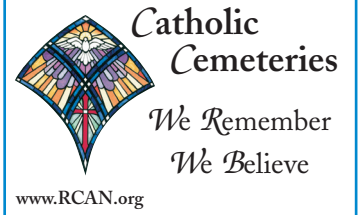




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A trip to Jerusalem, a journey to heart of faith

Pilgrims from ICS experience Church of the Holy Sepulcher

BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

Returning from a trip to the Holy Land on Jan. 4, seminarians from Immaculate Conception Seminary (ICS) at Seton Hall University, South Orange, had their faith come alive when they walked in the footsteps of Jesus and His disciples.

The most dramatic moment of the journey came when the group visited The Church of the Holy Sepulcher, traditionally identified as the site where Jesus was crucified and where Christianity literally marks its origins.

Along with 22 other seminarians, John Carlos De Sousa visited historical religious sites in Jerusalem. The seminary organizes trips every few years to religiously significant areas. De Sousa attended the last ICS trip to Greece two years ago.

Most Rev. Arthur Serratelli—the bishop of the Diocese of Paterson and a former auxiliary bishop of Newark—led this year’s tour: “The Holy Land, the Fifth Gospel.” Bishop Serratelli provided

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Queen of Peace students sing praises of the pope, reflecting on tour of Italy

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

NORTH ARLINGTON—When it was announced at Pope Benedict XVI’s first audience of the new year that the “Schola Cantorum from Queen of Peace High School (QPHS), North Arlington, New Jersey” would perform a hymn for the Holy Father, it was an illuminating moment that senior Maggie Stroedecke knew she would never forget.

Stroedecke and her classmates made what was dubbed a “Heart of Italy” trip Dec. 28 to Jan. 4—a musical tour that included stops in Rome, Vatican City, the Catacombs and Assisi (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Dec. 6).

In addition to performing at the papal audience, the archdiocesan young people were the principle choir at a Latin Mass at the Altar of the Chair in St.

Peter’s Basilica on New Year’s Day in addition to singing at a Jan. 2 Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi.

At Assisi, the recessional sung by the QPHS students, “Sing, O Sing this Blessed Morn,” was written by Father Brian Muzas, QPHS parochial

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Pledge Week for the AAA starts Feb. 3

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

NEWARK—The 2007 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal (AAA) will kick off “Pledge Week” on the weekend of Feb. 3 and 4, as the 226 parishes throughout the four counties of the archdiocese

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Photo courtesy of John Carlos De Sousa

Seminarians from Immaculate Conception Seminary (ICS) at Seton Hall University, led by Bishop Arthur Serratelli, visited Jerusalem on a nine-day tour. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher, identified as the site where Jesus was crucified, was the highlight of the journey. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher commemorates the hill of Crucifixion and the tomb of Christ’s burial. According to information on various Web sites, the church originally was built under the order of the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine in 330 A.D. The Persians destroyed the original Byzantine church in 614 A.D., however it was quickly rebuilt. The Egyptian caliph al-Hakim destroyed the church in 1009 and had the tomb hacked down to bedrock. The Crusaders later rebuilt the church.

NJCC urges Trenton: abolish death penalty

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

TRENTON—Patrick R. Brannigan, executive director of the New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC) (Web site: www.njccathconf.com), issued a statement earlier this month that supported the recent findings of the New Jersey Death Penalty Study Commission.

The NJCC urged state lawmakers to pass legislation to implement the recommendations of the New Jersey Study Commission, which formally called for the abolition of the state's death penalty.

In its executive summary issued on Jan. 2, the commission recommended that the "death penalty in New Jersey be abolished and replaced with life imprisonment without the possibility of parole, to be served in a maximum-security facility." The commission declared there is "no compelling evidence" that the New Jersey death penalty rationally serves a legitimate penological intent.

Brannigan said the next step in the process is reaching legal clarification on those inmates in N.J. state prisons currently on death row. "If legislation is

passed, the main question is what will happen to the nine people currently on death row," Brannigan said. "Most likely they would remain in isolation."

Archbishop John J. Myers is the president of the NJCC.

According to online material provided by the Web site of the Washington, D.C.-based Death Penalty Information Center, (www.deathpenaltyinfo.org) there have been 1,057 death-penalty executions in the United States since 1976. Last year 53 executions were carried out; of that nationwide total, Texas accounted for 24 executions.

New Jersey is one of 38 states that maintain the death penalty in its criminal justice system. Since 1976, the vast majority of death-penalty sentences (888) have been carried out by lethal injection, followed by electrocution (153); gas chamber (11); hanging (three) and firing squad (two).

Statement by NJCC

The Catholic Bishops of New Jersey have long advocated for an end to capital punishment in this state. The bishops' Feb. 4, 2005 statement in opposition to the death penalty

is included below.

Now that the New Jersey Death Penalty Study Commission has formally called for abolition of the death penalty, the NJCC urges the State Legislature to pass legislation to implement the recommendations of the New Jersey Study Commission.

Legislation to encompass life imprisonment without the possibility of parole would be a humane alternative that recognizes the dignity of all human life. The NJCC applauds Gov. Jon Corzine's announced support of the Death Penalty Study Commission's recommendations.

The NJCC acknowledges that the passage of such legislation alone would not be an end or a total solution to the issue of capital crimes. Our state's leaders must continue to seek improvement in our criminal justice system. As a society, we must make a greater commitment to crime prevention and victim assistance.

Statement issued by the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey on the state's death penalty (Feb. 4, 2005):

As death row inmates exhaust their appeals and the possibility

of execution draws near, we, the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey, wish to reiterate our opposition to the death penalty.

We are guided by our belief that every person has an inalienable right to life, because each human being is made in the image and likeness of God, who alone is the absolute Lord of life from its beginning until its end (cf. The Book of Genesis 1:26-28).

We acknowledge that the subject of capital punishment is controversial and emotional. All murders are violent and shocking; some are savage. They all stir emotions of revulsion and anger. We grieve for the victims of murder, for the brutalization and loss of life. We commiserate with the families and friends of victims who must suffer with their loss through the years.

We affirm that the state has the duty to punish criminals and to prevent the repetition or occurrence of crime. We believe that greater efforts must be made to bring the criminal to repentance and rehabilitation. We believe that our society is sufficiently developed to protect itself and to redress the injustice caused by the criminal

without resorting to the use of the death penalty. One alternative is life without possibility of parole.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church acknowledges the right of public authorities to impose criminal punishment proportionate to the gravity of the offense, "if this is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor. If, however, non-lethal means are sufficient to defend and protect people's safety from the aggressor, authority will limit itself to such means, as these are more in keeping with the concrete conditions of the common good and more in conformity with the dignity of the human person."

Pope John Paul II has stated that in today's world cases in which the execution of the offender is an absolute necessity "are very rare, if not practically non-existent." (The Gospel of Life, 56).

Because the State of New Jersey has other means to redress the injustice caused by crime and to effectively prevent crime by rendering the one who has committed the offense incapable of doing harm and because we recognize the dignity of all human life, we continue to consistently and vigorously oppose the use of capital punishment.

We recognize the continued need for improvement of our criminal justice system and for a greater societal commitment to crime prevention and victim assistance. As pastors and teachers we urge the State of New Jersey not to impose the death penalty in our state.

Statement signed by: Most Rev. John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark; Most Reverend Andrew Pataki, Bishop of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic; Most Reverend Joseph A. Galante, Bishop of Camden; Most Reverend Joseph Younan, Bishop of Our Lady of Deliverance Diocese; Most Reverend Paul G. Bootkoski, Bishop of Metuchen; Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark; Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson; Most Reverend Thomas A. Donato, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark; Most Reverend John M. Smith, Bishop of Trenton; Most Reverend John W. Flesey, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark.



Advocate photo—Ward Miele

LABOR OF LOVE—For almost a century the Presepio at St. Lucy's Parish in Newark has drawn worshippers from far and wide. The manger scene is 15 feet high and 30 feet wide and is constructed for devotion from Advent through Epiphany. The three-dimensional scene of an Italian mountainside village covers one wall of the chapel of St. Gerard in the Neo-Renaissance church that is on the state and national registers of historic places. According to the full-color booklet published by St. Lucy (a gift from parishioner Alfred J. Du Bois, Jr.), Louis Penza, an immigrant from Atripalda, Italy, started the tradition at the Newark parish in 1908. The booklet said the tradition today is "in the hands of Vincent Di Costanzi, a Newark elementary school art teacher." Many of the hand-crafted terra cotta figures, which were produced in Naples, remain part of the display. Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Granato is the pastor of St. Lucy's Parish.

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Catholic college presidents warn that education's 'defining truth' may vanish

BY MELISSA MCNALLY

Staff Writer

JERSEY CITY—The presidents of three Catholic colleges gathered at Saint Peter's College last November to discuss the identity, mission and challenges facing Catholic higher education.

Former Saint Peter's College president James Loughran S.J., who passed away on Dec. 24 (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Jan. 10), hosted the panel discussion with Charles L. Flynn, Jr., president of the College of Mount Saint Vincent (Riverdale, NY) and Sister Rosemary E. Jeffries, RSM, from Georgian Court University in Lakewood.

Seen in the context of Catholic Schools Week (see the special section in this edition), their observations offered additional perspective on the upper tier of Catholic education and how the work of a college or university is connected with the faith-based mission that is nurtured by elementary and secondary schools.

Considering cultural pressures and the unfolding challenges in the field of education, that faith-based mission and connection faces considerable stress. For example, Catholic educators and clergy typically object to the permissive "relativism" in today's society.

Flynn, in his remarks, identified the dilemma, saying that the defining truth of Catholic education "is in danger of being lost" and that educators, students and their families must remain vigilant in order to guard against having a faith-based vision of education eroded by a secular society, which often is indifferent to Catholic values.

The panel discussed the goals of a Catholic education, including explicit statement of purpose as a Catholic institution and being in communion with the local Church. Social justice, peace and service to the poor, a vibrant campus ministry and reinforcement of Gospel values and discussion are also imperative to Catholic higher education, the group declared.

Sister Rosemary believes that Georgian Court University adheres to the Sisters of Mercy charism—a gift given by God for the benefit of the Christian community. "Our university has a more heightened commitment to service," she said. "(Sisters of Mercy) take a fourth vow to service the poor, sick and uneducated. We encourage our young people to be focused on service."

Maintaining Catholic identity at a university with diverse students and faculty can be difficult. "Georgian Court is trying to line up its values and simplify and coordinate its Catholic identity for students, faculty and staff to grasp," Sister Rosemary continued. "We encourage everyone to be an active participant in spreading our core values."

"(Mount Saint Vincent) wants to define itself by articulating a Catholic identity. There is a sense in higher education that defining truth is in danger of being lost. There is a fear that this definition and purpose can disappear," Flynn said. "The college tries to express commitments in a compelling way. We all aspire to be the best at what we are committed to do. Our efforts are to keep alive (the mission of Catholic education) against indifference and a secular society."

In the past, having faculty with deep knowledge of the Catholic faith or were themselves Catholic helped preserve the mission of the institution. Today, a diverse student population and staff can create an interesting mix of ideologies on campus.

"There was a time when everyone teaching and attending was Catholic and it was very different. Some students don't even register as religious," Sister Rosemary explained.

As reported earlier this month, Father Loughran died on Christmas Eve at the age of 66. He served as president of Saint Peter's College since 1995. Born in Brooklyn, NY, he was a 1957 graduate of Brooklyn Prep and entered the Society of Jesus in July 1958.

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Sister Rosemary E. Jeffries



Charles L. Flynn, Jr.

Church of the Holy Sepulcher

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historical and scriptural background for all of the sites.

“Since the third century, people have gone on pilgrimages to Jerusalem,” De Sousa explained. “We were living the Scripture readings where the events actually happened.”

The New Jersey pilgrims visited areas such as Mount Tabor—the site where Jesus was transfigured and where the Basilica of Transfiguration is now located—and the Sea of Galilee.

“When we reached a site, Bishop Serratelli would read the Gospel and lead a spiritual and historical reflection. It was definitely a learning experience for me. I was excited to live Scripture and see what the apostles have seen,” De Sousa said.

The seminarians visited two or three locations per day on the nine-day trip and would participate in a spiritual evaluation and critical analysis of scripture. De Sousa felt a deep spiritual impact at Dominus Flevit—the site where Jesus cried while overlooking Jerusalem.

“There were two places (in the Gospels) where Jesus cried.

Bishop Serratelli explained that He cried for His people who did not see salvation. We were in the spot where Jesus wept and you can see the view of Old Jerusalem as He did. It was incredibly moving for me.”

In his second trip to the Holy Land, seminarian Matthew Dooley appreciated the journey and how it related to his theological education. “All the sites make scripture three dimensional,” Dooley said. “The visit brings them to life. It makes them tangible and visible.”

Understanding the culture of Jerusalem also was important for Dooley. “The gist for me was understanding the variety of cultures that exist in the Holy Land from Jesus’ time—the Aramaic and Palestinian culture and to see the life where Christ came from. It is such a beautiful country.”

The highlight of the journey was visiting the Holy Sepulcher—the location of Jesus’ crucifixion and death. (See Web sites for background information and photos:

www.bibleplaces.com/holysepulcher.htm; www.christusrex.org/www2/baram/B-sepulchre.html; www.inisrael.com/ipix/java/jer.h

tm;www.answers.com/topic/church-of-the-holy-sepulchre)

Dooley said this site had the greatest impact on the group. “It was powerful to be in the place of the death of Jesus. It connects one to history and a tradition of faith and belief. Bishop Serratelli enhanced the experience. There are many layers to our faith and to have a scripture scholar present it peeled back some of the layers. It was a rare opportunity and I am grateful.”

Even in the politically tense climate of the Middle East, De Sousa and the other seminarians never felt threatened or uncomfortable while visiting the Holy Land. “We were in a secure area and I never felt uncomfortable,” De Sousa said. “We had an Israeli guide that said 90 percent of tourists and pilgrims go and see only 1 percent of Old Jerusalem. At night, we walked

around the hotel area and felt safe. As tourists, we are the livelihood for the people in that area so we felt protected. The Israeli government is good at controlling the border and investigating. There were no spot checks in the city but checkpoints on the highway coming into the city.”

