father Charles Joseph Watters, a fallen hero, on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 21, at an 11 a.m. ceremony in front of the church.

Father Watters went from St. Michael's into active military service during the Vietnam War to serve as an army chaplain in the 173rd Airborne Division of the United States Army.

He was awarded the Medal of Honor, posthumously, for "conspicuous gallantry in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty." According to the citation awarding Father Watters

the Medal of Honor, "Chaplain Watters was giving aid to the wounded when he himself was mortally wounded."

The marble monument to Father Watters will reflect his service to his country as an army chaplain, Airborne Ranger and Medal of Honor recipient. The memorial will honor his sacrifice on behalf of his country as a chaplain.

"Father Watters was born in Jersey City and ministered to families here in Cranford," said St. Michael's organizing parishioner Ray Lynch. "His actions resulted in his award of our nation's highest military honor,

the Medal of Honor." Lynch went on to say, "Father Watters was killed in combat on Nov. 19, 1967, in Kontum Province, South Vietnam shortly after celebrating Mass for the troops in the field."

Planning for the dedication ceremony is ongoing, and veterans, Scouting and local civic organizations are involved as well as Knights of Columbus councils.

"This is an opportunity for the community of Cranford to recognize the sacrifice made by Father Watters on behalf of our country and to also recognize all those who sacrificed in service to our nation," said Father John P. McGovern, pastor of St. Michael's.

Pray for him...

Angelo G. Francesco, father of Rev. Richard G. Francesco, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, West Orange, died May 4.

Reader inspired

Editor,

Please give Deacon Robert A. Baker, Sr. my belated but nonetheless sincere compliments on his courage in having paid his wife and all mothers of households in his April 20 "Show Me the Money" column, the kind of tribute they deserve and ought to hear and see more often.

That column should be framed and posted, with appropriate but visible modesty of site, at the entry to every church in the Newark Archdiocese.

Deacon Baker's having so generously called attention to how central all that women contribute is, as the standard bearers of family life, to the stability and day-to-day functioning of our Church does him enormous credit.

James C. G. Conniff
Upper Montclair

'Strong exception'

Editor,

I take strong exception to George Weigel's May 4 column in *The Catholic Advocate* "What Pope Benedict XVI means."

His assumptions that the 'progressive' movement in the Church equates with taking the path of accommodation to secular society and that Cardinal Ratzinger's election marks the end of a 40 year attempt at such an accommodation is false and misleading.

At a time when we should be trying to temper our criticisms of fellow Catholics

and finding a "common ground," Weigel seems to be positively gloating that Pope John XXIII's attempts to open the windows of Catholicism have been slammed shut for good.

I pray that our new pope's intelligence and knowledge of history allow him to take a much more courageous and open view.

Pat Bennett
Summit

Coverage appreciated

Editor,

The May 4 issue of *The Catholic Advocate* was extremely thorough in its coverage of the election of Pope Benedict XVI. The articles explored all aspects of the Holy Father's new ministry and the color photos were spectacular.

And since life goes on in the Archdiocese of Newark, the commentary section continued to provide its usually excellent columns. Msgr. John Gilchrist's "Voices" and Frank Korn's "A View From History" are consistent in their religious and historical perspectives. The Parish Profile and Archbishop Myers' "Sincerely In The Lord" column were also uplifting and inspirational features.

I commend the editors for taking a historic and very emotional event and crafting it into a 36 page journalistic gem. The faithful of the archdiocese are very fortunate to have such a high-quality publication.

Michael F. Adams
Ramsey

On the educational cutting edge

Long committed to providing educational opportunity to inner-city youngsters, the Archdiocese of Newark is on the cutting edge of a unique program designed for students who otherwise could not afford to attend a Catholic high school.

The archdiocesan Schools Office is studying the feasibility of a college preparatory level high school in Newark as part of the Cristo Rey Network. Launched in Chicago almost a decade ago, Cristo Rey is intended to meet the classroom needs of a major city.

The linchpin of the Cristo Rey Network is having students in a work study program to help finance their education. The high school provides transportation and assume responsibility for student safety outside of school. Tentative plans are for the school to be at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish.

Students go to school four days a week. On the fifth day, at clerical entry-level jobs obtained for them by the Cristo Rey Network, the students take part in a work-study program at banks, insurance companies, law firms and the like in downtown Newark to help finance their education. That experience alone will be a valuable lesson for the demands of an increasingly competitive workplace. The availability of such jobs is a primary reason why a major city is essential for the program's success.

Depending on the results of the feasibility study, the archdiocese will make a determination in September on whether to move forward. If so, the Cristo Rey high school would become operational in time for the 2006-07 school year.

A Cristo Rey high school in Newark has exciting potential. The archdiocese's willingness to be part of it is just the latest example of its commitment to bring the lifelong lessons of a quality Catholic education to every child.

Many blessed with papal honors

The Catholic Advocate joins with the rest of the Archdiocese of Newark in acknowledging with great joy Papal Honors bestowed on 36 men and women by the late Pope John Paul II.

Seven priests have been elevated to the rank of Prelate of Honor, and 11 priests have been given the honor of being named Chaplain for His Holiness. In addition, five men have been elevated in rank as members of the Equestrian Order of Saint Gregory the Great and 13 men and women have been honored with membership in the same order.

Such a vast array of Papal Honors is impressive and speaks volumes about those who serve the Church of Newark. To all of them a hearty congratulations.

Respect Life

Wake up! Speak out!

BY MSGR. RICHARD MCGUINNESS

Director of the Respect Life Office

New Jersey is a beautiful state!

It has a beautiful shore, lakes, ski slopes, lots of colleges and universities. Its citizens include those from many different cultures. It has a rich history, museums and a Philharmonic orchestra!

But it also had the distinction, in 2000, of being the state with the highest rate of abortions (47 abortions per 1000 women aged 15-19).

It had the highest rate of teenage pregnancies among black teenagers (209 per 1000).

In rough terms—almost one third of

pregnancies in New Jersey do not make it to birth! This will continue unless pastors speak out boldly and clearly about the need to abstain from sexual activity until marriage and to be faithful to their marriage vows.

Parents are the first and best teachers of their children and they have the duty, ability and opportunity to teach their children how God wants them to live, despite all the bad examples and temptations that we put before them. If we fail to live up to our obligations things will only get worse. If we live up to our obligations we can prevent the abortion of innocent children, the guilt that accompanies abortion—and help family life flourish as God intended it to be.

Wake up! Speak up!

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 Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256.

A question box about faith and practice

Today's Question: Why is water added to the wine during Mass? – Phil Obiedzinski, St. Mary's, Rutherford

The brief rite of pouring water into the wine used for consecration is very ancient. Indeed, it is believed that Our Lord Himself used wine tempered with water at the Last Supper as this was the common practice among the Jews and in Mediterranean culture in general.

Although the water is not essential for the validity of the sacrament, the Church holds it in great importance and it must never be omitted.

Historically, St. Justin Martyr already mentions this practice in his Apology around the year 150. About a century later St. Cyprian wrote on this theme in an epistle against a splinter group that used only water in their celebrations, and this has become the accepted interpretation:

"For because Christ bore us all, in that He also bore our sins, we see that in the water is understood the people, but in the wine is showed the blood of Christ. But when the water is mingled in the cup with the wine, the people [are] made one with Christ, and the assembly of believers is associated and conjoined with Him on whom it believes; which association and conjunction of water and wine is so min-

What's the Matter?

By Msgr. Richard J. Amhols



gled in the Lord's cup, that that mixture cannot any more be separated."

St. Thomas Aquinas, in his *Summa Theologiae III*, pars q 74, 6-8, notes that Pope Alexander I says, "In the Lord's chalice neither wine only nor water only ought to be offered, but both mixed because we read that both [blood and water] flowed from His side in the Passion." He also quotes St. Ambrose, who wrote, "The water flows into the chalice, and springs forth unto everlasting life."

Perhaps the priest's silent prayer at Mass when adding the water to the wine sums it up simply: "By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity."

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

Culture of religious fervor in the United States

What goes around comes around. Sometimes we live in the midst of great universal events and while we acknowledge them, we often do not put the dots together.

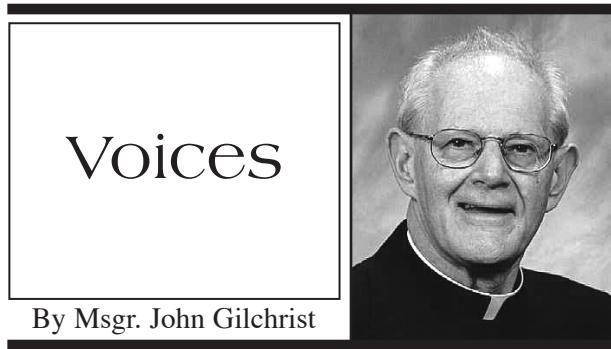
By that I mean that we, the little people, do not connect things at the time that they are happening. Each of us lives in our own little world. We are a part of movements that are bigger than we are.

In the 1930's we were aware of communism. We Catholics knew it was bad because our priests told us that it was atheistic. We heard of Hitler and the Nazis. But they were in Europe. We had a depression and Franklin D. Roosevelt, who told us that "the only thing we had to fear was fear itself."

Yet all of these things combined to change our world. World War II, victory, and the G.I. Bill produced the 1950's America with its suburbs, malls, and college education for the masses.

In the 1960's, who realized that the civil rights struggle, anti-war demonstrations, and Vatican Council II would all come together to produce a new generation of freedom-loving youth? That era would embrace sex, drugs, and rock and roll. America was fundamentally changed in the morals, dress, and values during the 1960's and so was the world.

I believe that America is in the midst of a movement that we see, that we experience through the media (radio, television, and the internet), and in the



lives of many of our neighbors. It has caused friction in the area of education. It is even affecting the nature of religious life in America today.

It is called the "Christian Right," "Evangelicalism," or "religious conservatism." It is housed in huge mega-churches or thousands of small evangelical congregations across the land.

The movement is extremely visible on Sundays. Preachers may differ in style but not in substance. John Hagee (whom I believe to be the best preacher in America) is an old time rock'em and sock'em, hellfire and brimstone man. Joel Osteen is a gentle, soft spoken man whose every word just glides smoothly into your brain—words of reassurance. "Don't

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worry," he croons to the crowd. "God loves you. Everything will be all right."

Of course the older crowd of preachers is still around—Billy Graham, Robert Schuller, Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson. Even old hill and country singer Jimmy Swaggert is back out of exile and preaching the Word.

But a new Christian evangelism is sweeping over the land like never before. It is feisty, filled with fervor, and ready to take on the world. As American as apple pie, it loves the flag. And it elected two houses of Congress and a president.

And there is one thing more. I am told that 60 percent of all those suburbanite types packed into the mega churches are ex-Catholics. I can't prove it, but I believe it.