Although most of the sites are considered by scholars to be approximately where the actual Biblical events took place, the Church of Holy Sepulcher has long been demarked as the historical site of the Crucifixion. The spot has been marked since the 1st century. The Roman emperor Hadrian originally built a temple to the pagan god Venus on the site to prevent Christians from making pilgrimages.

“The Holy Sepulcher is the site where Jesus was buried,” De Sousa said. “Just to be in a spot

where Christ was, makes it so real and vivid. Our faith says Christ lived, died and rose from the dead, but to actually be there makes it more moving.”

The atmosphere of the Holy Sepulcher took seminarian Bob McLaughlin aback. “I was surprised by what I saw. It was quite different than what I expected. It was dark, lots of candles and was very Medieval-looking. It was unassuming and unlike anything I ever saw in America. It wasn’t a big cathedral.”

Being present in the actual locations in Jerusalem provided visual evidence from scripture and deepened De Sousa’s faith. “When Jesus was crucified, it is written that His blood spilled and split the rock on Calvary. When I walked there, I saw a crack in the actual rock. They did not just make these things up. It is factual. It is here.”




Photo courtesy of Seton Hall

CARDINAL MCCARRICK HONORED—Seton Hall University’s John C. Whitehead School of Diplomacy and International Relations hosted its annual Global Leadership Gala at Cipriani Wall Street in New York City on Dec. 1. Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, (center), was honored with the school’s Global Citizen Award, which was presented by Reverend Paul A. Holmes (left), interim dean of the Whitehead School, and Msgr. Robert Sheeran, Seton Hall president. Proceeds from the event benefited academic programming at the Whitehead School.

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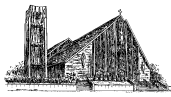
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Lumen Center, Caldwell, "With God on the Margins," 10 a.m.- 3 p.m., cost: \$25, RSVP ASAP, (973) 403-3331 ext.25.

Lumen Center, Caldwell, "Poetry that Nourishes Us," 10 a.m.- 3 p.m., cost: \$25, RSVP ASAP, (973) 403-3331 ext.25.

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of Washington, basketball free throw championship, Brookside Upper Elementary School, Westwood, 2:30- 5 p.m., call Ed Garland at (201) 664-1371.



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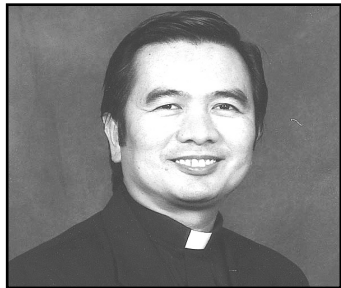
Holy Family Parish, Nutley, Holy Rosary Society meeting, 7:45 p.m., (973) 667-0026.

St. Valentine will welcome Father De Leon as its pastor

BLOOMMFIELD—Father Juancho G. De Leon, the administrator of St. Valentine Parish, has been appointed pastor, effective Feb. 7.

Ordained in 1994, Father De Leon's previous assignment was parochial vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Lyndhurst. Born in the Philippines, Father De Leon earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Santo Thomas Central Seminary and graduated from St. John Vianney Theological Seminary. Both schools are in the Philippines.

Father De Leon attended the Benedictine Abbey of Our Lady of Montserrat, Philippines, from



Father Juancho G. De Leon

1984 to 1991. He was a Benedictine Monk 11 years before joining the Archdiocese of Newark. As a seminarian, he was assigned to Holy Rosary Parish, Jersey City; Our Lady of Lourdes, Mountainside; and our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City.

February 1

St. Joseph School, Oradell, tricky tray, Rockleigh Country Club, 5:45, cost: \$50, (201) 261-0932.

St. Michael Parish, Newark, bereavement group session in Spanish, 7:30 p.m., every first Thursday of each month, (973) 484-7100.



February 2

St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, Respect Life Mass, 7 p.m., (973) 992-0994.

February 3

St. Mary Parish, Rutherford, Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, 3:45 p.m., (201) 438-2200.

St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish, Bayonne, Mass with St. Michael's Liturgical Choir and Ensemble, 5:30 p.m., call Patricia Haggerty at (201) 437-6674.

February 4

St. Stephen Parish, Kearny, Mass honoring Father John Washington who was killed in WWII, noon, (201) 998-3314,

Official Appointments



Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

ARCHDIOCESAN/ AGENCY MINISTRY

REVEREND MONSIGNOR JOHN E. DORAN,

pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange, has been appointed Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia of the Archdiocese of Newark with residence at the Rectory of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, effective Feb. 14. He has also been appointed Acting Chancellor until such time as other arrangements are made.

PASTOR

REVEREND MONSIGNOR ROBERT E. EMERY,

Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia of the Archdiocese of Newark, has been appointed pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange, effective Feb. 14.

REVEREND ROBERT B. STAGG

has been appointed pastor of Church of the Presentation Church, Upper Saddle River, effective Feb. 1.

REVEREND PETER WEHRLE, parochial vicar of St. Joseph Parish, New Milford, has been appointed pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, North Bergen, effective Feb. 1.

PAROCHIAL VICAR

REVEREND EUSTACE EDMOBI

has been appointed part-time parochial vicar at St. Raphael Parish, Livingston, and part-time chaplain at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Livingston, with residence at St. Raphael Rectory effective Jan. 29.

REVEREND GUILLERMO L. MORA

has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Hillside, effective Jan. 16.

REVEREND ROMEO PANES, O.S.J.,

parochial vicar of St. Aedan Parish, Jersey City, has been appointed parochial vicar of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Newark, effective Jan. 2.

REVEREND FREDERICK A. PFEIFER,

parochial vicar of St. Leo Parish, Irvington, has been appointed parochial vicar of Epiphany Parish, Cliffside Park, effective Jan. 17.

REVEREND RONALD G. GADRINAB

has been appointed parochial vicar of Sacred Heart Parish, Rochelle Park, effective Jan. 8, to June 2007.

REVEREND HIPPOLETUS TOPPO

has been appointed parochial vicar of Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Maywood, effective Jan. 8 through February 2007 and again June 1, 2007 through October 2007.



CHAPLAIN

REVEREND RUDOLPH ZUBIK,

pastor of Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, Harrison, has also been appointed chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Grace Council #402, Harrison, effective Jan. 3.

Catholic Cemeteries' masses

All masses are at 9:30 a.m. For more information call (866) 773-7526

February 2
Good Shepherd Chapel, Colonia

February 6
Gate of Heaven Chapel, East Hanover

February 7
Holy Cross Chapel, North Arlington

Corrections

There were two errors in the Dec. 20, 2006 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*.

In the story about the activities of youngsters in the religious education program at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Washington Township. One of the fifth grades made Christmas shoeboxes to send to Bosnia as part of a special Christmas project with the religious education children at St. John the Baptist Parish in Fairview, not with a local Baptist church.

In the same story, Father Matthew Abu Cole, a SMA African missionary, was invited to share the work and life of a missionary with those in missionary lands as well as with poor black populations in the United States.

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BY MELISSA MCNALLY
Staff Writer

In 1864, St. Luke's Parish in Ho-Ho-Kus was established and served the area north of Paterson. During the 1890's, Mass was celebrated monthly in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brady on Church Street and continued for several years.

The first St. Paul Parish in Ramsey was built in 1904 and was known as the Cherry Lane Church. Nationally recognized architect Sanford White designed the building. Father Patrick F. Pindar became the first pastor at St. Luke Parish and the administrator of St. Paul's. The old church still stands and now serves Ukrainian Catholics.

St. Paul's changed from a mission to a parish on Jan. 26, 1939. Rev. Msgr. Bernard Moore became its first resident pastor. He lived with a family in the parish until the first rectory was acquired at 26 Lake St. Rev. Msgr. Lester Quinn became pastor in 1943. It was his foresight and spirit that directed the purchase of property on both sides of Wyckoff Avenue.

He dedicated St. Paul's School in 1952 and began celebrating Mass in the school auditorium because the population of Catholics had outgrown the Cherry Lane Church. The first Mass was celebrated at midnight on Christmas Eve.

Plans began to take shape in 1963 for a new church to be built across the street from the school. The present rectory was moved in 1965—approximately 200 feet south—so construction could begin on

the new church in a setting that would enhance its beauty.

Archbishop Thomas Boland dedicated the present church on Dec. 10, 1966. Rev. Msgr. Lester celebrated the first Mass.

Now with 2,910 registered families, St. Paul Parish continues to serve the community in Ramsey. St. Paul Interparochial School is co-sponsored with four parishes including Immaculate Conception Parish and Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Mahwah, as well as Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River.

With an enrollment of 264 students, the school is "committed to scholarship, spirituality and service" in all of their programs. Parishioners at St. Paul make up 63 percent of the student body. The school building is also used as religious education classrooms throughout the year.

A parishioner of St. Paul since 1997, Donald Evans had always heard how special St. Paul Parish is. While in the military, he was constantly moving through the South and when he met his wife, she sang the praises of her home parish. "My wife was a lifelong member of St. Paul Parish," he said. "We went to different parishes looking for a place to call home. My wife kept saying no church would hold a candle to St. Paul. When we moved to New Jersey and finally went to the church, it felt like home and I wasn't even baptized Catholic."

Evans took classes in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program at the parish and was baptized during Easter Vigil in 2000. "I wasn't raised in any religion; spiritually, I was raised by wolves. The Easter Vigil is an incredibly moving experience and at the same time, uniquely Catholic. I have been told by others in RCIA that it is very special when you are baptized at either the Easter or Christmas service and it becomes a large part of who you are. I feel the St. Paul community is a large part of who I am. It's a great place to live," he said.

After converting to Catholicism, Evans and his family are involved in parish life. Both of his daughters attend St. Paul School. "What strikes me is the incredible sense of community at St. Paul Parish. Everyone chips in and shares the duties. We have had several priests come and go, but the parish is more than just the priests—it is the community. It gives you a sense of home."

The school serves as an extension of the communal spirit, according to Evans. "The school is invaluable. The amount of effort the parents put into the school is unmatched. The parents are always manning programs, helping to spruce up the grounds or raise money. The teachers are there because they want to be. I would never send my kids anywhere else."

A member of St. Paul Parish for 35 years, Eileen Wimberger does her part for the community in the office of social concerns. "There are so many ministries here. I mainly do outreach to the poor," she said. The Christmas giving tree is an activity



Photo courtesy of Grace Schulte

Originally founded as a mission, St. Paul Parish currently has almost 3,000 registered families. The Christmas season is particularly festive at the Bergen County parish, with a Christmas pageant, breakfast with Santa and the lighting of the Christmas tree. Msgr. Lawrence W. Cull is the pastor of St. Paul.

that brings parishioners to help underprivileged children from cities like Newark and East Orange. Parishioners purchase gifts listed on the giving tree for children. The annual rummage sale, which took place in September, raised over \$12,000 for Sacred Heart School in Newark.

Wimberger began the rummage sale after she arrived at the parish from Connecticut. "The archbishop at that time wanted suburban parishes to help with inner-city scholarships," she recalled. "I had suggested a rummage sale because I had done it in Connecticut out of my own garage. The first year, we didn't make that much money; now we raise \$12,000. People bring in furniture, chandeliers and other impressive things. The rectory has four garages and we have the sale there and in the parking lot."

Being involved in community outreach at St. Paul Parish can be difficult for Maria Gaffney, who has five children. However, she found her niche organizing the Family Mass, which is celebrated on Sundays at 9 a.m. "I have been involved with the Family Mass for about eight years. It is a committee of parishioners who help plan a Mass that is more child-friendly. We make ban-

ners and hand-outs, give homily ideas and think of different ways to approach the service," she explained.

Gaffney has also taught CCD, has been on the school planning committee and helped with the parish youth group. She gives credit to pastor Rev. Msgr. Lawrence W. Cull for encouraging everyone to participate.

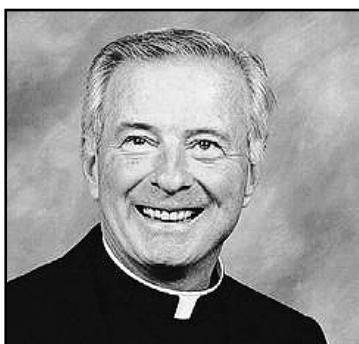
"Msgr. Cull has a great, easygoing personality that draws people in," she said. "He is sort of a quiet leader. Last year, he was the only priest at the parish for about nine months and he did everything. He is unassuming and has a great sense of humor."

The spirit of community endures during the holiday season with days of celebration. Traditionally, there is a Mass, the lighting of the Christmas tree, breakfast with Santa and a Christmas pageant and concert included in the festivities.

"I love how beautiful our church is at Christmastime," Addie Caputi said. "The parishioners are so kind and giving to people so that they can also make their Christmas special. It is wonderful here at Christmastime."

(St. Paul Parish is located at 200 Wyckoff Ave. in Ramsey.)