Friends, the religious revival that has swept across the United States is nothing new. The truth is that America is extremely religious. Religion is an essential part of our culture. It comes from the very roots of our national origins. And while we grow and change, every fifty years or so America goes through an eruption of religious fervor.

If you will bear with me, I would like in the next few articles to review with you a little of this colorful American phenomenon. It will not be heavy or academic, but perhaps it will help you to understand a little bit better this America we all love and its current preoccupation with religion—"the old time religion that was good for Ma and Pa is good enough for me." Halleluia!

Msgr. Gilchrist is pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Harrison.

The spirit of Pentecost gives us what we need

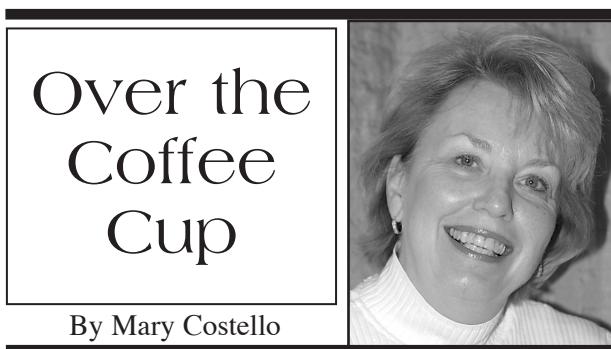
Don't you sometimes wonder what it would be like if some of the events in the Gospels happened last week instead of 2000 years ago? Like Pentecost, for instance.

If Pentecost had occurred in the year 2005 instead of the year 33, it would have no doubt happened at a potluck dinner or "covered dish supper," as they say in Wisconsin. There would have been endless discussion about various dishes, an exchange of recipes and a little behind-the-hands talking about the disciple who only brought a bag of chips and a small container of dip. There no doubt would have been a strawberry pie with whipped cream topping, it being the strawberry season and all and, of course, everybody wanted that recipe.

There might have been the usual discussion of kids and activities and bowling scores and whose daughter is going away to school where, it being graduation season and all. And there would have been some quiet talk and a few tears for Him, the one they all missed and were mourning for.

Then at the prayer service, a few disciples would have left because it was getting a little too charismatic for them, and others because they thought the music was a little too new-agey. Some would have been annoyed because they wanted a few more prayers of petition from the group than Peter allowed, and some would have wanted to take a vote on moving to a more convenient location. After all, this one wasn't handicapped accessible. Steps, you know.

Some of the disciples might have stayed home because the big golf tournament was on, or because the Cubs-Cardinals game had gone into extra innings.



Others had to drive their son to soccer practice.

When the tongues of fire appeared the smoke detectors would have gone off, and since the Upper Room was a community facility and therefore hooked directly to the fire station, the fire trucks would have descended right after the tongues. Of course the heat would have set off the water sprinklers and everybody, wet and cold, would have been screaming and running for the exits.

Fortunately, it didn't happen that way at all. Instead, the apostles and disciples were very simply infused with a wonderful spirit of faith, courage, strength and wisdom.

On the other hand, it would have been nice if Pentecost would have happened last week (without

the fire alarms, of course) because it seems to me we could all do with a healthy dose of faith, courage, strength and wisdom right about now. Maybe we'd all be paying better attention if a tongue of fire did descend on our heads.

Maybe it's just me, but it seems it takes a lot of strength to raise kids today. You have to be able to say, "No, you're not going to watch that on TV." And, "No, you're not going to buy that violent video game," even when they say, "But everyone else...."

It takes a lot of courage to say to co-workers when you're all going out to lunch together, "No, I'm not going to that sleazy club."

It takes a lot of wisdom to say to friends, "I'm not doing the bar crawl anymore. I've decided it's better for me."

It takes a lot of strength to say every day, "I'm really tired this morning, but I'm going to get up and go to Mass before work. I know I have a better day when I do."

And in a world of terror and war, a world of consumerism and materialism, a world where it sometimes seems that the only god anyone worships is the god of "he who has

to most toys wins," it takes a lot of faith to say, "My Lord and my God, I give you my all."

I pray we all receive a healthy dose of strength, faith, courage and wisdom this Pentecost. And no fire alarms going off during Mass.

Mary Costello is a freelance columnist.

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Pope must defend Church doctrine

ROME (CNS)—The pope's power is not absolute, but must be used to defend Church doctrine against attempts to water it down, Pope Benedict XVI said as he took possession of his cathedral as the bishop of Rome.

"The pope is not an absolute sovereign whose thoughts and will are law," Pope Benedict said. "He must not proclaim his own ideas but instead, in the face of all attempts to adapt or water it down, and of every opportunism, he constantly must bind himself and the Church in obedience to the word of God."

On May 7 Pope Benedict took possession of Rome's Basilica of St. John Lateran, the diocesan cathedral, as thousands of Romans gathered outside to welcome him.

During the liturgy inside the basilica, he stood at the foot of the bishop's throne listening to Cardinal Camillo Ruini, his vicar for Rome, reminding him that the pope must be "the servant of the servants of God."

More than 100 priests and bishops, including 40 cardinals, concelebrated the Mass, the last in the series of installation liturgies that began April 24 with his inauguration in St. Peter's Basilica.

In his homily, Pope Benedict said it is the duty of the pontiff to protect the word of God "so it is not torn to pieces by continuous changes in fashion."

The pope cautioned against studying sacred Scriptures in situations too detached from the "live voice of the Church."

While the work of scholars can shed light on the Scriptures' historical development, Pope Benedict

said that nevertheless "science alone cannot provide a definitive and binding interpretation. It is not able to give us, in interpreting, that certainty with which we can live and with which we can die."

Warning against "erroneous interpretations of freedom," Pope Benedict also cited Pope John Paul II's calls for the defense of human life "from the moment of conception to natural death."

"Freedom to kill is not true freedom but rather a tyranny that will reduce human beings to slavery," the pope said.

Pope Benedict said that whoever takes on the ministry of pontiff must be conscious of his own fragility and weakness and of the constant need for "purification and conversion."

"But he also can be conscious that from the Lord will come the power to confirm his brothers and sisters in the faith," the pope said.

After leaving St. John Lateran, Pope Benedict traveled to the Basilica of

St. Mary Major to place flowers and pray before an icon of the Virgin Mary venerated by the people of Rome.

The Rome Diocese has a population of nearly 3 million. Its hundreds of churches include more than 60 minor basilicas, 333 parishes and 398 other churches, chapels and oratories. It hosts 1,150 religious communities of women, 416 men's communities and 31 cloistered monasteries.

The morning before going to St. John Lateran, Pope Benedict met at the Vatican with Rome Mayor Walter Veltroni and other members of the city government.

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—Pope Benedict XVI

The Pope Speaks

Pope Benedict XVI



'Take courage'

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today I would like to reflect with you on the canticle found in Chapter 15 of the Book of Revelation. It is a song which proclaims the victory of Christ, the lamb who was slain for our salvation. The language of the hymn reminds us of the song which Moses and the people of Israel sang after their deliverance from slavery in Egypt. The canticle celebrates God's saving work, which reaches out to all the peoples of the earth. It invites all nations to come and worship the "Lord, God, the almighty" and to fear and glorify His holy name.

Let us take part in that great procession of all the nations, who "come and worship" the Lord. Let us fall down before the victorious Lamb of God and listen to Him as He repeats to us the words He said on the night before He died: "Take courage; I have overcome the world" (Jn 16:33).

In the name of Christ, I greet all the English-speaking visitors present at this audience, including pilgrims from England, Ireland and the United States of America. I warmly welcome you to Rome, the city of the apostles Peter and Paul, and I pray that the time you spend here may be a source of spiritual refreshment. Upon you and all your loved ones I invoke God's blessings of joy and peace.

The Blessed Trinity and a deep redemptive love

Readings: Ex 34:4-9; Dn 3:52-56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18.

Probably our parents chose our names with great care, giving us a patron saint or two, possibly honoring a favorite member of the family. At some point we may have learned the meaning of our names, and that should have given us inspiration, like investigating the life of our patron.

The ancient Hebrews attached great significance to names, because they revealed the hope and expectation of parents for each child. When Moses first encountered the God of his ancestors in the burning bush, receiving the commission to rescue the Israelites from Egyptian slavery, he naturally asked to know the divine Name (Ex 3:1-14). The answer was surprising: "I am who am," revealing something profound about God but not allowing people the familiarity that might be the basis for cheap manipulation.

Although philosophers may well reflect on the Mystery of Being, probably the Name meant to the ancient Israelites that God was present with them. This was the sacred Name which, long before the time of Jesus, was pronounced only once a year by the high priest in the Holy of Holies. Scholars guess that it was pronounced Yahweh (several hundred years ago, those ignorant of spoken Hebrew conjectured "Jehovah") but, sensitive to the Jewish practice, the title "Lord" should be substituted for this inexpressible Name.

After the Israelites were brought to Mount Sinai in the wilderness, God revealed the privileges and responsibilities of the Covenant to them. While Moses communed with God on the mountain top, the people fell into idolatry, worshipping a calf made from their golden ornaments. Because Moses broke the tables of the Decalogue in his frustration,

Sunday Readings

Trinity Sunday
(May 22, 2005)

By Father Lawrence Frizzell



he had to return for a second edition. The brief text taken for our Sunday reading centers on the full revelation to Moses of the meaning of the special Name of God. "The Lord, the Lord, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity..." (Ex 34:6). This is a magnificent expression of the mystery of God. The Rabbis counted 13 attributes of God in this passage and John learned, perhaps from Jesus Himself, that these attributes that reveal the meaning of the divine Name can be summarized in the statement "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8).

The Gospel text, again to be placed in its context, follows the conversation between Jesus and Nicodemus. Jesus revealed that, to be worthy of sharing in God's kingdom, people had to be born from above (not merely "again," which is the other meaning of the Greek word) of water and the Holy Spirit (Jn 3:5-8). "Just as Moses lifted up the ser-

pent in the desert (Numb 21:9) so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life" (Jn 3:14-15). The single Greek verb rendered as "lifted up" includes the humiliation of the Cross and the exaltation of the Resurrection; together they constitute the "hour" of Jesus. The phrase "eternal life" becomes the expression that replaces "kingdom of God" in John's writings. This new life from above is experienced by the faithful now and, if they persevere, blossoms into an eternal communion with the living God.

Our Gospel reading begins with the next sentence, a favorite of Christians everywhere. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life" (Jn 3:16). Moses knew that God loved His people enough to rescue them from servitude and to forgive their sins. Now God's mercy, forgiveness and patience are revealed anew in the mission of His only Son. The Father gave Him up to death so that all humanity might experience the marvels of divine love and goodness.

Just as Israel had to set aside idolatry to serve the one God in freedom, so all who accept the gift of faith and new life must purify themselves from the subtle forms of idolatry and selfishness that ruin so many lives in our world. What are the goals for which we strive? Are they consistent with commitment to God? Love is gracious and merciful, but divine love is demanding: "Love one another as I have loved you" (Jn 13:34-35).