Meet the Pastor



Msgr. Lawrence W. Cull

Birthday: Dec. 1, 1942

Hometown: Oradell

High School: River Dell

Seminary: Immaculate Conception, Darlington

Undergraduate: Seton Hall University

Ordination: May 31, 1969

Hero: Lawrence—he supposedly said he was "done on that side" when roasted

Favorite Saint: Pope John XXIII

Favorite Sport: walking

Favorite Food: chicken sandwich and a Coke

Favorite Subject in School: history

Favorite Movie: *Sundays and Cybelle*

Last Book Read: *A Year with C.S. Lewis*

Occupation if I Weren't a Priest: sales

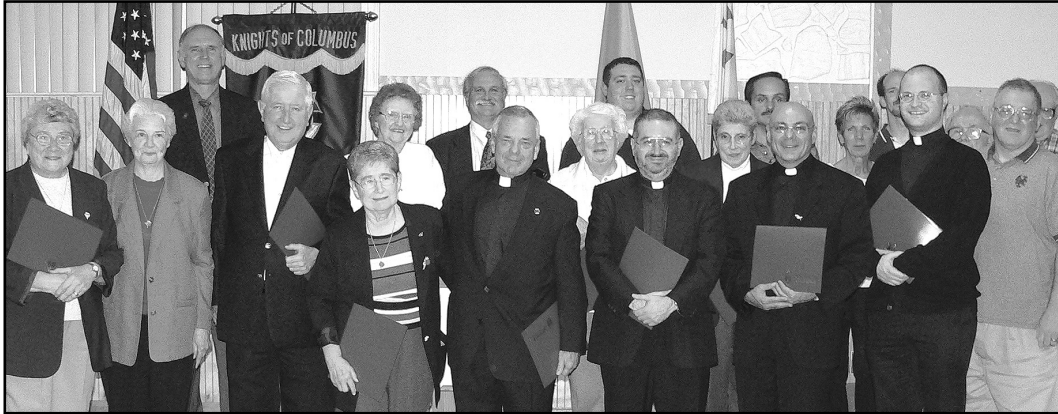


Photo courtesy of K of C Council 3428

PARISH PRIDE—Knights of Columbus Council 3428, Queen of Peace Parish in North Arlington, recently held a “Pride in Our Parish” pasta dinner to recognize the dedication of the parish clergy. Seven Sisters from the grammar school, four priests and a deacon received certificates of appreciation. Cited at the event were, left to right, Sister Nancy Hilla; Sister Mary Ferrera; Larry Crawford, P.K.G.; Deacon William Myers; Sister Anita O’Dwyer; Sister Rita Kearney; Robert Tarantula, G.K.; Msgr. William Fadrowski, pastor; Sister Anne William Fagan; Christopher Imbrenda, D.G.K.; Father Scott Attanasio; Sister Catherine Albert; Marc Metzinger; Father Gerald Buonopane; Maureen Metzinger; Joseph McGovern; Father Brian Muzas; Joseph Sheedy; William Mackey; and Joseph McGovern, Sr.

Catechism ‘spotlight’ will shine

AREA—The Archdiocese of Newark is offering its “Spotlight on the Catechism” series for those who would like to learn more about the basic teachings of the Church.

Since the catechism was first published, the Archdiocese of Newark has offered a series of courses to present the essentials of the catechism to those who are not theologians.

“Spotlight on the Catechism” is conducted by the archdiocesan Catechetical Office in cooperation with several local parishes.

The catechism is divided into four parts, each concerned with a major area of faith. Part one examines the Profession of Faith—the statement of core Christian beliefs about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Church. Part two explores the Mass and the seven sacraments. Part three focuses on morality, including an extended treatment of the Ten Commandments. Part four discusses prayer as an essential tool for living a Christian life.

The following courses will be offered in the coming months:

- **Spotlight on Faith:** “The Creed: Our Catholic Faith,” Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Jersey City, Wednesdays, March 14, 21 and 28, 7 to 9 p.m. The presenter will be Kevin Averill, a leader in Catholic education and catechetics.

- **Spotlight on Sacraments:** “Encountering the Saving Love of Our God,” at St. Therese Parish, Cresskill, Mondays, March 5, 12 and 19, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Carol Willis, director of religious education at Immaculate Conception Parish in Mahwah, is the presenter.

Willis holds a master’s degree in liturgy from the University of Notre Dame. Before coming to Immaculate Conception Parish, she was a pastoral associate at St. Paul Parish in Ramsey for eight years and for five years at Holy Trinity Parish in Westfield. She also served as the editor of “Word on Worship,” the newsletter of the Office of Divine Worship of the Archdiocese of Newark.

- **Spotlight on Morality:** “Our Moral Life: Living in True Freedom,” Our Lady of Peace Parish, New Providence, Mondays, Jan. 22, 29 and Feb. 5. Snow date is Monday, Feb. 12, 7 to 9 p.m. The presenter will be Father Timothy Graff, pastor of the Church of St. Francis De Sales in Lodi.

- **Spotlight on Prayer:** “God’s Thirst,” Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, West Orange, Tuesdays, Feb. 6, 13 and 20, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The presenter will be Father Terrence J. Moran, C.S.S.R., a retreat leader, spiritual director, and author with experience in parish, educational and diocesan ministry.

Registration for each course is \$25 per person and is open to the public. Pre-registration is encouraged. For more information, to request a brochure or to register, contact Dr. Eugene Tozzi, an associate director at the Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark by phone at (973) 497-4288 or by e-mail tozzieug@rcan.org. Brochures can also be downloaded from the Web site at www.rcan.org/catechet. Driving directions to each of the course locations are on the Web site.

Lector ministry taps Bellotti

ROME—Nicholas Bellotti of the Archdiocese of Newark, in his first year of theological studies, was among 43 seminarians of the Pontifical North American College instituted into the Ministry of Lector during a Jan. 14 celebration of the Eucharist.

Most Rev. Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of Milwaukee and former rector of the college, celebrated Mass and installed the new lectors.

In his homily, Archbishop Dolan noted that proclaiming the Word of God today will result in the “change, transformation, conversion and renewal” of individual hearers and the worldwide Church. Handing the Book of Sacred Scriptures to each seminarian, he said: “Take this book of

Holy Scripture and be faithful in handing on the Word of God so that it may grow strong in the hearts of His People.”

Lector is one of the ministerial steps leading towards diaconal and priestly ordination. As the rite indicates, a lector is charged with preaching the Word of God in the liturgical assembly, instructing children and adults in the faith, and preparing all to receive the sacraments worthily.

Founded in 1859, the Pontifical North American College is the American house of studies located in Rome, where hundreds of priests have been formed near the heart of the Church for service in dioceses around the United States and Australia.

The Pope Speaks

Pope Benedict XVI



God’s gift of unity

Dear brothers and sisters,

Tomorrow begins the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Since unity which our Lord wills for all His disciples is ultimately God’s gift, I encourage everyone to join fervently in imploring this great grace.

The closer we draw to Christ and the more we are converted by His truth and love, the closer we will draw to one another.

In many countries the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is also preceded by a Day of Reflection between Christians and Jews, in order to build greater respect, friendship and cooperation between our two communities.

The theme of this year’s Week of Prayer for Christian Unity—“He even makes the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak”—is inspired by St. Mark’s account of Jesus’ healing a man who was deaf and mute (cf. Mk 7:37). Through baptism, all Christians have been freed from spiritual deafness, enabled to hear God’s word and charged to bear witness to it in word and deed, by the exercise of Christian charity.

May our common prayers and our efforts to live fully the grace of our baptism hasten the day when all Christ’s followers will live in perfect communion.



Photo courtesy of Knights of Columbus

DEACONS ORDAINED—Knights of Columbus Assemblies 642 America, 643 Doane, 649 Sir Isaac Jogues and 1543 Msgr. Peter B. O’Connor served as members of the honor guard at the recent diaconate ordination at St. Anthony Parish in Belleville, which was presided over by Archbishop John J. Myers. Robert Szczepan Gajewski, Piotr Franciszek Koziolkiewicz, Wilson Avelino Paculan and Jose Helber Victoria Tower were among those ordained.

Civil War military Mass in February will honor African-American soldiers

ORANGE—The 180,000 African-Americans who served in the United States Army during the Civil War, fighting for their freedom and restoration of the Union, will be honored at a special noontime military Mass Feb. 18 at Our Lady of the Valley Parish.

Almost 2,900 black soldiers from the Garden State served as enlisted men and 37 Caucasian New Jerseyans served as commissioned officers in the ranks of the United States Colored Troops (USCT).

Most served in infantry regiments mustered in and trained at Camp William Penn near Philadelphia. Of these 180,000 African-American soldiers, almost 70,000 died as a result of disease or wounds sustained in battle.

With 861 Jerseymen on its rolls, the 22nd was the most “Jersey” of all the USCT outfits, according to Joseph G. Bilby, the author of “Remember You are Jerseymen!, A military history of New Jersey’s Troops in the Civil War.”

The USCT was organized at Camp William Penn in January 1864 and served initially at Yorktown, VA. On June 15, 1864, as part of the XVIII Army Corps, the 22nd USCT was involved in an attack on Confederate forces at Petersburg, VA, successfully overrunning a Rebel entrenchment.

The 22nd attacked Confederate positions on Sept. 29, 1864, at New Market Heights, located outside of Richmond, VA. In December 1864 the 22nd was assigned to the XXV Corps, the only all-black corps in United States military history.

When the Confederate government, which was based in Richmond, collapsed in April 1865, the men of the 22nd USCT were among the first U.S. troops to enter the former Rebel capital. After the war the 22nd patrolled the border between Texas and Mexico until it was mustered out in October 1865.

In its military service the 22nd had lost three officers and 214 enlisted men who were either killed in action or succumbed to disease.

Today the memory of the 22nd USCT is kept alive by an enthusiastic group of Civil War re-enactors under the leadership of Sgt. Rashid Khan and Cpl. Charles Harris. The 22nd is part of an umbrella organization known as the 2nd New Jersey Brigade, which in addition to the men of the 22nd USCT, includes military and civilian re-enactors who portray the 7th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, the 2nd New Jersey Cavalry, the 1st New Jersey Light Artillery Battery A, the 7th New Jersey Field Hospital, plus musicians, civilians and regimental staff personnel.

Among the latter is Father David G. Moreno, S.D.B., parochial vicar of Our Lady of the Valley Parish. Father Moreno has served as Chaplain of the 7th NJ Volunteers for the past nine years. During that time he has done considerable research on the original wartime chaplain of the 7th New Jersey, the Rev. Dr. Julius David Rosé, an Episcopal priest.

Prior to the Civil War, Dr. Rosé was



Father David G. Moreno

rector of St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church in Newark. He served with the 7th for two years, rendering valuable service at the Virginia battles of Williamsburg, Fredericksburg, and Chancellorsville, and the great battle at Gettysburg, PA. After the war Dr. Rosé served as headmaster of academic institutions in Summit, Millburn and Short Hills, while assisting the rector at Christ Church in Short Hills.

Dr. Rosé died in 1890 and is buried in St. Stephen’s Episcopal Cemetery in Millburn, along with his wife, their elder son, George and his wife, Emma, and their daughter, Edith. Dr. Rosé’s second son, John, moved to Rhode Island and his descendents subsequently migrated from there to Colorado.

Father Moreno recently contacted Mrs. Karen Rosé Sommerfeld, the great-granddaughter of John Rosé and great-great-granddaughter of Julius Rosé. Mrs. Sommerfeld visited him and together they made an emotional pilgrimage to the Rosé family resting place in Millburn.

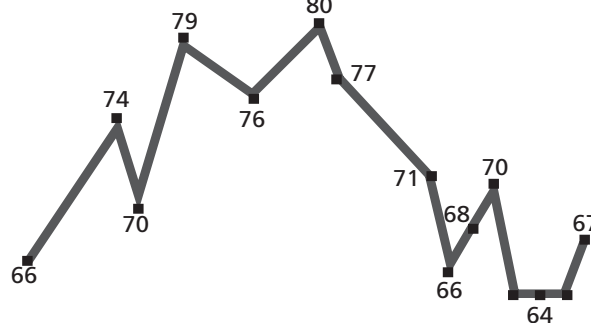
Father Moreno will celebrate the Civil War military Mass at noon. Dozens of Civil War re-enactors in period attire will attend. The Mass will feature the use of Civil War-era Mass vestments and Latin hymns. The Mass will highlight the role of African-American troops during the Civil War. After Mass, the re-enactors will assemble outside, fire three volleys and play taps in memory of all who died during the Civil War.

The war began on April 12, 1861, at the battle of Fort Sumter, SC, and ended with the surrender of General Robert E. Lee at Appomattox Court House, VA, on April 9, 1865. There were 620,000 deaths from the bloody conflict. Two Web sites with extensive Civil War information include www.civil-war.net and www.civilwar.com.

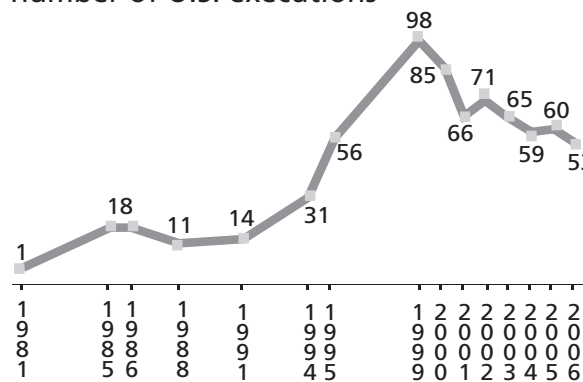
Contact Father Moreno by phone at (973) 674-2400, or by e-mail at ChaplainDM@aol.com for more information about the Feb. 18 event.

Death Penalty

percentage of Americans favoring the death penalty for those convicted of murder



number of U.S. executions



Sources: Gallup Poll, Death Penalty Information Center

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Graph shows the percentage of Americans who favor the death penalty for given years and the number of executions carried out in those years. The New Jersey Catholic Conference, Trenton, has come out in support of a recent New Jersey Death Penalty Study Commission recommendation that capital punishment be abolished in the Garden State. See story on page 2.

A week to celebrate good news: achievements of Catholic schools

One need only look at the Archdiocese of Newark for the embodiment of “Catholic Schools, the Good News in Education,” this year’s theme of Catholic Schools Week which runs from Jan. 28 to Feb. 3.

That theme is a message and an affirmation of the high caliber of education for mind and soul provided in the elementary, high schools and institutions of higher learning throughout the Church in Newark.

Such an enviable level of performance doesn’t just happen. It is the result of hard work: an effective and efficient melding of the talents of professional educators, dedicated administrators and motivated students.

It is a reputation for excellence based on solid academic achievement. The classroom performance of archdiocesan students truly sets them apart. A Catholic education lasts a lifetime.

In this issue *The Catholic Advocate* recognizes and salutes our archdiocesan schools. They deserve it.

World Day for Consecrated Life

The special calling, ministry and, yes, sacrifices of the holy men and women serving God and His people in our midst throughout the Archdiocese of Newark will be recognized on Friday, Feb. 2 during a moving prayer service at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, marking World Day for Consecrated Life.

The vital role of these spiritual servants of the Lord deserve the unending gratitude of the faithful. Without them the Church simply could not function.

World Day for Consecrated Life comes at a time when the Church in Newark last year joyously celebrated the 40th anniversary of Archbishop John J. Myers’ ordination to the priesthood, led the nation with the largest number of new priests and an had an especially vibrant celebration of Priesthood Sunday.

We pray for all those in consecrated life and are profoundly thankful to them for nourishing our spiritual lives and brings us closer to God.

Time to reintroduce the ancient art of apologetics

Apologetics can be defined as a “rational defense of the divine origin and the authority of the Christian faith.”