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

Love is gracious and merciful, but divine love is demanding.

Fighting vacation 'blues'

(NAPS)—Relaxed and ready to take on the daily grind after an enjoyable vacation? It usually doesn't take long before your "to-do" list grows exponentially once back at the office and the stress meter reaches the max.

So, what exactly is the trick to keeping the benefits of a vacation alive once you've returned from the sun and sand?

Tips for retaining your vacation value once you are back to the nine-to-five include:

- Send yourself a postcard to help stir up relaxing images from your getaway.

- Return home at least one full day before going back to work to help ease into your routine.

- Set realistic expectations on how many tasks are possible upon return.

- Make time to take a step back and look at the big picture—there are very few times when your brain is so lucid, so take advantage of it.

- Breathe deeply and stretch frequently.

- And last, but not least—shake out your shoulders so that they don't start to quickly creep back up.

Enjoying the great outdoors

(NAPS)—Enjoying the great outdoors is a fun and healthy way to spend the warmer months. Be certain to make safety a priority when you are planning and partaking in any outdoor excursion.

Here are some helpful tips on braving the great outdoors:

- ✓ Plan your hiking and camping trip carefully. Find out as much as you can about where you are going, including any hazards or obstacles.

- ✓ Be mindful of the sun. Use UV blockouts, UV protective swimwear and minimize exposure when the sun is strongest, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

- ✓ Watch for signs of heat exhaustion, such as cool, moist skin, headaches, pale skin, irra-

ditional behavior, nausea, vomiting and unconsciousness. Drink plenty of liquids to avoid dehydration.

- ✓ Wear sunglasses that block 99 to 100 percent of all UV light—wraparound sunglasses are best because they are shaped to keep light from shining around the frames and into your eyes.

- ✓ Put meat into a cooler when traveling. Meat juices can easily leak onto pre-prepared foods, so package with this in mind. Place the meat on the bottom of the cooler, away from ready-to-eat food.

- ✓ Keep campsites as clean as possible. Birds and animals can be sources of food poisoning bacteria, so don't leave food and utensils lying around.

- ✓ When hiking, camping or enjoying any outdoor activity, always remember to pack a first

aid kit, flashlight, antibacterial disposable hand wipes, a map of the area, two or three liters of water per person, fire starter, knife, extra food, compass, additional clothing and sunglasses.

- ✓ Cover as much skin as possible to prevent tick and other insect bites, as well as exposure to poisonous plants.

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- ✓ Use a lightweight stove for cooking and consider using a candle lantern instead of a campfire. If you must build a fire, do so on bare ground, stone or other fire-safe areas. Make certain the fire is far away from flammable items including your tent, trees or dry grass. Always put your fire out completely before leaving the area.

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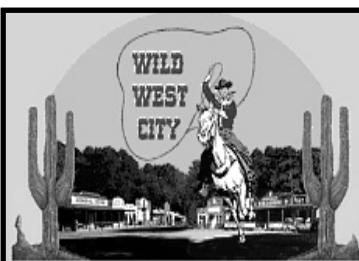
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(NAPS)—Many Americans may be surprised to learn that just as there are national parks such as Yellowstone and Yosemite, this country also has underwater national parks known as national marine sanctuaries.

Visitors can dive at Flower Garden Banks Sanctuary off Texas, snorkel in the Florida Keys, kayak in the Channel Islands Sanctuary in the Pacific or whale watch at Stellwagen Bank in the Atlantic. They are places to swim, sail, fish and learn maritime history.

The national Marine Sanctuary Program is part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which is part of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

There are four sanctuaries along the Gulf of Mexico and the Southeast: Flower Garden Banks off the coast of Texas, the Florida Keys, Gray's Reef near Savannah, and the site of the Civil War ironclad ship the Monitor, off the coast of North Carolina. On the West Coast, there are five sanctuaries: Olympic Coast in Washington and Cordell Bank, Gulf of the Farallones, Monterey Bay, and Channel Islands off the coast of California.

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Putting Catholic social teaching into action

BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Writer

It is appropriate that Msgr. William J. Reilly, perhaps the Archdiocese's most knowledgeable and experienced priest on immigration issues pertaining to Hispanics, is pastor of Most Holy Name Parish, Garfield.

With its burgeoning Hispanic population, Msgr. Reilly, a Spanish-speaker for many years, is the perfect fit to minister to this vital community's needs, both spiritually and in dealing with issues of immigration.

In the fall of 2003, monsignor was named coordinator of Multi-Ethnic/Multi-Cultural Affairs by Archbishop John J. Myers, but his ministry to Hispanics began decades ago. He served as director of the Office of Hispanic Concerns under Archbishops Gerety and McCarrick.

The parish of Most Holy Name was founded in 1911. Mission churches in Bergen County were developed by Most Rev. John J. O'Connor, Bishop of Newark, with ministering clergy provided by the Franciscan Minister General and the Provincial of Holy Name Province.

The first Mass at Holy Name was celebrated in July 1911 and the first pastor was named in August of that year, Father Dominic Sonnabend, O.F.M.

With a core group of 43 families, property was purchased and a church constructed and completed in October 1912. The original church was replaced in 1958. The Franciscan influence prevails in the parish, and in the church one can find the images of many saints from Franciscan history.

In 1991, the Franciscan Friars withdrew from the parish due to a shortage of personnel. At that time, archdiocesan clergy assumed responsibility for the parish. During the tenure of Father Benedict Militello, pastor from 1995 to 2000, Spanish-language ministries began. In December 2000, Msgr. Reilly was assigned pastor.

Msgr. Reilly was recently

nominated by Archbishop Myers to receive the Papal recognition of Prelate of Honor. This honor signifies an elevation in the rank of monsignor.

Monsignor has devoted his priesthood to helping immigrants, but he also works hard to draw them closer to the Church. He said that "cultural awareness and sensitivity" are the keys to "getting people to claim ownership" of Most Holy Name.

He added that it is through "communication and understanding" that he is able to help them assume leadership roles. Part of that leadership is an effort to foster evangelization.

Msgr. Reilly and his staff literally hit the streets ringing doorbells to announce that there is a Christian

community in Garfield ready to welcome them and be of service. He believes that much of the parish's growth can be attributed to this effort.

Most Holy Name has 1,050 registered families. The parish comprises an English-speaking community consisting of Italian, Polish, some Portuguese parish-

ioners, among others, and the Spanish-speaking community. The Hispanic population is largely Peruvian with the presence of others from the Dominican Republic and Colombia.

"Whatever we do, we do twice," Msgr. Reilly said. In addition to Masses both in English and Spanish, there are Bible study classes, prayer groups, choirs, religious education and other initiatives offered in both languages.

Msgr. Reilly added that there are two parish assemblies, English- and Spanish-speaking, which meet on consecutive nights. "They discuss formation, worship, community service, and planning the calendar," he said, adding that the parish staff "acts as a bridge" between the two communities.

He explained, "The councils' agendas are often different," but there is a "great cooperation" between the two groups, which often collaborate on special events, such as the upcoming celebration for parishioner Esterminio Chica, who will be ordained as a transitional deacon in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, on May 22.

Mary Ann Rotondi, parish secretary for 17 years, who has witnessed the changes in Garfield and Most Holy Name, added, "There's a wonderful blend of the two cultures. Once a year, we plan a potluck dinner together during Thanksgiving, a St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dinner in March, and even some summer activities. We learn from each other. It's nice to see the life of the parish growing in unity," she said.

Rotondi's daughter, Dana, is a teacher at Garfield Catholic

Academy and will be married at Most Holy Name in July. The parish is a co-sponsor of the academy, along with the other three parishes in Garfield—Our Lady of Mount Virgin, Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Stanislaus Kostka.

Mary Devers is the parish's director of religious education. In the program are 125 in the English-speaking group, and 140 in the Spanish-speaking group, with the assistance of 30 catechists.

"It's a continuing program," Devers stated. "Once a child makes first communion, people think that they're done until confirmation. But when they come back for confirmation, they're not going to learn everything in one year. It's not just about receiving the sacraments, but learning about their life and religion. We aim to grow with them," she explained.

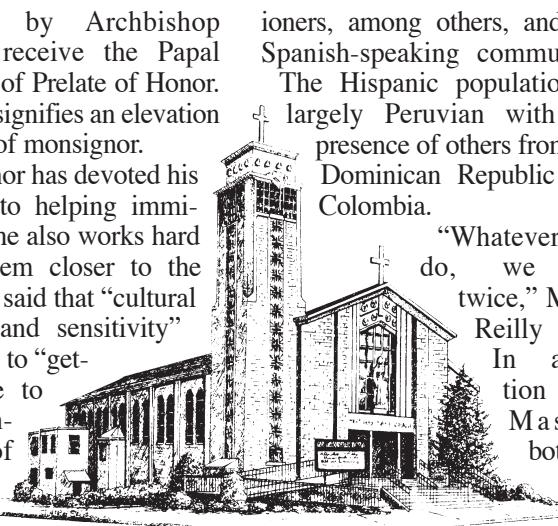
Sor [Spanish religious title for "sister"] Josefa, of the Missionary Sisters of the Heart of Jesus, a religious congregation based in Newark, has been with the parish since September. She is a native of the Dominican Republic. Sor Josefa has worked as a catechist for Hispanic students, and also in evangelization.

Having made several home visits, she noted, "When you visit people in their homes, and talk with them, they experience a 'cercanía' or closeness to you. In their homes, people feel free to speak about whatever concerns they have, and you come to understand the reality of their lives in a way that you do not when they are in the church setting.

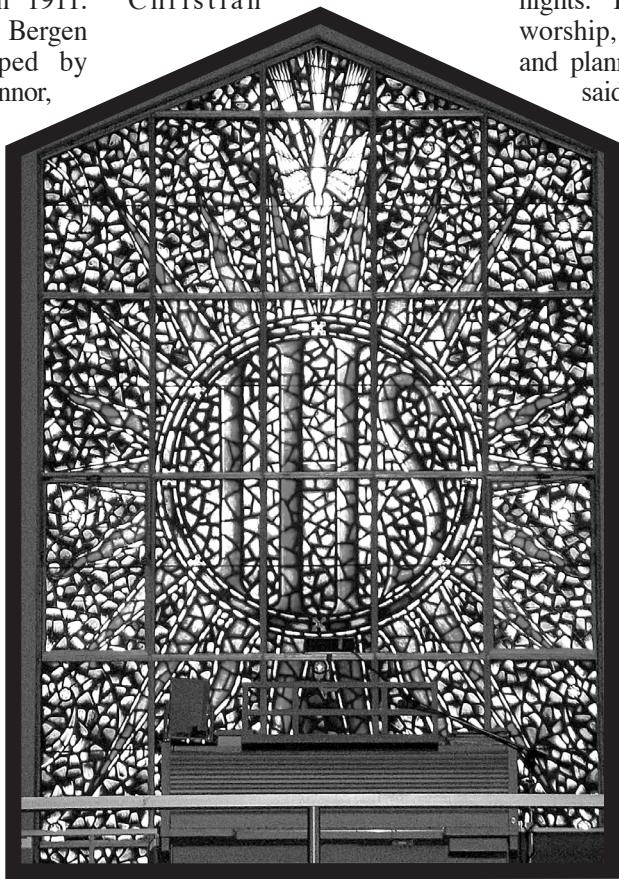
"These people have left their native countries to come here, looking for a better life, but in reality, they live only to work and survive—to give their families what they could not in their own countries. They can spend their whole lives worried about work. It helps them to belong to a Christian community—to know that life is not only about working for their daily bread, but that there is a spiritual bread we need as well," she emphasized.

Most Holy Name Parish is also served by Msgr. Edward J. Hajduk (retired), with Edgar Caceres and César Torres, deacons. The parish trustees are Lydia Frank and Rocco Andriulli.

Msgr. Reilly noted, "A lot of what we like to do is future oriented—things that will take

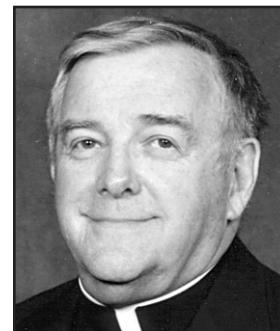


Most Holy Name, Garfield



The church's main window features the letters IHS, a monogram for the name of Jesus using the first three letters of the word in Greek. As a sign for the Holy Name, it was popular with Dominicans and Franciscans, as well as Jesuits.

Meet the Pastor



Msgr. William Reilly

Age: 68
Date of Birth: March 13, 1937
High School: Immaculate Conception, Montclair
College/Seminary/Graduate School: Saint Peter's College, Jersey City, AB in American History and Political Science; Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington and Catholic University, Washington, DC, S.T.B.
Date of Ordination: May 29, 1965
Heros: Immigrants
Favorite Saints: Ignatius of Loyola for vision and mission; Francis of Assisi for simplicity, and Martin de Porres for charity
Favorite Sport: Basketball for playing; football for watching
Favorite Subject in School: Political science
Last Book Read: *Evangelizing of America* by John Rausch
Proudest Moment: Ordination
Occupation if I weren't a Priest: Lawyer or government worker

effect not now, but, say, five years from now." He explained, "Today, we want to see the time and energy devoted," adding that he had already begun to see the fruits of those labors, much to his chagrin. "No! It's too soon," he said laughingly.

Describing his parishioners, Msgr. Reilly noted, "I always say, there's one word that can't be translated into English—it's cariño—the Hispanic parishioners have a warmth, acceptance and love for the Church, they may not always be well-educated in the Church..." then, illustrating his point, he noted, "One young man comes here for Bible class, I think he lacks literacy skills but is a hard worker... the most simple person in the world, and really, to me, a saint."

Most Holy Name Parish is located at 99 Marsellus Place, Garfield. Portions of this article were taken from a parish history written by Msgr. Reilly.

Feast of Corpus Christi highlights Year of the Eucharist celebration

BY BRIAN FORES
Staff Writer

AREA—When Archbishop John J. Myers celebrates a special Mass in honor of the Feast of Corpus Christi May 29, at Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, Harrison, and Most Rev. Edgar da Cunha, S.D.V., Regional Bishop for Essex County, takes part in a procession with the 10 parishes of the

Elizabeth Deanery, they will be participating in a much beloved tradition of the Catholic Church.

During this Year of the Eucharist, the Feast of Corpus Christi—which commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist, the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist—takes on special significance for parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Newark.

Many will mark the Feast

with special Masses, prayer services, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and processions.

During these outdoor processions, the priest typically carries a monstrance containing the Eucharist. The procession often makes stops at altars where the priest bestows blessings and the faithful recite special prayers and sing hymns.

A popular tradition, the altars sometimes carry a symbolic meaning, representing

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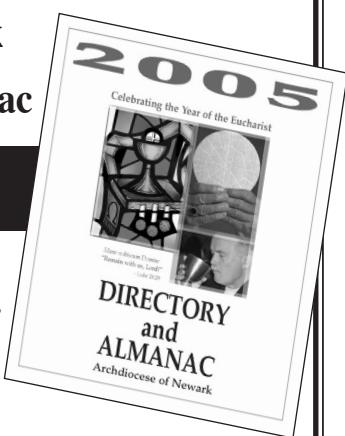
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† **St. John Parish**, Newark, Sunday, May 29, 10:30 a.m.

† **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish**, West Orange,
Sunday, May 29, 11:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

† **Our Lady Mother of the Church Parish**, Woodcliff Lake,
Sunday, May 29, 10 a.m.

† **Holy Family Parish**, Nutley, Sunday, May 29, noon.

† **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish**,
Ridgewood, Sunday, May 29, 12:30 a.m.

† **St. Stephen Parish**, Kearny, Sunday, May 29, noon.

† **The 10 parishes of the Elizabeth Deanery**,
multi-lingual Corpus Christi Procession

with Bishop Edgar da Cunha, Elizabeth City Hall, May 29, 3 p.m.

† **St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish**, Linden, Sunday, May 29, 10:30 a.m.

† **St. Thomas the Apostle Parish**, Bloomfield,
Sunday, May 29, 12:15 p.m.

† **Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish**, Harrison,

Sunday, May 29, 10:30 a.m., Archbishop Myers, main celebrant.

† **Holy Rosary/St. Anthony of Padua Parishes**, Jersey City,
Sunday, May 29, 11 a.m., Mass at St. Anthony followed by procession
and Benediction at Holy Rosary.

† **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish**, Newark, Sunday, May 29, noon.

† **St. Mary Parish**, Dumont, Sunday,

May 29, Exposition, 1-4:30 p.m., evening prayer, 4:30 p.m.

† **St. Catherine of Siena Parish**, Hillsdale, Sunday, May 29, 12:15 p.m.

† **St. Casimir Parish**, Newark, Sunday, May 29, 10:30 a.m.

† **Our Lady of the Valley Parish**, Orange, Sunday, May 29, noon.

† **Holy Family Parish**, Linden, Sunday, May 29, 9:15 a.m.

† **Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish**, Washington Township,
Sunday, May 29, 12:30 p.m.

† **Queen of Peace Parish**, North Arlington, Saturday, May 28, 5:30 p.m.

† **St. Francis of Assisi Parish**, Ridgewood Park, Sunday, May 29, 12:30 p.m.

† **Sacred Heart Parish**, North Bergen,

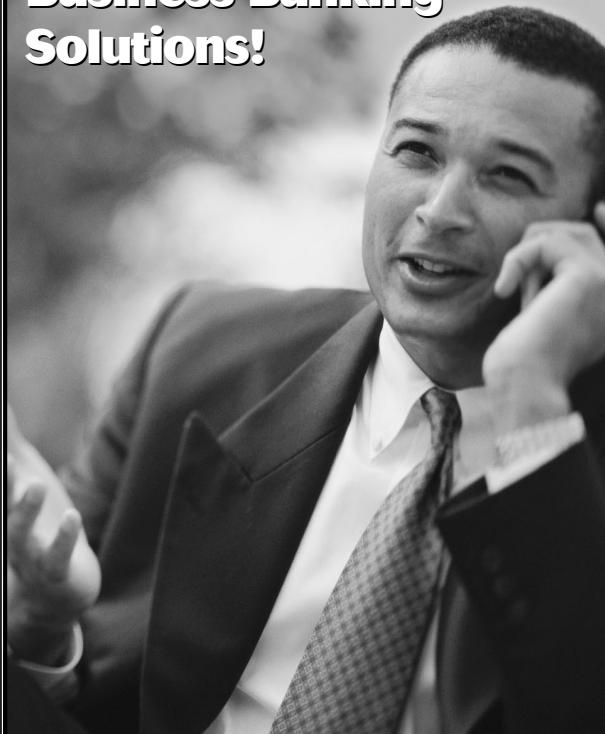
Sunday, May 29, noon, Holy Hour, 6 p.m.

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"Being certified as a Primary Stroke Center is truly a great accomplishment for Holy Name Hospital and our community," said Michael Maron, president and CEO. "It demonstrates to our patients that they will receive stroke care that is among the best in the nation. This JCAHO designation reinforces Holy Name Hospital's strategic goal of achieving excellence in health care."

To earn certification, a hospital must undergo a voluntary, rigorous evaluation and demonstrate the critical elements necessary to meet the unique and specialized needs of stroke patients.

Certification is based on the recommendations for Primary Stroke Centers published by the Brain Attack Coalition and the American Stroke Association's statements/guidelines for stroke care.

According to the Joint Commission, Primary Stroke Center designation is considered the Gold Seal of Approval™ for health care quality and safety. It also allows the public to identify which hospitals provide the best possible treatment and results for stroke patients.

"Holy Name Hospital demonstrated that its stroke care program follows national standards and guidelines that can significantly improve outcomes for stroke patients," noted Charles A. Mowll, executive vice president, Business Development, Government and External Relations, of JCAHO.

Only 101 hospitals in the nation currently hold Primary Stroke Center designation.

Stroke occurs when a blood vessel carrying oxygen to the brain suddenly bursts or becomes blocked. Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States behind heart disease, striking every 45 seconds, 700,000 times per year, and claiming 160,000 lives per year. Stroke is also a leading cause of serious, long-term disability in the United States, affecting 4.7 million Americans.

According to Richard M. Schwab, M.D., director of Holy Name Hospital's Emergency Services Department, stroke care services start in the ambulance and continue after discharge.

"Time is of the essence when treating stroke. The faster we can treat the patient, the better the patient's chances for a complete recovery," says Dr. Schwab. "Our specially-designed approach allows the Emergency Department staff to quickly diagnose a stroke and begin the most appropriate treatment within the three-hour 'window' in which it is most effective."

Studies show that stroke

patients who receive care within three hours of the onset of symptoms have a greater chance of survival and fewer complications, such as paralysis, than those who wait longer before seeking care.

"We employ a multidisciplinary approach to stroke care," adds Mark Haas, M.D., neurologist and director of stroke services at Holy Name Hospital. "This means our team of health care professionals, from neurologists to nurses, pharmacists to radiologists, is specially educated to work in concert to quickly and effectively implement the appropriate plan of care."

During their hospital stay,

stroke patients receive services such as nursing care, respiratory care, drug therapy and rehabilitation services (physical, occupational and speech therapy) that are geared toward the unique needs of stroke patients.

After discharge, Holy Name Hospital continues to provide care through Home Health Care Services, and provides stroke rehabilitation services on an outpatient basis.