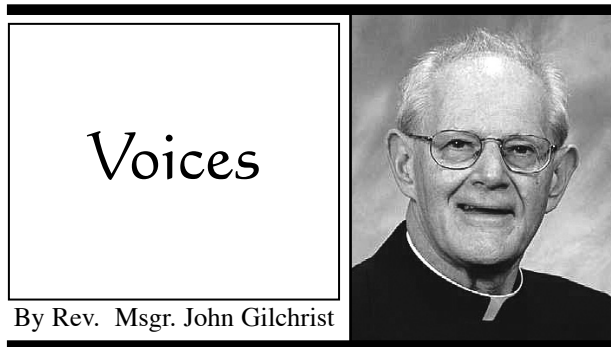
It was, at one time, a course required in Catholic seminaries. In older, Pre-Vatican II times it was an art exercised by Catholic scholars and intellectuals, from such writers such as Saint Irenaeus in 180 A.D., who wrote against heretics, and the other Church Fathers, all the way up to giants such as Gilbert Keith Chesterton and Cardinal Newman.

It was a tool in the hands of all Catholics who wished to use this form of argumentation and systematic discourse to respond to attacks upon our faith and our Church.

After Vatican II however, a great deal changed. First of all, Catholic theology in response to discoveries in archeology, language studies and scientific advances had to step back, take a breath, and re-examine its basic teachings in the light of modern knowledge. Eventually, after about 40 years, the Church having re-examined her theology, was ready to face the world with a new revised catechism. The faith had not only survived, but now stands even more firmly revealed as the “faith of our fathers” worthy of belief and defense

Secondly, a new view of other religions had evolved. With a greater understanding of human psychology and history, the Church now has a far more gentle approach to others who do not believe as we do. We are sensitive to the feelings of those not of our faith. We try to put ourselves in their place to understand why and how they believe.

I wonder whether ordinary Catholics of the post-Vatican II era would be capable of defending the faith if accosted by one of these rabid evangelicals.



By Rev. Msgr. John Gilchrist

As a result, religious debate has given way to religious dialogue. Dialogue is in itself an art form that requires tact, understanding, patience, and above all the ability to listen. It is less confrontational and more sympathetic. Yet to dialogue one must begin with a faith system that is rational and firm.

Having said all that, the time may now have come for Catholics to begin to restudy their Catholic faith and to be ready to defend that faith armed with knowledge, and intelligence, and a fair amount of good humor.

Last month at a canonization ceremony in Rome, 900 ex-Catholic evangelicals from Brazil showed up with the express purpose of undermining the faith of those Catholics assembled in Rome. They said that they absolutely oppose any idea of sainthood for anyone. They had slick brochures to pass out. They also handed out cards with phone

numbers and e-mail addresses. They said that they received 7,500 responses.

All of these people were filled with “love of Jesus” and a passionate desire to “open the eyes” of Catholics to the falsehood of the Roman Catholic Church.

I myself recently received a book in the mail called “Understanding Roman Catholicism.” It is designed to give “vital information that every Roman Catholic should have.” The author is an ex-Catholic evangelical as was the person who mailed me the book. The “vital information” presented is this: “The Catechism of the Catholic Church contains 37 primary doctrines that are completely false and misleading.”

I, as a priest trained in both the pre-Vatican II and post-Vatican II era, can easily discern how distorted, false and deceiving the book is. But I wonder whether ordinary Catholics of the post-Vatican II era would be capable of defending the faith if accosted by one of these rabid evangelicals; or would they be disturbed and made unsure of their faith.

The ancient art of apologetics needs to re-emerge again. After all, the truth must be heard. Saint Peter said: “Your adversary the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him firm in your faith!” (1Peter 5:8).

We, in the Church, have an obligation to give our people the weapons necessary to defeat the devil who would lead the innocent astray. Otherwise they could become like the lambs among ravaging wolves. The true faith needs its defenders. It is up to all of us to know and live the faith. Then we can all become true apologists for the One, Holy, Roman and Catholic Church.

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

Remembering the great and good mayor of Jerusalem

Two giant figures of the contemporary Middle East recently died within days of each other. One was a great murderer—a man who mailed the body parts of his shredded victims to their families, which perhaps explains why he never slept in the same place two nights in a row. The other was a great builder, a mayor who kept his home phone number listed in his city’s telephone directory.

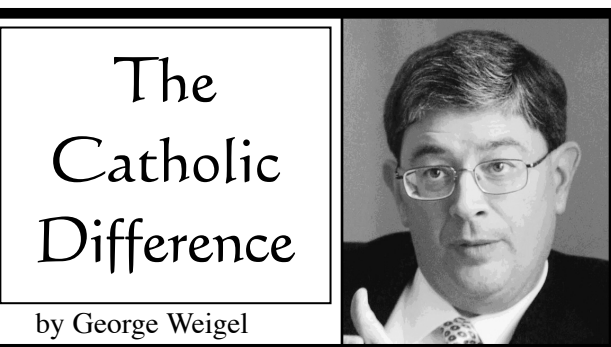
One destroyed the very possibility of “politics” in his country, which was why, in the end, he had to be destroyed. The other was a consummate politician, who wheeled and dealt with the best of them, in order to make the world’s most bitterly contested city a place worthy of its name.

One, of course, was Saddam Hussein, executed in Baghdad on Dec. 30. The other was Teddy Kollek, the mayor of Jerusalem for almost three decades, who died on Jan. 2.

Babylonians, Byzantines, Crusaders, Mamelukes, Ottomans, Persians, Romans, Saracens, and Seleucids each ruled Jerusalem, in their turn, as conquerors. From 1965 until 1993, Teddy Kollek governed Jerusalem as a trustee. Living at the epicenter of a region caught in the cruel web of violence, Teddy embodied civility, decency and tolerance.

He was a proud Israeli, who in his youth had run guns and done intelligence work for David Ben-Gurion; as mayor of Jerusalem, he conducted himself as a servant of people of all faiths, determined to maintain free access to the city’s holy places for all who wished to worship there.

His critics, perhaps resentful of his success, called him “the last pasha,” the last Ottoman in style if not ethnicity. And it’s true that Teddy was, at the same time, politician, statesman, impresario, urban planner, gardener, judge, host, construction-gang boss and world-class “shnorrer” (fundraiser).



by George Weigel

But perhaps in a region where the politics of consensus and compromise are planted in rocky soil, it takes a pasha—in this case, a thoroughly democratic pasha—to make things happen. And Teddy Kollek made things happen.

The original U.N. partition plan for mandatory Palestine envisaged Jerusalem as a *corpus separatum*—an international enclave not part of any state. That was an idea going nowhere. So in 1948 the city was divided by barbed wire, between Israel and Jordan, and remained that way until its reunification in 1967 during the Six-Day War (which Israel’s leaders had begged Jordan’s King Hussein not to enter).

Teddy, in response to renewed calls for some sort of international oversight, created a non-governmental body: the Jerusalem Committee—an eclectic gathering of lawyers, statesmen, academics, theologians and

architects from all over the world—all dedicated to religious freedom, all committed to an open and undivided Jerusalem, and all invited by Teddy to “congratulate us when we get it right, and correct us when we get it wrong,” as Teddy said in inviting me to join the committee (as the most junior of subalterns, I should confess) in 1990.

We did both. Long before my brief service on it, the committee helped Teddy prevent the city from getting overbuilt. In fact, the Jerusalem Committee encouraged and supported some of the greatest exercises in urban design of the late 20th century. I also remember Teddy’s intense interest, at our 1990 meeting, in the Sheikh Jarrah health clinic he had built for poor Palestinian children, even as he took in hand the committee criticism for the municipality’s failure to entice the local Palestinian

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population into municipal politics (which, in truth, wasn’t Teddy’s fault, but the first intifada’s).

Jerusalem is hardly an oasis of tranquillity today. But it is a far more tranquil place, and a far more beautiful place and a far more open place, than it would have been absent

the tough love lavished on it for decades by Teddy Kollek.

This great and good man, who was the human antithesis of the brute who died 72 hours before him, embodied the promise that Jerusalem might one day be in reality what it has long been inspiration: the city of peace. Gathered to the fathers, may he rest in peace.

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

Vascular lab at Saint James Hospital earns accreditation from commission

NEWARK—The Noninvasive Vascular Laboratory at Saint James Hospital, an affiliate of Cathedral Healthcare System, has received accreditation from the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories.

In addition, the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography has certified the lab's medical director, Jaime R. Soriano, M.D., as a registered physician in vascular interpretation, recognizing that he has demonstrated "a

high level of competency in the theory and practice of vascular interpretation."

The Noninvasive Vascular Laboratory received accreditation in peripheral arterial, extracranial cerebrovascular and peripheral venous testing.

The hospital uses a state-of-the-art, high-resolution duplex scanner with complete Doppler capabilities and an arterial testing machine to provide high-quality studies, which allow for the diag-

nosis of most vascular disorders. These include peripheral arterial disease, blockage of the arteries to the brain, deep venous thrombosis, renal artery disease, mesenteric arterial disease and aortic aneurysms.

Additional information about the Noninvasive Vascular Laboratory and its services is available by calling (973) 465-2784.

Saint James Hospital has been serving Newark's Ironbound section and the surrounding communities since 1900. Programs and services at the 186-bed hospital include medical and surgical services, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, emergency services, outpatient diagnostics and preventative care, family care, radiology and nuclear medicine, cardiac diagnostic services and same-day surgery.

The Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories promotes high-quality noninvasive vascular diagnostic testing by providing a peer review process of laboratory accreditation. Its standards were established through the collaboration of physicians and technologists.



HOSPITAL VISIT—At the height of the Christmas season, Father Aro Irudayanathan (far right), the chaplain at St. James Hospital in Newark, donned a festive Santa Claus cap and guided seventh and eighth grade student council representatives and three teachers from nearby Ann Street School as they sang Christmas carols to patients and staff.

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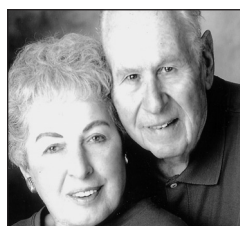
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Tuition is \$150 for the eight sessions. Call Janet McCormick, associate director of the Family Life office, at (973) 497-4327 for more information.



Photo courtesy of Our Lady of the Valley

AIDS COMPASSION SUNDAY—Our Lady of the Valley Parish, Orange, in conjunction with its Health and Wellness Ministry, observed AIDS Compassion Sunday last month. On display was the Names Project's AIDS Memorial Quilt. Participants included, left to right, Father George Hanna, S.D.B., pastor of Our Lady of the Valley; Father Jose Gamba, pastor of St. Peter Claver Parish, Montclair; Father John Nazarro, S.D.B., main celebrant of the Mass; Father David Moreno, S.B.D.; Cecelia Ojoawo; Father John Nickas, the former pastor of St. Peter Claver Parish; Carolyn Monel, parish coordinator of the Health and Wellness Ministry; Nola Romano and Robert Sorbanelli, local chapter coordinators of the Names Project Quilt Foundation and Carolyn Ahrens.

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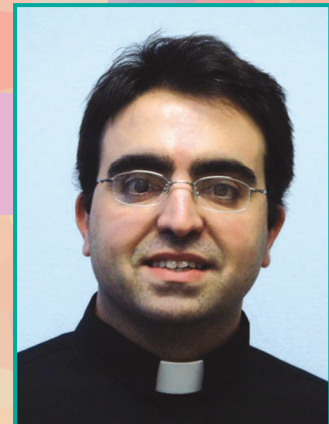
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Church bell saga inspires NJ artist

BY CORINNE WNEK
Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

RAHWAY — When New Jersey artist Lloyd Garrison

learned from reading *The Catholic Advocate* (see March 8, 2006, edition) of the rediscovery of the church bell at here St. Mary Parish, he decided to

visit his former parish.

Garrison was fascinated to learn that the bell, which had not rung in over 30 years, began booming “The Angelus” after an unlabeled switch—thought to be for an unlit sign in front of the church—was flipped. The bell, according to parish lore, had been silent all those years in response to complaints from a neighbor who said it interrupted his sleep.

Garrison climbed the bell tower and sketched the view that was used in a special edition Christmas card “The Bells of St. Mary.” The card depicts his view from atop the tower while portraying Rahway from a bygone era.

“It’s funny because the card is celebrating the bell’s rediscovery, but at the same time it is also illustrating the way things looked 30 years ago when the bell first went silent,” he explained.

“This is my first-ever church card and it is very special to me since, when I was growing up, I spent a lot of time at St. Mary’s. But I was also inspired by the story of this bell last year and I knew right away that I wanted to make St. Mary’s the focal point of my new card,” Garrison added. He noted too that although the perspective of the card is from the bell tower, many



New Jersey artist Lloyd Garrison offered his impressions of the Christmas season, portraying the town of Rahway from a bygone era. He was inspired to paint the scene after reading an article in *The Catholic Advocate*.

other Rahway landmarks, such as the Wheaten Tower, the Oliver Holmes Memorial and Rahway Theater, can also be seen.

Sales of cards took Garrison by surprise. “I knew these cards would sell quickly, but I really underestimated how many boxes would be bought,” he said.

Garrison, whose ancestors date back to Colonial times, is renowned for his portraits of Rahway in the 1950s and 1960s. One of his most famous murals, “The Battle of Spanktown,” hangs prominently in a local bank. Many of his oil paintings have been displayed at the Papermill Playhouse in Millburn.

“I’ll tell you one thing: Rahway was a great place to grow up,” he said. “I spent a lot of time at St. Mary’s Parish and I was not even Catholic back then. But they had the best dances around. That is where I met my wife, who was a parishioner, so I hold a warm place in my heart for the parish and the people of St. Mary’s. I hope my art brings back wonderful memories for them.”

(Editor’s note: Corinne Wnek is a long-time parishioner of St. Mary Parish and the chairperson of the Pastoral Council and Parish Life Committee. She also wrote the March 8, 2006 article on the parish’s long-dormant bell.)

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Yogi applauds OLMC's emphasis on good sportsmanship

MONTCLAIR—He helped raise a record 10 World Series Championship banners as a player. But on Dec. 19 at the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center on the campus of Montclair State University, Lawrence Peter “Yogi” Berra helped raise a different kind of banner.