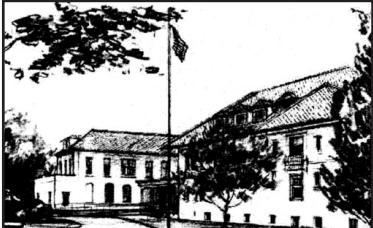
"We have an entire continu-

um of stroke care here—we've set standards, established protocols and coordinated efforts, all to ensure our patients receive the highest quality care possible," says Lee Carney, RN, assistant vice president of Patient Services at Holy Name Hospital.

Raising community awareness is also an integral part of the stroke care program, adds Carney.

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Traditional treatment involved the use of general anesthesia and up to two weeks of recovery time. Now, through the use of Endo Venous Laser Treatment (ELT), physicians like Pedro Cordero, M.D. can use laser energy to heat the vein wall, causing it to collapse and seal shut.

Dr. Cordero is one of only a small number of physicians in New Jersey to use this advanced technology.

During the procedure, he inserts a thin laser fiber optic directly into the vein. When the laser is pulsed, the energy causes the vein to become permanently occluded, thus removing the underlying cause of the varicosi-

ties. Gradually, the fiber optic is withdrawn, sealing the vein along the way. The complete procedure takes about 30 minutes.

"Laser surgery works by sending very powerful bursts of light onto the vein, causing it to slowly fade and disappear," explains Dr. Cordero. "The lasers are very direct and accurate, and can be used on all skin types and colors."

Recently, the American Academy of Dermatology endorsed the new laser technology as an effective treatment with few side effects. Laser surgery, which does not involve large incisions, causes minimal discomfort and minor redness or swelling of the skin that usually disappears within a few days.

"Depending on the size of the veins, the varicosity can usually be treated with only one 20-30 minute outpatient treatment," says



Dr. Cordero (center) performs varicose vein laser surgery.

Dr. Cordero. "Patients can return to normal activities immediately following the treatments, with only minimal time off from work."

Up to 50 percent of American women and 10 percent of men suffer from varicose veins. It is esti-

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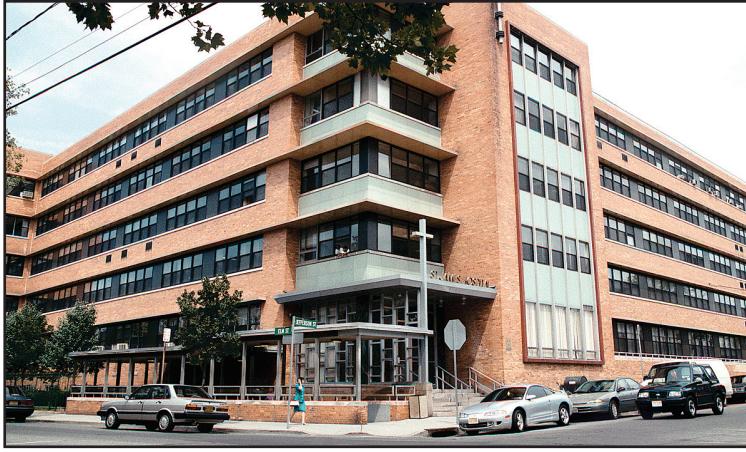
NEWARK—Saint James Hospital, an affiliate of Cathedral Healthcare System, has been delivering babies for over 100 years.

Recently, a Special Care Nursery for newborns with special health care needs was added. The new nursery allows for premature babies or those with health problems to be cared for at the hospital.

The Special Care Nursery is part of The Birthplace, a modern, comfortable maternity unit that includes spacious, state-of-the-art birthing suites, which allow for labor, delivery and recovery all in one room.

Each room is equipped with infant resuscitation and fetal monitoring equipment. The environment is pleasant and home-like. The staff is bilingual, which contributes to better communication with patients who cannot speak English.

As a special treat, following the birth of their babies, new moms receive a Pousada-style breakfast and can choose from a



St. James Hospital has been serving the community for over a century.

nutritious selection of menu items.

Sonia Banaag, a nurse practitioner who works in the new unit, explains that the Special Care Nursery is equipped with top-of-the-line incubators and other equipment for premature or ill babies, and that the nursing staff is trained and certified in care of newborns with special needs. Neonatologists and pediatricians provide 24-hour coverage.

Classes offered in the care of special needs babies and every other effort is made to counsel and help the parents and family members so that they will be able to cope with caring for their little ones.

One of the classes offered to all

parents at Saint James Hospital is Infant CPR, which teaches Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation techniques, including those needed if infants are choking. Additional instruction is provided on bathing and feeding babies. The classes help parents feel confident that they can handle any emergency.

Céu Cirne-Neves, administrator of Saint James Hospital, says, "We are proud to be able to offer mothers and their babies quality, compassionate care right in their neighborhood. From prenatal classes to assisted birth and supportive post-partum assistance, The Birthplace at Saint James Hospital is the best place to welcome new babies into the family."

Bon Secours honors its own at annual gala

JERSEY CITY—The Bon Secours New Jersey Health System Foundation held its annual Mission Ball Gala last month to help raise funds for St. Mary Hospital, Hoboken.

The honorees are chosen for their professional work ethic, dedication to St. Mary Hospital and medical expertise. The honorees this year are Raffaele A. Gibilisco, M.D. and Juan A. Gonzalez, Jr., MD.

Born in Italy, Dr. Gibilisco graduated from the University of Messina.

Coming to the United States to study Internal Medicine at Cabrini Medical Center, New York, he graduated in 1992, spending his final year as chief medical resident, and was accepted into a Gastroenterology Fellowship Program.

Two years later Dr. Gibilisco joined the medical staff at St. Mary Hospital and became board certified in gastroenterology.

Dr. Gonzalez left Cuba at the age of nine. He was always drawn to science and biology. After college he decided to pursue medicine at Central University of the East (UCE) in the Dominican Republic.

Dr. Gonzalez says that his experiences while living among poverty helped him develop a sense of empathy that has served him well in his medical career.

Upon deciding on surgery as his specialty, he joined St. Mary Hospital in 1985. Dr. Gonzalez serves on the board of directors and is president of the medical staff.

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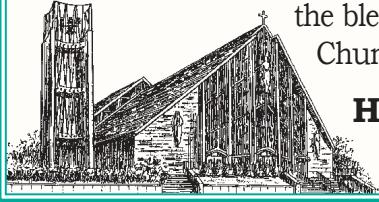
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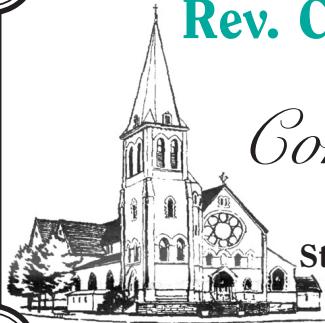
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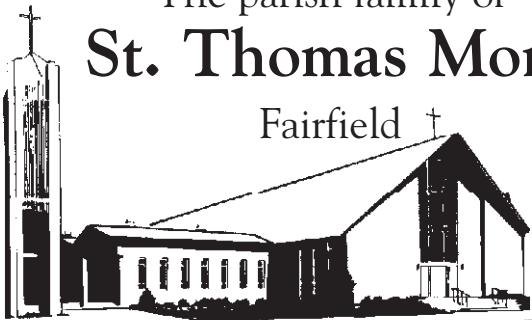
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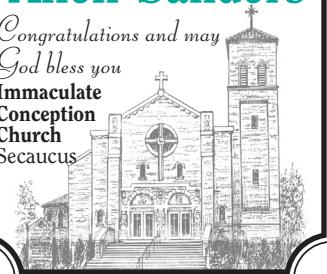
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Father Philip Allen Sanders



Born in York, PA, Father Philip A. Sanders, 42, earned an M.S. degree in architectural engineering from Pennsylvania State University.

The son of the late Harry C. and Doris D. Sanders, he was awarded a B.S. degree in philosophy and S.T.B. degree from the Regina Apostolorum Pontifical University in 2004. Next year he expects to get a S.T.L. degree from the Pontifical Lateran University, John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family Studies.

Before entering the seminary, he worked for the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Washington, DC. He also worked with GE Lighting teaching at its Lighting Institute in Cleveland. He stressed, however, "It was through the friendship and learned advice of a very wise and faithful pastor that I later found myself studying for the priesthood."

In the seminary, Father Sanders explained, "I always wanted to do what God wanted

me to do and in that particular concrete environment, He was providing me with the opportunity to study in an international seminary where I knew I would encounter one of the greatest challenges of my life." He went on to say the fact that he "survived" his first year in the seminary, where he was one of only two English-speaking seminarians out of 250 students, "was a clear sign to me that God wants something from you. If He wants you to devote your life to His cause, He will sustain you every step of the way, carrying your cross for you."

Father Sanders served at St. Stephen's Parish, Kearny and St. Theresa Parish, Kenilworth, and was a deacon at Immaculate Conception Parish, Secaucus.

About his approaching ordination, he said, "Standing on the threshold of the priestly ministry is intimidating and exciting at the same time. My greatest hope for my priestly ministry is quite simple—that it will bear all of the fruit that Our Lord is expecting of me, that every day more people will fall in love with that ineffable love who is Christ. In particular, I hope to be able to help my brothers and sisters come to realize that while the world may offer many enticing, ephemeral pleasures, the only lasting happiness known to man is that happiness which comes from a sincerely lived Christian life."

Father Sanders will celebrate his first Mass on Sunday, May 29, 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Parish, Hoboken.

Father Francisco De Asis Trujillo Gonzalez



Father Francisco De Asis Trujillo Gonzalez, 30, was born in Seville, Spain, the son of Francisco and Maria Josefa.

He attended college at Escuela Universitaria Cardenal Spinola and Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Kearny.

He was a deacon at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish, Garfield, and served at Our Lady of Visitation Parish, Paramus, St. Rose of Lima Parish, Newark, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Elizabeth, and Our Lady of Divine Providence Parish, Turks and Caicos Islands.

Father Trujillo "cherishes" the "different steps towards the priesthood." What is especially memorable to him is "the pastoral work I have had the opportunity to perform thanks to my different assignments as part of my formation. The parish assignments were a great source of joy and learning, especially my second assignment at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Elizabeth, with the help of Father Bob Templeton."

On the brink of the priesthood, Father Trujillo's said being a priest will "give me the opportunity to serve God's people totally."

His vocation, noted Father Trujillo, "sprang up from the witness I received to the power of the sacraments."

He was blunt in saying "to be honest, nothing I did before entering the seminary gave me a clue that I would end up being a priest. I never thought of myself as a priest. After my involvement with the Neo-Catechumenal Way, I felt a strong desire to share the Good News of the Gospel I had received with others, but never as a priest. The desire to share the Good News took some shape after I met two priests who were vacationing in my hometown."

Through the Neo-Catechumenal Way, he continued, "every time I would celebrate the Eucharist, I would pray at the moment of the breaking of the bread 'Lord, in the same way that your Body is being broken for me, find me a way to break myself for others.' The Lord heard this prayer."

He said too "I look back and I see the many miracles God has done for me and I cannot but wonder at His marvelous work."

Father Trujillo will celebrate his first Mass May 28, at 5 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish.

Father Juan Carlos Zapata-Vanegas



Columbia native Father Juan Carlos Zapata-Vanegas, 37, attended the Pontifical Bolivarian University of Medellin, Conciliar Medellin Seminary. He is the son of Dario de Jesus and Maria Margarita.

He has a Canonical Baccalaureate in philosophy, theology and licentiate sacred theology.

He was in the banking field before going into the seminary. He joined a youth group in his parish and soon became its leader. It was during one of the youth group's activities that Father Zapata-Vanegas first felt the call to religious life.

"Since that time I said 'yes' to Jesus, my life has been filled with love, peace and inner joy that words cannot describe. No longer do I have the feeling that something is missing, for He has filled that emptiness with His love and has given me a desire to love and serve Him."

Father Zapata-Vanegas served and was a deacon at St. Thomas More Parish, Fairfield.

The feature of seminary that he "loved" was "the opportunity the seminary gave me to be silent, to listen with my heart to the voice of God, to deepen our friendship and to know His will for me."

As a priest his hope is to "bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all those the Lord will send my way through my life and my testimony. I want to serve His people and His Church with love, humility and happiness. I pray that the Lord uses me in accordance with His will for all of my life."

Says Father Zapata-Vanegas, "The greatest joy in my life is to be with God's people in good times and bad. I want to be a good spiritual leader, a man of prayer and compassion. I long to be an instrument of God's presence in the lives of His people."

Father Zapata-Vanegas will celebrate his first Mass on Sunday, May 29, at 3 p.m. at St. Thomas More Parish. Father John D. Gabriel, the pastor, will be the homilist.

Concelebrants are Father Hernan Arias, Father Otoniel Lizcano, Father James Weiner, Father Manny Rios, Father Polycarp Nnajiolor, Father Gregory Huminski, Msgr. William C. Hatcher, Father Eugene Gniewyk, Father Gabriel, Father Peter K. Funesti, Father Cresencio Balino, Father Robert G. Gibney, Msgr. Benjamin A. Piazza, Father Edgar Alberto Ruiz, Father Joseph A. D'Amico, Msgr. Peter J. Zaccardo, Father Brian G. Plate, Very Rev. Robert G. Lynam, Father Edward R. Flanagan and Father Robert E. Templeton.

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Corpus Christi

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specific ethnic communities within a parish, as is the case with Holy Rosary Parish, Jersey City. At other times, the altars are prepared by a particular family or parishioner as part of the Feast-day celebration.

Father John E. Wassell, V.F., Dean of the Elizabeth Deanery, organized the procession of all Elizabeth's parishes. He is expecting somewhere between 500-600 participants. "It's important to show our love for Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, which is so very central to our Catholic beliefs.

"There is so much confusion about the meaning of the Eucharist, especially with so many different denominations in Elizabeth. It's important that we do something publicly to express our love for Jesus. Our belief of His presence in the Eucharist is distinctive. Other churches don't have Him present in the same way that we do."

Father George Hanna, S.D.B., said he has been preparing for the Feast of Corpus Christi since last year. "I love the feast; it's a wonderful way to demonstrate our love for the Eucharist. It's important for people to see that we really do believe, and we're giving up time after church to participate in this demonstration of faith.

"It's wonderful for our neighbors to see, and it's wonderful for us—it strengthens our faith to exhibit our beliefs publicly. The fact that it is the year of the Eucharist makes it even more important. We all loved Pope

John Paul II, and the things that he stressed are extremely important for us as Catholics—it's the right time."

Father Melvin Oseguera of St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Jersey City, noted, "The Feast of Corpus Christi is very important. Through the sacrament, Jesus is in our midst. People are drawn to the sacrament.

"Another aspect of this feast is that it is celebrated during the Easter season, when we celebrate the resurrection. Jesus rose from the dead, He ascended to heaven, but He is still with us through consecrated bread and wine."

According to *Our Sunday Visitor's Catholic Encyclopedia*, the feast of Corpus Christi "was promoted by the visions of Juliana of Liège, an Augustinian nun who lived during the thirteenth century, who understood from her visions that God wanted a feast to honor the Blessed Sacrament.

"At a time of infrequent Communion, many felt the need to see the Host at Mass, and so the elevation of the Host and chalice after the Consecration at Mass came into vogue, as well as placing the Host in a monstrance to be exposed on the altar... or carried in procession.

"This last aspect became an important feature of the feast of Corpus Christi: a procession either in the church, or more likely through the streets with three or four Benedictions of the Blessed Sacrament. ...[T]he number of Benedictions is no longer specified. This feast is celebrated on the first Thursday after Trinity Sunday, or it may be (and often is) transferred to the following Sunday." (1991, p.265).

Schola Cantorum season finale

JERSEY CITY—Schola Cantorum on Hudson, a 35-voice choral ensemble based in downtown Jersey City, will end its tenth season on Sunday, June 5 with a selection of favorites from the past decade beginning at 4 p.m. at St. Michael Church, Parish of the Resurrection, 252 Ninth St.

Advanced tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$6 for seniors and students. At the door the prices are \$15 and \$10 respectively.

For additional information call (201) 333-8429 or go to scholaonhudson.org.

Bulletins sought

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Evangelization sessions set

AREA—The Evangelization Office of the Archdiocese of Newark has scheduled its next round of information sessions.

The next will take place in Spanish on Saturday, May 21, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Center, Newark.

Three sessions are scheduled for June. They are Wednesday, June 8, St. John the Baptist Parish, Hillsdale; Thursday, June 9 at St. Helen Parish, Westfield, and Monday June 13, Corpus Christi Parish, Hasbrouck Heights.

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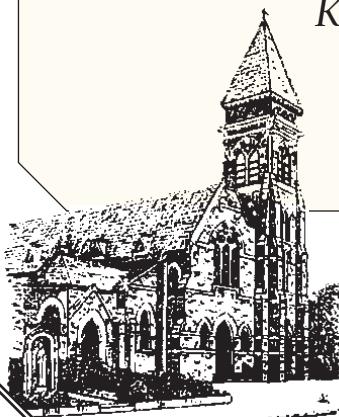
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Mural marks Year of the Eucharist

BY LISA HADDOCK

Special to The Catholic Advocate

FRANKLIN LAKES—Take a few gallons of exterior house paint and six plywood panels. Add 200-plus students at the Academy of the Most Blessed Sacrament (AMBS). Mix vigorously with three days of hard work.

What do you get? Six separate paintings that form a 48-foot mural commemorating

the Year of the Eucharist.

"We wanted to get everyone's hands in it," said Maggie Mellone, chairwoman of the school's cultural arts committee.

The committee raised funds, obtained free and discounted materials, and commissioned artist Colin Coots to oversee the project.

Mellone and AMBS art teacher Barbara Pontilena teamed with Coots to direct the students.

"We started out with the

youngest children first. They came in and would do some really large shapes and throw some paint on," said Mellone, an art educator who is now a stay-at-home mom.

"The next day, the upper elementary kids came in. ... By the third day, we had the sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-graders. ... They did all the shadowing and shading and fine-tuned the whole mural," Mellone explained.

By chance, the mural was

Painted during the days between the death and funeral of Pope John Paul II. The school dedicated the mural to the memory of the late Holy Father, who is portrayed in one of the panels.

When the work was finished, the students "were astounded at what they had done," Pontilena said. The students' dedication and

enthusiasm proved equally astounding to Pontilena. "I saw a side of them that I had never seen."

For Pontilena, the mural is more than a piece of art. "We're a Catholic school. ... This is just another expression of our faith," she said.

The mural will be permanently displayed at the school.



Photo: Judy Cobourm

A team of students from the Academy of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes a turn working on sections of the mural, which commemorates the Year of the Eucharist.

ACE Fellow named at Seton Hall

SOUTH ORANGE—David Ward, president of the American Council on Education (ACE), announced recently that Parviz Ansari, professor and chair of physics at Seton Hall University, has been named an ACE Fellow for academic year 2005-06.

The ACE Fellows Program, established in 1965, is designed to strengthen institutions and leadership in American higher education by identifying and preparing promising senior faculty and administrators for responsible positions in college and university administration.

Forty Fellows, nominated by the presidents or chancellors of their institutions, were selected this year in a national competition. Marlene Ross, Ph.D., director of the ACE Fellows Program, noted that most previous Fellows have advanced into major positions in academic administration.

Dr. Ansari joined Seton Hall as an assistant professor in 1983. He has been instrumental in furthering the Department of Physics and has been the chair of the department since 1994.

In that time, the physics department has grown substantially through a comprehensive strategic plan, resulting in a number of major changes with a stronger focus on teaching and research. Dr. Ansari has established new double degree programs with New Jersey Institute of Technology, and has increased the number of physics majors by about 250 percent.

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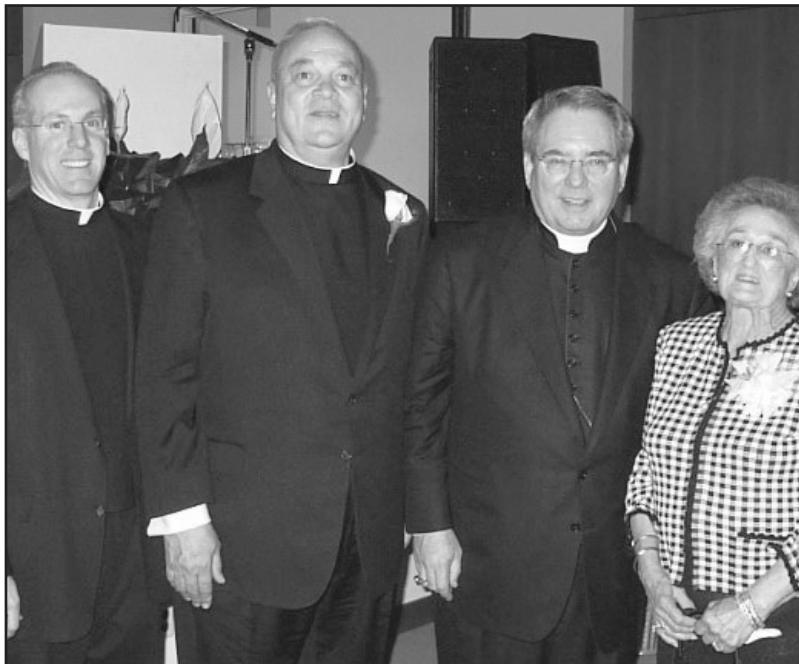
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This annual event was held last month at Seton Hall University. Msgr. James Cafone received the Humanitarian Award for his priestly service and dedication to seminary formation at St. Andrew's Hall and Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology. The same award went to John P. and Rose Marie DePaola Deehan for lifelong commitment to Seton Hall. Left to right Msgr. Joseph R. Reilly, event organizer; Father Cafone; Archbishop John J. Myers; and Rose Marie DePaola Deehan.