The Yankee legend, American icon and Hall of Fame catcher helped Our Lady of Mount Carmel School (OLMC), Tenafly, raise the banner it received from the Institute for International Sport (Web site: www.international-sport.com/iishome.cfm) for being selected as an All-American Sportsmanship School.

The Institute for International Sport, founded in 1986, has established the All-American Sportsmanship School Award to honor schools that have exceptional sportsmanship programs. OLMC, with students residing in some 25 different communities throughout North Jersey, was selected out of thousands of schools—not only in the United States, but worldwide for its emphasis on sportsmanship.

A busload of students from OLMC represented the school at Yogi's museum. The students were selected based on essays they wrote on the topic: “Why is Sportsmanship Important?”

The visit included a tour of the museum and a discussion on sportsmanship by Dan Dougherty, dean of students and head baseball coach at Regis High School in New York City. A former baseball player at Harvard University, Dougherty's teams have won a number of city championships and were cited three of the past four years as “sportsmen of the year.”

Dougherty's presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session at the museum with the famous No. 8 (Yogi) of the Bronx Bombers.

Berra presented the All-American Banner to Principal Fran Orefice and the students. OLMC was also featured that day during a segment on News-Channel 4's Bruce Beck show as a contrast to the recent “unsportsmanlike” conduct of some professional athletes.

It was particularly significant that the presentation took place at the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center (www.yogiberramuseum.org), according to OLMC officials. The mission of the Berra Museum

is to preserve and promote the values of respect, sportsmanship, social justice and excellence through inclusive, culturally diverse, sports-based educational programs and exhibits.

Sportsmanship is one of the hallmark educational programs at the Berra Museum, which tries to teach social and cultural values that are as important off the field as they are on the field.

The Institute for International Sport is located on the campus of the University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI.



Photo courtesy of OLMC

Yankee legend Yogi Berra congratulates students from Our Lady of Mount Carmel (OLMC) School for the school's selection by the Institute for International Sport as an All-American Sportsmanship School. OLMC students visited the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center on Dec. 19.

March 31 Catholic Challenge: students share faith, wisdom

NEWARK—The fourth-annual Catholic Challenge education contest will be held Saturday, March 31, at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave.

Invitations to participate in the event are being sent out to all seventh and eighth graders of religious education programs in parishes and in Catholic schools. Contact the archdiocesan Catechetical Office at (973) 497-4285 for more information.

The Catholic Challenge is a project to help students deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith. Event organizers said the project is an opportunity for students to come together and share their knowledge of faith with one another.

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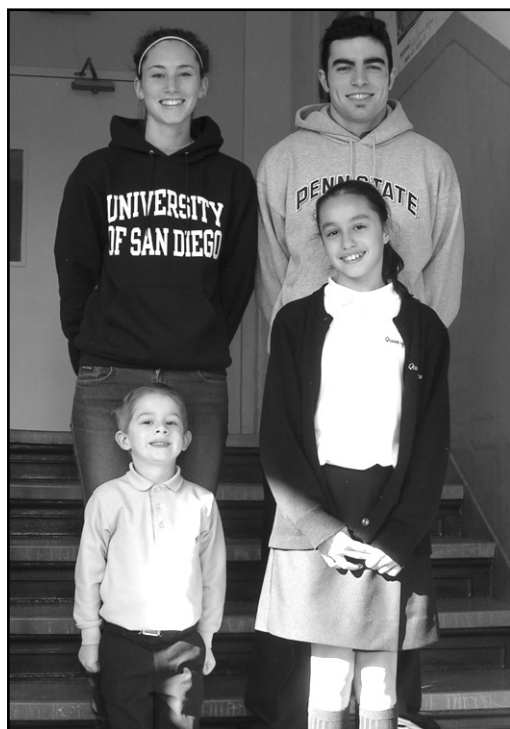
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Network continues quest for Urban Scholarship bill

BY MARY MCELROY
Special to The Catholic Advocate

NEWARK — “The squeaky wheel gets the grease,” an often-heard axiom, is generally an ef-

fective tactic, especially when navigating through the corridors of state government. Nowhere is that more evident than at the State House in Trenton.

The New Jersey Network

of Catholic School Families (www.njcatholicschools.org) is proud to serve as the “squeaky wheel,” existing to educate and mobilize individuals and organizations to be advocates of pub-

lic policies that support the families whose children attend N.J. Catholic schools.

The network represents the families of over 138,000 students in N.J. Catholic schools. More than 40,000 of those students are within the archdiocese. These families come from different faith traditions, economic backgrounds, races and cultures. These families also save the taxpayers of New Jersey over \$1.6 billion in education costs, annually.

The network continues to protect the funding for materials and services that nonpublic school students in suburban and urban areas are entitled to receive, such as textbooks, technology and nursing services, as well as compensatory and special education services. Foremost in the work of the network is promoting parity for Catholic school students as compared with their public school students, so that future school funding will follow the child, and not school districts.

An example of this is the Corporate Tax Credit Scholarship Act, also known as the Urban Schools Scholarship Act (S2228, A257), introduced in the state legislature and referred to the education committees of both the state Senate and Assembly (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Feb. 22, 2006).

The bill would generate a tax credit to corporations that make contributions to provide scholarships to low-income students who reside in selected major cities throughout New Jersey. Families would use these scholarships at a school that best meets their child’s needs—inside or outside the school district in



Mary McElroy

which they reside. (The text of the bills may be accessed online at www.njleg.state.nj.us).

The network is a member of the New Jersey School Choice Alliance (NJSCA), which works to advance meaningful school choice for all of New Jersey’s families. Together with the NJSCA, the network is working toward the passage of the Urban Schools Scholarship Act. Excellent Education for Everyone (E3), a well-known school choice advocacy group, is also a member of the NJSCA. Support for the bill amongst the legislature is growing, with new sponsors added after the bill was presented at last fall’s Evening of Legislative Dialogue, which was held at Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Oct. 25, 2006). The Archdiocese of Newark sponsored the forum.

“Many of the bill’s new sponsors have come on board because they understand that Catholic

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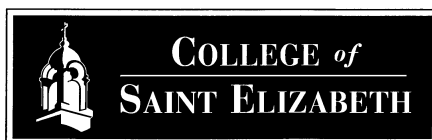
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Urban Scholarship bill

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 school closings are detrimental both to student futures, and the state's finances," Derrell Bradford, deputy director of E3, noted. "As much as this bill is about students, and giving children more access to quality educational outcomes, it's

Newark reception boosts McCarrick Fund coffers

NEWARK—Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety, Theodore Cardinal McCarrick and Archbishop John J. Myers joined forces last September at a reception in the archbishop's residence at Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in support of the Theodore Cardinal McCarrick Scholarship Fund. Over \$300,000 was raised at the event.

Administered by the Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC), the Cardinal McCarrick fund—founded in 2001 by Albert and Janice Gamper—provides much-needed scholarships to disadvantaged Newark residents of Hispanic heritage attending a Catholic high school.

The McCarrick Scholarship is one of several "special scholarships" administered through SFIC. In conjunction with SFIC's mission, all scholarships must be for needs-based, inner-city elementary or high school aged students in the Archdiocese of Newark.

Individuals seeking information about establishing a special scholarship fund may contact Susan Campbell, SFIC development director, at (973) 497-4280. Contributions can be sent to: SFIC, 171 Clifton Avenue, Box 9500, Newark, NJ 07104. Lorraine Cunningham is the executive director of the SFIC.



Photo courtesy of SFIC

Pictured at a reception in Newark last September are, left to right, Archbishop Emeritus Peter L. Gerety, Theodore Cardinal McCarrick and Archbishop John J. Myers. The reception raised over \$300,000 in support of the McCarrick Scholarship Fund.

about supporting key, non-public, educational institutions in the target districts. Catholic schools in these districts exemplify this reality." Bradford went on to say that constituent groups are increasingly aware that preservation and continued availability of Catholic schools is critical to achieving meaningful school choice.

Empowering students to take charge of their educational futures is also a priority of the network. The network is accomplishing this through the creation of a Secondary School Advocacy Network. Currently, Don Bosco

Prep, Ramsey, has instituted the Don Bosco Prep Student Advocacy Group, under the direction of Ellen Dudas, a volunteer network coordinator for Don Bosco Prep and of the student group.

When asked for the rationale behind advocacy by a student group, Dudas explained that the Don Bosco Prep Student Advocacy Group "will support The New Jersey Network of Catholic School Families by establishing a high school network of students that will be recognized as a constituency and that will coordi-

nate the continued efforts of faculty and parents at Don Bosco Prep to advocate for legislation that will benefit Catholic school families."

This student-driven group consists of 30 core members who will assist the Network by delivering brief updates at parent meetings, student gatherings and through student-produced media. Other secondary schools within the archdiocese are pursuing creating student-driven advocacy groups.

(Editor's note: McElroy is the archdiocesan director of the New Jersey Network of Catholic School Families.)

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2004, was accomplished through the generosity of alumnae, friends and foundations.

Sister Joan Digan, a Latin teacher at Marylawn for 35 years, will direct the center. A formal ribbon cutting ceremony to unveil the media center is slated for Feb. 25.

The second phase of the capital investment project at Marylawn, which will expand the online media capabilities of the center, is now underway. The Junior League of South Orange & Maplewood is volunteering to support this project. Total investment for the two phases of the center will register \$144,500. Marylawn of the Oranges, founded in 1935, is a private Catholic college preparatory school for young women. Mary S. O'Connor is the principal of Marylawn.

Immaculate Heart Academy (IHA), Township of Washington, recently unveiled its new Information Commons—a modern wireless, online, media center (see *The Catholic Advocate*, Nov. 22, 2006). The center features multiple meeting rooms, reading areas, and a 60-inch plasma TV. Sister Ellen Cronan, A.S.C.J., is the principal of IHA.

In addition to media hubs, several schools are building new athletic facilities. For example, Mount St. Dominic Academy, Caldwell, last year broke ground for a new gymnasium, which is slated to have its grand opening later this year.

“The athletic department is extremely excited about the new athletic center that is being built. What started out as a dream will soon become a reality,” Lorenzo Sozio, athletic director, said. Once the gymnasium is completed, Mount St. Dominic Academy will begin upgrading its performing arts center.

St. Paul's Interparochial School, Ramsey, has launched a project that will yield a new gym, an improved auditorium and more office and classroom space. Plans also call for an inner courtyard, which can be used for a variety of purposes.

(Laura Cristiano is the director of marketing and public relations for the Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Newark.)



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Cristo Rey school

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Annual tuition at Christ the King is \$2,500. Student applications are available by contacting Father Glynn by phone

at (973) 497-4596 or via e-mail at glynnedw@rcan.org.

A former president of St. Peter's College, Jersey City, from 1978 to 1990, Father Glynn last year was tapped by Archbishop John J. Myers to lead the Cristo Rey project (see *The Catholic Advocate*, April 12, 2006). Most recently he held the post of president at John Carroll University in Cleveland and also served as president of Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA. Father Glynn is the author of over 40 articles and 25 book reviews, and has been awarded five honorary doctorates.

The declining quality of urban education ranks as one of the most serious problems in the United States, according to Father Glynn. Considering the vast challenges to address this dilemma, he touted

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Additional information on Cristo Rey schools is available at: www.cristoreynetwork.org.

Christ the King will integrate academics, community activities and corporate internships. Corporate sponsors are a necessary prerequisite for Cristo Rey schools.

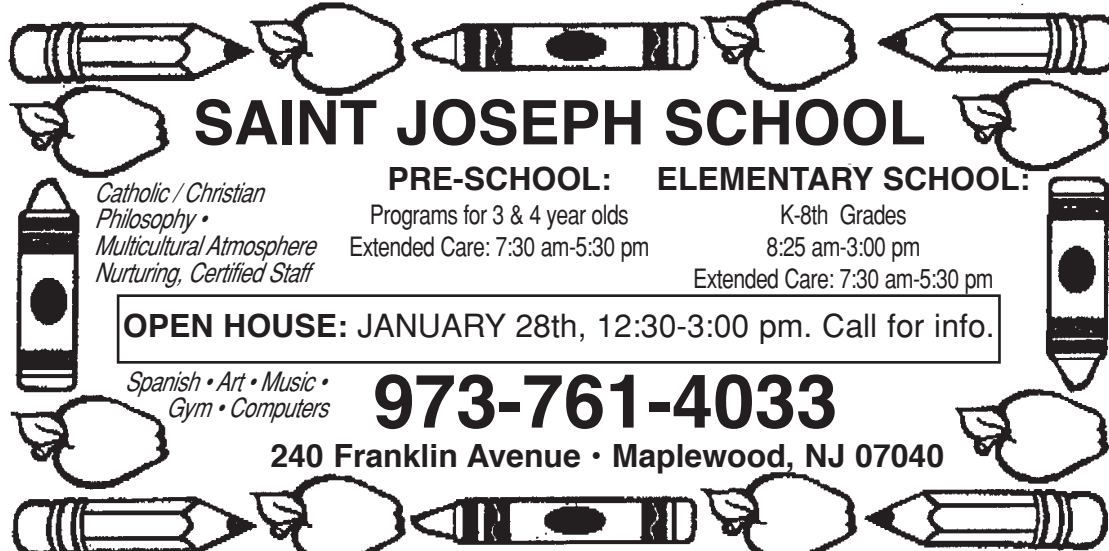


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St. Dominic Academy salutes leadership of alumnae



Benjamin Dineen, SDA president, left, is pictured with honorees and board members, (left to right) trustee Marie J. Varley, EdD '56, Kathleen Wynn Barnitt '59, Anne Dalton O'Brien '65, Andrea Fahrenholz '96, Elsie Mendoza-Thongvichith '94, Sharon Whelpley '94, Melissa Falco Gigante '94, Maureen Nally '84, Sister Alice Uhl, O.P., chair of the board of trustees and trustee Philip Frezzo, DVM.

JERSEY CITY—St. Dominic Academy's (SDA) board of trustees honored alumnae leaders at the school's eighth-annual gala held Nov. 4 at Casino-in-the-Park.

Honorees were Kathleen Wynn Barnitt, class of '59, Anne Dalton O'Brien '65, as well as alumnae law enforcement officers and firefighters.

Barnitt is a longtime supporter of SDA who spearheaded the reconstruction of Madonna Hall, which is a reception and salon used for SDA's most special gatherings. She has been an educator and co-owner of an interior design firm, and currently enjoys restoring old homes. Barnitt volunteers at the Sisters Academy in Asbury Park and serves as a Trustee emerita of SDA.

O'Brien was honored for being

a leader of SDA and dedicated volunteer in her community. "Whatever I have given doesn't compare to what I get back in return," she told the crowd.

She coached SDA's soccer team from 1988 to 2005, winning three undefeated Hudson County Athletic Association Championships. She also established SDA's Sister-to-Sister Scholarship and runs an annual alumnae basketball game that helps fund the scholarship. She is a co-founder of North Arlington's Girls Basketball League and continues to coach the eighth grade travel team.

O'Brien has served on North Arlington's Recreation Commission for over 20 years. She also founded Friends of North Arlington, which aided victims of catastrophic illness or accident.

The third category of honorees recognized all SDA alumnae who serve as public law enforcement officers or firefighters, including: Bayonne Police Sgt. Janine Nesheiwat Foy '88 and officer DeAna Mendez; Delaware State Probation Officer; Diane De Benedicis '94; Hoboken Police Sergeant Melissa Falco Gigante '94; Hudson County Sheriff's Officer Sharon Whelpley '94; Jersey City Firefighter Maureen Nally '84; Jersey City police officers Capt. Datina Rinn '74; Detective Amy Hulings Culhane '88, Officer Elsie Mendoza Thongvichith '94, Andrea Fahrenholz '96 and N.J. Transit police officer Elizabeth Clark-Farrell '91.

Nally was one of the first female firefighters in the history of Jersey City. Nally, who became a firefighter after 9/11, spoke on behalf of the law enforcement honorees and said that it struck her that all the women honored in her category live out the words to the school's alma mater: "boast of courage, truth and honor."

Clark-Farrell became the only woman appointed to the training unit and the first female firearms instructor at the Essex County Police Academy.

Provident Bank Scholars Angela Condo '07 and Mitali Thakore '09, on behalf of SDA's scholarship recipients, thanked attendees for contributing to SDA's scholarship fund.

The school Web site at www.stdominicacad.com is seeking alumnae volunteers to share their career experiences with students for the school's Career Day event, which will be held Friday, March 9. Contact Jessica Moran, SDA guidance counselor, at (201) 434-5938, ext. 53, for details.

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Attendees spanned graduating classes from 1934 to 1970. Former classmates renewed acquaintances, shared memories and danced to juke box music from the 1950s and 1960s.

Reunion organizers honored the Sisters of the Dominican Order of Caldwell. Stephen Leary presented a bronzed plaque to Prioress Arlene Antczak on behalf of the alumni.

The school was founded in 1891. Classes were held in the old barn-like structure until 1991, when it was demolished and classes began in the

new Trinity Academy—a co-sponsored school on the premises of the three local parishes: St. Aloysius; Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament (Roseland); and Notre Dame (North Caldwell).

Special guests included: Msgr. Michael Desmond, pastor of St. Aloysius Parish; Father Donald Hummel, archdiocesan director of continuing education and formation; Father Benedict Groeschel, a nationally prominent author and retreat leader; and Father Roger Haight S.J.

Committee members for the reunion included Leary, Ed Hoff, Jerome Leary, Peg Vanderlyn, Maureen Dougherty, Teresa Downs, Tom McGuinness, Barbara Flanigan, Tom Gartland, Jack McCormick and Jim Brown.

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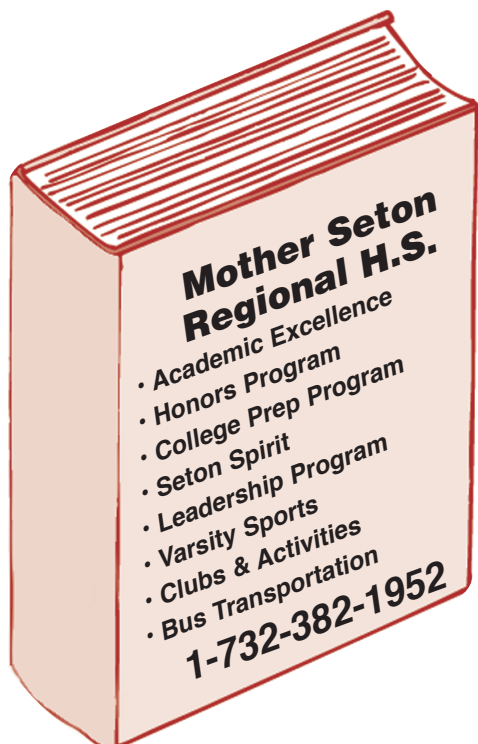
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Cagers raise funds for scholarships

HOOPS HEAVEN—Top-ranked boys high school basketball teams treated fans to exciting games at the fourth-annual archdiocesan Scholarship Fund for Inner City Children (SFIC) Basketball Festival, played in Walsh Gymnasium on the campus of Seton Hall University (photos on this page and page 28). The festival, held on Jan. 6, featured three individual games (there was no tournament championship), which showcased archdiocesan basketball powerhouses. St. Benedict's Prep of Newark topped Paterson Catholic 85-57; St. Patrick High School of Elizabeth defeated Living Faith Christian Academy of Cherry Hill, 70-55; and St. Anthony's of Jersey City notched a 73-35 win over Bergen Catholic. Festival proceeds went to the SFIC scholarship fund. New York-based apparel retailer Aeropostale Inc. sponsored the event. Following the games, Lorraine Cunningham, SFIC executive director, and Bill Fitzpatrick, festival chairman and SFIC trustee, presented academic excellence awards to the student athletes. For additional information about the scholarship fund visit www.sficnj.org online or contact Susan Campbell, SFIC director of development, at (973) 497-4280.

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Schools list open house dates

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

AREA—Schools throughout the Archdiocese of Newark have scheduled their open house dates during Catholic Schools Week.

Cedar Grove-based St. Catherine of Siena School will hold an open house for preschool to eighth grade students and their parents on Sunday, Jan. 28, 1:30 to 3 p.m.; Tuesday, Jan. 30, 9:30 to 11 a.m. and Wednesday,

Jan. 31, 9:30 to 11 a.m.

St. Catherine of Siena School offers technology and science labs, an “Extreme Thinking” enrichment program, foreign language instruction, music, art, physical education and public speaking in its core curriculum. The preschool program provides three-year-old children a morning and afternoon session, two days a week. The four-year-old program is offered three days a week. Registration begins Feb. 6. For more information, visit www.scs-school-cedargrovenj.org or call (973) 239-6968.

Sacred Heart School, Lyndhurst, will have two open houses planned on Jan. 28 and Feb. 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8:30 p.m. respectively. Parents can meet teachers, students, parents of enrolled students and administrators including the principal

and director of early childhood programs.

The “Small Blessings” program at Sacred Heart offers full- and half-day programs with flexible scheduled for grades Pre-K-3 and Pre-K-4. The school also offers full-day programs for students in grades Kindergarten through eighth grade. Child care before and after school also is available.

The school features a state-of-the-art computer lab. Sacred Heart students take part in more than 20 extracurricular activities including on-site instrumental music, sports, cheerleading, community service projects, student government and theater.

To help families with tuition, Sacred Heart Schools offers flexible payment program and discounts for enrolled siblings. Call (201) 939-4277 or go online at www.sacredheartlynd.org for more information.

An open house for seventh and eight grade students and their par-

ents will be held Jan. 27 from 10 a.m. until noon at Saint Joseph of the Palisades High School in West New York. Call (201) 864-9700 or visit www.saintjoseph-wny.com for additional information.

Montvale’s Saint Joseph Regional High School has scheduled its final open house of the year for Jan. 28 from noon to 2 p.m. Seventh and eighth graders and their families can learn about the school’s programs and people. Current students will conduct tours and guests will have the opportunity to speak with faculty, administrators and parents. For additional information visit the school’s Web site (www.saintjosephregional.org) or call (201) 391-3300.

Aquinas Academy at St. Philomena Parish, Livingston, has two open house programs planned for Catholic Schools Week. First, on Jan. 28, there will be a noon Mass followed by a tour of the school in conjunction with the opportunity to speak with faculty, parents, guardians and students.

The second open house at Aquinas Academy will take place on Jan. 31 from 9 to 11 a.m. Call the school office at (973) 992-1587 or visit the school’s Web site (www.stphilomena.org/AQA/Home.HTM) for details on the two dates.

A listing of Catholic Schools Week open houses can be found on the archdiocesan Web site at www.rcan.org/schools.



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CSE taps Sister Alice for board of trustees

MORRISTOWN — The College of Saint Elizabeth (CSE) has appointed Sister Alice Sullivan, S.C., of Passaic to its board of trustees and the announced the return of past trustees Richard W. Keely of Morris Plains and Randolph resident Robert E. Meehan.

“Our new and returning trustee members bring valuable leadership experience and a deep com-

mitment to the college,” CSE President Sister

Francis Raftery said “I am confident that the counsel and insight they will bring to our deliberations will serve the College of Saint Elizabeth extremely well.”

For 58 years, Sister Alice has dedicated her life to the mission of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in

Education from the College of Saint Elizabeth in 1958 and went on to receive her Master of Arts degree in Educational Psychology from the Catholic University in Washington, D.C. in 1967. She completed her doctoral studies in 1986 at Fordham University. She has worked within the Catholic education

sector in New Jersey since 1949 as a teacher, principal and associate superintendent of schools in the Diocese of Paterson.

“I am extremely privileged to be appointed by my alma mater,” Sister Alice said. “Hopefully, my many years in the educational field will prove helpful. I shall do my best.”

CSE (Web site: www.cse.edu) was founded in 1899 by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth. It was the first permanent four-year liberal arts college for women to be established under either public or private auspices in the State of New Jersey, and is among the first Catholic colleges in the United States to grant degrees to women.

Union Catholic junior snips her hair for ‘Locks of Love’



BEFORE AND AFTER— Rahway resident Sarah Palenik (bottom photo), a junior at Union Catholic High School, Scotch Plains, two years ago made a decision that she would grow out her hair and donate 10 inches of her long, blonde locks to the national “Locks of Love” program. Now that she has donated her own hair, Palenik is recruiting other students at Union Catholic to do the same. Current Union Catholic parent, Patti Kilkenny (top photo), donated her time and talent as a hairdresser for Sarah’s project. Kilkenny is employed at the Nicole Michelle Hair Spa, Cranford, which packaged the hair for the group. Locks of Love (Web site: www.locksoflove.org) is a non-profit organization based in Lake Worth, FL, that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under age 18 who suffer from long-term hair loss and other medical conditions.

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Felician College achieves NGO status

LODI—Felician College has become the 18th institution of higher learning in the country to achieve United Nations' designation as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO).

As an NGO, Felician College students are eligible for U.N. internships. Brother Kevin Smith, O.S.F., associate professor of religious studies, along with Sister Theresa Mary Martin and Dr. Mary E. Norton serve as the official representatives of the Felician College NGO.

"As a faith-based group, our input is welcome as a moral conscience," Brother Smith explained.

The college was able to attain NGO status after two years of working in partnership with Caritas Internationalis, a faith-based NGO. Based in Vatican City, Caritas Internationalis (Web site: www.caritas.org) is a confederation of 162 Catholic relief, development and social service organizations, working to aid the poor and oppressed in over 200 countries and territories.

The partnership, developed by Dr. Norton, allowed Felician student interns to work at the United Nations every week for two years. Students who enroll in the internship program will earn three credits per semester.

As an NGO, Felician is "committed to raise public awareness about the purposes and activities of the United Nations and issues of global concern," a college spokesman said. Toward that end, students attend weekly briefings, forums and conferences addressing issues such as extreme poverty, AIDS, global values and methods of achieving the Millennium Development Goals. They work about 10 hours per week at the United Nations throughout the semester.

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OPERATION 'THANK YOU'—The Junior Youth Group of Holy Family Parish, Nutley, last November conducted its "Operation Thank You" project. The effort was a drive where students collected and donated much-needed clothing, gifts and personal items for military veterans living in area group homes. Ann Volpe, a Belleville resident, serves as the minister of the Holy Family youth group. Good Shepherd Academy is based at the Nutley parish.

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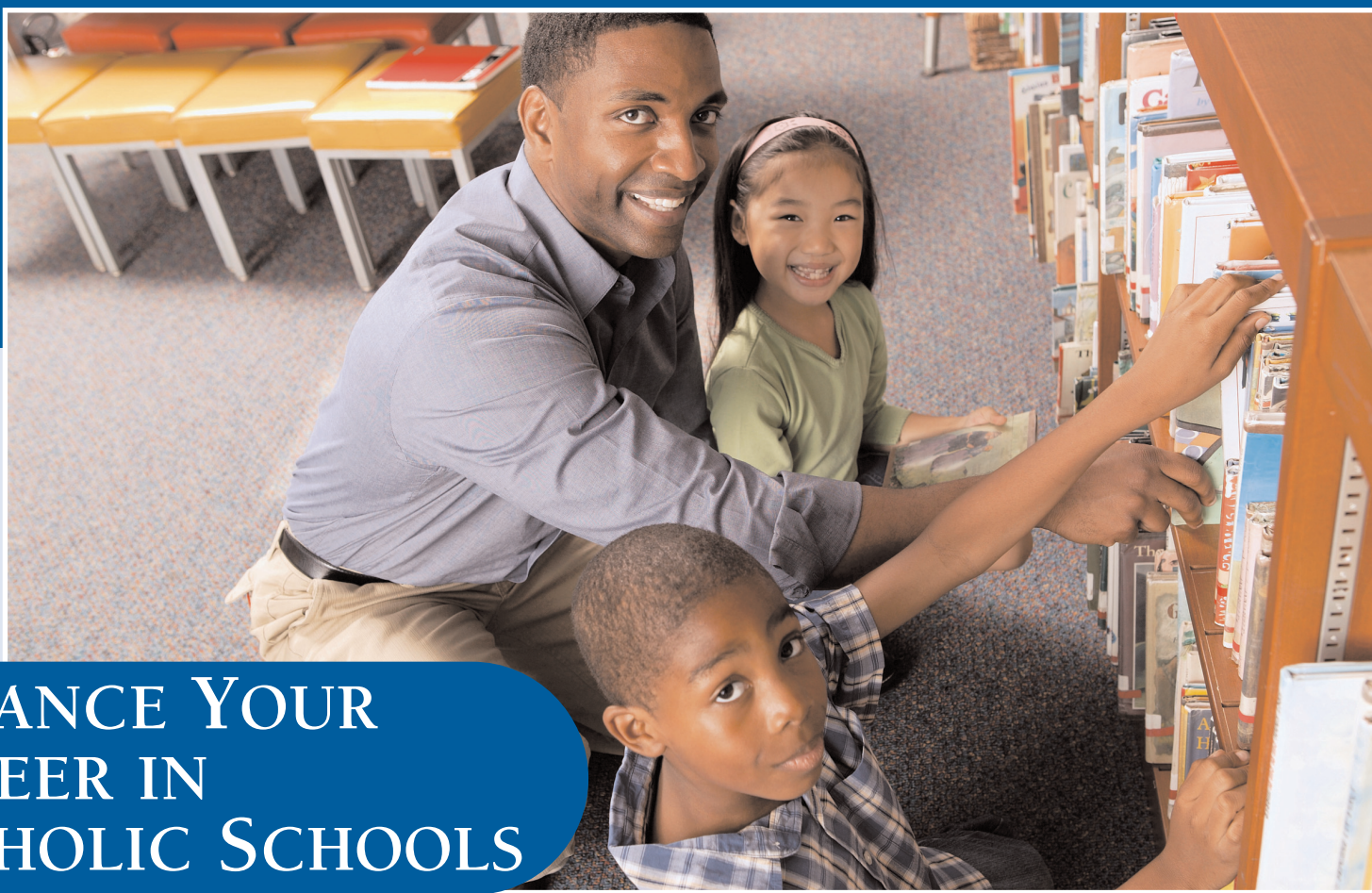
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Archdiocesan schools prepare plethora of programs, events

BY WARD MIELE
Managing Editor

AREA—Schools throughout the Archdiocese of Newark have planned numerous activities to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. The following is a partial listing of events, dates and locations.