ADL honors Sister Rose

WASHINGTON (CNS)— Dominican Sister Rose Thering is the first woman to receive the Anti-Defamation League's Cardinal Bea Interfaith Award.

The award, which has been given only five times since the honor was established 20 years ago, was presented to the 84-year-old nun at a special luncheon tribute in April in Washington.

It is named for Cardinal Augustin Bea, a German Jesuit who deepened and enriched relations between Catholics and Jews before and during the Second Vatican Council.

The Dominican nun, who oversees the Sister Rose Thering Endowment for Jewish Studies and serves on the faculty of Seton Hall University, was the subject of "Sister Rose's Passion," an HBO/Cinemax documentary which was nominated for an Academy Award as best documentary short subject in 2005.

It debuts Tuesday, May 24, 7 p.m. on Cinemax

"There is not enough time, and there are not enough superlative adjectives, to adequately describe what the life and work of Sister Rose Thering have meant to the world," said Abraham H. Foxman, ADL national director.

"She changed the course of history," he added. "She is a woman of valor who has brought enlightenment, honor, scholarship and pure passion to remembering and teaching about the Holocaust, to battling the demon of anti-Semitism and to challenging the ignorance and prejudice and the teaching of contempt for Jews."

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Cougars capture conference crown

CALDWELL—The Caldwell College softball team survived a 12-inning marathon with Goldey-Beacom College, then defeated Georgian Court University twice to capture its second straight Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference Tournament title at Caldwell Field.

The 39-9 Cougars received an automatic bid to the NCAA Division II Northeast Region Tournament. Junior Jessica Saunders pitched 16 2/3 innings on the day to earn the tournament's MVP award.

The day started with a pitching dual in an elimination game. The hurlers combined to allow just nine hits and no runs through the first seven innings.

With two strikes against her, junior Katie Jackson drove the ball into right centerfield, and Carrie Flaspahler beat the throw home to tie the game at 1-1. After three more scoreless innings, sophomore Anna Dahl led off the bottom of the 12th with a home run to left field to win the game and keep the Cougars alive in the tournament. Saunders pitched all 12 innings to earn the victory.

The marathon victory allowed the Cougars to face second-seeded Georgian Court, which earlier defeated top-seeded Caldwell 2-0.

Jackson put the Cougars on the board first with a two-run homer to left in the fourth inning. The Cougars held on to win and force a second game with the Lions to determine the champion.

Dahl pitched a complete game, allowing four hits, two walks and two runs while striking out six to improve to 15-4.

Saunders came back on about two-and-a-half hours' rest to start the final game for Caldwell, retiring the first nine batters she faced.

In the bottom of the third, Coker and Jackson singled back-to-back, then moved to second and third on a sacrifice bunt from sophomore Jackie Velardi. Dahl knocked home Coker with a single to left, then junior Kim Birmingham plated two runs with a single to left to put the Cougars up 3-0.

Saunders' long day ended in the fifth after recording two outs and allowing a walk and a single, giving way to freshman Kristen de la Campa.

After Autumn Florez drew a walk to load the bases, Ashley Wierema roped a shot up the middle. Junior shortstop Gina D'Amico dove to her left to snare the grounder then flipped the ball to Coker for the force out at second to end the inning and end the threat.

De la Campa finished out the game, pitching 2 1/3 scoreless innings to earn her first save of the season. Saunders improved to 16-5 after allowing three hits, a run and a walk while striking out five. Jade Reid took the loss for Georgian Court (28-16).

The Cougars, ranked 11th in the latest national Fastpitch Coaches Association Division II Top 25 Poll, will defend their NCAA Division II Northeast Region Tournament crown this week.

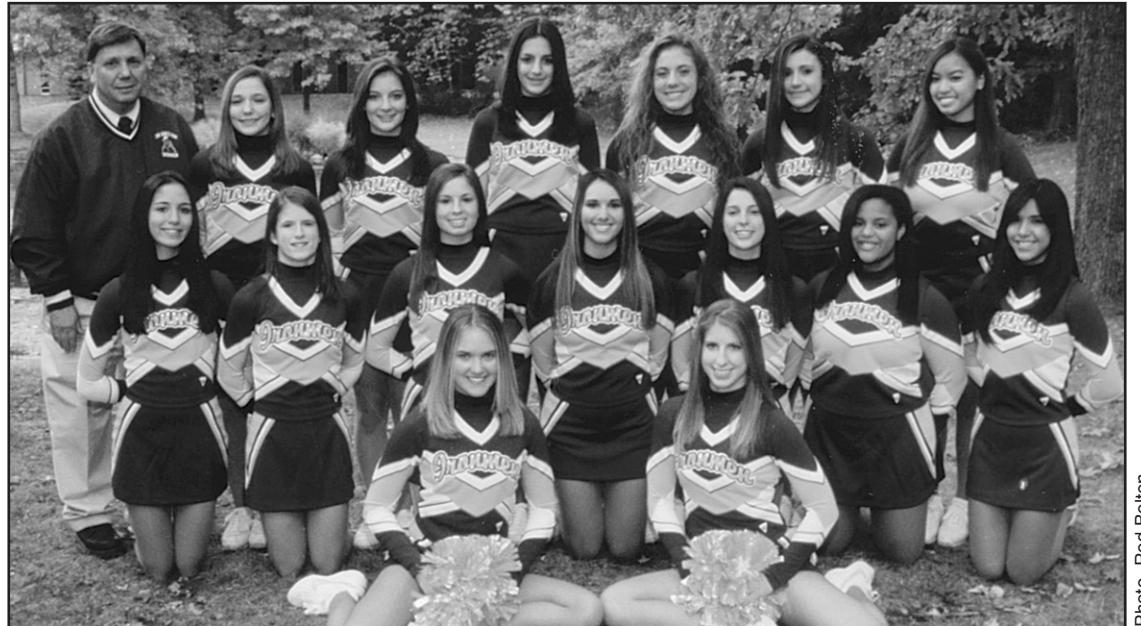


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Bringing home another championship were, front, left to right, senior captains Kristin Moran and Colleen Moran. Middle, left to right, sophomore Kara Halligan, sophomore Kate Daniels, junior Gina Cavallo, senior Alexa Allen, junior Kaitlyn Zydel, senior Jeannette Symmonds, and sophomore Vanessa Sanjuan. Back, left to right, Coach Rick DeLillo, freshmen Melanie Weismiller, sophomore Kyle McKinney, freshman Natalie DiLella, junior Brittany Primavera, sophomore Samara Pallo, and senior Erika Enriquez.

Pom squad wins another title

RAMSEY—The number 13 certainly is lucky for the varsity dance team at Don Bosco Preparatory School.

The Pom Squad, as it is known, recently won its 13th state championship.

Earlier this year the squad finished fourth at the National Dance Team Championships at Disneyworld. The finish in "Hip-Hop" was the team's best showing to date.

The team is comprised of students from the Academy of the Holy Angels, Demarest. This year

marks the seventh time in eight years that the team has placed among the top five in the nation. The Florida competition is the largest and most competitive event of its kind.

The routine will be televised every month through February.

The Don Bosco team, 2005 Atlantic champions in both Pom and Hip Hop, competed in two of the five possible categories. The Bosco squad was the only New Jersey team to advance to the finals; and it did so in both Pom and Hip Hop.

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AMONG THE BEST—The MVPs for winter sports at Roselle Catholic High School are, left to right, Amanda Riley-cheerleading; Joseph Sullivan-bowling; David Cherry-basketball; Anthony Nolan-swimming; Tristan Montalvo-boys' indoor track; and, sitting, Tanisha Daniel-girls' indoor track; Kathryn Rubarski-wrestling, and Meaghan Malone-basketball.

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vary depending on numerous facts, including your personal lifestyle, system settings and local climate, but cutting back can help.

Keep your thermostat at 78 degrees or higher when you're not at home. For each degree you raise the thermostat, you can save up to five percent on your cooling costs.

If you don't have a programmable thermostat, you should

consider purchasing one.

Have a professional heating and air conditioning dealer clean and check your system before the cooling season starts.

Change your filter monthly during peak usage. Dirty filters require your system to work harder to keep your home cool.

Consider blinds or window treatments over exposed windows to shield your home from the heat.

Add insulation to your attic and make sure all your doors and windows are weather-stripped.

For those in the market for a new home comfort system, consider choosing options that will have long-term significance on energy usage.

Select a high efficiency, variable speed heating and air conditioning system

The government current minimum SEER requirement is 10. Each point up on the SEER scale means ten percent more efficiency. If you have a variable speed system, keep the fan running continuously to circulate the air and provide the best possible air filtration. This can be done by turning the fan switch on the thermostat from "automatic" to "on."

In winter, a variable speed furnace varies its output depending on your home's heating needs.

Make sure to purchase the right size system.

100 tips for \$100 or less

(NAPS)—Spring is here and it's a great time to add creative, colorful changes to a living space. Don't let a tight budget stop you.

Just follow these simple and inexpensive tips for adding color and creativity to any room in the house. To check out the complete list of 100 ideas, go to www.visa.com/everydaytips. Here is a sampling:

Number 3. Say good-bye to clutter: If a living space is small, use a standing screen to store things out of sight. The screens can easily hide a multitude of objects. You can even personalize the screen by adding photographs or colorful fabrics.

Number 8. Beat the blahs with color: Your best bet for an inexpensive, yet dramatic change is to add a splash of color. With a little paint, you can bring in some blues, bright whites and other colors of summer.

Choose one dominant color to brighten blank, dreary walls or paint window and door trim with coordinating accent colors.

Number 16. Pillow party: Patterned pillows can give a solid colored couch, chair or bedspread a whole new look. Make covers for throw pillows out of scarves, or even an old bridesmaid dress!

Number 79. An instant message board: Cover a wall in your kitchen with a roll of cork board—available at hardware and craft stores—and you have an instant backdrop for your photos, cards and mementos. For additional color, add silk flowers, decorator thumbtacks or inexpensive fabric.

Number 30. Create and capture memories: Make your room a photo gallery of your favorite memories. Purchase matching frames of all shapes and sizes and group them together on a wall.

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Do-it yourself exterior projects spruce up home

(NAPS)—Many simple do-it-yourself projects can add value and curb-appeal to any home.

Here are a few project ideas that can provide maximum improvement to your home's exterior with minimum cost and effort:

• Put the chill on air conditioning bills.

Did you know that caulking around windows and doors can cut heating and cooling bills by 10 percent? Don't let your money go out the window any longer—caulking around your windows and doors is an easy and inexpensive project.

• Add window and door treatments to your home's exterior.

Window treatments such as blinds and curtains are "must-haves" for the interior of your home, yet the majority of people see your home from the exterior.