Our Lady of Libera School, West New York

Our Lady of Libera School, West New York, will celebrate a special Sunday Mass at 10 a.m. on Jan. 28, which will be attended by students, parishioners, faculty and staff. Students will speak at the Mass on the importance of attending their school. An open house in the gym and cafeteria, featuring student artwork and essays, follows Mass.

The following day, from 9 to 9:45 a.m., Sister Arline from the Holy Childhood Association will speak to the Pre-K to 8 students on the importance of the missions. The students will present her with a check.

A Spelling Bell begins at 1 p.m. with the winners representing the school in The Jersey Journal Spelling Bee. A Social Studies Bee is planned for Jan. 30 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. It will include world and American history.

A Mathematics Bee is sched-

uled for 1 p.m. for grades four through eight. From 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 31 a Religion Bee for first through eighth grades will take place. The winner advances to the archdiocesan Catholic Challenge in March.

A Big Brother/Big Sister Day follows from 1 to 2 p.m. with grades four through eight preparing programs for Pre-K to third grade students. It will also be a no-homework day for the school. A parent-teacher meeting will be from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. when report cards will be distributed.

Feb. 1 is Students Appreciation Day and Sport Day at Our Lady of Libera School. The following day the Catholic Schools Week program concludes with Teacher Appreciation Day and Pastor Appreciation Day. Father Philip J. Rotunno will celebrate his 16 years as pastor. The day begins with Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Immaculate Conception School, Secaucus

Immaculate Conception School (ICS), Secaucus, is inviting parents to visit its facilities during Catholic Schools Week. ICS is among the first schools in the area to receive Middle States Accreditation. It is known for a disciplined and

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Photo courtesy of Our Lady of Libera

Our Lady of Libera School, West New York, has planned a host of activities to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Students and faculty kicked off the school year on a happy note when they received a generous gift from Msgr. Joseph Masiello and Holy Trinity Parish of Westfield—part of a summer campaign known as “Project Backpack.” As reported in the Aug. 23, 2006 edition of *The Catholic Advocate*, Holy Trinity donated backpacks, school supplies and over \$1,800 in cash to the West New York school. Ana Marie Castaneda is the principal of Our Lady of Libera.



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nurturing environment, family atmosphere and providing students with individualized attention and encouragement.

The school provides programs in math, science, socials studies, language arts and religion. Grades run from kindergarten through grade eight. There are also full and half day pre-school programs for three and four year olds. For additional information call the school of-

rice at (201) 864-9346 or visit the Web site: www.mywebpages.comcast.net/icssecaucus.

Corpus Christi School, Hasbrouck Heights

Corpus Christi School, Hasbrouck Heights, will celebrate a Mass in the chapel Feb. 28 at 10:30 a.m. Mass will be followed by an open house and registration. Personal tours will be available to new families from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. "In Our Community" is the theme for the following day with a "Priest Appreciation" assembly that will end in the evening at a local Friendly's Restaurant, where a portion of the receipts

will be donated back to the school.

The theme for Jan. 30 is "In Our Students." Students in grades Pre-K through second grade will bring in their grandparents and special friends for a Grandparent Social. It is also a "no-homework day" for the upper grades.

Another open house and registration will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. The day will also feature a science fair presented by the upper grades. An evening concert by grades three through five will end the day.

"Through Our Volunteers" takes place on Feb. 1 when the school's volunteers will receive letters of thanks and have their names added to the Honor Roll of Volunteers. The dress code that day will be black and gold, the school's colors. There will

also be an International Day program, a special basketball-oriented assembly and pep rally.

The final day of Catholic School Week will be marked by a "With Our Teachers" themed schedule. A closing Mass will be celebrated in the morning. There will also be an honors awards ceremony.

For additional information on the open houses and registration call (201) 288-0614.

Academy of the Most Blessed Sacrament School, Franklin Lakes

Special programs at Academy of the Most Blessed Sacrament School in Franklin Lakes will highlight the school achieving Academy status. The school has three divisions: Early Childhood Education, elementary grades one through five and The Aquinas School at Academy

of the Most Blessed Sacrament for grades six through eight.

Throughout the week student "ambassadors," Home-Academy Partnership parents and alumnae will offer tours of the campus. Students will serve as readers, greeters and ushers at the 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and noon masses on Sunday, Jan. 28 the first day of Catholic Schools Week.

In addition, two open houses are planned: Jan. 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Featured will be the school's high school preparatory programs.

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SOUTH ORANGE—Seton Hall University's Stillman School of Business will host the second-annual Jim and Judy O'Brien Financial Markets and Economic Colloquium on Jan. 31 from 4 to 6 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

Panelists will address hot-button economic issues including: Will technology see a resurgence in investment? Have we begun a bull market or is a bull market just ending?; What caused the rise and fall of energy prices over the last three years, what does the future of energy prices look like, and how will that affect the economy? and What will the Federal Reserve do in 2007 and how can investors best position themselves?

Panelists are James Altucher, internet technology expert and partner at Formula Capital, a hedge fund; Jeffrey Bagley, a value oriented investor and a vice president as well as equities and portfolio manager at McCabe Capital Managers, Ltd.; Anthony Dwyer, an equity market strategist with FTN Midwest; Douglass Kass, a dedicated short seller and president of Seabreeze Partners Management, Inc.; Brian Reynolds, a fixed-income specialist and chief market strategist of M.S. Howells & Co., an institutional brokerage firm; Scott Rothbort, professor of finance at Seton Hall University and president of LakeView Asset Management and Cody Willard, a technology and telecommunications expert and manager of CL Willard Capital Management, LLC.

QPHS students

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vicar and youth minister. The performers during the tour included two former QPHS students who are now in college.

Junior Alice Cichon used two words to describe her experience... "amazing, breathtaking." She said she was "so moved" by the entire trip. Matt Haines, another member of the Class of 2007, was also "amazed." The trip, he explained, was a "dream" of Father Muzas who "made it happen." For senior Andrew Tomaszewski, it was "exciting; a great pleasure seeing the pope and to sing for him." Tomaszewski was also struck by the overall cultural experience during the tour of Italy.

Pope Benedict made a lasting impression on the QPHS students on several levels. At the Papal Mass, Tomaszewski said he was in the presence of "the greatest person in the Church." Haines remembers that being "10 feet away" from the pontiff was "the most incredible thing in the world." Citing the papal blessing, Tomaszewski said the whole ex-

perience "strengthened" his faith.

Haines said he will never forget actually "seeing" Pope Benedict. It enabled the teenager to relate to the Holy Father "on a human level." At the first moment he saw the pope, explained Tomaszewski, he was struck by "what a kind and gentle person" the Church has in Pope Benedict.

For Stroedecke, being in the presence of the pope was akin to "seeing Jesus Christ in human form." It is something, she added, that she will be able to look back on during "tough times."

Cichon, who is of Polish heritage and speaks the language, recalls vividly being "touched" at the moment Pope Benedict gave his blessing in Polish.

Asked to reflect on the trip, "wow" was the first reaction of Father Muzas. Among his tasks were the logistics of the tour in conjunction with honing the musical performances. The entire trip, he explained, impacted him from the perspective of "just being a human being of faith, I was overwhelmed and uplifted."

Noting that he had seen the Holy Father during World Youth Day two years ago in



Photo courtesy of Queen of Peace High School

Resplendent in their robes, the Schola Cantorum from Queen of Peace High School takes time for the camera in front of St. Peter's Basilica.

the pope's native Germany, Father Muzas explained he "discovered how much I really love these kids." The

trip also "renewed the focus of my ministry, I know I have a responsibility toward them."

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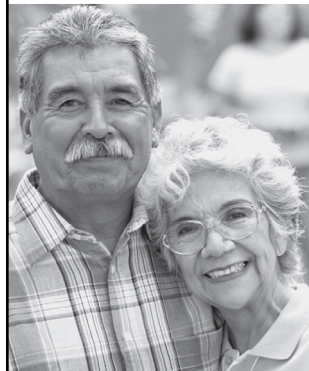
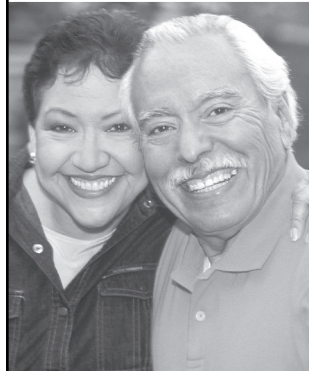
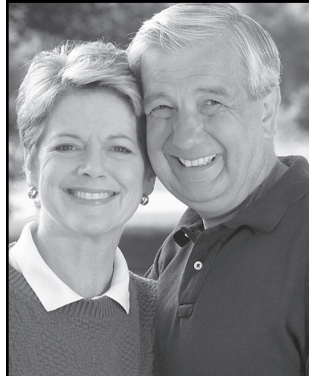
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Broadway stars Sarah Rice (left) and Cris Groenendaal will perform at Don Bosco Prep Chapel Concert on Friday, Feb. 9. The concert is titled: "Isn't It Romantic—Songs to Keep Our Love Alive."



Broadway luminaries Rice, Groenendaal to perform Feb. 9 at Don Bosco Chapel

RAMSEY—Broadway stars Cris Groenendaal and Sarah Rice will perform favorite love songs from famous musicals on Friday, Feb. 9, 8 p.m., at the Don Bosco Prep Chapel, 492 North Franklin Turnpike. The concert is titled: "Isn't It Romantic—Songs to Keep Our Love Alive."

Groenendaal, who originated the role of Andre in "The Phantom of the Opera," and also starred as Anthony Hope in "Sweeney Todd," and as Miles Gloriosus in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," will share the spotlight with Rice, who originated the role of Johanna in Sweeney Todd, and also appeared in "The Fantastiks" and "The Music Man."

This concert, an intimate evening of songs celebrating romance, will showcase works selected from a variety of composers including Stephen Sondheim, Jerome Kern, Ivor Novello, Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt. The selections will range from Mozart through Kurt Weill. The repertoire includes styles that are campy to compelling, take-charge to transcendent.

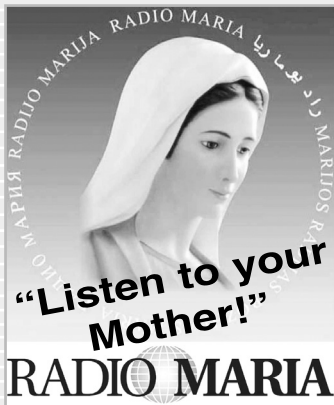
Broadway pianist Sue Anderson will accompany the

two vocalists. All songs will be performed without amplification.

Produced by Don Bosco Prep Chapel Concerts under the direction of Toni Bilotti Cecere—the choral director at Don Bosco Prep—the concert is the third in series of chapel concerts to be presented by the school. Other featured performers include concert organist Gordon Turk, who will perform on March 4, and the New Jersey Youth Chorus on May 6.

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Pastor issues urgent call

HARRINGTON PARK—Father Bryan Adamcik, the pastor of Our Lady of Victories Parish whose mother has been diagnosed with leukemia and is in constant need of blood transfusions and blood platelets, has issued a call throughout the Archdiocese of Newark for blood donations.

Those interested should call Hackensack Hospital at (201) 996-4819 and speak to Nadia Nahnooch in Blood Donor Services to make an appointment. No walk-ins will be accepted.

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To donate platelets, which Father Adamcik's mother needs most because she gets them two to three times a day, the hours are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. The process for platelets takes three hours. Anyone donating platelets cannot have taken aspirin or Advil within three days of donating. Only Tylenol is permissible.

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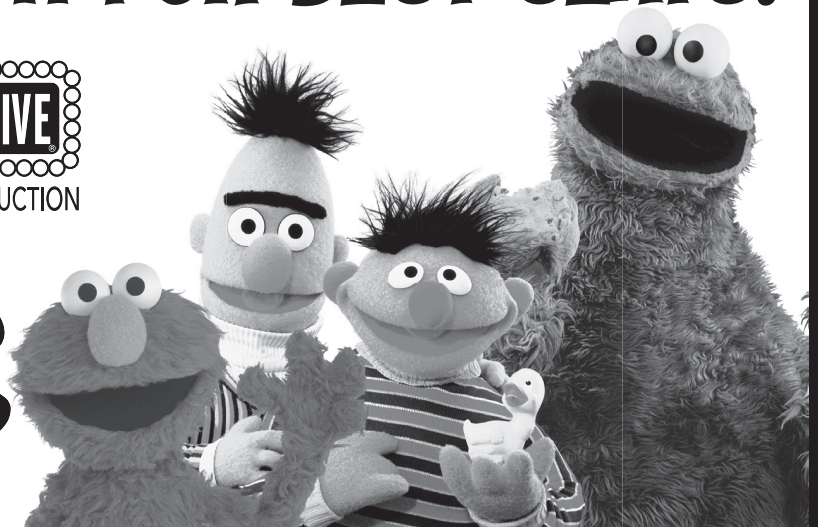
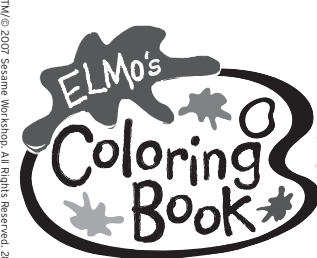
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Father McTague, seafaring priest, succumbs

HARRISON — “Father Charlie was a holy priest” Rev. Msgr. John J. Gilchrist, pastor of Holy Cross Parish, declared in his homily at a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated Jan. 18 by Archbishop John J. Myers for Father Charles H. McTague, 87, who died Jan. 13.

Father McTague was the retired pastor of St. Peter Claver Parish in Montclair and retired chaplain of the Apostleship of the Sea at Stella Maris Chapel in Port Newark. Until recently he had lived at Holy Cross Parish.

Born on Jan. 9, 1920 in Buffalo, N.Y., he attended Immaculate Conception School in Montclair. He was a high school student at Seton Hall Prep and moved on to Seton Hall University where he earned a bachelor’s degree and later a master’s degree in economics and social work. Father McTague was ordained to the priesthood in Newark in 1947.

He joined the Seafarers Union of the Pacific in 1938. Three years later, as a young seminarian, he discovered the grave of Pierre Toussaint who would be declared Venerable in 1996 by Pope John Paul II, at Old Saint Patrick’s Cathedral in New York.

His first assignment was to

Saint Anne the Mother of Mary Parish in Garwood where he helped organize credit unions. Father McTague moved on to St. John the Baptist Parish in Fairview where he served from 1954 to 1973.

While at St. John’s, he received support from the Seafarers International Unions to further study cooperatives and credit unions at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

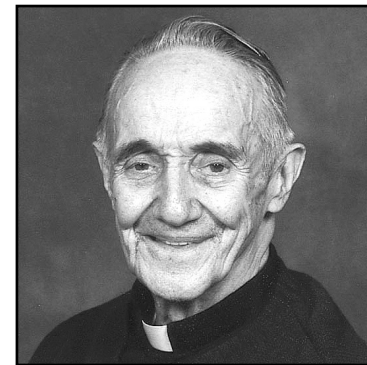
Upon his return, Father McTague established refugee reser-

tlement programs and initiated Chinese language masses. In 1973 he was assigned to the “Peace Ship” that broadcast messages of peace in Arabic and Hebrew off the coasts of Israel, Lebanon and Egypt.

The next year he became pastor of St. Peter Claver Mission Parish in Montclair. He revived the parish while initiating French-Haitian and Korean language masses. His next assignment was in 1977 to Stella Maris Chapel. Father McTague started a Sea Scouts troop, established

the Serenity Hour and visited thousands of ships.

Father McTague traveled extensively to Russia, China, Kenya and Iceland. Two years ago he received the Star of the Sea award from the Apostleship of the Sea in recognition of his 67 years of service with the organization.



Father Charles H. McTague



Photo courtesy of Marist High School


KING’S LEGACY CELEBRATED—The legacy of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was celebrated last week at Marist High School in Bayonne. Members of the school’s choral group, left to right, Tanavia Davis-Moore, Jessenia Pinkney, Sarah Rocha, Cassandra Acloque and Permesa Simmons, performed for the occasion. Campus Minister Father Jamie Bono and senior Anthony Biggham, an ordained junior minister at his church, led a prayer service. Biggham discussed Dr. King’s influence on his life. Seniors Jamil Holden and James Morgan provided personal reflections on Dr. King.

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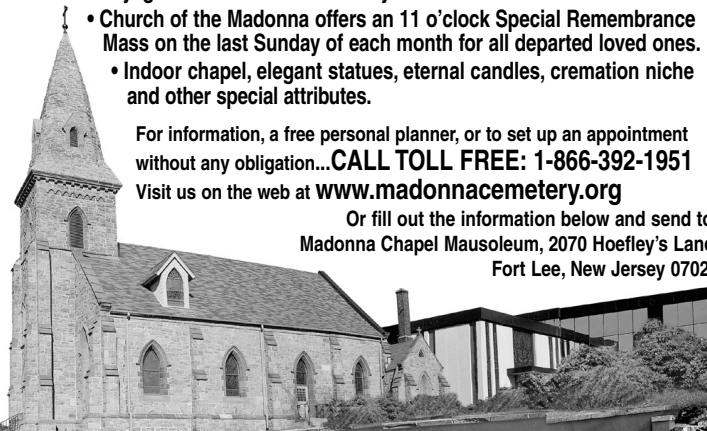
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Archbishop taps Msgr. Doran to become new vicar general

NEWARK—Archbishop John J. Myers has appointed Rev. Msgr. John E. Doran, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, South Orange, as vicar general and moderator of the curia of the archdiocese.

The appointment is effective Feb. 15. Msgr. Doran also will serve as acting chancellor until such time as a chancellor is named.

Also effective on Feb. 15, Msgr. Robert E. Emery, who has served the archdiocese as vicar general, moderator of the curia and chancellor since 2004, has been appointed pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish.

Msgr. Doran was ordained to the priesthood in 1972 after studies at the College Seminary at Seton Hall University and Immaculate Conception Seminary. He served as parochial vicar at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Maplewood and at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

In 1978, he was appointed secretary to Archbishop Peter L.

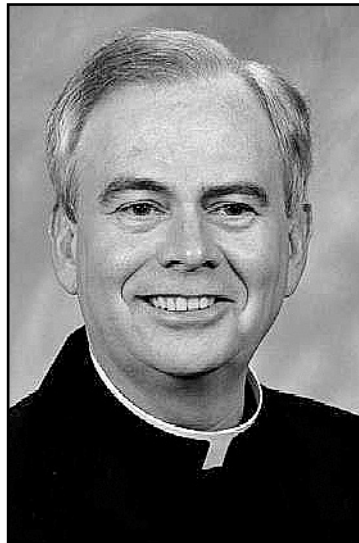
Gerety and five years later became vice chancellor of the archdiocese. He served in both positions until 1987, when he was named rector of the College Seminary at Seton Hall.

Pope John Paul II, in 1986, named Msgr. Doran a chaplain of His Holiness, with the title of Reverend Monsignor. He was appointed pastor of St. Cassian Parish, Upper Montclair in 1991, and pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in 1997.

Between 2002 and 2004, while serving as pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows, Msgr. Doran also held the position of regional vicar for Essex County, responsible for the administration of all parishes in the county.

Two years ago, His Holiness Pope John Paul II named Msgr. Doran a "Prelate of Honor," with the title Reverend Monsignor.

Archbishop Myers, in announcing the appointments, asked all members of the archdiocese to



Rev. Msgr. John E. Doran

"join in prayers of thanksgiving for both of these fine priests for the noteworthy service in their past and current assignments, and in prayers of support as they each assume new responsibilities in the archdiocese."

Mass at St. Stephen's on Feb. 4 will honor Father John Washington

BY MICHAEL C. GABRIELE
Editor

KEARNY—St. Stephen's Parish, 676 Kearny Ave., will celebrate a special noon Mass on Sunday, Feb. 4, to honor the memory of Father John Washington, a hero chaplain who died during World War II.

Most Rev. John Flesey, S.T.D., D.D., auxiliary bishop of Newark, will preside and deliver the homily. An honor guard consisting of veterans from all branches of the military will participate in the Mass, along with the Kearny Police Department Honor Guard, Boy Scout Troop 305 (chartered to St. Stephen's), and the Fourth Degree Color Guard of the Knights of Columbus, Father Washington Assembly.

Father Washington was a priest in the archdiocese who was assigned to St. Stephen's Parish. The Mass here on Feb. 4 will commemorate the 64th anniversary of the attack on the U.S.A.T. Dorchester—a military transport ship that was torpedoed by a German sub (U-223) and sank about 100 miles off the coast of Greenland in the North Atlantic Ocean on Feb. 3, 1943. Father Washington served as the Catholic chaplain on the ship.

As the ship was sinking, the chain of command broke down and four chaplains who were on board—Father Washington; Rabbi Alexander Goode; Rev. George L. Fox, a Methodist minister; and Rev. Clark V. Poling, a Dutch Reformed minister—oversaw the distribution of life jackets to more than 900 sailors.

Unfortunately, there were not enough life jackets for all the sailors. In the ultimate act of sacrifice, the four chaplains gave up their jackets. As the ship was sinking, it was reported that the four chaplains stood together, praying arm in arm.

The United States Postal Service, in 1948, issued a stamp to honor the memory of the Four Chaplains. Two years ago, the town of Kearny honored Father Washington by renaming the street in front of St. Stephen's rectory: "Father John Washington Way." The Hallmark Channel, also in 2004, premiered a movie documenting the sinking of the Dorchester, while Dan Kurzman published his book "No Greater Glory," which told the story of the Four Chaplains.

Contact Father Joseph Mancini, parochial vicar of St. Stephen's, at (201) 998-3314 for more information on the Mass. Father Mancini also serves as the executive director of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, based here at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center.

Feb. 10 dinner dance to benefit Camp Fatima

UNION—St. Michael's Parish will sponsor a Valentine Dinner Dance on Saturday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m. to midnight, at the Knights of Columbus hall, located here on Jeanette Avenue.

Tickets are priced at \$60 per couple. All proceeds will go to benefit Camp Fatima, New Jersey's only all-volunteer, one-on-one camp for people with developmental disabilities.

Contact Sister Ann Dominic, O.P., St. Michael's Convent, at (908) 686-5271 for more information. The deadline for reserving tickets is Feb. 7.

The "Las Vegas style" event will feature appetizers, a full-course dinner (filet mignon and lobster tail), soda, beer and dessert. Eddie Giviz will provide music for the dinner dance.

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Fire prevention artists



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CONTEST WINNERS—Students at Marist High School, Bayonne, did well in the annual Fire Prevention Poster Contest sponsored by the Bayonne Fire Department. U.S. Savings Bonds and gift certificates were awarded to the student artists. Contest winners included (left to right, front row) Victoria Abreu and Matthew Francisco, \$200 Bonds; Lycel Cruz, \$100 Bond and Michael Abad, \$75 Bond. Gift certificates went to (left to right, back row) Danielle Miksza, Joshua Rodriguez, Elvis Nieves and Permesa Simmons.

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Each hour-long program will air on the Relevant Radio Network at 8 to 9 a.m. on Saturday and 4 to 5 p.m. on Sunday starting on Saturday, Feb. 24 and continuing until Sunday, April 1. Although no stations in New

York or New Jersey carry Relevant Radio programs, the series can be heard online at www.relevantradio.com.

Joining Archbishop Myers in the series, “Amazing Holy Eucharist,” will be Cardinal Francis George, Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop Raymond Burke, Archbishop Timothy Dolan, Archbishop Donald Wuerl, Bishop Robert Morlino, and Bishop David Zubik.

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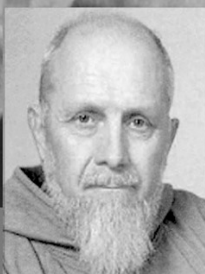
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This year Loyola celebrates its 80th anniversary. The first Mass was offered at Loyola on May 30, 1927 and the retreat was formally dedicated on June 5, 1927.

Father Charles Moutneot, S.J., is the director at Loyola and the superior of the Jesuit community. He has been a priest for 21 years and

has been at Loyola for one year. Previously, Father Moutneot served the Society of Jesus as rector of the Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley and as a spiritual director at Ciszek Hall, the house of studies for Jesuit seminarians at Fordham University, New York.

A typical weekend retreat at Loyola begins on Friday evening with a homemade dinner and ends Sunday after brunch. Jesuit priests and religious women present readings from Scripture for meditation based on the "spiritual exercises" of St. Ignatius Loyola. Inspired homilies enrich daily celebration of the Eucharist.

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Pledge Week

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launch this year's campaign.

Carla Gonzalez, executive director of the archdiocesan Development Office, said the theme for the 2007 campaign is "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me," taken from the Gospel of Matthew.

Archbishop John J. Myers, in a recent letter to pastors ("2007 In-Pew Solicitation") wrote that the AAA "is an opportunity for us to unite as a Catholic community to reach out to serve others—the poor, the unemployed, the sick, the elderly and the handicapped. Because of your generosity, those in need who come to the Church searching for Christ, seeking an education, seeking justice and hoping for peace in their lives, will not be

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The archbishop, in the letter, explained that the AAA "supports the formation of our future priests who serve us at the altar when we gather to celebrate the sacraments, the source of our hope in God's promised glory. Last year our Archdiocese had the largest priest ordination class in the nation, with 17 men ordained" (see *The Catholic Advocate*, May 24, 2006).

"The AAA is an opportunity for the community to come together as one family and help those who are less fortunate," Gonzalez said. "The AAA impacts the lives of so many who are elderly, poor or vulnerable. We all need to do our part, to share the gifts God has given us. Supporting the AAA is a tangible example of living as Jesus' lived—helping those in need."

Gonzalez said the AAA

strengthens parishes financially so they may continue to provide hope and spiritual guidance to the community. AAA gifts also support organizations like Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark; The Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, which is based in Kearny at the Archdiocesan Youth Retreat Center; and funds

the Archdiocesan School's Office, supporting the mission of the Church by promoting and fostering excellence in Catholic school education (see special section on "Catholic Schools Week" in this edition).

Those seeking information on the AAA can contact the Development Office at (973) 497-4130 or visit the Web site:

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Gonzalez indicated that payments for the 2006 AAA campaign have registered \$9.7 million. Once the final collections have been tallied, the total is expected to reach \$10 million, which would be a 3-percent increase compared with the previous year. The number of donors increased by 1 percent.

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