• Beautify your landscape with a retaining wall.

Building retaining walls are beautiful and simple do-it-yourself projects. Using different colors as well as straight or beveled faced landscape blocks can add an interesting architectural dimension and style to any conventional yard.

Building an attractive retaining wall requires only a few easy steps: building a level foundation, laying the first row of bricks to design the shape of your wall, building subsequent layers, and finally, adhering the final course of cap. This final step is key to creating a sturdy polished finish.

Just be sure to adhere the bricks using a high grade, waterproof adhesive that is trusted by professional landscapers.

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Pope will allow sainthood cause to open immediately

ROME (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI announced May 13 that he was allowing the immediate opening of Pope John Paul II's cause for sainthood, setting aside the five-year waiting period called for by Church law.

Pope Benedict made the announcement at the end of a speech to the priests of the Diocese of Rome gathered for a meeting and a dialogue with him at the Basilica of St. John Lateran.

Finishing his prepared speech to the priests, the pope said he had a "joyful announcement" to make before he listened to the priests' comments and questions.

He then read, in Latin, a letter from Cardinal Jose Saraiva Martins, prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, to Cardinal Camillo Ruini, papal vicar of Rome.

The letter said that at an April 28 audience, Pope Benedict, "considering the special circumstances that were explained," had decided "to dispense from the five-year period of waiting after the death of the servant of God, Pope John Paul II."

Although the process for considering the holiness of Pope John Paul was to begin immediately, it was not expected to conclude quickly.

Even after the normal five-year waiting period, causes for beatification and canonization require years, if not decades, of studying the person's life, writings and relationships.

Those who knew the candidate are interviewed, and everything the person wrote must be scrutinized, a process that may take years, especially for a pope who was a prolific writer and speaker.

Two years after the 1997 death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Pope John Paul set aside the five-year waiting period for the opening of her cause, but she was not beatified until 2003.

Jesuit Father Paolo Molinari, who helped prepare her cause and is working on the cause of Pope Paul VI, who died in 1978, said the process for a pope entails much more work.

"If this is done properly, it will take years," he said.

Pope John Paul beatified Popes Pius IX and John XXIII in 2000—122 and 37 years, respectively, after their deaths.

Just the interview with the pope's longtime personal secretary, Archbishop Stanislaw Dziwisz, "will take days," Father Molinari said.

Then there are hundreds of other people, collaborators in the Roman Curia, longtime friends, bishops and priests, who also must be interviewed. His published work will be examined, but also letters, articles and poems held

in archives in Poland and in other parts of the world, Father Molinari said.

The material must be compiled into a multivolume biography, then a "positio" or position paper on how the candidate heroically lived the Christian virtues is written.

Historians and theologians examine the material and make recommendations to members of the Congregation for Saints' Causes, whose opinion is presented to the pope.

After the pope declares that a candidate lived a life of heroic virtue, beatification still requires the verification of a miracle attributed to his intercession. Separate boards of theologians and of physicians are called to examine miracles alleged to have occurred after the candidate's death.

Father Molinari said he was not surprised the pope set aside the waiting period because of the widespread public acclaim of Pope John Paul's holiness and because of Pope Benedict's long relationship with him.

During Pope John Paul's April 8 funeral, people held up signs and banners proclaiming the late pope a saint or calling for his canonization.

Cardinal Saraiva Martins said that while popular recognition of holiness was important, "canonical recognition" that someone is a saint requires the certainty that comes from a process developed and refined over the years.

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Pope Benedict prays at late pontiff's tomb

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI celebrated Mass one month after the death of Pope John Paul II, then paid a private visit to the tomb of the late pontiff.

The pope said Mass early May 2 in his private chapel, concelebrating with Archbishop Stanislaw Dziwisz, Pope John Paul's longtime private secretary.

In the evening, Pope Benedict went alone and knelt in prayer before Pope John Paul's tomb, in the underground grotto area of St. Peter's Basilica. The pope died at 9:37 p.m. April 2.

The basilica was closed for the day when Pope Benedict went to pray at the grave. Thousands of people have streamed past the tomb daily.

Pope Benedict has made it a point to refer to Pope John Paul in each of his public appearances since his election April 19, and he has emphasized that his papacy would continue along the lines established by his predecessor.

Meanwhile, in meetings and at events, the new pope has picked up where the late pope left off.

He has confirmed all of Pope John



Pope Benedict XVI prays at the tomb of Pope John Paul II after celebrating Mass one month after the death of the late pontiff. The basilica was closed for the day.

Paul's curial appointees, most of them for their current five-year term.

The Vatican has announced the pope will travel to Bari, Italy, at the end of May to close a eucharistic congress—a trip that had been on Pope John Paul's schedule.

Pope Benedict also plans to travel to his native Germany in August to preside over celebrations for World Youth Day, a tradition begun by Pope John Paul.

Pope Benedict resumed the weekly

general audiences in late April. He said that for his general audiences in coming weeks he would continue the late pope's series of talks on the psalms, using texts prepared by his predecessor.

In early May, Pope Benedict began meeting with bishops making their "ad limina" visits to the Vatican. The May visits by bishops from Sri Lanka, Rwanda and Burundi had been scheduled for earlier this year.

Cardinal Sodano made new dean

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Benedict XVI confirmed the election of Cardinal Angelo Sodano, Vatican secretary of state, as the new dean of the College of Cardinals. The post became empty April 19 when German Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was elected pope.

The six top-ranking cardinals of the Roman Curia elected the dean from among their membership.

Just five days earlier, Pope Benedict had promoted Nigerian Cardinal Francis Arinze, prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, to his former place among the cardinal bishops. Cardinal Arinze participated in the election of the new dean.

Cardinal Sodano, 77, has served as Vatican secretary of state since late 1990.

In addition to the normal titular Church assigned to cardinals as a sign of their belonging to the Diocese of Rome, the cardinal bishops also are given an honorary title to one of the six dioceses on the outskirts of Rome. Cardinal Arinze was assigned the Diocese of Velletri-Segni, which had been Cardinal Ratzinger's.

Cardinal Roger Etchegaray, 82, former president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, was elected vice dean of the College of Cardinals.

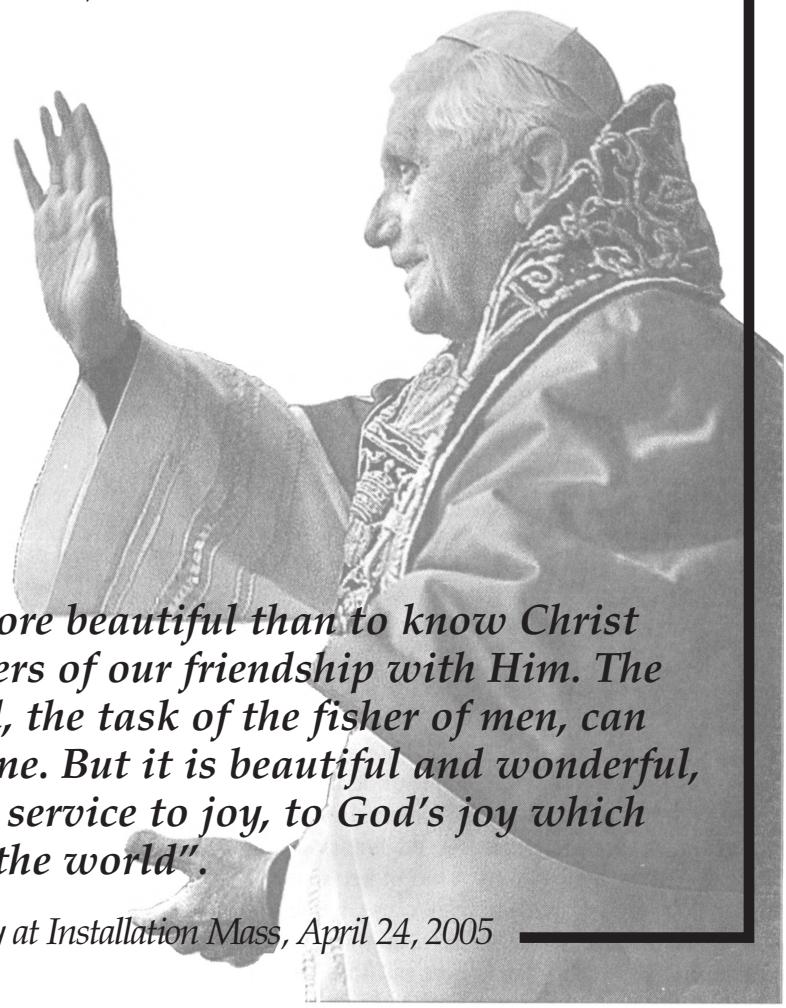
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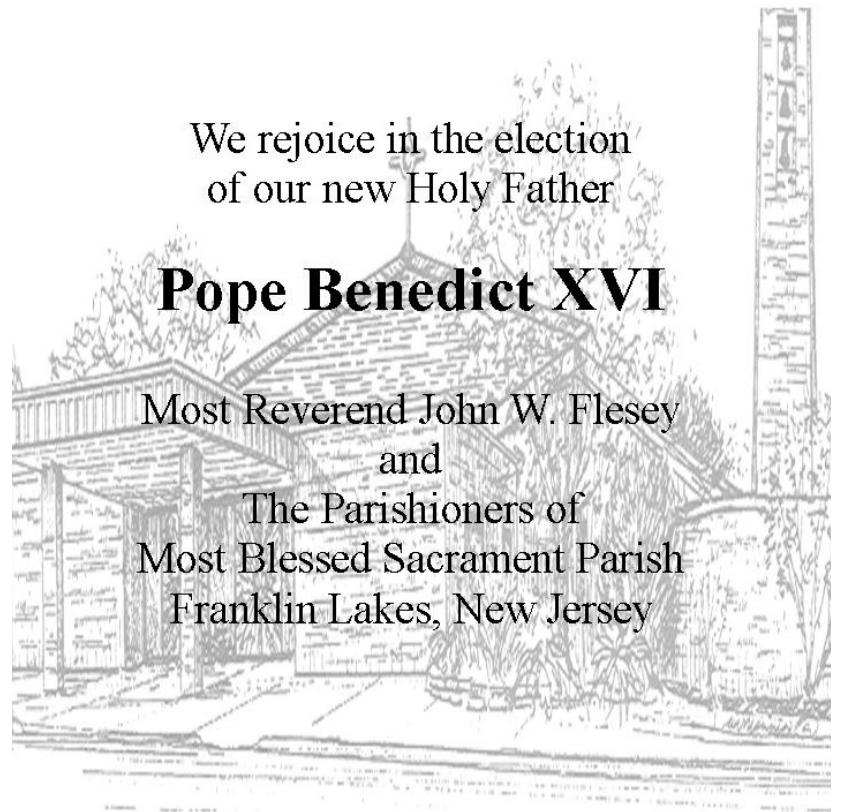
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